

DAY TRIP TO: DEVIL'S BATH, KATHLEEN LAKE & ETERNAL FOUNTAIN

Always check with logging companies before travelling logging roads.

All roads are active and special care must be taken. Be very careful and alert.

This guide is not an official map, just notes made by a group who took the trip. Keep in mind the km may not be exact.

This is just for reference.

Set Odometer to -0-.
Turn right out of the Tourist Centre Parking Lot.

- 2.4 km Turn right on logging road.
- 5.1 km Keep to the right at this intersection. (If you turn left, you will return to the paved highway.)
- 10.0 km Keep to the left toward **Link River Campsite**. (If you turn right, you will travel around **Victoria Lake**).

Watch out for **very large** trucks hauling white rock from the mine – you may have to put your vehicle off the road quickly.

10.4 km Entrance on left to **Link River Campsite**.



Link River

- 13.8 km Keep left. (If you turn right, you will go to **Spruce Bay**).
- 14.7 km Turn right. There is a small sign-post showing directions to various sites of interest. Travel in the direction of **Devil's Bath** and **Vanishing River**.
- 19.7 km **Devil's Bath** will be on your left at the top of the hill. The large sign is difficult to see coming from this direction. There is a small parking area for your car. The stairs are to the right to the viewing platform above the **Devil's Bath**.



Devils Bath

Is famous as being Canada's only cenote. It was created from limestone being dissolved by carbonic acid creating carbon dioxide and holes. These holes create tunnels and when the ceiling of tunnels collapses a sinkhole is formed. Devil's Bath has a spring flowing into it and a siphon through which the water continues to flow underground. The side which the water is flowing from is also the side where all the debris collects, in this case, where the logs have accumulated.

Continue in the same direction.

- 23.1 km You will see a large deposit of white rock up the hill in front of you. The rock from this quarry is transported to a loading site close to the Neucel Specialty Cellulose mill site.
- 23.4 km Keep to the left. (If you turn right, you will end up in the rock quarry site. This is posted "no entry".)
- 25.0 km Keep right. (left is **Kathleen Lake** which is included as a stop on the way back.)
- 25.5 km **Benson Lake** is on the left. At the end of **Benson Lake**, are the power lines for the Raging River Power Project.

- 25.7 km **The Old Sport Mine** site sign.
 - 28.5 km You will pass the **Benson Mine** site on the right. This former copper mine is no longer in use.
 - 30.8 km To the right for **Merry Widow Trail**.
 - 31.6 km Straight at intersection (Alice Main)
 - 32.5 km Intersection - Keep to the left (on J Main).
 - 37.6 km Keep to the Right.
 - 39.1 km **Vanishing River**. Wooded trail to a viewing platform.
- Turn around to retrace your steps.
Reset your odometer to 0.

- 7.4 km Keep left on to Alice Lake Main. (If you turn right, you will travel via **Maynard Lake** to Port McNeill.)
- 12.7 km **Benson Lake** boat launch
- 13.9 km Keep to the right and go to **Kathleen Lake**. Great picnic site & canoeing.
- 16.3 km Keep to the right on Alice Lake Main
- 19.8 km Pass **Devil's Bath** on the way back.
- 24.7 km Keep right to go to **Eternal Fountain**.
- 25.2 km Turn right just past the bridge. Sign is difficult to see from this direction.
- 26.7 km **Eternal Fountain**.



Eternal Fountain

A beautiful waterfall that appears from a crevice beneath the ground and disappears deeper underground. Under ground the water travels through a series of underground caves and caverns made of red rock.

Return to Alice Lake Main (approx. 1.5 km back) and reset odometer (-0-).

- 0.0 km Turn right - Alice Lake Main Road

- 1.3 km Turn left into **Pinch Creek Campsite** (beautiful view of Alice Lake)
- 7.7 km Road to **Alice Lake Campsite** (approx. 4 km if you go in).
- 15.1 km Arrive at paved highway. Turn left to go to **Marble River** (approx. 4 km) and **Port Alice** (approx. 20 km). Or, turn right to go to Highway 19.



Marble River

An enticing river that flows from Alice Lake, under Highway 30 (route to Port Alice) and through the center of the Marble River Provincial Park. An eagle nesting habitat, a steel head fishery and salmon spawning can be viewed along the river. Water-related as well as land-based activities can be done here; river fishing, heli-fishing, white water kayaking, hunting, hiking, swimming, mountain biking, nature appreciation (especially bald eagles), and wilderness camping.

We hope you enjoyed your excursion and were lucky enough to see some wildlife!

Remember, animals are unpredictable.

Stay in your vehicle, and DO NOT feed the animals.

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR **HUGE DUMP TRUCKS** HAULING WHITE ROCK



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