

Alexis Creek

History of Alexis Creek

The small village of Alexis Creek can be found approximately 70 miles west of Williams Lake on Highway 20 in the heart of the Chilcotin. It basks on a bench overlooking the milky blue waters of the Chilcotin River and the extensive Alexis Creek Flats. The history of this little village dates back to 1895 when a young Irishman, Alex Graham, moved his family down from Graham Meadows above Alexis Creek and began building the C-1 Ranch. Soon more pioneers came and settled here and an active ranching community sprang up.



Photo courtesy Bev Madley

The "Chilcotin" (meaning "People of the Blue Waters" in the native language), is famous for the scenic beauty of countryside that abounds with beautiful lakes, rivers, mountains, rolling hills and wide open spaces. The country has a very strong native culture, as the name "Alexis" indicates, named for a famous Chief.

As Chief Alexis roamed this vast country with his tribe, from Bella Coola Valley to the Puntzee and Alexis Lakes area, they had fresh water fishing and hunting areas and camping grounds that they favoured. The creek that fed a group of lakes (Alexis Lakes) carried his name, hence the new settlement became known as Alexis Creek.



Activities

The region is blessed with a moderate climate in each of its four very well defined seasons. Winter brings cold, crisp days, powdery snow, blue skies and sunshine, great for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and ice skating. Spring busts forth with newborn calves and budding cotton wood trees.

Through the Spring and warm summer and our "Indian Summer" Fall, the area offers great mountain biking, hiking, canoeing and river rafting, camping, boating, fishing and wildlife spotting. Visit Bull Canyon Provincial Park and campsite, with interesting legends of native conflicts. Nazko Lake Provincial Park has a chain of six lakes for great canoe trips and pelican viewing. As this is Cattle Country, keep an eye out for cattle and cowboys, as well as for horses that may wander out on to the highway, along with deer and other wildlife.



Photo courtesy Val Telford

The village has a well stocked General Store and Post Office, two seasonal restaurants, an excellent Health Clinic, ambulance service, local RCMP Office and vehicle repair shop. There is also the recently built Chilcotin Visitor's Info Centre, run by local volunteers and open every day from the middle of May to the middle of Sept

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