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Turn left at the large directional signs at Tatla and follow the Tatla Lake road to a fork in the road. The left hand branch will take you down the Tatla Lake Road 7.5 miles to the junction with the Eagle Lake Road. From there turn right and follow the road for 10 miles or 16.5km to the lake.



Photo courtesy Miriam Schilling

The Tatlayoko Valley is a wild, beautiful place with a lush growing season and a long, gorgeous aquamarine lake protected along its length by craggy peaks. However, at about eleven o'clock every morning, a wind comes sweeping over those same peaks and across the lake. This provides consistent afternoon thermal winds creating excellent wind-surfing conditions, but is reason for caution if out in a fishing boat.

## Fishing

There are several lakes in the vicinity of the Tatlayoko Valley. Tatlayoko Lake itself offers two to five pound Rainbow Trout. Nearby Eagle Lake averages Rainbow Trout at around 2lbs but they can go up to 8lbs. Choelquoit Lake has sandy beaches but be careful. The shell covered beach can be quicksand like and very unstable, especially for small children. Cochin Lake has hard fighting rainbow trout that average in the 3 to 4 lb. range that are usually caught with trolling gear but the fish will go after flies as well. Fish have been known to go to 10lbs here. The latter three lakes are south of Eagle Lake, east of Tatlayoko Lake and can be accessed from the Eagle Lake Road.



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## Activities

From Tatlayoko there are numerous hiking and riding trails up into the Potato Mountains where from the western side you can view spectacular Tatlayoko Lake from above, and aquamarine Chilko Lake from the eastern side of the range.

Fancy a trail ride into this fabulous country? Professional guides will take you for a ride or pack trip into the Niut Mountains where you'll see loads of wildlife, pristine alpine lakes and swales of alpine wild flowers. Charter a helicopter to take you hiking into high alpine, kayaking on thrilling rivers, or take a fixed wing aircraft to see Queen Bess, Mt. Waddington, Pantheons, and Niut Ranges or the amazing Homathko Icefields. Winter sports include heli-skiing and heli-mountaineering.

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