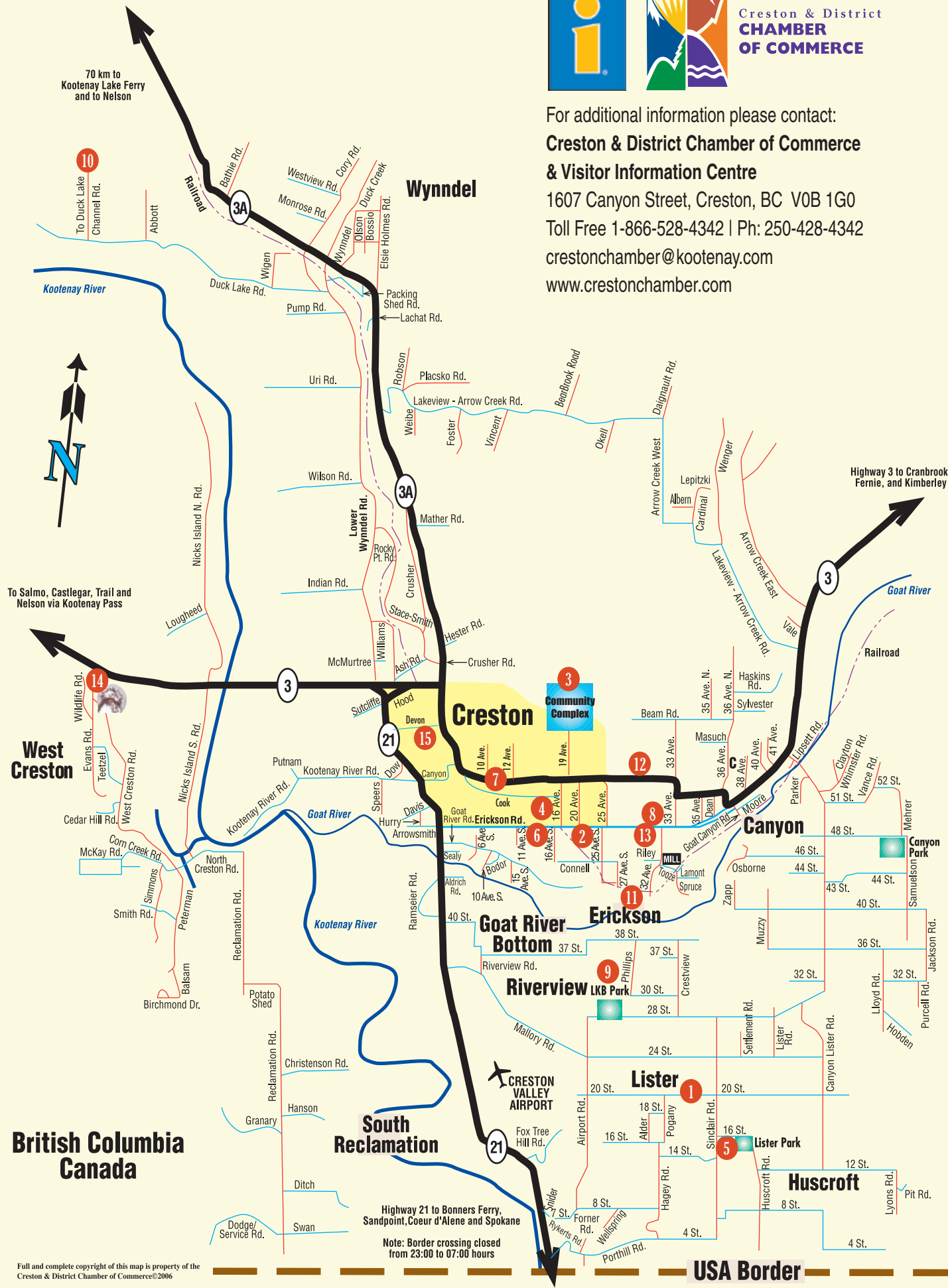




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& Visitor Information Centre**  
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crestonchamber@kootenay.com  
www.crestonchamber.com



## Creston Valley Farm Tours

Welcome to the wonderful world of agriculture and the serene beauty of the Creston Valley!

Did you know that terms such as farm tours, winery tours, agricultural tourism and agriculture entertainment are all referred to as "agritourism"?

Softly nestled between the Selkirk and Purcell Mountains, the Creston Valley is quickly becoming known to tourists as the "Agritourism Capital of the Kootenays"! Want to embrace an ideal fun-filled country experience? Then visit a farm market, tour a fromagerie and taste its excellent cheese, enjoy delectable lunches and fresh fruit desserts, tour farms to learn more about how food is grown, or savor a glass of wine while gazing at the awesome panoramic mountain view. You can do it all in the Creston Valley.

To satisfy a shopping urge, browse through country market galleries and gift shops filled with home-made preserves and candy, gift baskets, local artwork, soaps, honey, and many other products made in the Creston Valley.

And since you cannot possibly see all of it on one day, we invite you to enjoy a longer stay at one of the Valley's numerous bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels or campgrounds. For more information contact the Visitor Information Centre.

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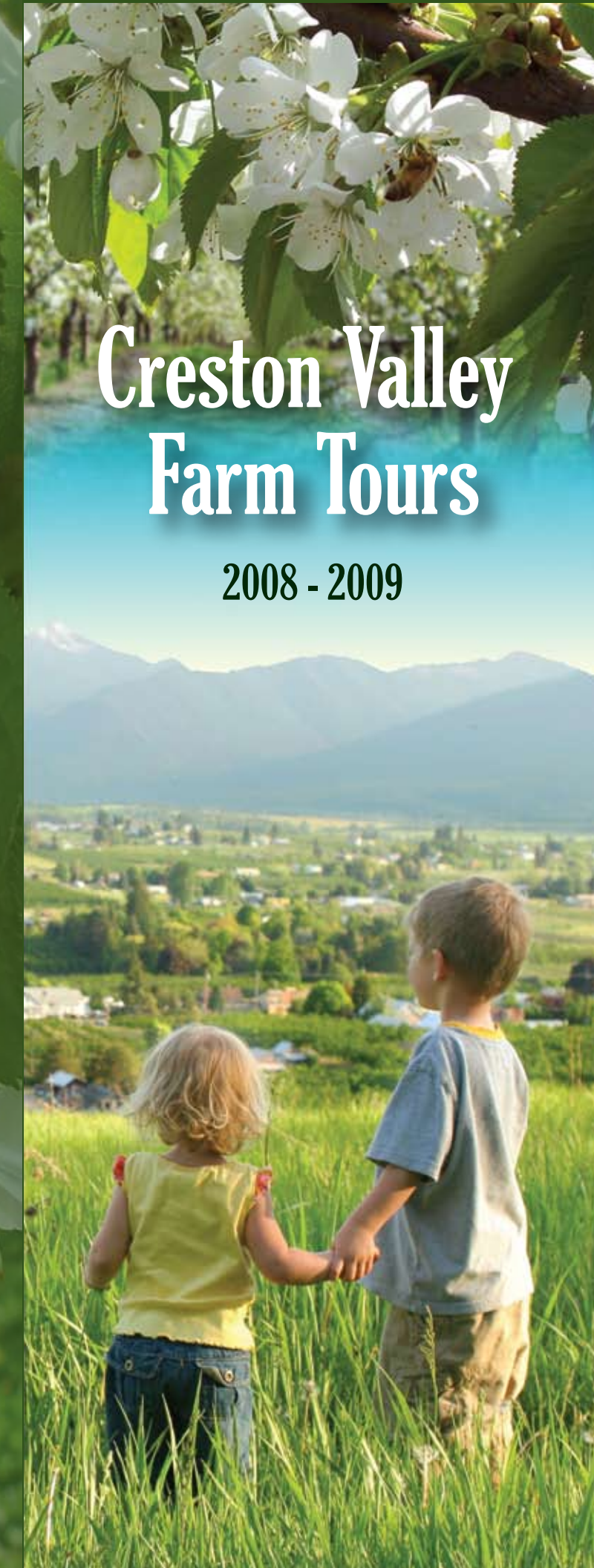
For additional places to buy farm fresh food while enjoying the serenity of the Creston Valley, also visit [www.crestonfarmfresh.ca](http://www.crestonfarmfresh.ca)



[www.KootenayRockies.com](http://www.KootenayRockies.com)

# Creston Valley Farm Tours

2008 - 2009





### 1 | Blueberry Patch Country Market

**Taste the Country!**  
Pick the lush sweet strawberries in our "must see" Strawberry Pavilion! Tastiest blueberries and sweet cherries begin mid-July. Rest awhile at our quiet, scenic, country setting. Enjoy a delicious lunch and freshly baked berry dessert. Great shopping includes unique country giftware and much more!! Treat yourself in our NEW Candy Cottage. Kids have fun at the animal play park. Learn about our great crops in a free self-guided tour. From Creston, take Hwy 21 South (follow signs) – or from Highway 3 follow Canyon/Lister Road (follow signs).

Open: April & May: Tues to Sat 10am - 4pm  
June, July & Aug: Mon to Sat 9am - 5pm  
Sept to Christmas: Tues to Sat 10am to 4pm

Michael & Bibianne Sproule | 2782 – 20th Street, Lister  
250-428-4647 | sproules@kootenay.com | www.blueberrypatch.ca



### 2 | Cherrybrook Farms

A unique family experience – fruit grows, we nurture, you enjoy! Join the Cherrybrook Family for an exciting new way to experience farming cherries. With a membership, you are entitled to harvest the annual crop of cherries off your adopted cherry tree. Each tree yields on average 40 – 60 pounds of cherries! Follow the growth of the cherries from blossom to juicy world-class cherries by visiting our frequently updated website.

Cherrybrook Farms is a great holiday destination for the whole family! After you are finished picking your cherries you will love feeding the chickens, watching the goats romp, playing garden checkers, taking a ride on the tractor-train, having a picnic or simply watching the garden train and the miniature train make their way through the miniature Creston Valley display scene.

Open: By appointment only  
Gordon & Caroline Martin | 2215 Erickson Road, Creston  
250-428-3030 | familytree@cherrybrookfarms.ca | www.cherrybrookfarms.ca



### 3 | Creston Valley Fall Fair

"Growing with the Valley for 90 years"  
September 5 & 6, 2008. Join us in celebrating our 90th year with lots of old fashioned fall fair fun featuring: Agriculture Exhibits, AgriTourism Displays, Local Entertainers, "100 Mile Diet", 4H Beef & 4H Horse Club demonstrations. Admire the excellent quality of home grown fruits and vegetables, and home made goods. Enjoy the excitement of friends and neighbors challenging each other in friendly competitions for special ribbons and cash prizes!

Location: Creston & District Community Complex,  
312D – 19th Ave. N., Creston

Friday, Sept 5th - 2 pm – 10 pm and Saturday, Sept. 6th 10am – 7pm

Phone/Fax: 250-428-2920 cvfallfair@hotmail.com www.crestonvalleyfallfair.com  
(For dates/location of the 2009 Fall Fair check our website.)

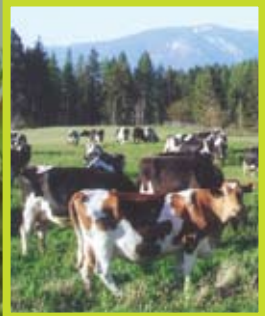


### 4 | Creston Rotary Club Saturday Market

Do you support the "100 Mile Diet"? Want to purchase food directly from small producers? Looking for arts and crafts items with a Made-in-BC flavour? The Creston Rotary Club Saturday Market is the place where shoppers and local Creston Valley vendors come together each week. With live music providing a backdrop to commerce at its purest, the Saturday Market has become a favourite destination for locals and visitors alike. Located on the south side of Millennium Park on 16th Avenue South, the market has

plenty of adjacent parking and lots of room for more vendors.

Open: June – Sept - Saturdays 8am – 1pm  
300 Block – 16th Avenue South, Creston  
Lorne Eckersley | 250-428-6486 | leckersl@kootenay.com



### 5 | Kootenay Alpine Cheese Co.

**OPENING SEPTEMBER 2008!**  
Towering over our pastures, the magnificent Thompson Mountain Range maintains a sentinel over our farm and fromagerie. A great cheese begins with healthy soils and gently managed fields. Content, unrushed cows then provide the cheese maker with high quality milk. Finally, by carefully following centuries old cheese-making and aging techniques, a flavorful, complex artisan cheese is created! The fromagerie features large viewing windows into the cheese-making areas. In the small sales area, you can purchase and sample our specialty alpine style cheese.

You are also welcome to peek inside the barns, meet the cows, watch a milking, or enjoy a pasture walk. Guided tours are also available by appointment.

Open Starting September 2008: Every Thurs, Fri and Sat from 9:30am to 5:30 pm  
The Harris Family | 3071 - 16th Street, Lister, B.C  
250-428-9655 | info@kootenayalpinecheese.com | www.kootenayalpinecheese.com



### 6 | Morris Garden Center & 7 | Flower Shop

Visit Creston's longest established horticulture business in the Creston Valley! Indulge yourself in the beauty as an abundant variety of exotic and domestic plants beckon you further and further into the Garden Center. Wander out back to the fabulous display gardens complete with ponds teeming with fish and a variety of aquatic plants, meander over the bridges, and enjoy a relaxing moment by the waterfall. The display garden offers excellent photo opportunities and garden design ideas, and it is also available to book for weddings or other special occasions!

The Flower Shop is well known throughout the Kootenays. It will stimulate your senses with fragrances, décor items and bath products, and an excellent selection of antique furniture. The staff has great ideas for all your special occasions!

Open: Year Round Mon-Sat 9:00am to 5:30pm  
April to June: Garden Center open 7 days per week 8am to 6pm  
Garden Center – 1403 Erickson Road, Creston 250-428-5262  
Flower Shop – 1020 Canyon Street, Creston 250-428-2656



### 8 | Orchard Barn Studio & Gallery

The Orchard Barn (Circa 1908), is a hand-hewn log barn which was lovingly restored into a one-of-a-kind studio and gallery and is located in a working cherry orchard. Enjoy the artwork, handmade gifts, gourds, weaving, beeswax candles, honey soaps and lotions, cherries and peaches in season. Outside in the barnyard, you can go on an orchard tour, play checkers, or a game of darts, or just sit and have a cup of coffee from our organic fair trade espresso bar. Choose from our many herbal teas or sip on a refreshing Italian soda. There is something for everyone at the Orchard Barn and visitors are invited to bring their friends and family to experience "Art on the Farm" and life in a cherry orchard.

Open: Daily 10am to 5pm – Extended Summer Hours  
Gary & Susan Snow | 3020 Erickson Road, Creston, BC V0B 1G1  
250-428-2470 | snowz@shaw.ca | www.orchardbarngallery.com



### 9 | Phillips Road Orchard & Bed and Breakfast

Come and enjoy our quiet country place for a peaceful night's rest. Relax as you take in breathtaking panoramic views of orchards, hayfields and the picturesque Skimmerhorn Mountains. Take a self-guided tour through our cherry orchard.

Suite 1 – queen bed-private bathroom.  
Suite 2 – king bed and full queen bed with private sitting area and deck. This suite is handicap accessible.  
Your stay is accompanied by evening refreshments and a full breakfast menu.

Located on 40 acres only 15 minutes from downtown Creston. Area attractions are easily accessible and many are only minutes away.

Open: B&B – Year Round Orchard – Apr- Aug  
Russell & Jule Lausen | 3149 Phillips Road, Creston  
250-428-2242 | rjlausen@kootenaywireless.com | www.phillipsroadbb.com



### 10 | Sanders Produce

**U-PICK STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES**  
A small family farm with acres of field grown strawberries located in Wynndel just outside of Creston, BC. We provide fresh market strawberries that can be picked at the peak of freshness and ripeness. Wynndel strawberries have been well renowned for many years for their taste and quality. Although we are not an organic farm, we strive for minimal use of chemicals and lean towards more organic farming methods. An excellent place for a family outing, or a picking expedition. We invite you to come into our fields and enjoy the berries as much as we do.

Open: Daily 7am – 7pm as berry season permits.  
Approximate Ripening Dates: Strawberries June 20 to July 20, Raspberries July 15 to Aug 4

Carol & Roger Sanders | Located on Channel Road, Wynndel  
(Follow the signs – approximately 1.5 kms from Duck Lake Road turn-off.)  
250-428-7351 (Evenings Only Please)



### 11 | Skimmerhorn Winery & Vineyard

Creston's first winery invites visitors for free wine tasting in our 1940's wine shop where you can sample Skimmerhorn's Pinot Noir, Marechal Foch, Pinot Rosé, Ortega, Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer and our white blend, Autumn Tryst. We also offer winery and vineyard tours July through October on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 PM. Scheduled for mid-May 2008 is the opening of our Bistro where you can sip your favourite Skimmerhorn wine and enjoy tantalizing appetizers and lunches either in our cozy wine shop or while taking in the panoramic view from the tree-canopied deck. All Skimmerhorn wines are produced by our professional winemaker Mark Rattray from grapes

grown exclusively on our vineyard.

Open: Daily - June 21 – September 21 - 11am – 5pm  
Wed to Sun - Mar 21–June 20 & Sept 22–Dec 31 - 11am – 5pm  
Al & Marleen Hoag | 1218 – 27th Avenue South, Creston, BC V0B 1G1  
250-428-4911 | wine@skimmerhorn.ca | www.skimmerhorn.ca



### 12 | Under the Apple Tree Farm Market

Our Farm Market has been producing and supplying fresh succulent fruit and vegetables to local and traveling public for the past 40 years. Our season starts with the sale of bedding plants, gradually shifting to locally available fruits and vegetables. Fresh local asparagus, normally available in early May, starts the season. We are committed to growing our fruits and vegetables with the least artificial inputs and offering you the best quality and flavor possible. As the summer progresses, the offering of berries, vegetables and tree fruits grows, adding color, smells and aromas that are a treat to experience. Oh yes, we offer sampling of the fruit before you buy! Our experienced staff

will be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

Open: Daily: Apr – Nov - Dawn to Dusk  
Lillian & Denis Larose | 3016 Hwy #3 (1 mile east of Creston)  
(p) 250-428-4983 | (toll free) 1-866-428-4983 | dllarose@hotmail.com



### 13 | Yvonne's Special Place

Located on 5-1/2 acres of groomed orchard land. Enjoy fresh fruit and berries in season. Our on farm store offers a selection of affordable gifts, reclaimed wood furniture suitable for any style of home, gourmet foods, homemade jams, and a line of beautiful organic Upper Canada soap products. Our coffee and pie shop offers the tastiest homemade pies you will ever experience, made with our own tree-ripened fruit. Relax at our picnic tables or under our grape arbor while enjoying the peace and serenity our farm has to offer. Enjoy the valley view from our "back 40". Guided orchard tours are available by appointment from July 1st to Sept 30th.

Open: Mar 15 to May 31 – Tues-Sat 9:30am – 5:30pm  
June – Sept – Mon-Sat 9:30am – 6:00pm  
Oct – Dec – Tues-Sat 9:30am – 5:30pm  
David & Yvonne Sylte | 2819 Erickson Road, Creston  
250-428-9595 | 250-428-0800 | yvonnesspecialplace@telus.net



### 14 | Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area

The Wildlife Area is an impressive 17,000 acre wetland located 11 kilometers west of Creston on Hwy 3. At the Interpretation Centre, open May-October, naturalists are on-site to provide canoe and walking tours (May-August), trail maps and information. Check out our educational programs & displays, science lab and interpretive events. Easy, 24/7 access to 32 kilometers of dyke trails and two viewing towers allows you a chance to view some of the 372 species of wildlife sighted in the area. Hiking, biking, bird watching, wildlife viewing, canoeing and fishing are just some of the ways to enjoy the area. Have a picnic, relax on a bench in the shade and take in some breathtaking views of the Valley.

Open: May 12 to June 30; Tues-Sat; 9am to 4pm  
July 1 to Aug 30; 7 days a week; 9am to 4pm  
Sept 2 to Oct 11; Tues-Sat; 10am to 4pm  
Reservations accepted for tours.

1760 West Creston, Creston, BC  
(250) 402 6908 | askus@crestonwildlife.ca | www.crestonwildlife.ca



### 15 | Creston Museum & Archives

Explore the development of the agricultural industry in the Creston Valley. From the first fruit trees, to the reclamation projects, to the major agricultural industries that came and went over the years – it's all here at the Creston Museum.

Open: Mid May to Mid June & Mid Aug to Mid Sept;  
Mon-Sat; 10am to 3:30pm  
Mid June to Mid August; 7 days a week; 10am - 5pm;  
Other months by appointment only

219 Devon Street, Creston, BC V0B 1G3  
(250) 428-9262 | mail@creston.museum.bc.ca | www.creston.museum.bc.ca



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