

## Rev up Adventure this Winter



*Gold Bridge / Nick Trehearne*

### Step into History on The Gold Rush Trail!

The onset of spring heralds the time for a new adventure while also signalling the perfect moment for a final winter escapade! Whether you opt for a snowmobile journey along the historic Gold Rush Trail or begin planning your upcoming road trip to savour breathtaking landscapes, an abundance of exploration awaits. As you traverse the trails carved out by early settlers, explorers, and Indigenous peoples throughout the ages, seize the opportunity to reflect on the contributions of hardworking individuals during Black History

Month, acknowledging their role in shaping the present-day essence of British Columbia.

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*Yanks Peak / Michael Bednar*

## Explore the Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail

[link]Skim along a snow path as you wind through trees, up mountainsides and stop along vast plateaus to take in wide-open views along the Gold Rush Snowmobile Trail starting from Clinton and extending all the way to Wells, linking communities such as 100 Mile House, Horsefly and Likely along the way. Read on for insider information on planning a trip and exploring the historic Gold Rush Trail on your sled.

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*Williams Lake / Ollie Jones*

## Plan for a Spring Road Trip

Winding through British Columbia north to Barkerville Historic Town & Park, touring the Gold Rush Trail is like stepping back into history. Travel historic pathways utilized by Indigenous peoples, fur traders, and those aspiring to unearth riches during the numerous gold rushes in the region. Snaking through lava-formed canyons, rolling grasslands, inland rainforest, semi-arid desert, tranquil lakes and granite-walled river gorges, this bucket-list-worthy road network has many different route options and tons of variety - start planning now for your road trip!

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*Cottonwood Historic Site / Tyler Cave*

## **Journey from Likely to Cottonwood House Historic Site**

Adventure through roads less travelled on the seasonal gravel forestry road (open May to September) linking Likely and Barkerville Historic Town & Park. Journey through the Cariboo Mountains, past stunning waterfalls, an inland temperate rainforest, pristine lakes and the Cariboo River. Explore Gold Rush history and paddle on glacier-fed lakes, backdropped by snow-covered mountain ridges.

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*Barkerville Historic Town & Park / Angela Heidt*

## History on The Gold Rush Trail: Celebrating Black History Month...

Black pioneers played an integral part in BC's Gold Rush, although not much history has been preserved. The Barkerville Archives shows that mining licenses for a dozen Black men and one woman, Rebecca Gibbs were issued from 1862 to 1871, while throughout BC's gold rush, a variety of black explorers found their fortune and even formed all-black-owned mining companies.

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*Travelling BC's Gold Rush Trail this year? Plan ahead so you can #exploreBC safely and responsibly—check [DriveBC](#) for the latest information on road conditions and learn about the latest updates and safety information at [Know Before You Go](#).*

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