

# SMITHERS , British Columbia

Set against the backdrop of the [Hudson Bay Mountain](#) and the vistas of the **Babine & Telkwa Mountain ranges**, the quaint little town of [Smithers](#), is nestled in the **picturesque Bulkley Valley**. The surrounding **mountains and valleys** are dominated by **coniferous forests** of lodgepole pine, spruce and sub-arctic balsam fir. **Deciduous trees** include aspen, birch and cottonwood. To add to its **authentic alpine charm**, the town has adopted an 'alpine theme'. [Main Street](#) is lined with red brick sidewalks and alpine style rooflines on buildings and shops. Smithers is a **vibrant community** comprised of [Wet'suwet'en First Nation](#), second & third generations of **European settlers** (many Dutch & Swiss), along with new residents from all over the globe.

You will find outstanding **outdoor recreational** pursuits during all phases of the year. Surrounded by **mountains**, dotted with [lakes](#) and divided by [rivers and streams](#) the Bulkley Valley wants to be explored. The history of the **prospectors** can be found in the mountains in **old mines** and **artifacts**. Anglers can't resist the temptation of [trout, salmon, and steelhead](#).

Smithers is a **regional service center** for the entire Bulkley Valley and because of this, it offers many more amenities than you would normally see in a town of this size. The main industries are **forestry, logging, and tourism**. Coupled with a range of urban features such as **cultural pursuits** and **indoor recreation** opportunities, Smithers has **something for everyone!**

## Community Characteristics

<b>Population</b>	5316 (2021 Census) Serves ~20,000
<b>Demographics</b>	Average age is 39
<b>Access to the Community</b>	Highway 16 (370 kms) west of Prince George. Daily direct flights from Vancouver to Smithers Regional Airport
<b>Things to Do</b>	Fishing, hunting, awesome powder <a href="#">downhill &amp; X-country skiing</a> , 2 golf courses, snowmobiling, canoeing & kayaking, camping, Toboggan Creek Fish Hatchery, library, curling rink, 2 ice rinks, swimming pool, snowshoeing, <a href="#">hiking</a> , mountain biking, rock climbing, horseback riding, river rafting, <a href="#">art gallery</a> , museum, Bovill Square, historic walking tours, quaint downtown shopping, cafes, skateboard park, Fossil beds, and much more.
<b>Local activities</b>	Smithers Midsummer Music Festival, Bulkley Valley Fall Fair Exhibition, Schnai Day at Hudson's Bay Mountain, Tye Lake Triathlon, Telkwa BBQ & Demolition Derby

## Locum Support

<b>Welcome/Orientation Process</b>	Hospital and clinic tour EMR training
<b>Accommodation</b>	
<b><i>Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge</i></b>	
Amenities	Guest rooms or suites, on-site restaurant & bar/lounge, room service, non-smoking, wifi, parking, A/C, fitness centre
<b><i>Aspen Inn &amp; Suites</i></b>	
Amenities	Breakfast, wifi, parking, A/C, pool, restaurant, bar/lounge, shuttle service, concierge
<b><i>Smithers Guesthouse/B&amp;B</i></b>	
Amenities	Guestroom with Breakfast or Kitchenette unit, wifi, parking, hot tub, patio, BBQ, spectacular views



## Practice Environment

<b>Health Authority</b>	<b><u>Northern Health</u></b>
<b>Specialists</b>	Psychiatry & numerous visiting specialists in General Surgery, Urology, Obstetrician Gynecology, ENT, Orthopedics, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Geriatrics, Rheumatology, & Dermatology.
<b>GP Opportunities &amp; Locum Coverage</b>	<b><u>Health Match BC</u> *REQUIRED* &amp; <u>Pacific Northwest Locum Network</u> *REQUIRED*</b>
<b>Inter-professional team</b>	Primary Care Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Nurse, Mental Health Clinicians, Home Care Nurse, LPN, Midwives
<b>EMR System</b>	Med Access, Intrahealth, Osler, MOIS
<b>Practice environment</b>	Monday to Friday in clinic. Hours vary. Obstetrics & ER available. Multiple offices in various clinics in the community. Overhead structure varies.
<b>Standard Set of Medical Equipment</b>	Otoscope-ophthalmoscope, tuning forks, reflex hammer, thermometers, peak flow meters, Doppler, BP monitor, cordless speculums.
<b>CME events</b>	Available periodically through PNW Division of Family Practice, & Practice Support
<b>Facilities</b>	Bulkley Valley District Hospital in Smithers with X-ray, Mammography, Ultrasound, 25 bed acute care ward, 24 Hour ER. Other supports include Residential & Extended care, Home & Community Care, Public & Mental Health & Addictions services, Assisted Living, & Hospice.
<b>Emergency Services</b>	24/7 ER with helipad, BC & Air Ambulance, Smithers Regional Airport
<b>Rural Subsidiary Agreement Designation</b>	A



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