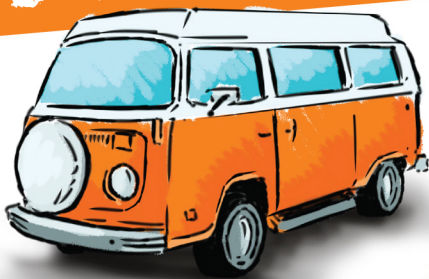




KOOTENAY

FESTIVALS

& EVENTS



2023

ONGOING/RECURRING

Capitol Theatre Season Events

Year-round, Capitol Theatre, 421 Victoria St., Nelson
Eat, sleep, theatre, repeat! We're here to entertain you at Nelson's exceptional live performing arts centre. Enjoy professional touring acts and local live shows in music, dance, theatre and comedy.
250-352-6363, boxoffice@capitoltheatre.ca, capitoltheatre.ca

Exhibitions at the Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre

Monthly, Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre, 320 Wilson St., Revelstoke
Discover this month's newest exhibition, uncover hidden local artists, join a workshop, or take a guided tour of the historic building. A must see!
250-814-0261, info@revelstokeartgallery.ca, revelstokeartgallery.ca

Eversfield Ceramics, Ceramics Workshops and Summer Schools

May 6–7, July 10–14, Aug. 21–25, 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Eversfield Ceramics, 1522 Airport Rd., Creston
Ceramic/pottery workshops and summer schools, throwing on the potter's wheel, and sculpture, contemporary and traditional.
403-968-1657, daviddbarnes9@aol.com, eversfieldceramics.com

Castlegar Sculpturewalk

May 20, 2023–Apr. 2024, begins at Kootenay Market Plaza, 600 block, Columbia Ave., Castlegar
Enjoy a self-guided walking tour with our map/brochure of sculptures created by local, regional and national artists. Vote for your favourite!
250-231-5669, info@castlegarsculpturewalk.com, sculpturewalkcastlegar.com

Selkirk Weavers & Spinners Studio & Giftshop

Saturdays in June. Wed. to Sat. from July 1–Sept. 9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Doukhobor Discovery Centre, 112 Heritage Way, Castlegar
Meet our members, shop a selection of handcrafted items in our gift shop and enjoy live demonstrations. Thinking to join? You can find us on Facebook!
250-231-4643, selkirkweavers@gmail.com, facebook.com/SelkirkWeavers, instagram.com/selkirkweaversspinners

Music in the Park: Trail

Thursdays, June 15–Aug. 31, 6–8 p.m., Gyro Park, Trail
Great live music in every genre. Plus night markets on July 20 & Aug. 17 from 5–8:30 p.m.
250-368-9669, info@trail-arts.com, trail-arts.com

Golden Farmers' Market

Wednesdays, mid-June–Oct., 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Spirit Square, Timberframe Pedestrian Bridge, Golden
Come enjoy some authentic mountain culture! You will find fresh local produce, honey and baking, preserves, woodwork, soaps and beauty products, pottery, jewellery, knitwear, plants and much much more, including live music.
goldenfarmersmarket@gmail.com, goldenbcfarmersmarket.com

Hidden Garden Gallery 23rd Summer Season

Tues.–Sun., June 20–Sept. 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Hidden Garden Gallery, 112 Slocan Ave., New Denver
Weekly exhibits of local and regional artists.
hiddengardengallerynd@gmail.com, hiddengardengallery.ca

Kaslo Summer Music Series

Saturdays, June 24–Sept. 2 (except Aug. 5), 4–6 p.m., Front Street Park Stage, Kaslo
The Kaslo Summer Music Series brings the joy of great live music with a summer-long season of free outdoor concerts.
250-353-2661, langham@netidea.com, kootenays.org/music

ArtWalk 2023

Openings on June 24 and Aug. 5. Exhibits wrap up Sept. 10, various locations, Nelson
ArtWalk is celebrating 34 years of local artists! Businesses act as galleries for artists all summer, with two openings featuring performance artists throughout downtown Nelson.
artwalk@ndac.ca, ndac.ca/nelson-artwalk

REVV.Live Outside

June 30–Aug. 25, 7–9 p.m., Grizzly Plaza, Revelstoke
REVV.Live Outside features a summer full of live music showcasing artists from BC, Canada and worldwide every evening.
250-814-9325, info@artsrevelstoke.com, artsrevelstoke.com/programs/revy-live-outside

Music in the Park: Nakusp

Wednesdays, July–Aug., 6:30–8 p.m., Nakusp Park Gazebo, Nakusp
Free outdoor musical venue featuring local and Columbia Basin musicians.
250-265-0067, aldacs2020@gmail.com, arrowlakesartscouncil.webs.com

Mountain Music Sunset Series

Saturdays, July–Aug., 7 p.m., Slocan Lake Arts Centre, 408 4 St., Silvertown
Live music on the lawn; bring a blanket or lawn chair; by donation.
slocanlakeartscentre@gmail.com, slocanlakeartscouncil.ca

MAY

Creston Valley Bird Festival

May 12–14, Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery, 1140 27 Ave. S., Creston
Guided birding tours, canoe trips, presentations and valley events such as winery, brewery, distillery, honey, dairy, history and wildflower tours.
250-425-4208, info@crestonvalley.ca, wildsight.ca/branches/creston-valley/birdfest

Haute Trash! Nelson's First Trash Fashion Show and Competition

May 20, Capitol Theatre, 421 Victoria St., Nelson
Runway-style trash fashion show featuring creative designs made from post-consumer waste intermixed with trash-themed performance art.
hautetrashnelson@gmail.com, hautetrash.ca

May Days

May 20, Vimy Park, Kaslo
A celebration of the return of summer with three days of fun and events for all ages.
thekaslochamber@gmail.com, kaslochamber.com/kaslo-may-days

JUNE

Kootenay Co-op Radio Block Party

June 3, Lions Park, Nelson
Join a family-friendly, free event where everyone is welcome, with music, dance, bouncy castle, face painting and food trucks.
250-352-9600, staff@kootenaycoopradio.com, kootenaycoopradio.com

Wicked Woods Music Festival

June 8–11, Raven's Nest Resort & Campground, 3901 Kootenay Hwy 93/95, Fairmont Hot Springs
Wicked Woods is an exclusive four-day electronic music and arts festival featuring local and international talent, vendors, art installations and more!
403-462-1591, marketing@wickedwoods.ca, wickedwoods.ca

Castlegar Peony Show: Celebrating Peonies!

June 16–18, Sandman Hotel Castlegar, 1944 Columbia Ave., Castlegar
Celebrate peonies in an enjoyable, relaxed fashion. Bring in blooms and floral arrangements for display. Non-judged show, mini-seminars, free event, draws. Learn about peonies from local enthusiasts!
250-368-6228, hplove8@telus.net, peony.ca

Cruisin' the Columbia Car Show

June 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Esplanade, downtown Trail
West Kootenay Smoke 'N Steel annual car show. Over 60 trophies in 25 classes. Registration fee \$20.
250-368-7399, shipstamp@telus.net, smokensteelaclub.com

JULY

History About Town

July 17–22, tour start locations vary, Creston
A full week of downtown tours, cemetery tours and other ways to explore History About Town.
250-428-9262, tammy@crestonmuseum.ca, crestonmuseum.ca

Starbelly Jam Music Festival

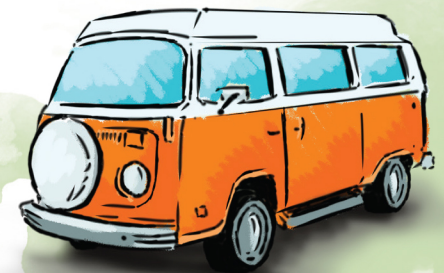
July 28–30, Crawford Bay Park, Crawford Bay
This annual outdoor music festival brings together an eclectic selection of artists and musical genres—from electronica and pop to bluegrass and reggae. Relaxed and laid back with a family-friendly atmosphere, Starbelly Jam also features on-site food and market vendors, wandering entertainers, free workshops and much more.
info@starbellyjam.org, starbellyjam.org

Honouring Mother Nature Through Art and Song

July 29, 399 Galena Shores Dr., Galena Bay
Indigenous art, song and dance honouring Mother Earth.
250-369-0021, info@delreedumont.com, delreedumont.com

Columbia Basin Culture Tour

July 29–30, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Various locations, Basin-wide
During the self-directed, free Columbia Basin Culture Tour, meet people behind the scenes at galleries and museums, visit studios and venues not normally open to the public, shop for original art or fine crafts, and experience special events planned for a summer weekend.
250-352-2421, admin@wkartscouncil.com, cbculturetour.com



AUGUST

Nelson International Mural Festival

Aug. 11–13, downtown Nelson

Nelson's sixth annual mural festival will pop up throughout downtown. Come and celebrate Nelson's newest pieces of public art at a free outdoor performance festival!
info@ndac.ca, nelsonmurfest.ca

Nelson Pride

Aug. 28–Sept. 4, downtown Nelson

West Kootenay's biggest pride celebration! Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages celebrating and promoting our diverse LGBTQIA2S+ community, culminating with the parade on Sunday.
kootenayproud@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

Harvest Market Kootenay Artisan Fair

Sept. 3, Lakeside Park, Nelson

Over 100 vendors, farmers and one-of-a-kind artisans fill the park for this one-day event.
250-505-5444, kootenaychristmasfair@hotmail.com,
kootenayartisanfair.com

Queen City Burlesque Expo

Sept. 8–9, 2023, & Mar. 15–16, 2024, The Royal, 330 Baker St., & The Capitol Theatre, 421 Victoria St., Nelson

A sensational vaudeville affair presenting phenomenal world-class burlesque entertainment.
250-777-1027, queencityexpo@gmail.com, queencityburlesque.ca

Hills Garlic Festival

Sept. 10, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Centennial Park, New Denver

Annual event: 160 vendors (garlic and other farm produce, crafts, tasty treats), music and food with the theme "Homegrown—Homemade—Organic."
250-358-2459, coordinator@hillsgarlicfest.ca, hillsgarlicfest.ca

Harrop Harvest Festival

Sept. 17, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Harrop & District Community Centre, Harrop
Celebrate fall harvest with local produce, artisans, community, music, food and fun and games.
250-229-4740, downunder2006@shaw.ca

Railway Day at the Revelstoke Railway Museum

Sept. 24, Revelstoke Railway Museum, 719 Track St. W., Revelstoke
Our hallmark family-friendly event featuring live entertainment, family games and activities, special demonstrations and participation by Revelstoke's community organizations. Admission by donation.
Trains! Trains! Trains!
250-837-6060, railway@telus.net, railwaymuseum.com

NOVEMBER

Kootenay Artisan Fair

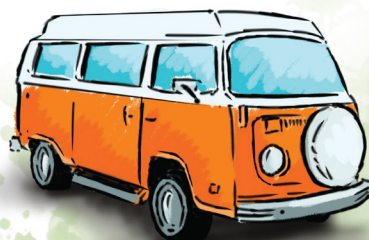
Nov. 17, Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson

Over 50 handmade, local, juried vendors for a three-day shopping event to kick off the holiday season.
250-505-5444, kootenaychristmasfair@hotmail.com,
kootenayartisanfair.com

2024

83rd Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival

May 17–20, 2024, various locations, Creston and surrounding valley
Community festival for all ages, free events, parades, midway, entertainment, dances, street fair, cowboy race and more.
250-428-4284, info@blossomfestival.ca, blossomfestival.ca,
facebook.com/crestonblossomfest



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