

MANNING PARK

July 2025

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Cascade Mountains in Manning Park

With alpine meadows and Fraser Canyon

Manning Provincial Park is located in the Cascade Range of southern British Columbia, along the Hope-Princeton Highway #3. It was created in 1941 and named in memory of Ernest Callaway Manning, Chief Forester of British Columbia from 1936 to 1941. The park protects the headwaters of the Skagit and Similkameen Rivers, and a variety of terrain such as wet coastal rain forests, jagged snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, and a chain of small lakes. Manning Park Resort opened in the 1950s and has been continually upgraded with more rooms, restaurant, gift shop, and visitor services. You have probably driven this scenic highway many times with only a few stops, but this 3-day tour with 2 nights at the Resort focuses on the many sights and activities that are easily missed. Late July is blossom time in the Manning Park alpine meadows and one of the highlights of this tour is a walk with the naturalist among the flowers. We return home via the Fraser Canyon with a ride on the Hell's Gate Airtram.



CANADIAN



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ **Departure from:**

① **BC Interior:** July 22, 2025 - 3 days

▶ **Fares per person**

① from **\$1,195** double/twin, **\$1,390** single*

*Further pricing details provided on page 2.

▶ **Early Booking Bonus**

\$60 on first 10 seats; **\$30** on next 5.

▶ **Earn 27 Experience Points**



Paintbrush Flowers in Manning Park

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Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking. Passengers travelling from the BC Interior will begin and end the tour as follows:

- I BC Interior:** We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Tuesday, July 22 and travel to Manning Park via the Hope-Princeton Highway. We return on Thursday, July 24 via the Fraser Canyon. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$1,195 double/twin \$1,390 single \$1,135 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please add 5% GST.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **7 total:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 3 days

▶ Accommodation

- 2 nights of accommodation at Manning Park Resort & hotel taxes

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

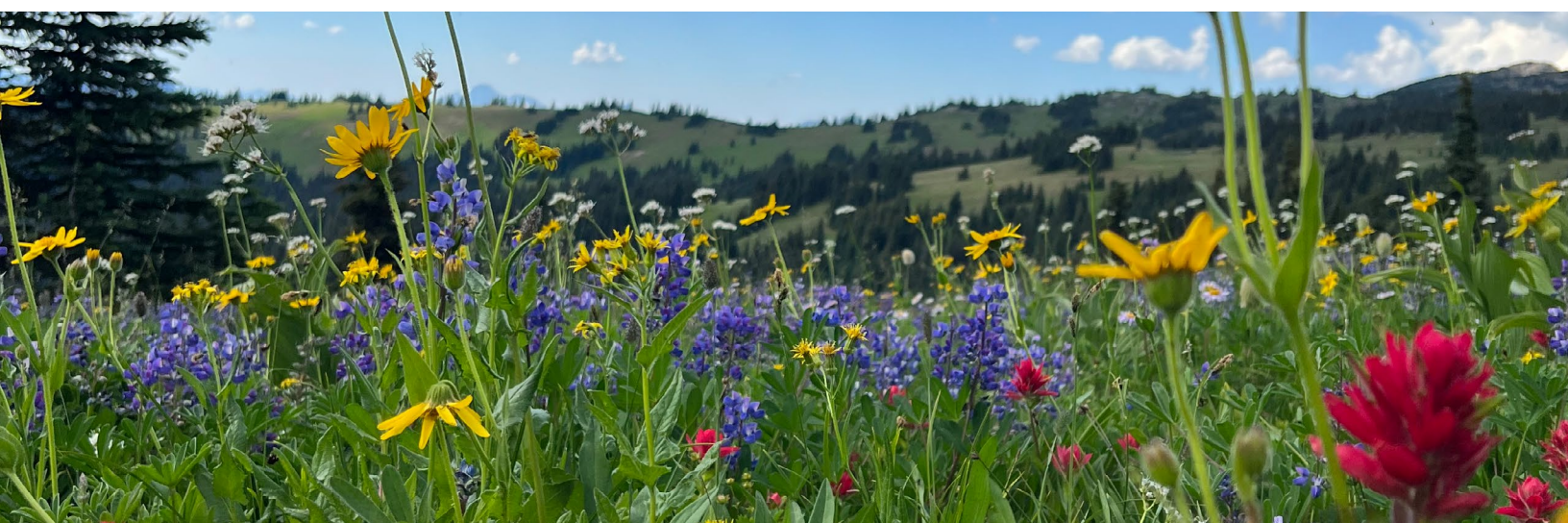
▶ Key Highlights

- Keremeos Grist Mill Historic Site
- Alpine meadows walk with naturalist
- Rein Orchid interpretive walk with naturalist
- Naturalist talk about Manning Park
- Hell's Gate Airtram

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Gratuities

- Gratuities for guide & naturalist



ITINERARY

Tuesday, July 22

From Kamloops and the Okanagan, we travel to Keremeos and tour the Grist Mill. This provincial historic site consists of the mill, built in 1877 and still powered by a waterwheel, the original milling machinery, and a historic general store. We continue along the Similkameen River with stops in Hedley and at Bromley Rock, and enter **Manning Provincial Park**. We stay two nights at Manning Park Resort, in the heart of the Cascade Range, halfway between Princeton and Hope.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Manning Park Resort

Wednesday, July 23

The Park naturalist meets us for the drive up to the lush alpine meadows of Three Brothers Mountain. Along the road, she points out interesting changes of vegetation as the altitude increases, then leads a walk along the **Paintbrush Trail**, explaining the lives of plants and animals at this alpine elevation. This tour is scheduled for the expected "peak bloom" period when you can enjoy the brilliant colours of Paintbrush, Heather, Western Anemone, Yellow Arnica, Spreading Phlox, and dozens of others. Back in the valley bottom, there is time at the visitor centre, and the naturalist leads an interpretive stroll along the **Rein Orchid Nature Trail** or the Beaver Pond Trail. After dinner, she presents an entertaining show of photos and props about the Park and its flora and fauna.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Manning Park Resort

Thursday, July 24

We continue west along the Hope-Princeton Highway across Allison Pass. We take a walk among the giant cedars of Sumallo Grove and stop at the Hope Slide where tons of rock buried the valley in 1965. After joining the Trans-Canada Highway, we drive through the Fraser Canyon. We ride the Hell's Gate Airtram down to this narrowest point on the mighty Fraser River where some 200 million gallons of water per minute surge through the 30-metre wide gorge. Heading home, we travel through Lytton and Spences Bridge, then follow the winding Nicola River to Merritt.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

E.C. MANNING PROVINCIAL PARK

The earliest form of the park was established in 1931 as the Three Brothers Mountain Reserve to prevent overgrazing and this later became Three Brothers Game Reserve. In 1941, a provincial park was created and named Three Brothers Mountain Park. Soon after, it was renamed in memory of Ernest Callaway Manning, Chief Forester of British Columbia from 1936 to 1941 (not to be confused with Ernest C. Manning, Premier of Alberta from 1943 to 1968). Mr. Manning was killed in an airplane accident in 1941. During his time as Chief Forester, he was instrumental in developing the idea of setting park lands aside for the benefit of future generations. It was the teamwork of Manning and Arthur Wellesley Gray, Minister of Lands from 1933 to 1944, that established Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, Hamber Provincial Park, Wells Gray Provincial Park, and E.C. Manning Provincial Park. After the Hope-Princeton

Highway was completed through the Park in 1949, Pine Woods Lodge was built to serve travellers and consisted of a restaurant and a few cabins. This has evolved into Manning Park Resort today with the restaurant and gift shop still in the original building. Over the years, Manning Park has decreased in size, the most noticeable change being the park boundary in the east. Originally, the park included Similkameen Falls, but due to mine claims and private land ownership, the boundaries have since been moved more than 4 km west. Manning Park today is a very busy place in summer and winter since it is only 3 hours from Vancouver. The summer has bustling campgrounds, many hiking trails, serene lakes for fishing, and the colourful alpine meadows, and the winter offers excellent downhill and cross-country skiing at Gibson Pass.



Activity Level 3

High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk longer distances, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted and can handle altitudes up to 6,600 ft (2,000 metres) on the Paintbrush Trail with no health issue. There is no luggage handling service at Manning Park Resort and no elevator (rooms are on two levels).

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. You can bring hiking poles. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.

Please read the Activity Level 3 declaration attached to this brochure. By paying the tour deposit, you agree that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



Tour Size 30

This tour is limited to 30 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

TOUR NOTES

Please book early! Manning Park is a very popular tourist destination in summer as it is only 3 hours from Vancouver. Manning Park Resort is the only lodging in the Park and is usually full in the summer months. Therefore, it has strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. It may be tempting to book late for a short 3-day tour, but waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait till next year."

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 20, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the **Terms & Conditions**, Activity Level 3 Declaration, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Early bookers receive a \$60 discount on the first 10 seats and \$30 on the next 5 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 20, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 17, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From April 18 to May 20, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person (your deposit). From May 21 to June 20, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After June 20, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Manning Park is remote and the restaurant may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a

preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 27 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on tours longer than 3 days. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until May 20, 2025).

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Manning Park — July 22, 2025

This tour is rated “Activity Level 3” by the tour planners at Wells Gray Tours using our new scale with 4 levels. This rating means there is a lot of activity as described here:



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Since a few people who are not capable of doing these activities can hold up the entire group, Wells Gray Tours expects everybody booking a tour with “Activity Level 3” to be reasonably fit physically and mentally. **By paying the deposit, you agree that you have read this Activity Level 3 Declaration and the statements are true.**

- I want to travel on a Wells Gray tour with a rating of “Activity Level 3” on the new scale with 4 levels.
- I have read the brochure with the full itinerary and description of the activities that are typical on this tour.
- I understand that this is the second highest activity level that a Wells Gray tour can be rated.
- I am confident that I can participate in tour activities at this level, and I will not hold up or delay the other members of the tour.
- I do not require the use of a wheelchair, walker, cane, or other mobility assistance devices.
- I have no cognitive impairment such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost.
- If my physical or cognitive condition changes between booking and departure date such that I can no longer do this level of activity, I will notify the Wells Gray office or agent. The specified penalties will apply for cancelling and travel insurance may cover this.
- If I am not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, I understand that the Wells Gray tour director has the right to stop me from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, I acknowledge that I may be required to leave the tour and travel home at my own expense, and that travel insurance will probably not cover me. There will be no refund for unused tour services.

This statement has been implemented by Wells Gray Tours to maintain high quality itineraries, accurate timing, and the enjoyment of all tour participants.