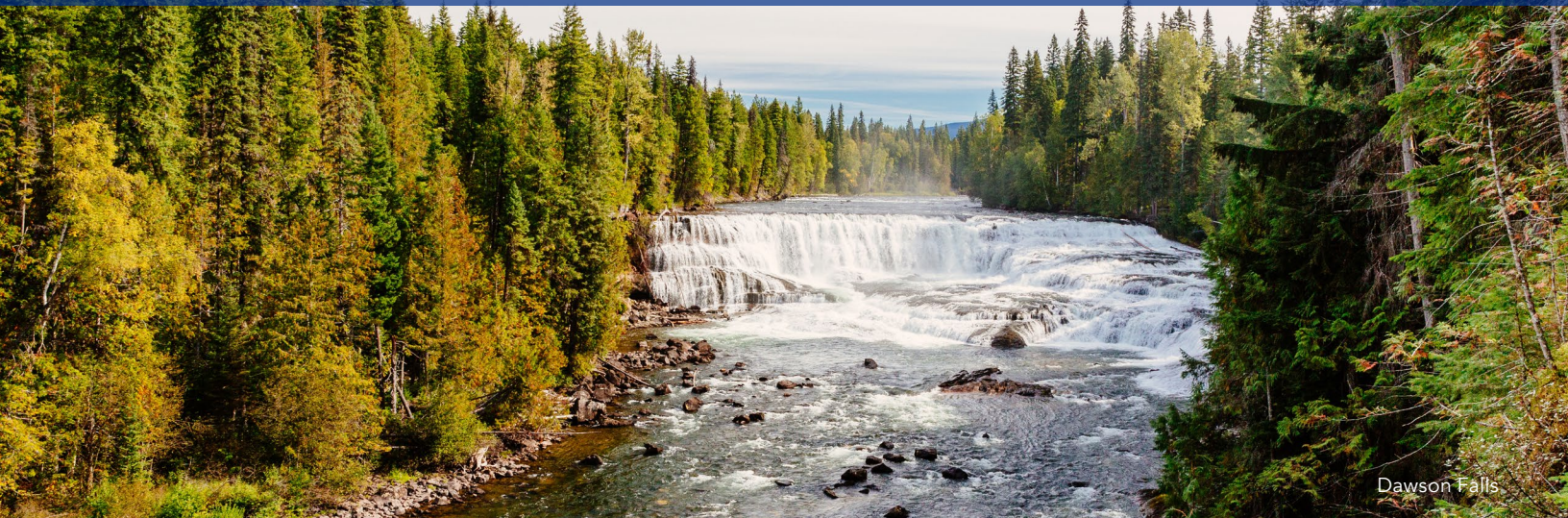


WELLS GRAY PARK

September 2025



Dawson Falls

Explore Canada's Waterfalls Park with the expert and author, Roland Neave.

Come and see the birthplace of Wells Gray Tours! Nicknamed 'Canada's Waterfalls Park' and 'Volcanoes Park,' Wells Gray is a wonderland of natural sights including Canada's 4th highest waterfall, Helmcken Falls. Late September is an excellent time to visit as the colourful fall foliage is starting and the waterfalls look quite different than during the spring runoff. The tour is directed by Roland Neave, owner of Wells Gray Tours and Wells Gray Gateway Guesthouse, and author of the popular guide-book, *Exploring Wells Gray Park*. Other highlights are Helmcken Canyon, Dawson Falls, Bailey's Chute, Ray Farm & Mineral Springs, Trophies Lodge, Spahats Falls, and an all-day boat tour on Clearwater and Azure Lakes to Rainbow Falls.



CANADIAN



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

① **BC Interior:** September 27, 2025 - 4 days

▶ Fares per person

① **\$1,570** double/twin, **\$1,775** single*

*Additional pricing details provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

\$60 discount on first 10 seats; **\$30** on next 4.

▶ Earn 36 Experience Points



Helmcken Falls

**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 Saturday, September 27 and travel to Clearwater. We return on Tuesday, September 30. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I BC Interior	\$1,570 double/twin \$1,775 single \$1,500 triple	• Please add 5% GST.

Clearwater Lake

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **8 total:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 4 days

▶ Accommodation

- 3 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Key Highlights

- Copy of *Exploring Wells Gray Park*, 7th edition
- Trophies Lodge historic tour
- Boat excursion on Clearwater & Azure Lakes to Rainbow Falls

▶ Gratuities

- Gratuities for boat crew



Wells Gray Group at Park Entrance

ITINERARY

Saturday, September 27

We travel along the Yellowhead Highway to Clearwater. After lunch, while driving through the **Clearwater River Valley**, we see extinct Pyramid Volcano, Mushroom Canyon, and 90-metre wide **Dawson Falls** on the Murtle River. The highlight is awesome **Helmcken Falls** where the Murtle River plunges 141 metres (465 feet) over a lava cliff to form Canada's 4th highest waterfall. After dinner, Roland presents a slide show about Wells Gray Park, gleaned from 55 years of exploring its roads and trails.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Wells Gray Inn

Sunday, September 28

We start with a historical tour of **Trophies Lodge** which catered to celebrities fishing the teeming waters of the Clearwater River from 1950 to 1970. We return to Helmcken Falls for a picnic lunch and a walk along the rim of **Helmcken Canyon** to view the clash of white water at the meeting of the Clearwater and Murtle Rivers. Another walk leads to the abandoned pioneer Ray Family homestead and the bubbling **Mineral Springs**. A third walk visits two thundering waterfalls on the Clearwater River – **Bailey's Chute** and Marcus Falls.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Wells Gray Inn

Monday, September 29

At road's end, we board two fast jet-boats for the journey up lovely **Clearwater Lake** with splendid views of the Cariboo Mountains and **Garnet Peak**, Wells Gray Park's third-highest mountain. The boats' powerful engines make easy work of the fast-flowing Clearwater River and soon we enter pristine **Azure Lake** which is 24 km long and surrounded by soaring peaks. A stroll through an old-growth cedar forest leads to **Rainbow Falls**, then a picnic lunch is provided at the beach. This six-hour boat excursion explores a spectacular area of Wells Gray Park that few tourists get to see, since it can only be reached by boat.

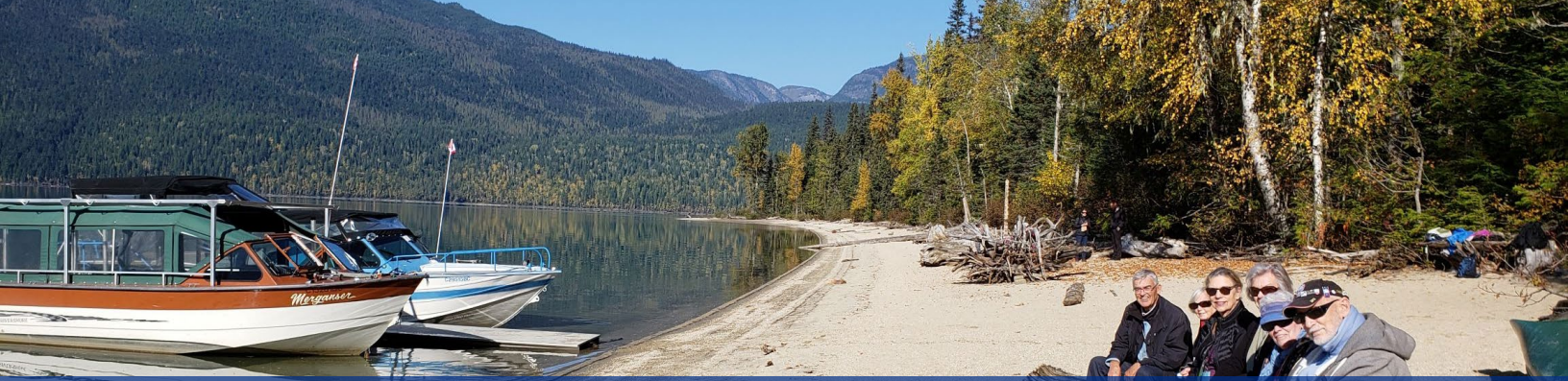
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Wells Gray Inn

Tuesday, September 30

At **Spahats Falls**, we stand on the edge of a colourful 200-metre deep gorge. Enjoy a stroll around the Grove of Giants loop trail with interpretive signs. There are also stops at Clearwater Valley Overlook and the waterfalls of Third Canyon. The Wells Gray Park Visitor Centre is our last stop, then we have a picnic lunch at North Thompson Park, and travel home in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



Azure Lake at Rainbow Falls Beach

THE "WATERFALLS PARK" OF CANADA

Wells Gray Park is a vast wilderness area of 1.3 million acres, nicknamed Canada's "Waterfalls Park" for its 42 named falls and "Volcanoes Park" for its six old volcanoes and vast lava flows. Late September is an excellent time to visit as the colourful fall foliage is starting and the waterfalls look quite different than during the spring runoff. The tour is directed by Roland Neave, owner of Wells Gray Tours and Wells Gray Gateway Guesthouse. Roland is also the author of the popular guidebook *Exploring Wells Gray Park* (7th Edition published in 2023) and a complimentary autographed copy of this 416-page all-colour book is your souvenir from this tour.

With a small group like this, the boats can take us up Clearwater Lake, through the Clearwater River into Azure Lake, then to the beach at the east end of Azure Lake to view Rainbow Falls.

Come and see the birthplace of Wells Gray Tours! There is a connection to the Park's name, dating back 52 years. An environmental organization offered tours of Wells Gray Park in 1972 as a means of protesting BC Hydro's plans to build seven dams on the Clearwater River. Roland and some university friends were volunteer guides. From this modest beginning with a single tour route, Wells Gray Tours has evolved to offer travel to all seven continents.



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 on trails, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground; climb in and out of small boats without assistance; stand for prolonged periods, and handle your own luggage at the hotel. This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Walking poles are fine. 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 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.

The longer walks are:

- Murtle & Clearwater Rivers overlook – 1 hour or 2.2 km return; 50 metres descent outbound
- Ray Farm & Mineral Springs – 30 mins or 1.1 km return; 20 metres descent outbound
- Bailey's Chute & Marcus Falls – 1¼ hours or 3.2 km return; minor elevation change

These times are at a leisurely pace including viewpoint stops. These 3 walks are on the same day, September 28. A day pack, water bottle, and hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes are essential. There are no bathrooms on the boats and the trip to Rainbow Falls is about 2 hours each way.

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 21

This tour is limited to 21 travellers which is the capacity of the two boats. Please book early! A small group like this provides a more intimate travel experience.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 12, 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: Receive a \$60 discount on the first 10 seats and \$30 on the next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 12, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 11, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 12 to August 12, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 13 to August 29, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 29, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants 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 36 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 earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 12, 2025.

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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:



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 on trails, up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground; climb in and out of small boats without assistance; stand for prolonged periods, and handle your own luggage at the hotel. This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Walking poles are fine. 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. Please refer to page 4 of this brochure for details about 3 of the walks.

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 or a walker.
- 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.