

# Okanagan Nature Viewing Region

## Boundary Area

### Boundary Creek (Greenwood)



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A trail follows the Columbia & Western Rail trail paralleling Boundary Creek, tributary of the Kettle River, through the city of Greenwood.

### [Photo Gallery](#)

<b>Geographical Description</b>	Southern Interior Ecoprovince.
<b>Area/ Trail Length</b>	Up to 4.5 km from north to south end.
<b>Seasons to Visit</b>	Year round; Birding and botanising are best in spring and early summer.
<b>Habitat</b>	Interior Douglas-fir – lodgepole pine forest, riparian.
<b>Viewing Highlights</b>	Good birding and botanising on edge of woods and creek, including several interesting rock outcrops  Easy walking on trail following the abandoned railway grade  Lotzkar Park, adjoining the trail at the Washington Street crossing, is the site of the old Anaconda smelter; ruins of buildings, including the smokestack, and slag piles can be explored.

### Other Features

**Main Access** Behind Anaconda Diner and heritage BC Hydro transformer building at south end of Greenwood.

**Secondary Accesses** North end of town where the trail crosses Highway 3 across from the flag tunnel (the highway used to cross under the railway; over 200 national flags were painted on the tunnel as an anti-graffiti project in 2000)  
The trail can also be accessed in town from Louisa Street, Deadwood Street and Washington Street.

**Cautions** Bears and cougars are rare but be watchful. Wood ticks are common in spring; check yourself over thoroughly after visiting.  
Poison ivy is common in woods and riparian areas.  
The bridge decks can be slippery, especially in cold or wet weather.  
Use caution near the river banks.  
Use caution near the smelter ruins, and stay out of closed areas.  
Cell phone service is limited in this area.

**Jurisdiction** City of Greenwood.

**Regulations**

**Facilities** Pit toilet at Anaconda entrance.  
Basic services and food in Greenwood; all services in Grand Forks, 40km east on Highway 3.  
Boundary Creek Provincial Park is a small campground between the highway and the creek just south of Greenwood, but is not accessible from the trail.

**Other Recreational Activities** Cycling; cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter.

**Other Connections** The Trans Canada Trail follows the Columbia & Western and Kettle Valley Railway roadbed west to Midway and Penticton and east to Rossland.

**History**

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**Links** [Greenwood Museum & Visitor Centre](#)  
[Trans Canada Trail in BC](#)  
[Kettle Valley Railway](#)