

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



Whether you're a nervous nelly or a thrill-seeker or somewhere in between, there's an outing to suit your desired adrenaline level **BY SHERI RADFORD**



HORSEBACK

Giddy-up! If you feel the urge to saddle up and hit the dusty trail, call Adventures on Horseback (page 19)—only instead of dusty trails you'll see postcard-worthy scenery throughout the Pemberton Valley, BC's very own cowboy country. As you clip-clop along, keep your camera ready for picturesque creeks, tall grasses, roaring rivers and lush forests. Most impressive of all is the snow-capped peak of Mount Currie, rising up 2,591 m (8,501 ft). Surrounded by so much tranquility and natural beauty, it's easy to imagine you've slipped into an earlier, simpler, quieter time period. Trips can be customized for riders of all levels, from beginner to expert, and even small children. Adventure Ranch (page 19) also offers equine adventures, complete with friendly cowgirls.

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BIKE

Summer here is practically synonymous with cycling. At the Whistler Mountain Bike Park (page 21), more than 1,507 m (4,946 ft) of sprawling bike-park terrain guarantees a trail for every preference, from gentle and banked to tight and twisty. Over 200 km (124 ft) of the trails are lift-serviced, meaning you can start from what feels like the top of the world and descend on two wheels, fuelled only by adrenaline. Whistler Eco Tours (page 21) offers a valley bike tour for those who want to keep it peaceful and learn about history, geography and nature while on a bicycle, as well as a single-track tour for more advanced riders wishing to explore rougher terrain. Whistler Electric Bike Tours (page 21) lets riders take it easy, which is especially appreciated on the uphill sections.



ATV

Do you feel the need to boldly go where no one has gone before? Put the pedal to the metal with Whistler ATV (page 20) and embark on a bush-wacker tour. Deep in the backcountry, stunning views of snow-capped mountains and remote lakes await. If you're not afraid of heights and want to experience high alpine trails, choose the "top of the world" tour. Or chill out on a leisurely "easy rider" tour, with its gentle trails, perfect for newbie ATVers and families. For even more ATV excursions, call Canadian Wilderness Adventures (page 20). In summer, the most popular trip involves riding 1,830 m (6,000 ft) up Blackcomb Mountain, then enjoying live music and wild BC salmon on the Crystal Hut patio, with its sweeping views—a feast for all the senses. [w](#)