

How to get to some of the play spots in Alberta and B.C.:

(Some of these descriptions I had the aid from Stuart Smiths' guidebooks Canadian Rockies Whitewater, Central Rockies and Southern Rockies. These books are a useful tool for finding various runs around Alberta and B.C.)

Brierley Rapids, North Saskatchewan River: From Rocky Mountain House, go West on Highway 11 for 9 km to a junction marked Rocky Mountain House National Historic Park. Turn South (left) and follow Highway 11A for 4.4 km to a junction, cross the paved highway at the junction and continue 1.7 km South to a T-intersection. Turn East (left) and follow the road along the river for about 2 km to the parking lot at the picnic site. Approximately 800 m before you reach the parking lot is a gate, which may be closed early or late in the season.

S-Bends, Red Deer River: At the 4-way stop in Sundre (the 584/ 22 junction) go West on Highway 584 for 8 km. Turn South (left) at the sign to Mountain Aire Lodge; follow the road for approximately 36.5 km. Just past the Deer Creek Campground, go over a cattle gate and take the next left down a small dirt road.

Canoe Meadows, Kananaskis River: From Calgary heading West on Highway 1, then go South on Highway 40 (Kananaskis Country). Follow this for 5.5 km to Canoe Meadows site which is on the West (right) side of the road. To get to the Widow Maker continue west on highway 40 for approximately 2.5 Km till you see a sign for the Widow Maker turn right (west) and follow the road to the parking lot.

Fraser River, Mt Robson B.C.: (getting to the camp ground) From the lights at the junction of Highway 16/93 in Jasper, go west on Highway 16 for 84 Km to the Gas station at Mount Robson. Continue west for 6.0 Km until you see a sign that says camping on your left. Turn left and follow the road down until you get to a big field.

Clearwater River, Clearwater B.C.: From Jasper follow Highway 16 west to the junction of Highway 16 and Highway 5. Follow Highway 5 to Clearwater Drive through Clearwater until you see a sign for a provincial campground. The campground will be on your left. That is were we will camp. To find the take out for the run take a right at the bottom of the hill in Clearwater (there is a hotel on the left). Once you have turned right follow this road until you cross a bridge for the Clearwater River then take your first right, you should know be at the take out.

Frog Wave, Thompson River B.C.: From Kamloops take HWY 1 west to Cache Creek, at Cache Cr. Take a left and stay on HWY 1. Once you're past Spences Bridge look for Kumsheen Rafting signs near Lytton. This is probably were we will camp they are on the Right (west) side of the HWY. The Frog wave is about 5km back towards Spences Bridge, there is a pull out for the Frog Wave on the East side of the HWY (opposite the river). There is a latter leading down to the river just past the pull out. At the pull out there is a big rock on the River that looks like a Frog.

Hero Hole, Columbia River, Trail B.C.: From Cranbrook B.C. follow HWY 3 west to Trail, once you get into Trail look for the Golden Arches (McDonalds) on the right. Continue past McDonalds for about 300m and look for a pull out on the left (West) side of the road. You will see Hole down on the Columbia that is the play spot.

Brilliant Wave, Brilliant Damn, Robson B.C.: From Trail head towards Nelson, take the HWY 3A exit in Castlegar. Then take the exit for the town of Robson, once you are on the road heading towards Robson take your first left go over the train tracks and take another left, follow this road all the way to the end. To find the play spot walk to the edge of the cliff above the river follow the river upstream until you see some Whitewater and you have found it. Unfortunately the Brilliant will only be running for one weekend in May. But if you can get out there for the event it is well worth it.