

# Spectacular Summer Ride Will Celebrate BC's 150 Years as a Crown Colony

9 days 110 miles (180 km)

The mandate of the Back Country Horsemen of British Columbia is to preserve the right to ride horses on wilderness trails, not only in BC but anywhere.

BCHBC's Aldergrove Chapter—one of 14 chapters throughout our province ([www.aldergrovebchorsemen.org](http://www.aldergrovebchorsemen.org))—is organizing a ride to celebrate BC's anniversary year.

Says avid horseman and Notary Doug Parton, "Every day, thousands of horses in BC work in the wilderness and on farms. Horses are part of British Columbia. Parks BC and the Ministry of Forests and Range are enthusiastic about horses being a part of this celebration."

The ride will start July 18 in Fort Langley, go along the Fraser River over Sumas Mountain, up the Vedder Canal to the mountains near Cultus Lake, follow the Trans Canada Trail, up the Chilliwack Valley on trails and logging roads to Chilliwack Lake, over Paleface Pass, up the Skagit River to Sumallo Grove on the Hope-Princeton Highway. The riders will cross the highway to Cascade (a hairpin corner on the Hope-Princeton), go straight up Snass Creek to Paradise Valley in Manning Park, then a few miles farther, to Jacobson Lake.



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*Dewdney Trail, Manning Park, BC*



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*Riders on Little Grouse Mountain*



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*View of Snass Mountain from an alpine lake (called a tarn)*



Notary Doug Parton on his horse Red, with Casey

Riders will reach their destination at noon on July 26. Tourism BC and the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts are holding a special celebration at Jacobson Lake, which is accessible by logging road from the Coquihalla area.

“Before the ride, trails must be cleared. It will take months to prepare the way,” says Doug. “Anyone is welcome. You will need your own food, gear, and horse. And you don’t just

grab a horse and ride it. Horse and rider must be fit.” Be prepared for bugs, hot and cold temperatures, and rain, he warns.

**Read more about this ride in our Summer and Fall issues . . .**

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Work Bee on the Hope Pass Trail, Manning Park

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