The Nisg’a Treaty

After a 113-year journey, the Nisg’a Final Agreement came into effect on May 11, 2000. The collected wisdom, struggles and dreams of our Ancestors were realized.

Unique among Canada’s Aboriginal peoples, we are self-governing — our modern treaty with Canada and British Columbia has allowed us to assume control over the governance of ourselves and our own lands.

Sayt-K’ilm-Goot / one heart, one path, one nation. Our Ayuuk (ancient code), language and culture are the foundation of our identity.

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...explore the park and the nation

Nisg’a Ñuurh – Hli gadihl  K’alî-Aksîm Lisims / Nisg’a – People of the Nass River

Visit us in the beautiful Nass Valley.

Meet our people, experience our culture and discover our four Nisg’a villages.

Explore the Nisg’a Museum ///
Our gift to each other and the world.

Things to do / see

- Guided tours of the valley, lava bed and lava cone / Nass Valley Tours 250 633 2733
- Experience the exhibit at the park Visitor Centre
- 16-site vehicle campground (first come first serve)
- Explore lava features on designated trails
- Visit our villages – Gitlax-t’aamiks, Gitwinksihlkw, Lax-g-alts’ap and Gingolx.
NISGA’A VILLAGE OF
Gitlaxt’aamiks

Gitlaxt’aamiks offers a rich cultural history, natural beauty and central location for exploring Nisga’a Lands. Situated on the edge of the Memorial Lava Bed Park, Gitlaxt’aamiks is the home of Wilp Si’ayuuk-hl Nisg’a (Nisga’a House of Laws) – the legislative assembly of Nisga’a Lisims Government.

THINGS TO DO / SEE
- Nisga’a Lisims Government Legislature – info + tours
- Unity Pts’aan (60’ totem poles) – first pts’aan raised in the Nass Valley in a century
- Village Government offices – info + tours + four 25’ pts’aan
- Recreation Centre – four 25’ pts’aan
- Holy Trinity Church
- Hiking – viewpoints, natural trails – not monitored

...people of the ponds

NISGA’A VILLAGE OF
Gitwinksihlkw

Gitwinksihlkw is located along the north bank of the Nass River — one of British Columbia’s most dramatic natural settings. For years, the village was accessible only by suspension footbridge – today, a modern vehicle bridge provides direct access. Four totem poles (Eagle, Wolf, Raven and Killer Whale) flank the bridge.

THINGS TO DO / SEE
- Ukws-Ts’agat – 400’ suspension foot bridge
- Village entrance bridge – four 25’ pts’aan
- 55’ Bears’ Den pts’aan + 60’ Education pts’aan
- Village Government offices – info + tours
- Salvation Army Church
- Fish Wheels
- Wilp Wilp’ooskehl Nisg’a Institute – Nisg’a University
- Hiking – viewpoints, natural trails – not monitored

...place of the lizards

NISGA’A VILLAGE OF
Laxgalts’ap

Laxgalts’ap is located in the Nass River Estuary – a world-class fishing destination. It is also home to Hl’ooschi Wilp’Adolshl Nisg’a (Nisg’a Museum) housing Anhooya’ahl G-aniye’etgum’ (the Ancestors’ Collection) over 300 priceless artifacts – one of the finest collections in the Northwest Coast and the world.

THINGS TO DO / SEE
- Nisga’a Museum – home to the Ancestors’ Collection – over 300 cultural artifacts/treasures
- World class carving shed – observe Nisg’a carvers
- Village Government offices – info + tours
- Nisga’a Valley Health Centre – four 25’ pts’aan
- Laxgalts’ap Community Centre
- St. Andrews Anglican Church
- Wilp Wilx-o’oskwhl Nisg’a Institute – Nisg’a University
- Hiking – viewpoints, natural trails – not monitored

...village on village

NISGA’A VILLAGE OF
Gingolx

Gingolx is referred to as the seafood capital of the Nass and is located on the spectacular northwest coast of British Columbia on Portland Inlet. It offers rich cultural history, natural beauty and some of North America’s finest seafood – salmon, crab, halibut, snapper and shellfish. A dramatic coastal setting.

THINGS TO DO / SEE
- Sea walk – panoramic ocean, mountain, eagle views
- Cultural longhouse
- Gingolx Government longhouse – two 25’ pts’aan
- Tribal smokehouses
- Village Government offices – info + tours
- Gingolx Christ Church
- Gingolx Memorial Recreation Centre – 25’ pts’aan
- Hiking – viewpoints, natural trails – not monitored

...place of skulls
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(See map of the park below)

This petrified landscape bears witness to the explosive violent eruption of 5 km through the air. A 600 m, loose, rocky area is constantly being reshaped by the ebb and flow of the water — taking on the visual appearance of honeycomb.

The water that flows over these falls into Ksi-luuyim Angiig’ (Killer Whale) and Lax-sgiik (Eagle). Across the Nass River, the few remaining houses of the original village remind us of a time when our lives were more closely tied to the river.

Our main Nisg-a’a harvesting centre for oolichan (a small ocean small fish) — each year, tons of oolichan return to ‘Tii-Alisk Lisiims (Nass River) to spawn, are harvested in Fishery Bay and rendered into precious oil — a historic staple of Nisg-a’a trade that supplied the Northwest Coast famous “Sneaux Trail”.

We call this site “place of the lizards.” According to oral tradition, large lizards, now extinct, roamed this land. The ongoing story of the Nisg-a’a Nation is written on the land — enjoy your visit through the Nisg-a’a Memorial Lava Bed Park and our four Nisg-a’a Villages.

Please help protect the park by staying on designated trails. Please reduce congestion and park vehicles in the designated lot only. Check fishing regulations. 

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