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-  Church
-  Fire Hall
-  Gift Shop
-  Helipad
-  Hiking
-  Lookout
-  Nisga'a Valley Health
-  Old Cemetery
-  Totem Pole

Contact Information

Village Government: 250-633-2294  
 Nisga'a Valley Health Authority: 250-633-2611  
 WWNI Community College: 250-633-2292  
 Daycare: 250-633-2525  
 Youth Centre: 250-633-2851  
 Recreation Centre: 250-633-2560  
 Salvation Army: 250-633-2488  
 Services:  
 T'ihlksi's Transport: 250-633-2325  
 Little Foot Contracting: 250-633-2584  
 Bed and Breakfast:  
 Nisga'a Salmon Lodge: 250-633-2965  
 Bear's Den: 250-633-2470  
 Gift Shop:  
 Nyce Gifts and Creations: 250-633-2117

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# Gitwinksihlkw: At Home on the Nass River

Formerly: Canyon City

One of four Nisga'a communities, Gitwinksihlkw is located on the north bank of the Nass River 100 kilometres northwest of Terrace, British Columbia. Home to 250 residents, Gitwinksihlkw offers cultural rich history, natural beauty, and access to Canada's newest lava bed.

Canada's last volcanic eruption occurred in Nisga'a territory approximately 250 years ago. The lava destroyed everything in its path, sparked fires in the surrounding forests, and covered two Nisga'a villages. More than 2,000 people perished. Survivors eventually resettled at Gitwinksihlkw (Place of the Lizards). According to oral tradition, large lizards lived here before the eruption. Today, the large lizards are gone but the vast lava beds still dominate the valley. They serve as a memorial to those who lost their lives and as a reminder of the importance of respect-for both the natural world and the wisdom of the elders.

Situated at the edge of the Nass River and Anluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl (Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park), Gitwinksihlkw enjoys one of British Columbia's most dramatic natural settings. Nisga'a Highway 113 paves the way for ease of access to our village and each year, the number of visitors continues to grow.

Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park is a popular destination with a 16 site campground and a Visitors Centre displaying Nisga'a artifacts (open July and August). Join us for guided tours of the lava beds, sport fishing, backcountry excursions, a stroll across the Nass River on a 400-foot long extension bridge, or simply stop and admire our majestic pts'aan (totem poles) that tell of Nisga'a history, culture, and clan relationships. Local stores serve the community and Bed & Breakfast accommodation is available in Gitwinksihlkw and other villages.

<http://www.nisgaalisims.ca/gitwinksihlkw-home-nass-river>

