



## **Elkford, British Columbia**

<http://www.elkford.ca/>

Elkford, British Columbia is a picturesque Rocky Mountain town located near the city of Sparwood and the Alberta border. The town has approximately 2,500 residents and offers feeling of a relaxed rural community living. Citizens love the fact that they can escape the hectic urban cities, but the city of Calgary isn't too far away making it easy to find everything you need.

The area of Elkford's pristine natural wilderness is highlighted by proximity to Elk Lakes Provincial Park and Height of the Rockies Wilderness area along the continental divide. Recreational activities include world class fly-fishing on the Elk River, camping, swimming, canoeing, a local ski hill, golfing, hunting, and a full range of community recreational amenities.

## **Weather**

The weather in Elkford is mild and does not vary a great deal between summer and winter. The temperature ranges between -15.2 and -6 degrees Celsius in the cold winter months and between 5 and 20 degrees in the summer (June-September).



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## Real Estate & Rental

There are several hundred vacant and fully serviced residential lots that are privately owned and are being developed over time. Housing prices are extremely low, with a two bedroom home priced at approximately \$130,000 on average. Sparwood is also within commuting distance.

For more information about **real estate** in Elkford, please visit <http://www.sparwoodrealestate.ca/elkford-residential>

Housing rentals are considerably low ranging between \$650 and \$1300/month. For more information about **rental properties** please visit <http://www3.telus.net/crklass/>

## Industry

Elkford's high incomes are one of the distinguishing characteristics of the community. This is mainly due to the town's primary industry, mining. The coal mines have created one of the strongest resource-



based economies in BC. The residents and coal mines take great pride in knowing that their backyard Utopia has remained largely unspoiled, with all mines in the Elk Valley taking radical steps at reclamation to ensure that they restore the natural beauty of the area to its pre-mining splendor. Many Albertan's come to Elkford to get away from city life making tourism a secondary industry.



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## **Medical**

The Elkford Health Care Centre is a fully-equipped health care center with 2 full time doctors (with hospital privileges), nursing staff, lab and x-ray services, a part time physiotherapist, and visiting public health services, drug and alcohol counselors, mental health and youth outreach workers. A doctor is available for after-hour life threatening emergency services on an on-call basis three nights a week, with nurses available during four-hour shifts on the weekend. All other after hour emergencies are handled by the Sparwood Medical Centre.

### **Elkford Medical Clinic**

250.865.2215

### **Elkford Health Care Centre**

250.865.2247

## **Education**

Elkford has one elementary school and one post-secondary school which have excellent activities and programs available to children.

### **Rocky Mountain Elementary School**

2400 Balmer Drive (P.O. Box 460)

Elkford, BC, V0B 1H0

Tel: 250.865.4625

Fax: 250.865.4451

### **Elkford Secondary School**

2500 Balmer Drive (P.O. Box 910)

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Tel: 250.865.4674 Fax: 250.865.2915

School District 5 - Southeast Kootenay Web Site



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## Recreation

With a new salt water swimming pool, hockey rink, curling rink, workout facilities, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, a running track, and numerous playgrounds, Elkford is full of things to do indoor or out. And if you're looking for more, Sparwood and Calgary are just a daytrip away.

For more information on Elkford's recreational activities please visit:  
[http://www.elkford.ca/recreational\\_facilities](http://www.elkford.ca/recreational_facilities)

## Taxes

Income taxes and other deductions are taken from your pay cheques by your employer. These income taxes are used by the government to provide essential services such as roads, schools and health care.

Canadian residents can benefit in many ways from programs that have been paid for through their income taxes and deductions. These programs include social assistance for people in need, employment insurance for workers who have lost their jobs and worker's compensation for workers injured on the job.

For more information please visit Canada Revenue Agency's website:  
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/after-money-income.asp>

You will also see taxes on every purchase you make (i.e. clothing, groceries, cars, and houses.) The percentage of taxes paid varies by province. To view current tax rates in Canada please visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/visitors/>

The chart below compares the average income tax that residents pay each year in Alberta and British Columbia for single people and single-income families with 2 children over 6 and under 17 years of age.



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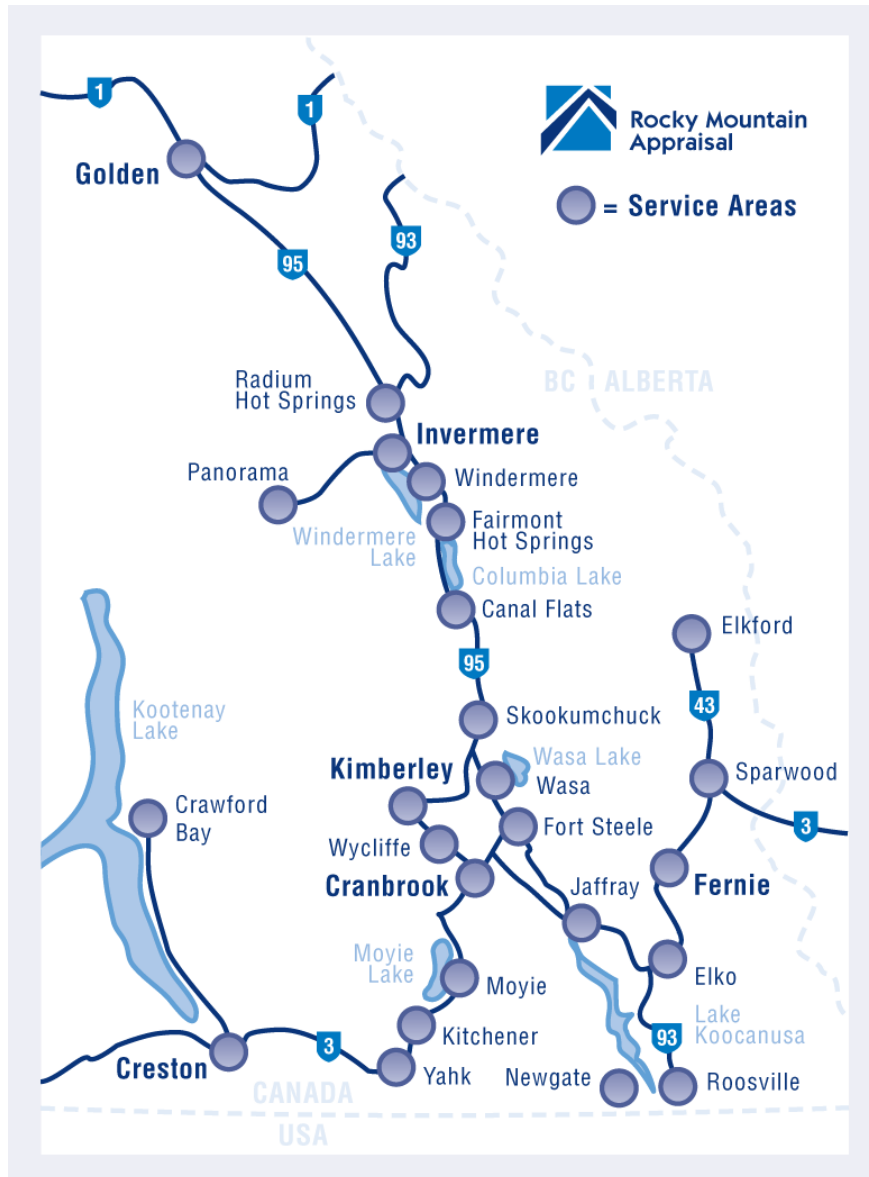
Single Person			Single-income family		
Employment Income	AB	BC	Employment Income	AB	BC
<b>10,000</b>	(530)	(603)	<b>10,000</b>	(948)	(603)
<b>20,000</b>	2,443	2,336	<b>20,000</b>	333	23
<b>30,000</b>	5,448	5,808	<b>30,000</b>	2,112	2,483
<b>40,000</b>	8,453	8,607	<b>40,000</b>	4,537	6,665
<b>50,000</b>	11,909	11,858	<b>50,000</b>	7,993	9,915
<b>60,000</b>	15,109	14,828	<b>60,000</b>	11,193	12,885
<b>80,000</b>	21,509	20,983	<b>80,000</b>	17,593	19,041
<b>100,000</b>	28,586	28,464	<b>100,000</b>	22,898	25,556
<b>140,000</b>	43,322	45,061	<b>140,000</b>	35,971	40,380
<b>200,000</b>	66,722	71,281	<b>200,000</b>	66,082	71,409



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