

Follow the Trail A system of hiking and biking trails will run between the shore and the upper reaches of the nearby mountain—with picnic lookout areas to stop and catch your breath.
250-354-0309, kootenaylakevillage.com

The Legacy on Mara Lake

Location On the shores of Mara Lake, in the district of Sicamous.



Kayaking near Kootenay Lake Village, B.C.

Available On the market: 65 out of a total 168 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom condominium units in Phase 1 (prices expected to be mid-\$400,000s to mid-\$600,000s). Penthouses with water views will fetch \$1 million-plus.

House on the Water I Terraced balconies mean that many units will have a view of the water. Two-storey penthouses are designed to take full advantage of the location.

House on the Water II Sicamous, the Houseboat Capital of Canada, sits at the junction of Shuswap and Mara Lakes. If you get tired of your stationary home, explore Shuswap's 1,000 kilometres of shoreline by water.

ownmaralake.com
sabledevelopments.com

Spirits Reach, Columbia Valley

Location A 3-hour drive southwest of Calgary, overlooking Columbia Lake.

Available Only 10 of the first 34 units in

Spirit of the Lake, the area closest to the water, remain. Here there are 24 duplexes and 5 triplexes ranging from 1,600 to 1,800 square feet (from \$479,000 to around \$900,000). When completed in 5 to 8 years, the community will offer a variety of housing in 4 neighbourhoods.

Go Find It on the Mountain Among the planned amenities are a mountaintop yoga hut, a spa and horse stables.

Ramble and Think Spirits Reach will include a 250-acre woodland preserve complete with destination huts for artists and picnickers, and a solitude cabin for those seeking "quiet reflection."
877-349-7575, spiritsreach.com

Tobiano

Location 15 minutes west of Kamloops, overlooking Kamloops Lake.

Available Phase 3 has 4 lots left (from \$299,900). Equestrian lots will be released as soon as this summer. There are also 52 lakeside townhomes in Lake Star that are mostly 3-bedroom units (from around \$400,000 to \$700,000).

Horse Set Tobiano is a breed of spotted horse, so it's fitting that plans call for an equestrian centre with stables and training facilities.

Putting Down Roots The 18 holes are complete, but the grass needs a little growing time before opening day: play on the Tom McBroom-designed course

should begin in July.
877-373-0055, tobianoliving.com

Bridgegate on Crowsnest Lake

Location Just outside of Blairmore in Alberta's Crowsnest Pass.

Available The first phase of the develop-



Riding at Tobiano near Kamloops, B.C.

ment has 234 condos ranging from 400 square feet to 1,200 square feet (a 1/10th share is \$59,000), slated to be finished by 2009. The entire project has a 7-year completion time.

Whale on the Beach Set on 26 acres on the shores of Crowsnest Lake, the resort will include a hotel, condo towers, a casino, conference centre, spa, nightclubs and movie theatres.

A Green Touch The developer is shooting for LEED platinum status, incorporating geothermal heating, solar power and the reuse of grey water.

866-868-1832, crowsnestlake.com

Maple Grove Estates

Location On the shores of York Lake, 5 minutes outside Yorkton, Sask.

Available There are 34 lots (starting at \$55,300) backing onto the lake or a park, along with 4 large lots slightly larger than a half-acre each (ranging from \$99,900 to \$115,000) on the trout pond. All allow for private or shared docks.

Year-Round Possibilities Summer fun includes waterskiing, boating and swimming; winter offers cross-country skiing, skating and snowmobiling.

Fish in the Company Pond Owners can dip their lines in the private Willowmere trout pond, which was stocked with rainbow trout last year, meaning the fish should be getting big right about now.

306-786-5455, maplegrovestates.com

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