



1745 Short Road
Golden, British Columbia V0A 1H1
(250) 344-6798 / 1-877-377-WOLF
www.northernlightswildlife.com

Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Centre is a unique facility that offers a chance to see and learn about wolves. We are located just west of Golden, British Columbia. Our goal is to promote awareness of how important top predators are, and we hope change people's ideas about the "Big Bad Wolf". We are home to six Grey Wolves who are ambassadors for their wild cousins.

1. *Our Interpretive Centre*

Fun for the whole family

A chance to see and learn about wolves

The Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Centre offers interpretive programs on a regular basis allowing visitors to learn about this fascinating animal and to see our wolves in their two acres of enclosures. Topics include behaviour, biology, the importance they play in the environment, and current issues wolves face today. The interpretive centre is open all year.

We accommodate small and large groups, providing a big beautiful yard with picnic tables for a place to rest and even eat your lunch. Our quaint gift shop has unique locally made merchandise from wolf memorabilia such as clothing, books and jewelry, to professional photographs of our resident wolves.

Admission is: \$10 per adult, \$8 per youth/senior, \$6 per child
Family and group rates available

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like more information. Should you require any images we have a large collection of photographs, available on CD-ROM that we would be happy to share with you.

2. *Blackwolf Photography:*

Unforgettable walk on the wild side

The only facility in the world that offers a chance to walk and photograph wolves in their natural habitat with no boundaries. Available by reservation only.

That's right, we take all of our wolves on regular off-leash hikes to give them plenty of exercise and allow them to explore, while giving visitors a once in a lifetime opportunity. Whether you're a professional photographer, filmmaker or just love wolves - join us for an up close and personal experience!

No boundaries means no leashes, no fencing; wolves are in their natural habitat. Nestled between the Rocky and Columbia Mountains, this valley presents spectacular backdrops for our excursions. We venture into all terrains, in all seasons, providing you with a variety of landscapes that wolves would naturally inhabit. Locations include meadows full of dandelions, streams with rocky banks, steep cliffs, snow covered mountains and dense forests. Our wolves are point trained, and work between handlers allowing possible close-ups, profiles, distance shots, standing, sitting, and running.

Renowned photographers and filmmakers from around the world have taken part in the photo sessions. Film companies include Pyramid Productions and Good Earth Productions. The Northern Lights wolves can be seen in various magazines, books, and calendars taken by exceptional photographers such as Bela Baliko, Tim Whitley, Anna Henly and Paul Stone. Photographers have all rights to their photographs or footage. We keep the group size small, with maximum of four people, to give a more personal encounter with the wolves and plenty of opportunity to take fabulous photos. We customize the walk to suit your physical ability. Rates start at \$295 for 2 people for a 1.5-hour session (rates are subject to change without notice).

Did you know that...?

- The leading causes of mortality for wolves in our National Parks (in BC and Alberta) are all due to human activity: hunting/shooting, highways and railways, and habitat loss. Wolves are not protected in Canada!
- Wolves live in family packs just like humans do; they are social, gentle, fun-loving animals that are not aggressive by nature.
- There has never been a documented case of a healthy, unhabituated wolf attacking a human... but we do hear a lot of fairy tales growing up that teach us to fear and hate the “Big Bad Wolf”.
- Our wolves go walking off-leash with their humans, where they can run off anytime they like... but they don't!

Fun facts about wolves

- a wolf can “wolf down” up to ¼ of its own body weight in one meal... the equivalent of a person eating about 80 hamburgers!
- a howl can travel up to 12 km and is an important way for wolves to communicate; wolves will even answer a human howl
- a wolf's paw is roughly twice the size of a dog with the same body size & weight
- a wolf has two fur coats: outer guard hairs to keep moisture out, and inner downy hairs for warmth... they sleep comfortably in the coldest weather by curling into a ball and covering their faces with their tail
- a wolf's jaws have an estimated crushing power of 1500 psi, twice that of a big, strong dog, and almost as powerful as a garbage truck!

Close encounters

There are many stories of encounters with wolves, some dating back centuries. A recent visitor to our Wolf Centre told us of one encounter that he had while stranded in the woods of British Columbia. Alone, cold, tired, and unable to continue the full distance to his vehicle, this man collapsed exhausted as darkness fell, sure that he was doomed. He awoke several hours later, still alive. As he came to his senses, he realized that an animal was laying on top of him. Terrified, he staggered to his feet and came face to face with a wolf. The wolf, after a quick glance, disappeared into the forest. The warmth that the wolf had shared gave the man enough strength to make his way to his vehicle, and he credits the wolf with saving his life. A hypothermic hallucination... or could it really have happened?