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TRAVEL

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Driving up and over 'The Wall' from Bella Coola to the Chikita Plateau is not for the faint-hearted. The ground-level has panoramic drop-offs and no guard rails.

# Grizzlies and Cariboo beauty highlight trip

Circle route offers best of the island and the interior

**ISSAQUA HUNTERS**  
 by Victoria Times

What if you had 100 pounds (instead of a nickel, Michael) to spend on a vacation, and you had to go far from home? You could go to the Yukon or the Northwest Territories.

**IF YOU GO**  
 ■ The Coast Cariboo Club suggested driving to the Yukon via the north coast route.  
 ■ It's twice as long but has more scenic views and more wildlife.  
 ■ The club offers a variety of packages and rates.  
 ■ For more information, visit [www.coastcariboo.com](http://www.coastcariboo.com).

It was 2008, you see. In a bid to get out and experience the great outdoors, I set out on a road trip to the Yukon. The idea was to see the coast, the interior, and the Yukon. I was looking for a route that would give me the best of the island and the interior.

Another hour and we arrived at a small, quiet town. The road was winding and the views were spectacular. We had a great stay at a local lodge and the food was excellent.

By the time we reached the coast, we had seen some of the best scenery in the province. The views were breathtaking and the people were friendly.

It was a great trip and we had a lot of fun. The scenery was beautiful and the people were wonderful. We had a great time and we will be going back soon.

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