

# Visual Welcoming Guide

Sometimes visiting a new place can be overwhelming. This guide is designed to help you prepare for a visit to Two Rivers Gallery in Prince George, BC. It will help you understand what and who you may encounter. We hope it will lead to a more enjoyable experience.

# 1. Hours

Two Rivers Gallery is open at these times:

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10 am to 5 pm

Wednesday: 10 am to 5 pm

Thursday: 10 am to 9 pm

Friday: 10 am to 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm to 5 pm

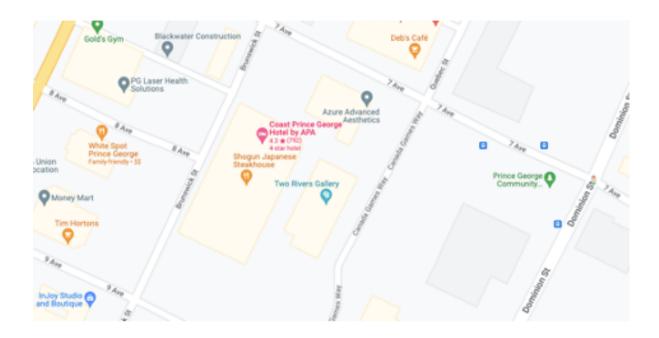


#### 2. Admission

Two Rivers Gallery offers free admission for all exhibitions and visitors to our shop.

While some programming is free, other programs require payment. Please look at Two Rivers' website at <a href="https://www.tworiversgallery.ca">www.tworiversgallery.ca</a> or phone the gallery at 250-614-7800 for exact costs for each program.

# 3. Getting There



Two Rivers Gallery is located at 725 Canada Games Way, just off of 7th Avenue. It is located in downtown Prince George right across the street from the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre. It is also across the courtyard from the Prince George Public Library.

# **Driving**

There are two lots available for free parking. The closest lot available is at the Four Seasons Pool across from the gallery on Canada Games Way. It is approximately 160 metres to get from the parking lot to the entrance of the gallery. A note that this parking lot has no parking lines, assigned accessibility spots, or crosswalks around the parking lot.



A second lot is located under the library on Canada Games Way. It is approximately 250 metres to get from the parking lot to the entrance of the gallery.





#### **Bike Rack**

There are two bike racks located on Canada Games Way at the very end of the gallery closer to 7th Avenue. There are four more racks located in Civic Plaza located under the walkway on the path towards the Rolling Mix Concrete Arena.



# **Public Transportation**

The gallery is located near the following bus stops:

- Patricia Boulevard and 19th Avenue serving lines 10, 15, and 47
- 7th Avenue and Quebec Street serving line 55
- Dominion Street and 7th Avenue serving line 10, 15, 46, and 47

All BC Transit buses are wheelchair accessible. For handyDART, BC Transit's pre-registered accessible, door-to-door shared transit service, please contact BC Transit at 250-562-1394.

#### 4. When You Arrive



The entrance to the gallery on Canada Games Way has a ramp with a handrail located on the right side. There are two sets of power doors before entering the lobby, with the power door button located to the right side of the doors. Both sets of doors have pull handles.





Inside the lobby, the front of house staff will welcome you and answer your questions. Backpacks and large purses are not allowed in the gallery. The front of house staff can store these items behind the reception desk for you. There is a coat rack located next to the bathrooms in the lobby area.





Next to the visitor service desk, there is a flexible meeting space. This room is sometimes used to provide interactive activities that relate to the current exhibition. In general, this area is a good place to rest and relax as it is a quieter space.

It is recommended in case you should feel cold in the gallery that you bring a jacket, especially during the winter.

# 5. Washrooms

Directly past the visitor desk, there is the gallery shop as well as washrooms straight ahead.





The washrooms are open for the public to use and are gender-neutral. Each downstairs washroom has three stalls, two sinks, and one towel dispenser. Each has one accessible stall each with metal grab bars. Both washrooms have a diaper changing station.



There is a single washroom and water fountain upstairs situated close to the elevator. This single washroom is gender-neutral and accessible with metal grab bars. There is also a water fountain that has a second waterspout that makes it easy to fill up bottles.

# 6. Two Rivers Gallery Shop



The shop located in the gallery's lobby has a wide range of artworks, catalogues, books, jewelry, and more. Most of the items for sale are made by local and regional artists.

# 7. Exhibitions



There are three spaces for exhibitions. The main exhibition space contains two large rooms that are joined together. The ceilings are quite high so the rooms may echo.

There is also another exhibition space known as Rustad Galleria that is an extension of the lobby. Exhibitions change every 3 months, but often you will find a mixture of paintings, sculptures, films, and mixed media. The artworks may be from the gallery's permanent collection, on loan from another gallery, or on loan from a contemporary artist.



Occasionally, there will be some noises in the galleries with films playing without headphones or school groups exploring the gallery. The galleries can also contain some bright lights.

There are benches without backs or armrests located throughout the exhibition spaces to offer you a chance to rest.

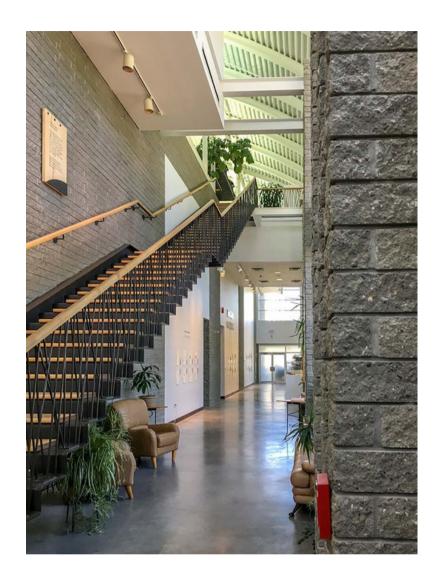
### 8. Tours



Free exhibition tours occur every 2nd Sunday of the month, from 1:00pm to 2:00 pm. These tours, staffed by exhibition facilitators, present opportunities for exploration and inquiry for a unique and memorable encounter with art.

These tours are interactive, and facilitators may ask questions about your thoughts and feelings around artworks. But feel free to speak up only when you want to.

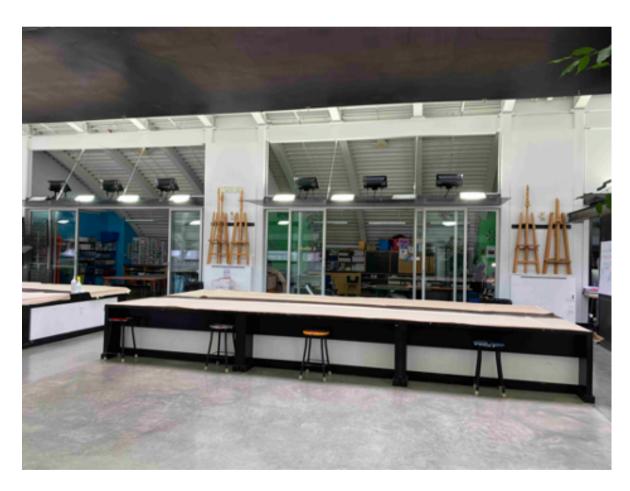
# 9. Stairs and Elevator



To get upstairs to the Learning & Engagement space, Two Rivers Gallery has either 48 stairs or an elevator that can be accessed in the Rustad Galleria, the gallery down a long hallway to the right of the entrance.

# 10. Programming Space

The second floor is the Learning & Engagement space, where the gallery hosts a range of art-related classes, workshops, and camps. The second-floor space is not always open to the public. If open, or you are attending a program, you either take the stairs or elevator to go up to this space.



The large open space full of large tables and stools is often used for public programming, including adult workshops and children's camps.



There are also a number of rooms, many of which contain art supplies used for programs as well as younger children's toys and books that can be used in that area. The back area with a black gate is the staff offices, and the general public is not allowed in this area.

Because of the high ceilings, it can become quite noisy if there are many people upstairs.

This visual guide was created in May 2022.

If you have notice anything missing from this visual story or have any questions about accessibility, you can email Visitor Services at visitorservices@tworiversgallery.ca or phone at 250-614-7800.