



Spirits Reach
A Pure Community

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Note to Reader

A place as rich in natural splendour as it is far-reaching in spirit is about to unfold. It's called Spirits Reach. And you are among the privileged few to be granted an early glimpse at our plans for this very special place.

As you read this document, we ask you to bear in mind that a community vision is dynamic: as we proceed with development, it will almost certainly evolve and expand. We therefore reserve the right to make changes or additions to our development plans in an effort to continually improve the community and maximise land preservation.

Rest assured, the vision is real. Spirits Reach will become one of the most extraordinary developments in the Columbia Valley.

the countless
CHARMS
of the
VALLEY of a
THOUSAND
PEAKS

Embraced by the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Purcell Mountains to the west, the Columbia Valley is cradled within the 'Valley of a Thousand Peaks.'

Just three hours from the pulsing cosmopolitan energy of Calgary, it is home to places of pristine solitude – worlds untouched by the rush and the noise and the night-spoiling glow of big city life.

Develop an authentic, one-of-a-kind 'green' community



It is also a place brimming with opportunities for outdoor adventure all year round. Visitors come to the Columbia Valley for its world-class skiing, championship golf, life-at-the-lake recreation and vast variety of back-to-nature pursuits. The community of Spirits Reach is artfully crafted on 500 acres along the shores of Columbia Lake, 20 minutes south of Windermere along Highway 93/95 – close to all its conveniences but a world away from the crowds and the constant din.

The Capricious Moods of Columbia Lake

The character of Columbia Lake – the headwaters of the Columbia River – is ever changing. Some of the time, it lies unmoving: its surface, a ridgeless crystal platter. Sometimes it shivers lightly to the touch of a cooling breeze across its surface. And sometimes, when the winds blow strong, the lake protests with whitecaps. But Columbia Lake favours a lazy, unruffled aspect.

The play of sun and moon upon the lake's surface draws forth colours of the finest gemstones – the teal green of aventurine, the deep azure blue of lapis lazuli, the brilliant sky-blue sheen of turquoise, all with the translucent lustre of the finest opals.

Columbia Lake welcomes warmly many visitors along its nine mile expanse – wildlife at the water's edge, children splashing laughingly along the shoreline, or canoes and kayaks coasting noiselessly across its glassy surface. Anglers on Columbia Lake are rewarded with Dolly Varden, bull trout, freshwater cod, rainbow trout and cutthroat trout. In winter, the lake is a popular venue for ice-skating as well as local 'shinny' hockey games.



The lake's alluring shoreline, its pristine waters and its prevailing sense of calm attract birds and wildlife all year round. Eagles often soar overhead, osprey nest nearby and blue herons wade where the waters are shallow. Deer are frequent shoreline visitors, moose have been known to go for a dip, and it's common in winter to spot a wily coyote traversing the lake's frozen surface.

A History of Sawmills 'n' Moonshine Stills

The 1930s and '40s were boom times for the Canadian Pacific Railway here in the Columbia Valley, and the property known now as Spirits Reach was a great source of wood for their tie mills. Mindful explorers are apt to uncover vestiges of the mills' activity throughout the community.

In later years, the expansive property became a prolific source of Christmas trees. As many as 40,000 trees were harvested in a single year.

Another 'festive' industry undertaken at Spirits Reach was production of some of the finest moonshine this side of the 49th Parallel. Grandpa Poisson, an old-timer whose family resided on the property for several generations, brewed a liquor that attracted an upscale clientele from hundreds of miles away.

All Work and No Play...

For the Columbia Valley's original homesteaders, life was hard...but good. Their days were filled with countless chores and long hours of toil; but when the sun set and the home-baked bread came out of the oven, they made the most of their precious downtime. They gathered together for fireside fun - playing cards, telling stories and sharing laughter. This 'work hard and treasure the quiet moments' way of living endures at Spirits Reach: modern families whose lives are a constant whirlwind of daily demands come to this special community to make the most of their rare and precious time away from it all.

preserve the natural environment

Columbia Lake Activities

Summer

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Sailing
- Wind-surfing
- Fishing
- Bird & wildlife watching

Winter

- Skating
- Hockey
- Ice fishing
- Cross-country skiing
- Ice-boating



Brent Harley and Associates

Brent Harley and Associates are highly respected land planners whose exceptional track record speaks for itself. They specialize in resort and recreation development, integrating environmental sustainability with economically viable development.

Brent Harley and Associates are intimately involved with the master planning and development of major resorts throughout the Rockies such as Kimberley Alpine Resort, Fernie Alpine Resort, Big White Ski Resort and several residential projects and golf resorts in Whistler. For the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, they will be involved as planning consultants for Whistler/Blackcomb, Cypress Bowl and Callaghan Valley venues.



A Development Concept with a Brilliant Shade of Green

Spirits Reach is a comprehensively planned community that sets a new benchmark for innovative, environmentally responsible development. The community has been planned with respectful deference to the natural beauty that's always existed here.

From the very beginning, Columere Park Developments has sought guidance and advice from environmental advocates with broad expertise in sustainable, low-impact development.

We've also been working closely with Brent Harley and Associates to develop a compelling, viable and environmentally sound community master plan.

To help bring this master plan to life, we've partnered with Enviro Custom Homes, a builder that emphasises healthy living and specialises in environmentally advanced homes on the leading edge of energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.

One of the foremost values of Spirits Reach is an environmentally conscious lifestyle. We find that many of our residents, far removed from the mile-a-minute madness of their day-to-day urban existence, long to indulge their desires to treat the planet more kindly. As such, the community provides many 'starting points' in recycling, xeriscaping, organic gardening and composting.

In every aspect of development, Columere Park Developments has aimed to work with nature and preserve the natural integrity of this special place. The land planning, the architecture, the amenities, the activities – all are products of thinking beyond conventional boundaries.

A 'One-of-a-kind Green Community'

Among the goals of the developers of Spirits Reach one takes precedence over all the rest: to develop an authentic, one-of-a-kind 'green' community.

We understand that where sustainability is concerned, intent counts for little; follow-through is everything.

To ensure our vision comes to long-term fruition, we promise to...

...observe "best green practices" in architecture & land planning.

To us, this means incorporating architectural styles that blend seamlessly with the natural environment, and using natural and local building materials to minimize the environmental expense of importing materials from far afield. It means harnessing alternative (renewable) energy sources and minimizing noise and light pollution.

...tread lightly on the land.

To us, this means implementing a comprehensive recycling program, minimising water consumption (with water-smart appliances, irrigation & rainwater collection systems), utilizing or composting the 'waste' from landscape management initiatives and minimizing motorized traffic within the community. Ultimately, it means achieving a certain level of self-sufficiency (in terms of energy, water, waste management and food).

...extend our commitment into programming & amenities.

To us, this means keeping residents happy, healthy and active and creating outlets that support the health and growth of children. Above all, it means offering educational programs that engender environmental sensitivity and responsibility. It means maintaining a system of trails that are truly 'natural' and providing a main trail with universal access. It includes engendering experiences through communion with nature and interaction with amenities designed for personal enrichment. Above all, it means preserving the tremendous sense of wonder, awe and openness Spirits Reach confers on all who come here.

...respect wildlife and its natural habitats.

To us, this means striking a viable balance between the natural and the manmade, between wildlife and humans. It means preserving the health and water quality of Columbia Lake and the environmental aspects that drew people here in the first place. It means restoring stream beds and maintaining existing wildlife corridors.

pursue sustainability in all aspects of development



Enviro Custom Homes

Enviro Custom Homes has created a new standard in energy-efficient, environmentally friendly houses. They specialize in alternative energy solutions, ecologically responsible building products and enhanced indoor air quality – without compromising design and aesthetics.



welcome to

Spirits Reach

Designed to raise people's spirits and foster their spiritual connections with self, with nature and with others in the Columbia Valley, Spirits Reach puts within your reach so many of the things you may have believed were beyond your grasp as you seek a place to put down vacation-home roots for you and your family:

- a community that honours the spirit and traditions of life at the lake
- meaningful (spiritual) connections with nature
- a far-reaching spirit of community
- an even farther reaching commitment to respecting the planet.





Community Spirit

A Fulfilling Sense of Community Spirit

Spirits Reach is a place of paradox – a place where the manmade and the natural achieve a seamless integration, and where experiences of reflective solitude coexist harmoniously with a pervasive spirit of community.

The community's gate, whose natural elements offer clues to the environmental friendliness of the place, is always open: all are welcome here who long to reconnect with their families, with nature and, most importantly, with themselves. The sense of leaving everything else behind as you are 'absorbed' into the forests of Spirits Reach is for most people nothing short of overwhelming.

You've arrived. Now reconnect.

At Spirits Reach, we understand that a vast chasm exists between building homes and creating a community. We've gone out of our way to create a place that fosters a true sense of belonging among owners and guests. Our extensive amenities and programs are a testament to this commitment.

This is a place that time and the outside world seem never to have touched – a place where nature reigns supreme, where people naturally drop their facades and let down their guard, and where family members find no end of ways to reconnect with one another.

Not surprisingly, the area has long been sought after as a place of personal healing. Trappers would winter at Spirits Reach when the going got too tough in the high country, and weary prospectors would come here to rekindle their resolve. The beauty of the natural surroundings and the sublime views of Columbia Lake have restorative effects on mind, body and spirit alike.

Connecting pathways. Connecting people.

To uphold its commitment to fostering connections, Spirits Reach offers a well-developed system of trails that forge links between the community's neighbourhoods and offer access to the surrounding wilderness.

To encourage usage, the community's pathways are posted generously with signs that identify visible landmarks, points of interest and interpretive information about indigenous flora, fauna and historical information.

Additional gathering places such as picnic areas, parks, benches looking out upon vista views, and a rustic campsite speak to the high importance we place on fellowship and community.

Amenities & Programs to Complement Nature's Perfection



Golf

Fairmont Mountain Side Golf Course (Fairmont Hot Springs)

Fairmont Creekside Golf Course (Fairmont Hot Springs)

Riverside Golf Course (Fairmont Hot Springs)

Radium Resort Golf Course (Radium Hot Springs)

Coy's Dutch Creek Par 3 (Fairmont Hot Springs)

The Springs at Radium Golf Course (Radium Hot Springs)

Eagle Ranch Golf Resort (Invermere)

Windermere Valley Golf Course (Windermere)

Greywolf Golf Course (Panorama Mountain Village)

Th' Flats Executive 9-hole Golf Course (Canal Flats)

Trickle Creek Golf Resort (Kimberley)

Copper Point Golf Course (Invermere)

Bootleg Gap Golf (Kimberley)

St. Eugene Mission Golf Course (Cranbrook)

To bring residents back to a time when the pace of life was a lot slower and the demands on one's time were a lot fewer, many of our amenities and programs have been inspired by the subsistence farming lifestyle – a concept with obvious connections to our focus on environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Other amenities and programs were simply designed to foster connections, togetherness and the Spirits Reach brand of unabashed, down-to-earth fun!

Wild Mustangs Recreation Centre

Through this multipurpose facility, residents and their guests will enjoy access to a swimming facility, a fitness centre with state-of-the-art equipment and space for classes, conferences and quiet reflection, a skating rink with fire pit, and space indoors and out for sports.

The Rec Centre's name, Wild Mustangs, commemorates the fact that Columbia Valley's last herd of wild mustangs once roamed the property.

Mountain Shala: The Mountaintop Yoga Hut

Located at one of the community's highest points, Mountain Shala will offer uplifting views that will elevate your practice (and your spirit) to unexpected new levels. Start your day with an early-morning Ashtanga series; fire up your afternoon metabolism in our solar-heated Bikram studio; or wind down at day's end with a Hatha practice.

Trailhead Ranch & the Wildwood Stables

For residents who wish to board their own horses short term, seasonally or year round, Trailhead Ranch can provide stable accommodations for up to a dozen four-legged friends. Equestrian activities include non-competitive gymkhanas, horsemanship clinics, outdoor ring, winter sleigh rides and more.



connect people with the grandeur and mystery of the great outdoors

The Diamond Willow Bed & Breakfast Lodge

Just a horseshoe's throw from the Wildwood Stables, you'll find the Diamond Willow, a quiet, ranch-style bed & breakfast lodge. Recline in a handcrafted willow rocker on the timber-railed front porch and soak in the soothing serenity of the surrounding wilderness while B 'n' B staff keep your coffee cup or herbal tea mug filled to the brim. The Lodge is ideal for an authentic Western-style getaway, wedding, family reunion or business retreat, or as a peaceful home base for outdoor adventure.

Destination Huts

Trailhead Ranch is the jumping-off point to many of the community's hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trails, which lead to a vast network of out-of-the-way places, including a 250-or-so acre natural woodland preserve.

Destination huts nestled here and there throughout the natural woodland preserve offer a variety of uplifting retreat experiences.

They include:

- picnic destination huts
- artist cabin
- solitude cabin for quiet reflection

Hike

Whiteswan Lake Provincial Park
Top of the World Provincial Park
Whitetail Lake
Premier Lake Provincial Park
Findlay Falls

Ski

Panorama Mountain Village Resort
Fairmont Hot Springs Ski Resort
Kimberley Ski Resort
Kicking Horse Mountain Resort



Captain Jeffries' Wood Works

A 6'4" war veteran, Captain Jeffries was a well known, very colourful character who made his home on the Spirits Reach property for many years. Unimpeded by the steel plate in his head (the patchwork for a shrapnel wound sustained in the First World War), Captain Jeffries dammed up Lavington Creek to power his overshot waterwheel, which set in motion all manner of band saws and lathes and grinding wheels.

We designed Captain Jeffries' Wood Works to captivate the imaginations of children and adults alike while teaching them crafts and local lore. Here, children will learn to build birdhouses and whittle whistles, while adults will receive instruction in carving decoy ducks, making bent willow chairs and decorative wood painting.

Kekuli Outdoor Amphitheatre

Kekuli Amphitheatre (named for the semi-subterranean "pit houses" built and inhabited by early First Nations tribes) is the venue for music and cultural events, guest speakers, community gatherings and a variety of other outdoor activities.

Healing Spirits Spa

Your body didn't let you down on your quest to kayak across Columbia Lake or to prove that, at 50, you can windsurf as well as those twentysomethings. Now it's payback time. At Healing Spirits Spa, a professional technician will offer a wide range of services designed to deliver soothing comfort. Choose from an à la carte menu for therapeutic massage, aromatherapy and facial treatments.

Osprey's Nest Tree Fort

Outfitted with ladders, swings and slides, the Osprey's Nest Tree Fort (named for the nest that has resided at Spirits Reach since before development began) will invite imaginations to run wild.

Soak

Fairmont Hot Springs
Radium Hot Springs
Lussier Hot Springs
Ram Creek Hot Springs

protect Columbia Lake for future generations

Orion's Observatory

At Orion's Observatory, star hunters and sky-watchers can explore the heavens and experience the indescribable wonder of a night-time sky undiluted by city lights.

Mountain Spirit: The Hilltop Restaurant in Spirits Rise

Satisfy your appetite for best-of-the-Valley cuisine, and fill yourself up with the breathtaking beauty of the Columbia Valley. Inspired by its serene setting, Mountain Spirit will take you back to a century past, wrapping you up in the authentic decor of a true mountain lodge. Mountain Spirit's floor-to-ceiling windows will provide panoramic vistas of Columbia Lake and its dramatic Rocky Mountain backdrop.

Committed to serving the finest foods of our region, Mountain Spirit prepares meals using organic and free-range products from local farmers and from our Organic Gardens at Trailhead Ranch.



The Spirit of Adventure Program

Under the leadership of our resident Director of Exhilaration, the Spirit of Adventure Program will offer such activities as interpretive hikes and nature walks, birding workshops, astronomy evenings, snowshoe treks, and much more:

- Barbecues
- Campfire Talks
(by local historians and environmental experts)
- Canoe Races
- Cookouts
- Craft Classes
- Curling on the Lake
- Evening Sing songs
- Fall Corn Roast
- Farmer's Markets
- Mud Puddle Fun
- Night Walks
- Sailing
- Skating on the Lake
- Star Gazing

Many Spirit of Adventure programs focus on reconnecting with nature and the things nature provides us.

These simple experiences include forest walks, cutting wood, eating wild berries, and just standing and staring at the night-time sky.

*provide experiences that
balance people's need for
solitude with their need
for community*



Neighbourhoods that Elevate One's Expectations

Like all extraordinary communities, Spirits Reach offers a diversity of residential options unified by well-considered standards of architectural integrity. While each home and each neighbourhood is distinctive, the community as a whole is cohesive, and each neighbourhood complements and upholds the value of the others.

*achieve "simplicity" in
the community and the
lifestyle it promotes*



Spirit of the Lake

Front-row views of Columbia Lake and the majestic Rocky Mountains – truly, what more could one want from a home away from home? Spirit of the Lake is for anyone who treasures moments of perfect solitude that only unspoiled lakeside surroundings can accommodate.

Spirits Rise

Feel your own spirits rise as you ascend the gently sloping road toward Spirits Rise, whose hilltop homes afford unbelievable views of Columbia Lake and its surrounding natural splendour. The community restaurant, Mountain Spirit, also resides in Spirits Rise.

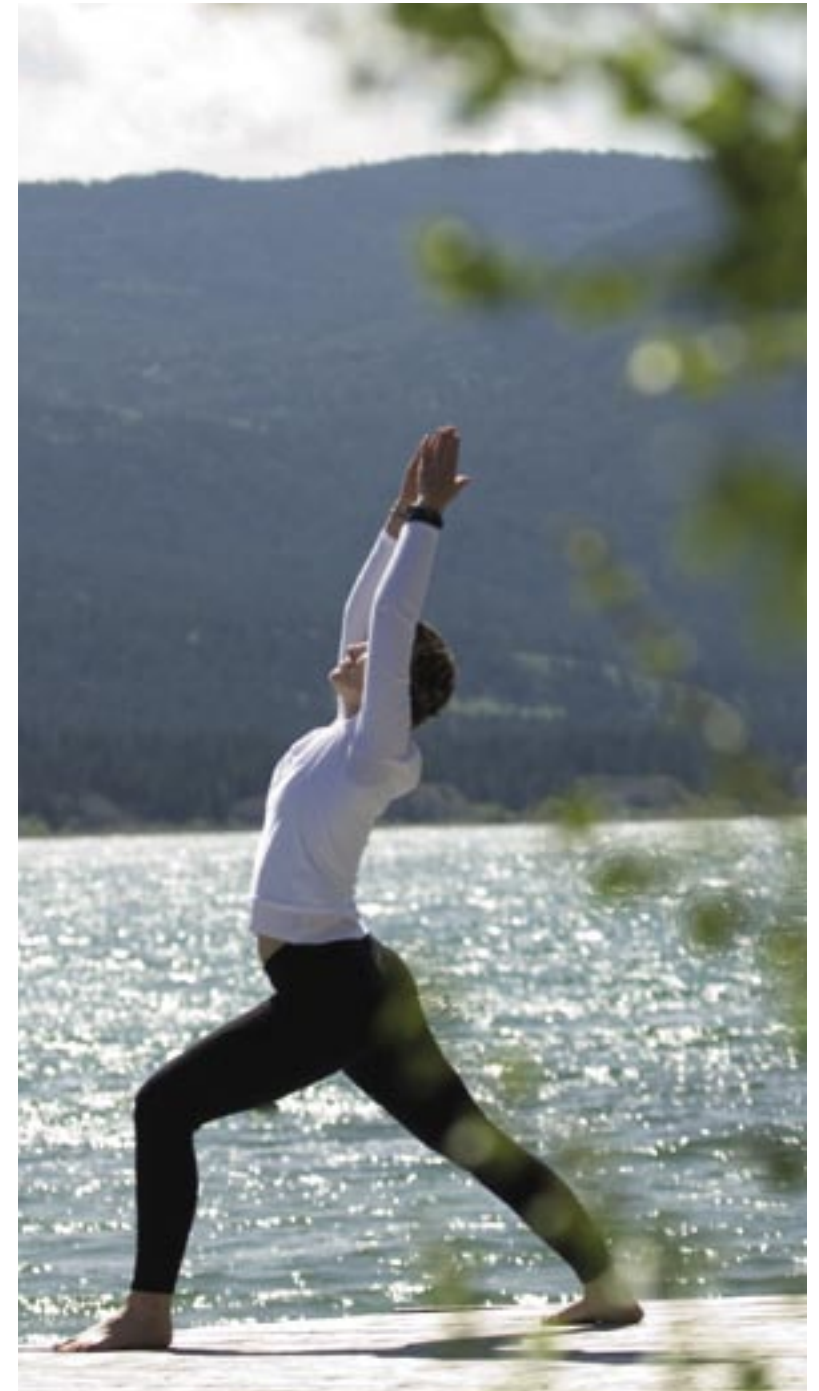
Hardie Creek

Perched on the ridge above Hardie Creek and its headwaters are intimate clusters of rustic cabins. With their generous endowments of timber and stone, these cabins offer inspiring views of the surrounding wilderness. Their wooded ambiance strikes a perfect balance between a sense of community and away-from-it-all serenity.

Mustangs Crossing

Extending the ranch motif of the adjacent Trailhead Ranch, Mustangs Crossing comprises homes that personify authentic ranch life.

*strike a balance between the
ideal and the achievable -
between dream and reality*





Spirits Reach

to Fairmont
(5 minutes)

Columbia
Lake

Spirits
Rise

HWY 95/195

Columbia Lake Road

Spirit of
the Lake

Beach
Club

Hardie
Creek

Mountain Spirit
Restaurant

Hardie Creek

Wild Mustangs
Recreation Centre

Discovery
Centre

Diamond Willow
Bed & Breakfast Lodge

Trailhead Ranch &
Wildwood Stables

Mustangs
Crossing



Trails

to Cranbrook

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DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

The Columbia Valley Aesthetic, with a Suitable Splash of Green

To capture the flavour of the Columbia Valley, the buildings in Spirits Reach, although new, look like they've been here for a long time – and like they belong here. Heavy reliance on natural materials like rough-hewn timbers, native stone, and glass creates a seamless integration with the natural surroundings.

The architecture also respects the fact that most people come to Spirits Reach to be outside and enjoy life out of doors. All-season features like outdoor living areas create ground-level continuity between indoors and out, inviting owners to leave their inner sanctums and experience all Spirits Reach has to offer.



*foster a sense of community through
gathering places and activities whose
impact on the environment is low and
whose impact on quality of life is high*

The Night Sky

'Dark' is an experience we are losing as an urban species, so Spirits Reach has been very purposeful in its efforts to maintain the magical effects of the rural sky at night. Careful measures have been taken to minimise light pollution.

*To create a community that meets
market demands and desires*



Landscaping

The plan for landscaping in Spirits Reach is the appearance of no plan at all. The trees, shrubs and flowers throughout the community look as though they've always been here, and measures have been taken to build around nature as much as possible. Nowhere is this more evident than around Hardie Creek, which has been maintained as a natural corridor through the development.

The community also relies heavily on xeriscaping, using indigenous, drought-resistant species instead of thirsty non-native plants.

The Developer Story

Developing a Community with Nature as Our Guide

Having lived, worked, played and raised their family in the Columbia Valley for over 25 years, David and Donna Rae – who founded Columere Park Developments – feel very passionate about Spirits Reach and are relentlessly determined to create a community that feels like home.

The Raes' home is described as 'the local community centre,' with an endless stream of friends and neighbours dropping in all year round. Dave is known locally as 'the man of activities,' and all of his friends look to him for their next great adventure.

The Raes' lives are wrapped in a spirit of community they're committed to recreating in Spirits Reach. "We can't overemphasize how important the concept of community is to both of us," says Donna. "The Columbia Valley's culture is one of friends helping friends and neighbours being there for neighbours. That's exactly the attitude we're aiming to engender in this special new community."

Stewards of Nature

In the development at Spirits Reach, the Raes are striving to put nature first. Every effort is being made to minimise environmental stress and leave the land in as natural a state as possible. "The natural beauty of Spirits Reach is far and away the greatest reason for its unique appeal," says Dave Rae. "To compromise that beauty would be to compromise the success of the development as a whole."



Leave Your Vehicle at the Gates

While vehicular traffic through Spirits Reach cannot be avoided, efforts have been made to encourage a more pedestrian approach — from a network of paths linking all the neighbourhoods and activity centres right down to a golf-cart community shuttle to the beach.

Top 10 Reasons to Make Spirits Reach Your Own Retreat

1. Nature's Perfection at your Door

Breathtaking views of the Columbia Valley. Glassy lakes, rugged ascents and cheerful streams. Undulating terrain opening new perspectives at every turn. Rich ecological diversity in a protected wilderness.

2. A World of Recreation Options

The Columbia Valley plays host to four seasons of recreation and activity, from spectacular skiing to award-winning mountain golf. Warm lakes and playful rivers draw anglers, swimmers and sailors to their waters. The surrounding peaks are rocky playgrounds for mountaineers and recreational hikers alike.

3. Close to Home

An easy three-hour drive from bustling Calgary, Spirits Reach is an ideal escape for city dwellers seeking a natural retreat.

4. A Commitment to Sustainability

Spirits Reach is a community unlike any other, with a deep commitment to sustainability through environmentally conscious building, programming and operation. This unique development concept takes the environment into account right from the beginning, encouraging residents to respect nature's way of life.

5. A One-of-a-Kind Team

Spirits Reach is a collaboration of both great minds and great hearts. The developers' vision, passion and integrity have inspired and brought together a team dedicated to a spiritually vibrant and environmentally friendly community.

6. Simplicity and Ease

Rich in amenities and natural surroundings, Spirits Reach has been carefully designed to make life easier for its residents. The maintenance-free, lock-and-leave strata lifestyle is part of Spirits Reach's appeal.

7. A Sense of Solitude

Tucked away in relative seclusion, Spirits Reach is a rare treasure in the vacationers' haven of the Columbia Valley. Just a short drive from Invermere, Spirits Reach enjoys pristine nature and lakeside quiet.

8. An Uplifting Experience

The effect Spirits Reach has on one's psyche and soul is its most valuable feature. The quietude of the lake and stillness of the forest surrounded by the majesty of mountains is an incredibly restorative combination. This uplifting aspect expands to a programming focus on elevating the human spirit.

9. A Development with Reach

From the shores of Columbia Lake to the surrounding mountain peaks, Spirits Reach encompasses everything wonderful the Columbia Valley has to offer.

10. A Rare Opportunity

A master-planned community set amid mountains, lakes and unspoiled natural beauty. A place that uplifts the spirit, calms the mind and energizes the body. Spirits Reach is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, but the opportunity will not last forever.

