

# Spiffy biffies

Outhouses are designed for personal “business,” but that’s no reason they should be dull. British Columbia is flush with unconventional loos. Here are just a few.

**1 The Throne**

West Coast Expedition’s driftwood-adorned “Cathedral outhouse” on Spring Island, off Vancouver Island, is fit for royalty. There’s no door, to maximize the view of the forest.

**2 Where’s the Can?**

Visitors to Hind Hut Outhouse (more aptly “Hidden Hut Outhouse”) in Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park swear the stone structure is “cozy”—even if they do have to find it by Braille.

**3 Air Dry**

It may be rustic, but to multi-day hikers along the historic Goat River Trail northeast of Barkerville, this toilet, *en plein air*, is a welcome bit of luxury.

**4 Head on the Ridge**

One cheek in B.C., the other in Alberta (or so the story goes). This high-altitude outhouse serves the Neil Colgan Hut—“the highest permanent habitable structure in Canada”—on the provincial border between Kootenay and Banff national parks.

**5 Lovely Latrine**

This charming, cottage-like hut greets visitors to Third Sister Island in the southern Gulf Islands—a popular destination for kayakers—and boasts a west-facing view of the shell-strewn Chocolate Beach.

**6 Portal Potty**

No inquiring mind could resist pushing open this crimson door. Perhaps there’s a rustic chamber with an icy seat on the other side . . . or maybe, just maybe, a land of enchantment. This portal is near the Lyell Hut on Christian Peak in the Rockies.

**7 The Call of Nature**

This weathered sanitation station may have started out unremarkable but has since been stylized by the elements. It’s located in an old-growth rainforest just in from a remote shoreline of Haida Gwaii.

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