



2026 Rush to 'Gold Bridge'

(but definitely not going to Gold Bridge)

Entry and Event Information

Aug 28th to Aug 30th, 2026

Not reading this document will cost you money, and enjoyment. Seriously. This first paragraph is an important note about these Supplementary Regulations

We're excited to bring you another Rush to 'Gold Bridge' event in 2026, but do want you to read through the attached document carefully. This is a mixed gravel and tarmac event, with limited route book details and the potential for driving hours of gravel road only to come upon a locked gate. Reading this document before entering ensures you know exactly what you're getting into. The 2026 Rush to Gold bridge begins on Friday morning, and ends with lunch on Sunday. This year's Rush to Gold Bridge, due to a wedding, has limited "pre-event support" and will have limited information provided before August 24th.

Notes about this year:

- Detailed route descriptions in Supp-Regs
- Thursday accommodation included
- Notes on meals and give-aways
- Maximum entry of 15-16 vehicles (depending on hotel selections_
- Note bed types

What is the "Rush to Gold Bridge"?

The Rush to Gold Bridge (R2GB) Classic Car Adventure is our mixed surface, August, 3-day driving event, organized by Classic Car Adventures. The R2GB is a budget-minded driving adventure through the backroads and highways of British Columbia for 1989 and earlier touring and sports cars. This un-scored, non-competitive event explores approximately 1,059 kilometres of driving over four days. A paid entry on the Rush to Gold Bridge in 2026 includes three nights accommodation, two dinners, an event package, finishing lunch and vehicle decals. The 2026 event is limited to a **maximum entry of just 15 vehicles**.

The 2026 Story

The first Rush to Gold Bridge, which *actually went to Gold Bridge*, came about because we had never *been* to Gold Bridge. We always wanted to go, but never seemed to find the time. As we started to plan a “birthday weekend for Dave” in Gold Bridge, we realized that if we wanted to do it...surely other people would as well? And thus, the Rush to Gold Bridge began. Each year the event circles around a particular adventure I’ve always heard about, but have never done. Did you know (for instance) there is a *legal* road that runs right through Sun Peaks ski resort? The look on the mountain bikers faces as classic cars started driving through the bike park was unforgettable. We’ve explored caves on the island, driven past gold mines in the interior, stayed in some of BC’s most historic hotels, and discovered the absolutely best paved driving road in all of British Columbia...which isn’t the Duffy.

In 2023 we ventured the furthest we’ve ever been, driving the incredibly unique Hwy 20 into (and out of) Bella Coola. The road was incredible, the town fantastic, and the feeling of accomplishment couldn’t have been better. In 2024, we went to Barkerville...using gravel as much as possible on the way there and back. For 2026 we’re heading to an area I’ve always driven past, but never close enough to explore. So, why not explore it with good friends and other classic car enthusiasts!?

The 2026 Event & Route

Typically, the exact route and locations for a Classic Car Adventures event are kept secret. For the past three years of the Rush to Gold Bridge, however, we’ve shared where we’re going...but not necessarily how you’ll get there. For the 2026 event, we’re going to continue this ‘new’ tradition, and give you a taste of what you’ll experience each day.

The 2026 event is designed as a gravel event. Guests wishing to drive only tarmac are welcome to do so, but your day is likely to be significantly shorter than our Gravel enthusiasts. Certainly our destinations are designed around a gravel trip in mind.

Day 0 - Thursday

Our group will meet in Lilloet BC, where the majority of the group will be at the Mile 0 Motel. Overflow if required is brooked at the Victoria Hotel. Thursday night’s dinner will be “on your own” to allow for different travel and ferry times. We’ll host a registration on Thursday evening so you can pickup your decals, route book, etc.

Day 1 - Friday

The first day of the Rush to Gold Bridge is a 339km mixture of pavement and gravel, if you drive the whole route. Our original plan was Pavilion to Clinton, and then off to Loon Lake where we’ll then gravel to Kamloops. From Kamloops it is gravel all the way into the back of Sun Peaks.

Now, if you’re paying any attention to the wildfire news in British Columbia currently, you’ll know that Clinton is under an evacuation order, and Pemberton’s fire (while under control today) was threatening to become out-of-control earlier this week. Needless to say, day one’s route will be a last minute adjustment depending on safety!

If we presume our start in Lilloet is unaffected, and all roads are open, our suggestion for the Tarmac crew is to head Lilloet to Logan Lake, and then up through Tunkwa Lake to Kamloops, before heading to Sun Peaks.

Day 2 - Saturday

Our second day is 314km, 85% of which is on gravel. Shortly after departing Sun Peaks, we'll head north on gravel through Cahilty to Barriere, where we'll fill up on fuel and supplies before heading out to travel along Adams lake as we head North (the long way) to Clearwater. We should have enough time upon arrival that we'll all head north to Helmcken Falls, the true reason for the season, and this year's destination on the Rush to Gold Bridge. Following the falls, we'll collect at the Clearwater Valley Resort for our overnight accommodation.

Our Tarmac only group will likely want to have a very relaxed morning at Sun Peaks. While the gravel set grab coffee and muffins to go, the tarmac group can enjoy a patio breakfast in the sun, before heading north. A wonderful relaxing morning, and no lifetime of dust in the interior, does have it's tradeoffs though. You are pretty much stuck with highway 5 north to Clearwater for your drive today.

Day 3 - Sunday

For day 3, we have a 186km gravel route planned between Clearwater and Kamloops, with multiple options to duck out onto Highway 5 if the travel time seems to be taking too long. We'll gather as a group at Valhalla Smokehouse for a lunch time finish in Kamloops, giving plenty of time for everyone to get home or catch ferries before the sunlight fades.

The "Route Book"

Due to a wedding, this year's route book is going to be all digital via Tour Boss. I have wonderful thoughts that Taylor and I will return from our honeymoon early enough for me to stitch together a useable paper book, but I've been advised that this is not the smartest way to start a marriage. True, some of you will note that Taylor knows what she's getting into, but in the interest of being married for longer than two weeks in 2026, we'll go "fully digital" for 2026 with anything printed an added bonus.

The Gift Bag

In an effort to control entry fees, we'll be running the 2026 Rush to Gold Bridge with a "light" gift bag. In addition to your name tags and door panels, we have CCA plaid blankets (excellent for laying on while repairing an MG Midget), and CCA coffee mugs.

Vehicle Acceptance

The Rush to Gold Bridge Adventure is open to sport, touring and classic cars from 1989 and earlier. Sorry, no motorcycles on this event. We have been known to accept a truck or two, and even a couple of 'retro cars' made after 1989. If you think you've got a unique vehicle that should qualify, simply send us an entry form or contact us, we'll see if we think it fits with the group. If we're 100% honest, we're not really worried about what car you bring, we're more concerned that you're someone who's up for an adventure.

Forest Fires, Cancellation and Re-Route Risk

Forest fire is a significant risk to our summer events. In the event of a highway closure, or cancellation, CCA will do everything possible to recoup costs and provide refunds wherever possible. Hotel contracts *have changed* following Covid, and typically last-minute cancellations (even in the case of "forest fire closes the road") are no longer provided with a refund. As such, we'll make an informed decision 14 days prior to the event if we're going ahead or not.

Gravel Quality

We're often asked about quality of the gravel roads before guests wish to enter. For the routes we've chosen, we've done our best to research gravel options that should be relatively smooth and certainly passable by classic cars. **We have not pre-driven the route** and thus could be surprised. In the final two weeks before the event, we post inquiries with our adventure-bike friends to try and get the most accurate assessment of road conditions. Our track record is a little spotty in this regard, but we are improving!

Start and Finish Locations

This year the Rush to Gold Bridge will start in Lillooet, on Friday Morning. We'll finish on Sunday at lunch, in Kamloops.

Thursday Night Hotel

Hoping to have a full day to explore and travel gravel roads, we are presuming that the majority of our guests will be staying overnight with us in Lillooet. We've included the Thursday night hotel for each entry. If you do not need the Thursday night accommodation, please indicate it in your application for a reduced entry fee.

Meals

This year your event includes Friday and Saturday night dinner, Sunday lunch and we're working on a Sunday breakfast inclusion as well.

Sunday Finish Lunch

Our event concludes with a traditional Sunday lunch. We strive to conclude all event awards by 2pm, but promise they'll be done by 3pm at the latest. The Valhalla Smokehouse in Kamloops is our finish location. **Ferry bookings should be made presuming you depart lunch no earlier than 3pm.**

Event Schedule ***Subject to change**

Saturday July 25th, 2026

- Supp. regs posted.

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- Entry forms posted, entry opens.
- Fifteen entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Entry forms accepted via our online entry system.

Thursday Aug 27th, 2026

- Early Registration open on Thursday Evening. Hours and location to be confirmed.

Friday Aug 28th, 2026

8:15-8:30am	Registration open for those who missed Thursday evening.
8:30am	All-Participants Meeting & Event Introductions (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
8:45am	Depart Start
5:15pm	Estimated hotel arrival, allowing for lunch, sightseeing & fuel stops during the day
7:00pm	Group Meeting for pre-dinner drinks, dinner, and next day plans

Saturday Aug 29th, 2026

8:45am	All-Participants Meeting (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
9:00am	Depart Start
5:15pm	Estimated cabin arrival, allowing for lunch, sightseeing & fuel stops during the day
7:00pm	Group Meeting for dinner

Sunday Aug 30th, 2026

8:45am	All-Participants Meeting (<i>Mandatory Attendance</i>)
9:00am	Depart Start
1:00pm	Arrive at Finish location with hosted lunch, location to be shared with accepted entrants
3:00pm	Departure

Vehicle Preparation

All vehicles attending the Rush to Gold Bridge are expected to meet legal roadworthiness standards at an absolute minimum. Generally guests should ensure their vehicles are ready for a long weekend of driving through mountains and winding roads, keeping in mind that short jaunts around town may not fully prepare your vehicle for long hours of mountain highways. Please read the new [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#) for full details. The basics, however, are as follows:

1) A Vehicle Inspection Form will need to be completed for your entry vehicle.

- The form can be filled out by home mechanics, competent enthusiasts or a professional.
- *Vehicles which "fail" the inspection form, for any reason, are not necessarily barred from entry...*it simply means you need to discuss with the CCA organizing team your specific vehicle and issues.
- The inspection form can be found here: [CCA Vehicle Inspection Form](#)

2) At registration the organizing team will check your vehicle for the following mandatory items:

- Minimum one (1) roadside warning triangle. Triangle must have reflective sides 30cm or larger per side. LED light-up triangles (without reflectors) are no longer acceptable. You can purchase correct warning triangles from the following sources (linked to the products):
- Proof of current insurance and driver's licenses.
- A fire extinguisher, of minimum 1A-10BC rating (2.5lb size), is to be carried. Fire extinguishers must be carried easily accessible in the luggage compartment, or secured in the passenger compartment using a metal quick-release bracket which will securely hold the fire extinguisher from striking occupants in the case of a collision.
- Vehicle inspection form (if not previously submitted).
- A small tarp, suitable for parking your vehicle on top of.

3) 2026 Vehicles Spares Kit:

Based on our experiences over the past 10 years, we've now created a vehicle spares list which *every entrant in the Rush to Gold Bridge* is expected to carry. For most vehicles the following kit will fit into a small package. While we consider these items to be 'mandatory', we do realize some of you are going to choose not to carry them, or share the kit amongst multiple vehicles (example: three MGA's conspire to carry one fuel pump, one ignition coil and one set of points amongst the three). Rather than police and inspect each entrant's kit, we're simply going to state the following:

If you have a failure at the side of the road, where a mandatory spares item (which you aren't carrying with you) would have you up and running, our organizers, volunteers, and other entrants reserve the right shake your hand, exclaim "Good Luck!" and motor on.

Thus, your level of "adventure" is self-chosen. We encourage you to choose wisely! Full details of our spares kit requirement, and why we've chosen to go this direction, are included in our [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#).

- Emergency electric fuel pump, spare fuel lines and wiring so you can emergency-connect it
- Points, condenser & a timing information sheet. The timing information sheet should have the following details: Static timing, maximum advance, where the timing marks are located. With this information a tonne of our entrants and volunteers could get your engine running without difficulty or engine damage.
- Ignition coil (Continued on next page..)
- Spare nuts & bolts fitting your vehicle (a sandwich-sized tupperware container full isn't *too heavy* and might just save your day).
- Tow Strap, Tool Kit, Fire Extinguisher
- Spare Tire
- Snacks and Water for the crew. Water for the radiator if you have one.

Sweep and Vehicle Assistance

Our events are modelled after a time where motorists were somewhat self sufficient, and knew a little bit more about their vehicles than just "it has bluetooth and a coffee maker!" As such, driver's and co-drivers are expected to be the warning lights, eyes and ears for problems with their vehicle. It is advisable that you know in which end of the vehicle the engine can be found, and how to check basic items such as fluid levels and what to do if it won't start in the morning. Entrants should be prepared to handle minor problems on the roadside, or at least be friendly enough to convince others to render assistance when needed!

The Rush to Gold Bridge typically runs without a traditional sweep team, expecting that entrants are going to stop and help each other out. The event carries two SPOT satellite trackers, with roadside assistance that will both travel onto gravel roads and can be reached without the use of a cell phone. For 2026, we have held a spot for a sweep team, and have placed inquiries for available sweep crews.

Decals and Event Graphics

Each entrant will be issued two R2GB numbered decals - one for each side of the car. We use a high quality, removable vinyl to ensure they'll come off your car with the least amount of fuss. Anyone with a quality paint-job should have no issues, especially since Dave painted one of his cars in the garage and the decals didn't harm that job one bit! Event decals are required, and must be mounted in a way in which they are clearly visible.

Registration Procedure

Entrants will use an online entry form to submit their entry. Entries are taken on a first-come, first-served, basis for each hotel type (ie: two bed, or single bed requests). **Entry payment** will be taken after the entry list is confirmed.

Entry Fees

If you've ever wondered why the sup-reg's for the Rush to Gold Bridge take so long to get posted...it's the entry fees. Your organizer literally spends weeks agonizing over trying to trim them down to acceptable levels. The 2024 event had an average cost of \$466 per day. The 2025 event is an average of \$440 per day. 2026 is \$402 per day...but our accommodations are a little more rustic this year.

Entry Type	Base Entry Fee	GST (5%)	Total Entry Fee
Full Entry - Thursday through Sunday	1,531.87	76.59	\$1,608.47
Entry Light - (without Thursday hotel)	\$1,361.80	68.09	\$1,429.89

Cancellation Policy

Since we're handling your room bookings, we do find ourselves bound by unique cancellation schedules. Please ensure you've read the following carefully before entering:

Cancellations Before August 5th

Cancellations on or before Aug 5th 2026 will result in a \$150 refund unless we can fill your space with another entry. In this case we will refund your full entry, as well as make another participant very happy! (If we're able to cancel your hotel bookings without penalty, we'll increase the refund amount.)

Cancellations on or after August 5th

Cancellations after August 5th, 2026 will result in no refund, unless we are able to fill your entry.