



## About The Echoes Harrison River Retreat and Story Starters

**Location:** Park your vehicle and be boated away to 40-acres of forested mountainside untouched by time. The Echoes believes in a slow pace of life; one of wood-fired hot tubs nestled amongst granite rocks, river canoe rides, lazy days on the beach, and wholesome food from nearby farms. Located on the western bank of the Harrison River, (approximately 10-minute boat ride from Harrison Hot Springs) this water-access only retreat harkens back to the days of the first gold-rush settlers who discovered this secluded paradise in the heart of the Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada.

**Founded:** In 2004 by Clint and Susan Thomson

**Operating Season:** Easter Weekend to Remembrance Day. The 2012 season opens April 2.

### Comforts:

**Cedar Cabins:** Creekside Cabin, Tananger Cabin, and Woodpecker Cabin are each equipped with a three-piece bathroom, fireplace, and king or two double beds, perfect for couples or fishing buddies. Each cabin features a 3-piece bathroom, equipped with hot-water-on-demand shower, sink, eco-friendly soaps, fluffy towels, robes and environmentally friendly composting toilet. Eco-friendly solar panels provide power to each log cabin. If guests need anything at anytime, a simple two-way radio communication system connects you with Susan or Clint at the touch of a button.

**Cookhouse:** A spectacular river view can be seen from the front deck of each cabin. A small sitting area is available inside the cabin but most guests spend time together at the huge log picnic table by the fire pit or in the heated riverside cookhouse fully loaded with couches, board games, books and beverages. It is always the hub of activity and a fun place to hang out with new or old friends.

**Hot Tub:** Open for business 24-hours a day, nestled between granite rocks, sits a wood-fire hot tub. Guests enjoy soaking during misty spring mornings, after long days of fishing, or for a romantic night under a full moon.



**Activities:** Fully guided hunting and fishing packages are available for any level of sportsman. The Harrison River is famous for wild B.C. salmon including Sockeye and Coho, but most people come for the elusive Great White Sturgeon, a prehistoric fish that grows to gigantic proportions up to 1000 lbs. Golf is available just a short river-ride away. Wildlife Viewing and Boat Tour packages are highly recommended, especially during the fall when the Harrison River becomes home to the second largest Eagle migration route in the North-West. Many paddlers call the Echoes home, as it is an idyllic half-day journey from Harrison Hot Springs to our Retreat. A complimentary canoe is available for all guests. A local farm tour is available for guests wanting to discover the secret's to Suzie's Kitchen. And for the luxury traveler, helicopter tours and massages are available.

**Sustainable Tourism:** The Echoes strives to operate a green and sustainable tourism business. Guests drink from complimentary reusable water bottles, all recyclables are transported to proper recycling facilities, food waste is composted, gravity-fed turbines and solar panels generate fuel-less electricity, composting toilets breakdown waste materials into organic matter. The small six-person capacity allows for a low impact on the environment. Big machines, ground leveling, and clear cutting were not used in the land development.

**Suzie's Kitchen:** Guests attest they first come for the unique boat-access only experience, but they return for the food. Home chef, Suzie, has become famous for her locally sourced meals that tempt everyone's taste buds. Her recipe secrets are available the Echoes website under Suzie's Kitchen Blog.

**Rates & Packages:** From high-end float plane arrival Glamping trips, to a steal-of-a-deal Weekend Getaway, there is something for everyone's vacation budget at The Echoes Harrison River Retreat. Eleven amazing packages can be customized into the perfect experience for girlfriends looking for a weekend away from the kids, to rugged outdoorsmen wanting to catch the best fish in the Fraser Valley, to couples wanting a romantic escape. All packages include: parking in Harrison Hot Springs, jet boat transportation to and from the Echoes, private log-cabin with 3-piece bathroom and fireplace, solar powered cabins, wood-fired hot tub. A mid-week packages starts at \$145.00 and glamping packages extend to \$12,757 based on double occupancy.



**Weddings & Honeymoons:** Dozens of newlyweds have spent their honeymoon at The Echoes. With more and more people looking to cut-costs with “staycations” it is the perfect alternate from a honeymoon abroad. Honeymooners only stay in Creekside Cabin which is completely separated from the rest of the property and comes complete with its own bay, sandy cove, and trickling creek running through the front yard. Honeymooners are surprised with bed-topping rose petals, a champagne breakfast, and couples massage.

A few lucky couples have chosen the Echoes for their wedding celebration. If brides and grooms desire a small, intimate, unique, outdoor wedding, than the Echoes could be the perfect place for those nuptials. The couple must stay at the Echoes prior to booking their wedding to gain a full understanding of the setting. Rates are 100 per cent customized based on the needs of the couple.

**Testimonials:** *“A place to come and let the weight of everyday life melt away”. Wonderful ‘clean’ healthy food to revive you, serenity to bring peace to your soul and great hosts bring it all together. One night is not enough, but amazing all the while. Thank you for sharing your little piece of heaven.” – Jason and Jennifer Dickie, St. John, NL.*

Many more available at <http://harrisonriverretreat.com/about-us/guest-stories/> and on FlipKey at <http://www.flipkey.com/harrison-hot-springs-cabin-rentals/p271925/>

**How the Echoes Came To Be:** Ten years ago, with their two hands guiding them, Clint and Susan Thomson purchased 40 acres of forested, boat-access only property on the Harrison River which hadn’t been inhabited since the early 1900’s. Without the help of big machines it took three years to build their home, a 150-ft dock-pier system, and the infrastructure necessary to live off the grid. However, this allowed them to become “a part” of the land – never clearing or leveling huge sections – but rather adapting to the surroundings. In year four they were ready to begin work on The Echoes Harrison River Retreat and attract tourists past the famous Harrison Hot Springs and down river to their three environmentally friendly guest cabins. Since then thousands of guests have indulged in this full wilderness retreat experience. For more on the history of the Harrison River and the original Echoes homestead in the 1900’s visit <http://harrisonriverretreat.com/about-us/history-of-the-harrison-river/>