



100 Seasons in the Sun Festival of Lights

In 2016, we will celebrate [the centennial of the Summerland Ornamental Gardens](#). This 6 hectare public garden is deeply woven into the history of Summerland as an enduring community touchstone. Inaugurated in 1916 by Agriculture Canada, the Summerland Research Station Gardens were a beacon for new settlers, and an economic driver for the entire region. Whole families would come to the annual Farm Picnics; adults learned how to landscape and beautify their domestic homesites, while children played games on the extensive lawns. With so many events celebrating the centennial, you're bound to find one that sparks your interest!

What a Grind!

Looking for some family adventure? The [Giant's Head Grind](#) follows a 5km uphill path from the beach to the peak of Giant's Head, Summerland's extinct volcano. Do it on your own or enter your whole family in the race to the top held every May. Yoga on the beach and a catered gourmet BBQ make race day even more fun!

Why is this important?

The Christopher Walker Giant's Head Grind Memorial Race raises funds for colon cancer research.

Interested in more information?

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On the last Friday in November, downtown Summerland is transformed into a Winter Wonderland to host the Okanagan's oldest and most extravagant welcome to the Christmas season. The entire family can enjoy fire dancers, ice carvers, fireworks and every type of food imaginable before finishing with a visit from Santa Claus himself.

About 6000 guests join us downtown for a great light up celebration – this is our 28th year!

Light Up the Vines

As part of the Okanagan's kick off to winter, the members of [Summerland's wineries](#) host a fantastic 2 day celebration called Light Up the Vines where guests can tour the beautifully lit vineyards and enjoy music and appies while Christmas shopping. What could be better than sipping wine in a beautiful snowy vineyard?

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