

# McIntyre Bluff

McIntyre bluff is a cliff about 300 meters tall and is located between Vaseaux Lake and Oliver in British Columbia. The bluff is located right beside the highway and is one of the most popular landmarks in the Okanagan Valley.



A bluff is a small, rounded cliff that usually overlooks a body of water, or where a body of water once stood. Some people think that McIntyre Bluff was the location for an ice dam that resulted in the formation of a glacier lake at Penticton.

McIntyre bluff is named after Peter McIntyre, who had also been a guard on the Pony Express in the American West in 1862. He was known as an "Indian Fighter". In 1886 he received a land grant beside this great landform.

First Nations people in the area tell a story of a battle centuries ago on top of McIntyre Bluff. An enemy group from the south (now Washington State) was lured to the top and driven over the cliffs.



If you want to see something truly special, hike up to the top of McIntyre Bluff for a view of the valley below. The hike takes between two - four hours. The trail is 10 kms long. The hike is mostly a gradual climb with only a few steep spots.