

BRITISH COLUMBIA GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES INFORMATION SERVICE (BCGNIS)

LATITUDE-LONGITUDE IS APPROXIMATE, ACCORDING TO POSITION TYPE:

- POPULATED CENTRE of populated places (localities, communities, incorporated municipalities)
- MOUTH of flowing freshwater features (rivers, creeks, streams, etc)
- CENTRE of polygonal features (lakes, bays, islands, channels, etc)
- CENTRE of administrative entities (parks, regional districts, etc)
- SUMMIT of elevated terrain features (mountains, peaks, etc)

DATUM: A geographical reference system or frame for identifying locations on the earth's surface. All coordinates in BCGNIS are being upgraded from NAD27 positions to NAD83 positions, and eventually a single Datum will be represented. In the meantime, BCGNIS users should exercise caution when shifting datums, as legacy NAD27 values are imprecise (to the nearest minute) and may not be suitable for *transformation* to NAD83.

NTS MAP: The National Topographic System map – usually 1:50,000 or 1:250,000 – that contains the latitude & longitude associated with the place name (mouth, centre, summit or population centre). Where a feature straddles 2 or more maps, the additional maps are listed here as **RELATED MAPS**.