

# Mining Matters

## Mining and Mountain Biking

Mining around the Smithers' area brings us to the attention of a diverse crowd.

At [www.leelau.net/2010/smitherspinkbike/index.html](http://www.leelau.net/2010/smitherspinkbike/index.html), North Vancouver lawyer Lee Lau and his partner Sharon Bader recorded via blog and photos their bike trip to Smithers, Burns Lake, and Terrace last August. Highlights include Silver King Basin and Cronin Trail, originally made accessible by claim staking and then mining in the region. The site includes photos, history, information about where they stayed and whom they met, and great tourism details that will appeal to a sport-specific and enthusiastic crowd.

The photos alone are worth a visit: old mining shacks and trails, the Joe L'Orsa cabin, fabulous vistas, beautiful B&Bs, C.O.B. Bike Shop, and historical information plaques along the trails. Not to mention folks having a lot of fun!



Photo - Lee Lau

And connected as it is to [www.pinkbike.com](http://www.pinkbike.com), claiming to be the largest mountain biking site on the Internet, the coverage for Smithers is priceless.

## 2010 Business Forum

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will be hosting its 2010 Business Forum in Burns Lake, October 28th - 29th. The mining industry will be well represented, with participation from Huckleberry Mines, Mt. Milligan Mine Project, Rio Tinto Alcan, and Metal Mountain Resources.

For more information and pre-registration (required), visit [www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca).

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