



Kootenay Lake Watershed



A watershed is an area of land in which all rain, melted snow and ice, and small tributaries drain into a common body of water such as a creek, river or lake.

For example, the Columbia Basin, or watershed, is the large land base where all the water that falls as precipitation will eventually drain from, through a system of lakes, rivers, streams, reservoirs and glaciers, into the Columbia River. This water will eventually flow into the Pacific Ocean.

The residents of Crawford Bay get their water from private wells located in the Crawford Creek and Kootenay Lake Watersheds. The Kootenay Lake watershed contains all the land, rivers and streams drain directly into that Kootenay Lake, joining the waters of the Kootenay River.

