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PlugShare is a database that currently offers information on over 200,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Canada and the US. It even lists the personal home charging stations of EV drivers who will share them with others. Until charging stations become as ubiquitous as service stations selling fossil fuels, being a member of plugshare can help you avoid becoming stuck with no charge when you travel in unfamiliar areas.

Both the PlugShare website and the PlugShare apps for Android or Apple devices can also help you find the closest, most reliable station or avoid those that are more expensive or are not functional.

PlugShare is also home to the largest community of EV drivers in the world. Every day, drivers add more station locations, constantly making the app more comprehensive, powerful and accurate. From within the app, users check-in when they charge, sharing tips, comments, and photos of their charging experiences.

There's never been a better time to see BC in your electric vehicle. In a survey of British Columbia's EV owners, 87% say they enjoy driving their EV more and 96% say they will get another electric-powered ride in the future. We're also seeing more EV charging stations pop up around the province, even in rural and remote areas.

Check out our guide below for tips on where to charge enroute, how to plan around lunch and dinner, apps to download before you go, and how electric vehicles are covered under roadside assistance.

BC is a large province with long drives between cities. Before you plan your next BC road trip, find out how far a full charge will take you. BC Hydro has compiled a list of EV models available in BC that includes their minimum and maximum ranges (i.e. how far you can drive on a single charge). Be sure to test your top range by giving your car a full charge.

Bear in mind the number can fluctuate as you go. Your charge won't last as long when you're driving up steep roads like the Coquihalla, 'The Hill' in Bella Coola or Kicking Horse Pass. The speed you drive at and the temperature are other factors that can affect your total range.

Before you set off, it's also worth locating the high-speed chargers on your route. BC Hydro has an EV network map of their 80 fast charging stations in BC (plus a list of how much they cost) and you'll find thousands of charging stations coast-to-coast on FLO's EV charging station map, and on Plugshare and Plug In BC. Fast charging stations range from 25kW to 250+ kW and most are currently 50 kW.

As a backup to paying with a credit or debit card or your mobile phone, we recommend you get a network-specific RFID card and load cash onto it. This card can then be used to pay at fast charging stations



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around BC which can be really helpful when cell service isn't strong at a rural or remote station.

Plugshare's app maps out 250,000+ charging stations around North America; FLO's mobile app helps you find charging stations and manage your home charger, and Natural Resources Canada has an extensive North American map of alternate fueling stations for vehicles that run on biodiesel, CNG, electric, ethanol, hydrogen, LNG, propane and renewable diesel.

Try to book a hotel or an Airbnb with a charging station so you don't need to worry about where to charge overnight. Hotel websites will list all their amenities and you can see if your chosen Airbnb has a station by going to Filters, then Features, and ticking the box for 'EV charger'.

If you don't have anywhere to charge overnight, shopping malls are a great place to charge up on your way to your accommodation and often have fast chargers. You can stock up on groceries while you charge.

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