The British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources' MINFILE data-base lists over 6,950 copper-bearing occurrences in the province; 3,643 of these list copper as the primary commodity.

Those with mineral inventories include:

- Current producers (8), past producers (426), developed prospects (303) and prospects (1167).
- ▶ Total recorded copper production (1894-2010) is approximately 13 Mt.
- ▶ The top 15 deposits account for more than 90% of total production, with these dominated by calcalkalic porphyries, followed by alkalic porphyries and VMS deposits.

Top 10 B.C. Copper Producers										
Mine Past producer*	Milled t (x10 ⁶)	Cu t (x10³)	Mo t (x10³)	Au (t)	Ag (t)					
Highland Valley	1,428	5,181	83	9.5	1,516					
Island Copper*	367	1,227	32	35.3	294					
Gibraltar	351	982	10.2	0.14	106					
Copper Mountain*	186	805		22.8	294					
Britannia*	47	517		15.4	181					
Myra Falls	23	406		33.3	985					
Craigmont*	35	403		0.08	0.24					
Huckleberry	55	378	3.7	1.4	26					
Kemess South	210	339		87.7	4.9					
Anyox Camp*	20	336		3.9	215					

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Highland Valley Copper

- ▶ Owned (97.5%) and operated by Teck.
- > 2009 production: 118,200 t Cu; 6,600 t Mo.
- Mine life to 2020; \$300 million expansion costs.



New Afton

- ▶ 100% owned and operated by New Gold Inc.
- Underground mine to begin production in 2012.
- Production estimate of an annual average of 75 million pounds of copper during a mine life of 12 years.
- ▶ Approximately \$630 million capital cost.



Copper Mountain

- Owned jointly by Copper Mountain Mining Corp. (75%) and Mitsubishi Materials Corp. (25%).
- Former mine site; exploration beginning in 1884.
- Forecast production in 2011.
- Resource estimate of 5 billion pounds contained copper.

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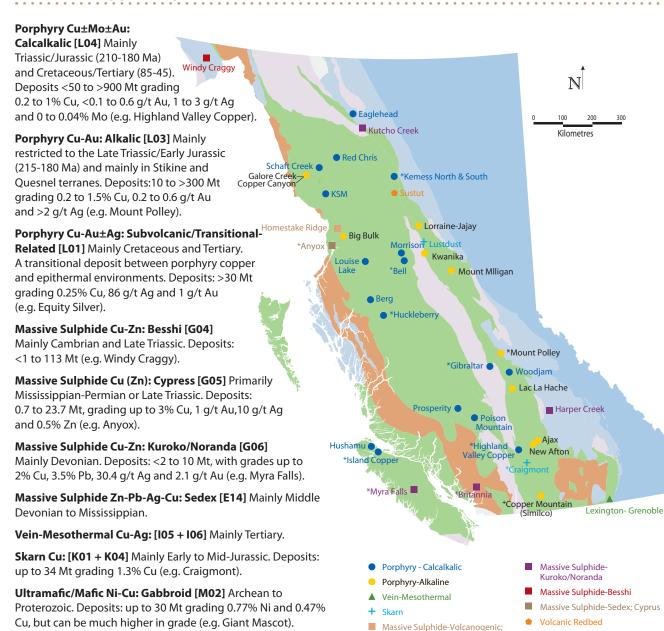






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Selected Copper Deposits in British Columbia



Selected B.C	. Copper Dep	osits R	anked	by Con	tained	Copper
Deposit	Estimated Tonnage		Grade		es Conta Cu	
	t (x 10 ⁶)	% Cu	% Mo	g/t Au	g/t Ag	t (x10 ³)
Kerr (KSM)	M + Ind. 237.5 Inf. 76.1	0.48 0.30		0.26 0.20		5, 756
Sulphurets (KSM)	M + Ind. 159 Inf. 144	0.28 0.16		0.63 0.16		
Mitchell (KSM)	M + Ind. 1,740 Inf. 538.4	0.17 0.14		0.60 0.44		
Galore Creek	M + Ind. 785.7 Inf. 357.7	0.52 0.36		0.29 0.18	4.87 3.64	5, 642
Copper Canyon	Inf. 53.7	0.50		0.73	10.6	
Windy Craggy	297.4	1.38		0.20	3.83	4,104
Schaft Creek	M + Ind. 1,393 Inf. 186.8	0.25 0.14	0.019 0.018	0.18 0.09	1.55 1.61	3,744
Gibraltar	M + Ind. 959	0.30	0.008			2,859
Red Chris	M + Ind. 312.6 Inf. 237.7	0.54 0.46		0.55 0.50		2,781
Copper Mountain	M + Ind. 518.6 Inf. 390.7	0.31 0.23				2,506
Prosperity	M + Ind. 1,011	0.24		0.41		2,426
Harper Creek	M + Ind. 450.9 Inf. 142.2	0.32 0.33				1,992
Berg	M + Ind. 506 Inf. 144.6	0.30 0.23	0.037 0.033		3.80 2.50	1,851
Bell	296	0.46		0.20		1,362
Mt. Milligan	M + Ind. 706.7 Inf. 20.5	0.18 0.15		0.33 0.21		1,318
Kemess North	M + Ind. 719.2	0.15		0.30	1.70	1,080
Kemess South	M 1.7	0.14		0.17		
Morrison	M + Ind. 208.3 Inf. 62.8	0.39 0.38	0.005 0.005	0.19 0.19		1,051
New Afton	M + Ind. 65 Inf. 25.2	1.07 0.66	0.009	0.80 0.54		862
Hushamu	M + Ind. 230.9 Inf. 52.8	0.28 0.28		0.31 0.38		794
M Measured	Ind Indicated		Inf Inferred		d	

(e.g. Sustut).

For more information on B.C. mineral deposit profiles, visit: www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Mining/Geoscience/MineralDepositProfiles

Volcanic Redbed Cu: [D04] Triassic. Up to 5 Mt grading 1.5% Cu

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* Current Producer

Past Producer

Subaqueous hot spring