

Base Map Online Store – How to Order Air Photos

Orders for hard copy and digital air photos, digital orthophoto mapsheets, TRIM digital vector data mapsheets, raster base maps and other products can be placed via the **Base Map Online Store** at <http://www.basemaps.gov.bc.ca> with VISA, Mastercard or AMEX. The application can be launched directly from <http://openmaps.gov.bc.ca/imfows13/imf.jsp?site=idt>.

Note: Supported browsers are: MS Internet Explorer 6 or higher, Netscape 8/9 or Mozilla Firefox 3.0.

A valid **Business BCeID** or **Basic BCeID** (<http://www.bceid.ca>) or **IDIR** account (for BC Government staff) is required to login. A Basic BCeID can be setup online in a few minutes.

Navigate to your area of interest by entering a **Place Name, Mapsheet or Address** in the search field in the upper right hand corner of the screen or by using the **Pan** and **Zoom** tools or by using the **Area of Interest** selection tools on the main menu toolbar.

Once you have determined your area of interest, select the **Air Photos** tab on the main menu bar and then click **Search for Air Photos**. A list of most recent air photos for that area will be displayed. If you want to search for a specific year, use the drop down menu in the **Filter Search Results** area and then click the **Filter Search Results** button. The **Graphically Select Individual Air Photos** feature allows you to narrow your search area by choosing one of three options: **Air Photo Centre, Polygon** or **Footprint**. Click on the **Select Air Photo Centres By Box** then draw a box around the air photo centre in the map viewer to display a list of most recent air photos and image details. To draw a polygon, click on the **Select Air Photo Centres By Polygon**, add your points in map viewer and then click **OK**. This will return air photos within the polygon boundaries. Click on the **Select Air Photo Footprints By Box** and select one or more footprints to display air photos. **Note:** the **Centres, Footprints and Flightlines** features will automatically be displayed in the map window when you search for an air photo.

A **Basic Search** can be done by default or you can choose to do an **Advanced Search** by clicking the appropriate tab. If you know the Air Photo Roll and Frame Expression number you can enter that directly in the Search Area window in the **Basic Search**.

Once you click **Add to Cart** to add an item to the shopping cart you will then be directed to a new window prompting you to login with your **BCeID** or **IDIR** account and password. (Please ensure that you have pop-ups enabled in your browser).

If you have multiple roll and frame ranges from different operations or areas of interest to enter, you will have to toggle back and forth between the discovery application and the shopping cart (once logged in) as they are separate windows. In the **Add Products** page, click **OK** each time you add air photos. The default product option is a paper print however you can choose digital air photos by selecting raw tiff scan of film negative option.

Most of the photocentre data for the years 1963-2007 is currently loaded in the warehouse. Progress is underway to capture photocentre and attribute data for air photo operations from 1936 to 1962. Research for pre-1963 imagery may be made at the **Air Photo Warehouse** located at Suite #2-4476 Markham St., Victoria, B.C. This is a self-help facility (<http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/crgb/airphoto/index.htm>). Over 2.2 million photographs are available for viewing.