

WELCOME TO BENNETT

THE BUSTLING BOOM TOWN OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH



Imagine you were here in 1874 when prospector George Holt became the first outsider to arrive at Bennett's shore. As the trickle of hardened "Sourdough" prospectors over the mountains continued to grow, in 1897 they were joined by thousands of "Cheechacko" newcomers.

Come with us and explore Bennett, the gold rush town that formed at the junction of the White Pass and Chilkoot trails! Although these hills once resounded with the sounds of 10,000 voices, today it is a serene trek with little but the church to remind us of its gold rush past.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- The complete walking tour is one-half mile (0.8 kilometres) in length. Please keep track of time, it is important you don't miss your train!
- Beautiful vistas and views can be had without traversing the steps leading up to the church.
- There are no washroom facilities on the walking tour route. There are facilities on the train and at Bennett station.
- Drinking water is only available on the train.

- Bennett townsite is part of Parks Canada's Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site. All land and artifacts are protected, and to collect or disturb artifacts is a federal offense. Take nothing but photographs!
- Fire is an ever present danger, please **DO NOT SMOKE** on the tour!
- This cold desert environment is **very fragile**, please **stay on existing walkways at all times!**



YOUR TOUR BEGINS

At the station. Take a moment to look at the large panoramic photo of Bennett, taken in the hectic gold rush days. Today's quiet vistas are a contrast to that time, when the trees were clear cut, and hundreds of tents, shacks and log buildings hugged the hillsides. Proceed across the tracks to the replica boat on display by the lake shore to begin your tour.

BENNETT WALKING TOUR

Come, step outside the station into a unique sub-alpine ecosystem. Walk in a landscape carved by glaciers millennia ago, and see it much as it was when coastal Tlingit traders first slipped over the Chilkoot Pass to meet their trading partners, the interior Tagish First Nations peoples.

BE BEAR AWARE!



Bennett is home to bears and other wild creatures. Although you will probably not see them on your walk today, any piece of trash or discarded food attracts their interest. LEAVE ALL FOOD AT THE STATION! This protects the bears from becoming dependent on human handouts, and keeps them alive and wild. Do not wander from the tour route by yourself, and NEVER approach a bear. If frightened, a bear could become dangerous.



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