

TRAVEL TO FORT STEELE

AN 1890s BOOM TOWN THAT'S BURSTING WITH ACTIVITY.

Fort Steele started life during the 1864 gold rush on nearby Wild Horse Creek. Originally called Galbraith's Ferry, the small settlement sprang up at the place where eager prospectors were ferried across the Kootenay River to seek their fortunes.

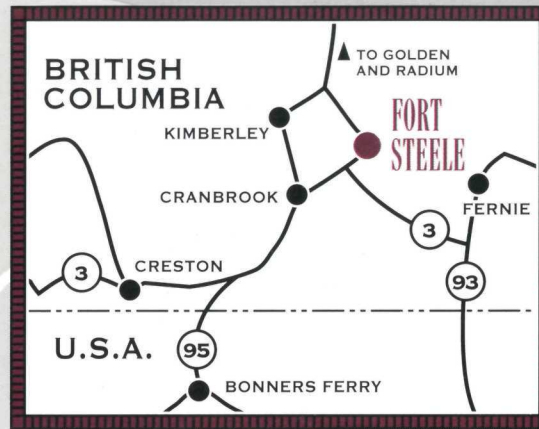


In 1888, the town was renamed in honour of Sam Steele, one of Canada's most famous North-West Mounted Police officers who was brought in to defuse tensions between the settlers and local native people.

Major coal, silver and lead discoveries created a mining boom in the region. By the late 1890s, Fort Steele had become a thriving centre of trade, transportation and social activity...until the railroad passed it by.

Today, Fort Steele has come to life again with friendly townsfolk and the sights and sounds of yesteryear.

So step back in time and have the time of your life at Fort Steele Heritage Town set in the magnificent Rocky Mountains.



TAKE A TURN TO FORT STEELE. FOR A TRIP BACK IN TIME.

Fort Steele Heritage Town is just 15 minutes northeast of Cranbrook on Highways 93/95. It's also easy to reach from the Crownsnest Hwy 3, which follows the historic Dewdney Trail.

Fort Steele is open year round. The best time to visit is in the summer when the site opens at 9:30 a.m. and all programs are in full swing. Admission charge June through September. Local Travel Infocentres at Kimberley and Cranbrook can provide you with more information about visitor services and attractions in the surrounding area.



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