Canada’s National Historic Sites in British Columbia

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It's a hands-on, feet-on experience you'll never forget.

Canada’s National Historic Sites in British Columbia bring history to life! From B.C.’s birthplace at Fort Langley to the gold rush memories of the Chilkoot Trail — discover the forces of culture and nature that shaped this great province.

There are over 150 sites placed in British Columbia to commemorate nationally significant places, people or events. Parks Canada operates the historic sites in this brochure. For a complete list of national historic sites in B.C., please contact us.

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Canada's National Parks and Historic Sites were established to protect and present Canada’s distinct heritage. They symbolize out-Canadian identity and Canadian pride. Make history a part of your B.C. vacation plans and get ready for the experience of your lifetime!

**The Natural Choice for Historic Fun, Culture & Nature!**

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**Legend**

A National Parks & National Park Reserves
1 Pacific Rim (NPR)
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**Ferry Routes at many National Parks and Historic Sites. For more information, contact us by phone or consult our web site. (See the contact list in this brochure.)**
Georgia Cannery

Experience: an entertaining journey to the 1850s. Stroll through Red River style buildings as costumed guides recreate daily life from the fur trade era. Located in the rural village of Fort Langley, which offers ample and curio shops, artists studios and restaurants.

History: Established in 1827 as a trading post for the Hudson’s Bay Company, Fort Langley is known as “the birthplace of British Columbia.” It was the first permanent site of contact between European traders and Lower Mainland natives. The Fort’s original storehouse still stands, and is one of the oldest buildings in British Columbia.

Getting There: Located less than 10 minutes off the Trans-Canada Highway, 50 km east of Vancouver. Exit at the 232nd St. North interchange. Follow 22nd Street to Glover Road, turn right. Follow Glover Road and the Parks Canada signs to the village of Fort Langley. Turn right at Davis Street, just before the railway tracks. Travelers following Highway 7 can take the free Albion ferry to Fort Langley.

The “monster cannery”

Experience: this harsh mountain environment, an exhilarating example of the struggle between man and nature. The Rogers Pass Centre features working models, exhibits and theatre presentations. Relive history at the Glacier House hotel site, or along the century-old rail line. Relive at the picnics area of the Summit of Rogers Pass or stay at one of our rustic campgrounds.

History: Rogers Pass is the legacy of Major A.B. Rogers and his determination to find a way through the Selkirk Mountains in the heart of avalanche country. More than six km of snow sheds were built to protect the railway from avalanches. Rogers Pass has been a major transportation route since 1886. The Trans-Canada Highway opened on the Pass in historic 1962.

Getting There: Located in spectacular Glacier National Park, on the Trans-Canada Highway, 75 km west of Golden, and 65 km east of Revelstoke.

Chilkoot Trail

Experience: this rugged, harsh and spectacular terrain. The cry of “Gold!” in 1898 led 20,000 stampedes to the Chilkoot Trail, each packing almost a ton of supplies. Long before the gold rush, the trail was used by the coastal Tlingit Indians. Today, backpackers continue the pilgrimage along the 53 km trail. The Chilkoot Trail crosses three distinct ecological zones.

History: Relive history at this site as you hike down the path blazed by thousands who sought gold in the Klondike. When Americans tried to claim the Klondike as their territory, Canadian authorities sealed the trail to prevent Chilkoot and the Yukon was theirs, and to enforce customs duties on the American goods within the region.

Getting There: Access to the trail is limited and a permit must be purchased. Please contact Parks Canada in Whitehorse for more information, 1-800-661-4090 (Canada and U.S.), or 1-403-393-6701 (local and overseas).

Fort St. James

Experience: a day in the life of the Fort in 1896, as site staff dressed in period costumes, carry out the chores of the day. An audio tape tour lets you hear the sound and gossip of the Fort in 1896.

History: The European fur trade and the search for a navigable route to the Pacific Ocean led explorer Simon Fraser to found Fort St. James. An active trading post well into the 20th century, the Fort contains original wood buildings and one of the finest examples of Red River frame architecture in the country.

Getting There: Fort St. James is located 45 minutes off the Yellowhead Highway, north of Vanderhoof. Between Prince George and Prince Rupert, this section of the Yellowhead, named after an Inukshuk trapper and guide, is famous for its aboriginal history and dramatic changes in scenery — from ranch country through rugged coastal mountains, to the seaport of Prince Rupert.

Fisgard Lighthouse & Fort Rodd Hill

Experience: Fisgard Lighthouse is a dramatic structure and setting that have long been a favourite subject of artists and photographers. Right next door is Fort Rodd Hill, with its colourful military history and, every Sunday in July and August, concerts by the military band of the 5th (R.C.) Field Regiment. Take a stroll of passing merchant and naval vessels, harbour seals, seals, otters, bald eagles, orcas, even sea lions.

History: Built in 1860, Fisgard Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse on Canada’s west coast and it’s still active today. Learn about the history of the lighthouse, the people who manned the towers, and the terrible shipwrecks that lined the “graveyard of the Pacific.” Fort Rodd Hill is a coastal artillery fort, built in the 1890s to defend the naval base at Esquimalt Harbour. The three main gun batteries are still there, complete with domes of original buildings and exhibits.

Getting There: Fisgard Lighthouse and Fort Rodd Hill are adjacent sites located 14 km from downtown Victoria. Head north on Douglas Street until it turns into Highway 1. Follow Highway 1 for 4 km, then take the Colwood exit. Follow Highway 1A for two km until it turns into Ocean Boulevard. Follow the signs to the sites and have fun!

Kitwanga Fort

Experience: History as the legends of Battle Hill in a natural formation and the fierce warrior chief Nekt come to life through a series of interactive signs. Follow a trail to the hill, and discover archeological evidence of plank houses, food cache pits, and more. See Nekt’s history, carved in the stones of Kitwanga, now located in the village four km north of the site.

History: Kitwanga Fort was the first western Canadian National Site to be commemorated by Parks Canada — recognizing the history and culture of the Tsilhqot’in people.

Getting There: Located near the junction of Highways 16 & 37, between New Hazelton and Terrace, about 1,300 km north of Vancouver. The trail to Battle Hill is marked by a parking pull-off, on the Yellowhead Highway 16, south of New Hazelton and Terrace.

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