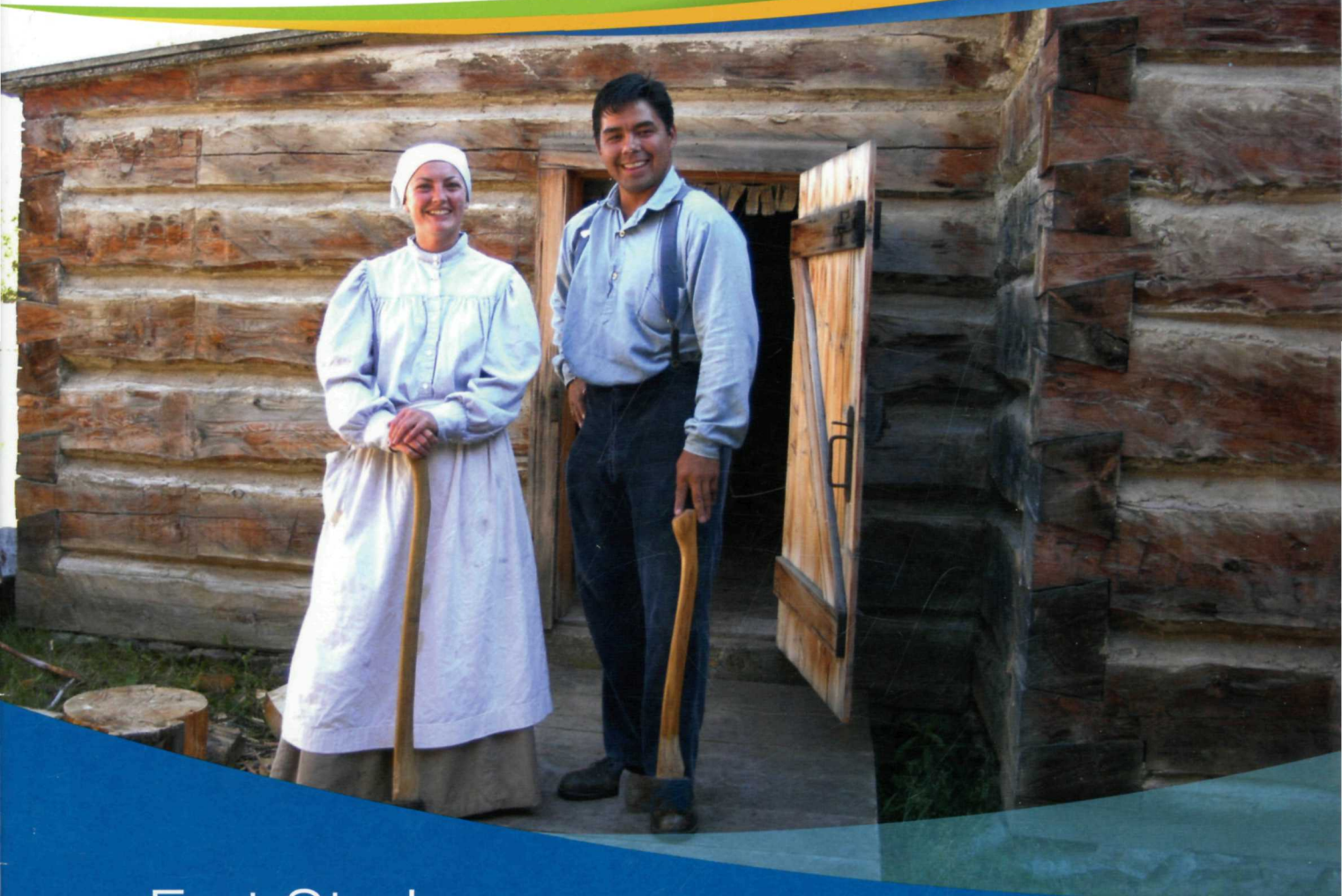


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*Home of the largest group of original log buildings
representing the Fur Trade in Canada.*



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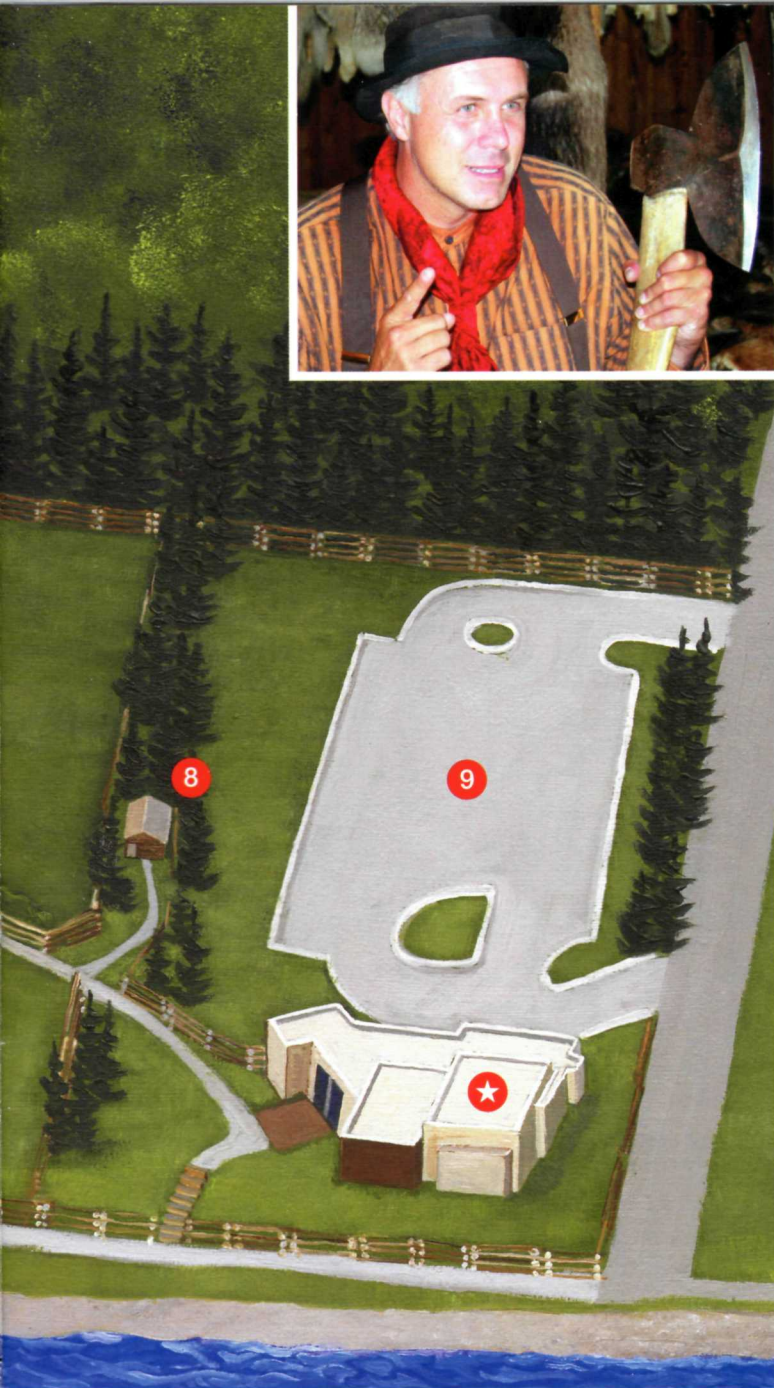
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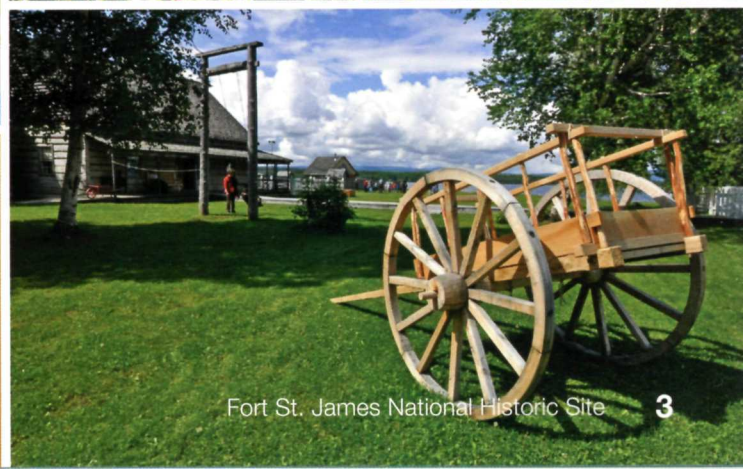
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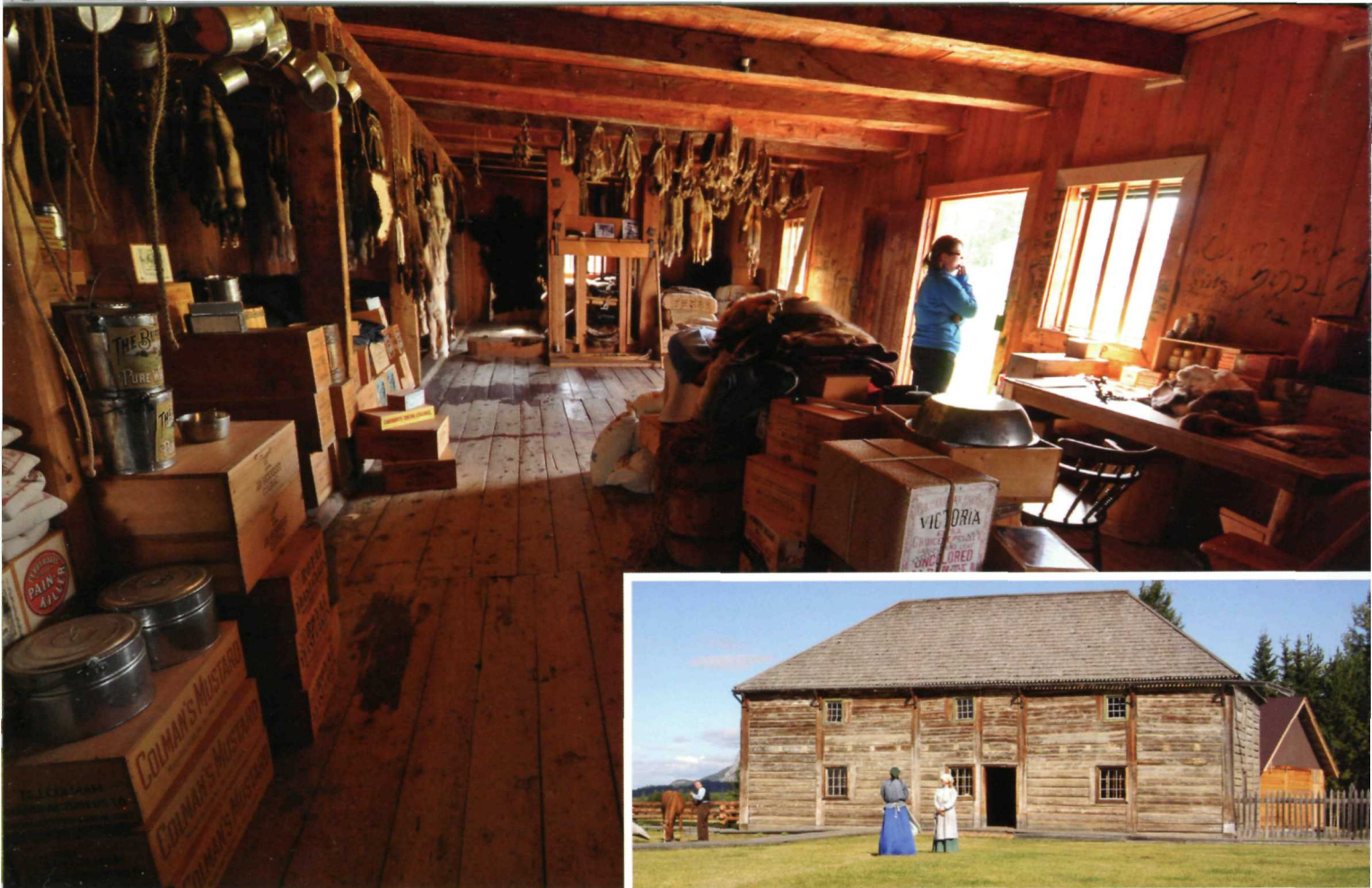
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Walk down the path along the grassy banks of Stuart Lake; you'll come to the flagpole with the Hudson's Bay company flag flying in the breeze and then you will climb the stairs and walk directly into 1896. Before you lies the largest group of original buildings representing the fur trade in Canada. In these buildings our knowledgeable costumed interpreters will tell you how the fur traders and the Carrier First Nations worked together, lived, and died more that a century ago.



- 1 Fur Warehouse
- 2 Fish Cache
- 3 Men's House
- 4 Trade Store
- 5 Murray House
- 6 Play House
- 7 Old Fort Café
- 8 Tanning Cabin
- 9 Parking Lot
- ★ Visitor Centre





The **fur** warehouse

See the huge array of fur and trade goods that fueled the economy.

Smell the pungent aroma of beaver castors as you step through the door.

Discover why the Fur Warehouse is the finest existing example of this kind of building in North America.



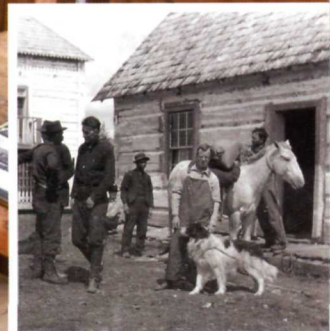


The **fish** cache

Climb the stairs to the fish cache and run your hands over the logs that were hewn in 1806 when Simon Fraser was the Chief Fur trader here.

Learn why the fish cache holds the highest designation Canada can bestow on a historic building.

See hundreds of dry smoked salmon that the Carrier people provided hanging from the rafters just as they were more than two centuries ago.

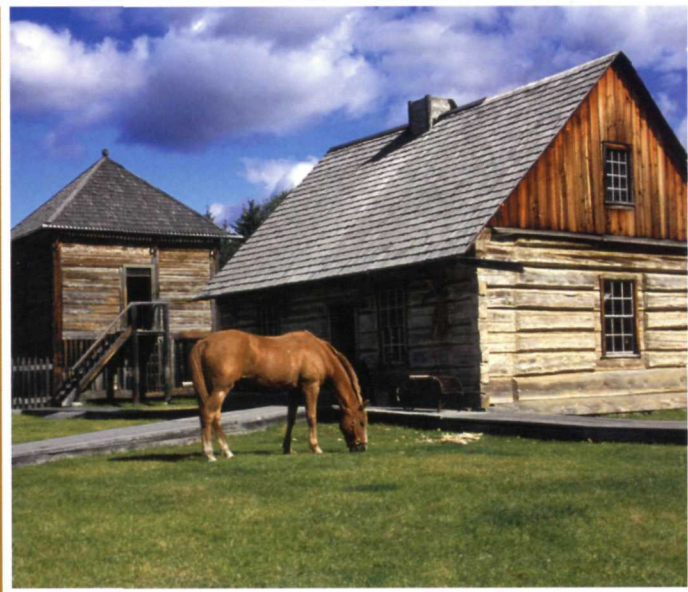


The men's house

Relax in the comfort of a very early version of the La-Z-Boy recliner while you gaze at the flames in the fireplace.

See how the Carrier people make moccasins.

Taste the food the fur traders and their sled dogs had for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.





The **trade** store

Trade your fur for “made beaver” and see what you can buy.

Find out how you can cure almost any illness with this famous historic remedy and it doubles as a thermometer!

Can you set our long spring beaver trap?



Photo Ruth Lloyd © Black Press

The Murray house

Try your hand at spinning wool.

Feed the lambs.

Have a ginger snap fresh out of our wood cook stove



You can also spend the night in the Murray house bed and breakfast and enjoy a gourmet dinner and a pancake breakfast served by our costumed interpreters. Have a whole national historic park to yourself for the night. For more information call **250-996-7191 ext. 25** or email: **stjames@pc.gc.ca**



Become a **kid** from the past

Learn what it was like to be a kid a century or more ago! We have programs to give our young visitors a hands-on experience that they'll talk about for years.



The old fort café

Relax and **enjoy** a delicious **lunch** at the Old Fort Café on the southern shores of Stuart Lake.

Feast your eyes on one of the most spectacular views in British Columbia at the same time.

Open daily throughout the summer season for snacks, lunch and more.





The **visitor** centre

Have your picture taken in period **costume**.

See the big aquarium in our brand new exhibition room.

Peruse our gift shop for that special keepsake from the fort.

Watch our award winning video in the theater.

Find out why Chief Kw'eh is a person of national historic significance



Special events



During the year, Fort St. James hosts a wide variety of special events. Some highlight themes from our past, some are community events, while others are just for the fun of it. For more information on special events, visit our website or ask at a local Tourism BC Visitor Info Centre. During the year, we host events such as:

June 1st (Royals Day)

- Free pancake breakfast, best dressed Victorian contest, badminton, croquette, tea and cake.

June 21st (National Aboriginal Day)

- A day in honor and respect for our aboriginal partners.

July 1st (Canada Day)

- FREE horseback rides, historic games, birthday cake and more!

August Long Weekend

- Caledonia Days – Who makes the best salmon in New Caledonia? The first 100 visitors to the site are the judges. Get here early and taste all the salmon. Talk to trappers, black powder experts, and re-enactors available all weekend for demonstrations.

Mid September

- Open House: FREE Admission and Lunch - a celebration of Métis cultural past at Fort St. James.

World class **chicken racing** At all of our special events



Fort St. James

WORLD CLASS CHICKEN RACING



Our stable of **racing chickens** are in training all season long on our chicken speedway racetrack.

Place your bets on the chicken of your choice and win big!

Regional accommodations



If you like spending your nights under the stars you need look no further than our tent sites right here at the fort. Pitch your tent on the **historic grounds** and spend the night in 1896. There are also several spectacular campgrounds within a 15 minute drive of the fort.

- Paarens Beach Provincial Park
- Sowchea Bay Provincial Park
- Cottonwood Park Campsites (Located in the village of Fort St. James)

For more information on Provincial Park camping, visit the BC Parks website at www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

Private Campsites in Fort St. James:


- Stuart River Campsite (Telephone: 250-996-8690)
- Pitka Bay Resort - Campground and Motel (Telephone: 250-996-8585)

Hotels • Motels • Bed & Breakfast:

Both Fort St. James and neighbouring Vanderhoof offer quality accommodation options at affordable prices. For a current list of accommodation options, call the Fort St. James Chamber of Commerce (1-800-608-7698) or visit their website: www.fortstjameschamber.com

Take a **historic** walk

See other connections to the past.



Our staff at the historic site has prepared a **guide** of must-see cultural heritage sites within a short drive of Fort St. James National Historic Site.

Ripples of the past interpretive trail takes you from the historic park on a meandering stroll through the village and cottonwood beach past the old church and the cottonwood wharf to the Russ Baker memorial and a beautiful view from the edge of a cliff looking down Stuart Lake.

Ten interpretive panels along the way tell stories of the Carrier First Nation, Simon Fraser, and Chief Kw'eh. You will learn about salmon and sturgeon, the early bush pilots and the trails of yesterday that inter-connected New Caledonia. 4.5 km round trip.

Fort St. James is a rich community with a vibrant history and bright future. For more information on our local community and to plan your visit, check out the following websites:

- Fort St. James Chamber of Commerce: www.fortstjameschamber.com
- District of Fort St. James: www.stuartnechako.ca/fort-st-james





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