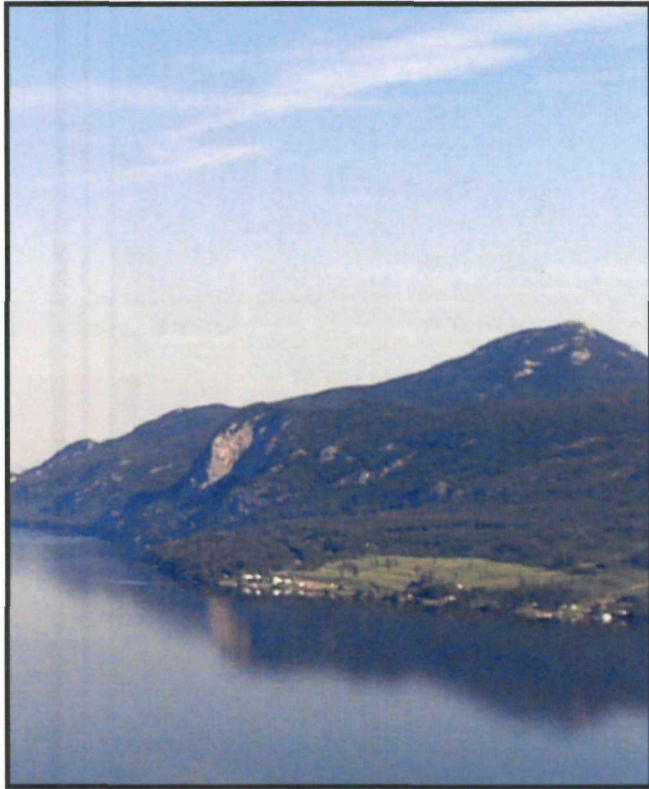


# Nak'al { Mount Pope }



*“Hike up this mountain to enjoy  
the view of Beautiful  
Stuart Lake”*

The Carrier name for this Historical mountain is Nak'al, meaning “with blood and arrows the river flows.” The trail length is about 6 Km (3.7 miles), the hiking time to the summit is 2-3 hours and the elevation gain is 791 meters (2,595 feet).

In 1865 Major Franklin Pope attempted to lay out a telegraph line to Siberia, he was escorted up the mountain by Peter Ogden's son but half way up Major Franklin Pope sent him back. He then finally reached the summit and spent a night alone on the mountain. After that the local settlers started calling the mountain, Mount Pope.

From the Diary of Major Franklin Pope

Franklin Leonard Pope was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts on December 2, 1840. He was a mentor of Thomas Edison, he was also a telegrapher, electrical engineer, explorer, inventor and a patent attorney. He was a major contributor to the technological advances of the 19th century. He died on October 13, 1895 at the age of 55 years.



A view from near the Historic Site.  
Fort St. James Archives c. 1890



# Fort St. James

Nak'al  
{Mount Pope}  
Trailhead

Distance from Fort St. James  
National Historic Site to the  
Nak'al Trailhead is 6.2km



Group on top of Mount Pope. c. 1920.  
W.D. Fraser Collection. Fort St. James  
Archives

## Nak'albun {Stuart Lake}

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