

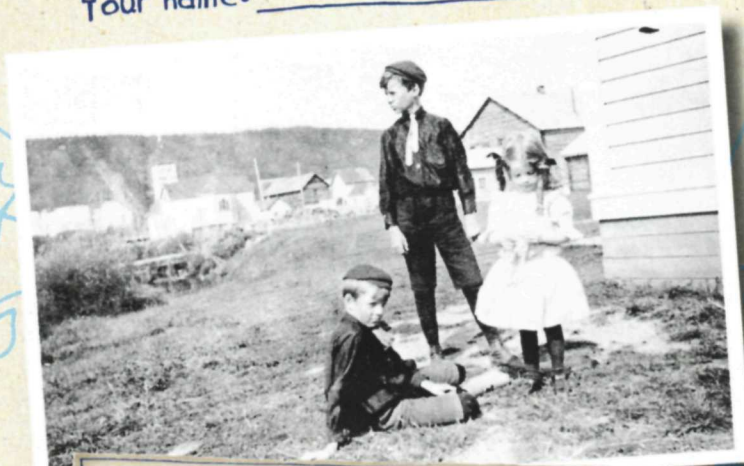


Dawson  
Historical Complex  
National Historic Site

# XPLORERS

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— Dawson Historical Complex —

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# WELCOME!

to DAWSON HISTORICAL COMPLEX  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
[Zho tlëk]

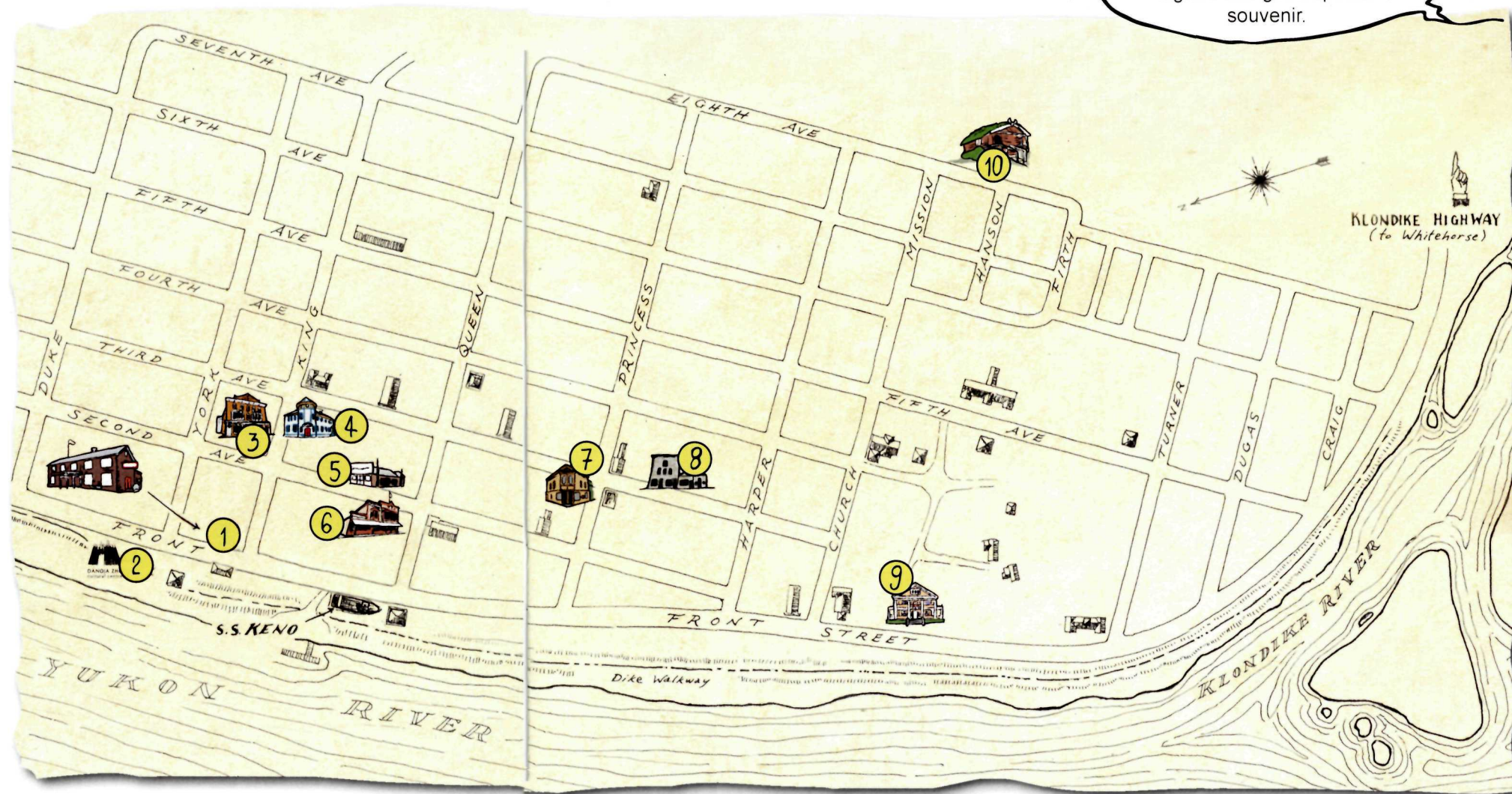
Drin Hqzq, Hello! Welcome to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in territory! Imagine that you just got here after travelling for months, and the place is full of newcomers just like you, all dreaming of getting rich. Xplore the Dawson Historical Complex [Zho tlëk] and see how YOU might have filled your pockets with gold!

You'll see the numbers on the activity pages in your booklet. Find them on these pages to see where to go to do the activities. Happy Xploring!

At the end of your visit, go to the VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE to have your certificate signed and get a special souvenir.

The names of some buildings are missing from the list below. Find the answers during your walk around town and write them down.

- ① Visitor Information Centre
- ② Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre
- ③ \_\_\_\_\_
- ④ Old Post Office
- ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑥ Oak Hall
- ⑦ Harrington's Store
- ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_
- ⑨ Commissioner's Residence
- ⑩ Robert Service Cabin / Dëchin zho





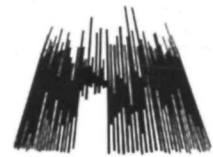
# GO INVESTIGATE



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## TR'ONDĚK? KLONDIKE?

This is the homeland of the Tr'ondĕk Hwĕtch'in, the First Nation who have lived in this area for thousands of years. They knew there was gold here, but they didn't find it useful.



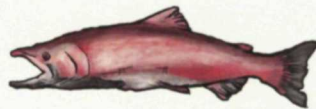
DÄNOJÄ ZHO  
cultural centre

Step inside the Zho (house) and ask the staff to teach you how to say "Tr'ondĕk Hwĕtch'in" correctly!

Connect the Hän language term to the animals that are very important to the Tr'ondĕk Hwĕtch'in people. These animals live with us and we respect them!

Draw a line between the Hän word and what it means.

jĕjik - delicious and provides tools and clothing



zhur - has a distinct howl; represents a clan



täträ' - a trickster; represents a clan

luk - a superfood that swims in the Yukon river



# SEARCH FOR

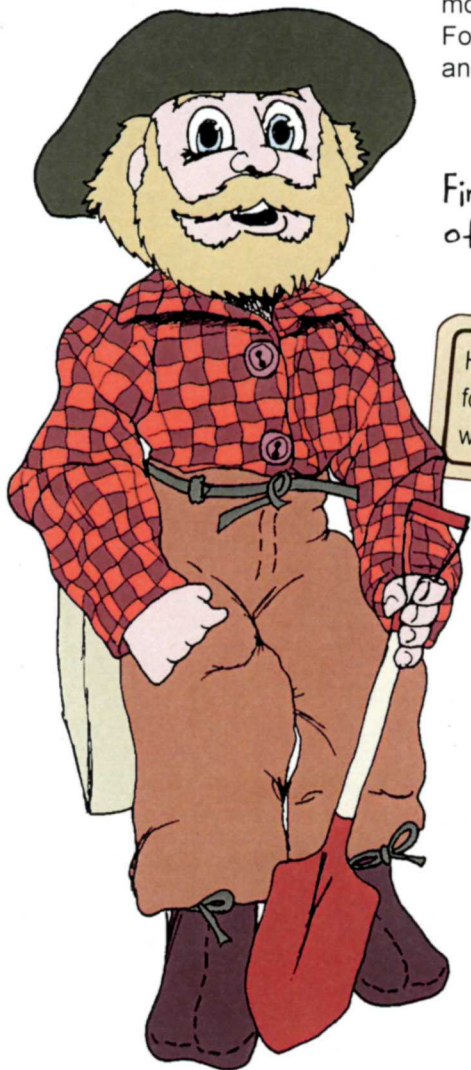


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## WHERE'S "KLONDIKE" GUS?

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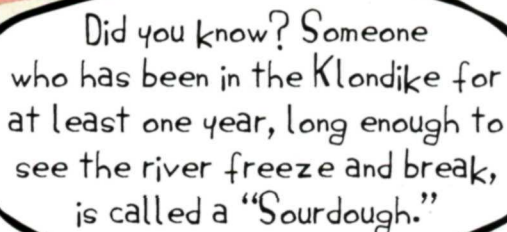
People come to the Klondike for all sorts of reasons, but everyone is looking for gold of some kind! Some people want to dig gold from the ground, others want to make lots of money in other ways. Some come for a "rich" experience. For others, it's the connection to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in history and culture that is precious.



Find the miner "Klondike" Gus in one of the display windows around town.



Hint: We heard he's looking for wool socks to keep his feet warm!



Did you know? Someone who has been in the Klondike for at least one year, long enough to see the river freeze and break, is called a "Sourdough."



# TAKE A WALK

## NATURE'S MEDICINE

Many newcomers to Dawson got sick because they didn't know which plants are safe to eat and full of vitamins to keep them healthy. Who do you think knew which local plants were healthy? Who might you ask?

Can you find these two plants growing around town? Find out their names and how they can help you stay healthy!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why it's healthy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why it's healthy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Don't eat anything  
until you've checked with a  
knowledgeable local person.

To complete this challenge: \* Ask the staff at the Dānojā Zho Cultural Centre or Parks Canada;  
\* Look in a guide book or online \*Find the information in panels on Crocus Bluff \* Look for lowbush  
cranberries along a trail outside town. Don't mix them up with kinnikinnick.

# TAKE A LOOK

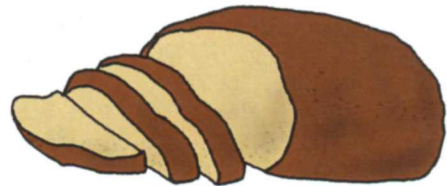
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## GO "OUTFIT" SHOPPING

Before you go stake a gold claim, you need to have a complete "outfit." This means all the stuff you need to live: clothes, tools, equipment and food. Find the can in Harrington's store and open it. You have \$10 (ALL your savings) to spend.

Which items do you need most to make it through the winter?

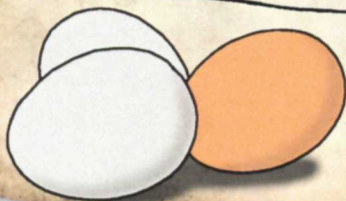
Shopping list



Some items in the can don't have prices, because they don't cost money.

But they do cost time, effort, and knowledge of the land!

Total \$10



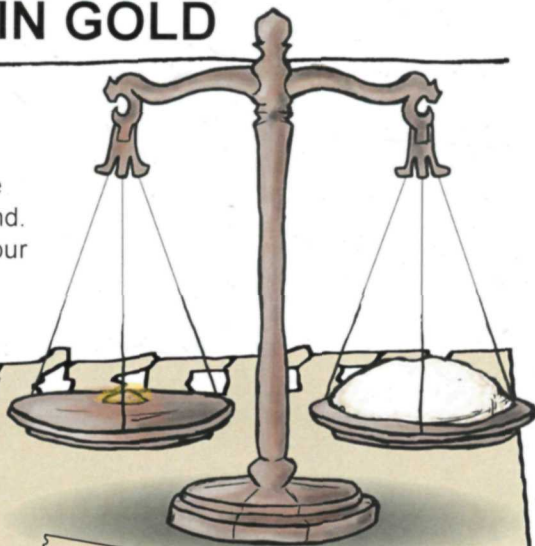


# FIGURE IT OUT ???

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## WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

Before the Klondike gold rush started, lots of people didn't have paper money. Sometimes people used gold dust to pay for things! Some miners dug TONS of gold dust out of the ground. If you were a miner, what would you do with your gold dust? Where would you keep it?



gold dust  
1.59 tbsp

sugar  
2 cups

Find the scale and weigh yourself, or your backpack, or your parent! Then use the chart nearby to figure out that weight in ounces.

It weighs \_\_\_\_\_ lbs x 16 oz = \_\_\_\_\_ ounces

What that weight was worth in gold in 1898, and what is it worth today?

It weighs \_\_\_\_\_ ounces x \$20.67 = it was worth \_\_\_\_\_ in 1898

It weighs \_\_\_\_\_ ounces x \$1,549 = it was worth \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020.

# REMEMBER



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on the map

## TALL KLONDIKE TALES



People who come to the Klondike often re-invent themselves with a new name or "handle" like "Rag-time Kid," "Klondike Kate" or "Arizona Charlie!" What is your Klondike "handle"?

Add something unique about you to your first name! \_\_\_\_\_

The Klondike is very, very far from most people's homes. Imagine that you don't have a phone or camera, but you want to tell your family about this place and your adventures. Would you tell them the truth, or would you embellish the way some writers did during the Gold Rush?

Write a letter or story for your friends back home.

Tell them about your real or crazy adventures getting here in 1898. Did you raft down the Yukon River? What happened when you arrived and found out there were no claims left?



The Klondike Adventure of \_\_\_\_\_ (your new handle)

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# TAKE A LOOK

## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

This photo was taken in this spot at the corner of King Street and Second Avenue at midnight more than 100 years ago! See if you can find the exact spot the photographer stood to take this picture.

Circle the buildings that are still right where they were back then.



1 Palace Grand Theatre

2 Post Office

3 Mme Tremblay's store is an original building that was built after this photo was taken. This photo shows the building that was there before Mme. Tremblay's store.

Photo caption: Midnight June 10, 1904.

Take the same photo to show your friends what has changed, and what hasn't... or make it a selfie!

Tag us! #klondikenationalhistoricsites #dawsoncity #palacegrand #parkscanada

# FIND IT

## HISTORY SCAVENGER

Imagine finding your way to the Klondike using a map someone drew for you... and that's it! You can find these 5 geocaches using the GPS on your phone, which is a lot more accurate than a hand-drawn map!

Look inside each cache. Find the answers to at least 3 questions. Pick up a bonus prize at the Visitor Information Centre!

- **You gotta have faith** N 64° 03.478 W 139° 26.156

Answer:

\_\_\_\_\_

- **Klondike Greats** N 64° 03.513 W 139° 26.334

Answer:

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- **Jack of All Trades** N 64° 03.595 W 139° 26.109

Answer:

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- **Paris Fashion** N 64° 03.776 W 139° 25.817

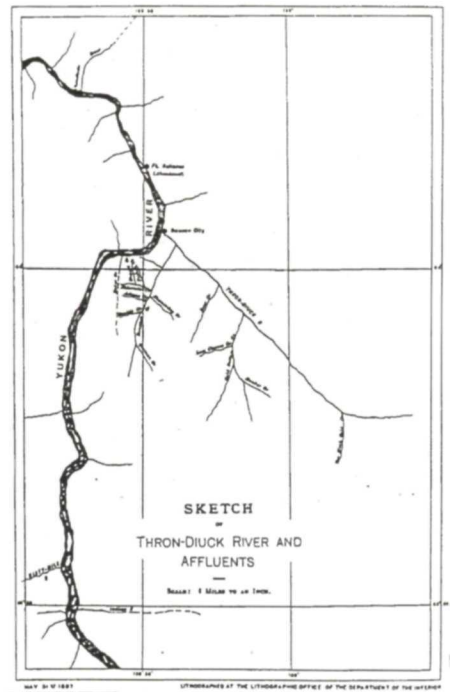
Answer:

\_\_\_\_\_

- **A Long Winter Ahead** N 64° 03.718 W 139° 25.650

Answer:

\_\_\_\_\_



The Klondike Gold Fields 1897



Look for the geocaches by Klondike\_NHSs after you sign in.



# IMAGINE

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## HELP WANTED

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You have learned all about what life was like in Dawson during the gold rush. What kind of work would YOU have done once you arrived on a boat at the Dawson waterfront in 1898? Good news! There are lots of jobs, or you can make your own!

What are you good at doing? \_\_\_\_\_

Which job will you apply for? \_\_\_\_\_

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## HELP WANTED

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### Baker

Quick and efficient at making large amounts of bread. Know how to substitute ingredients depending what is available. Be clean and tidy.

### Sign Painter

Good at spelling and printing neatly. Assets: Good at drawing things and people, have your own paint brushes.

### Miner's Assistant

Be strong, hard worker, good at digging, comfortable in small dark holes and be good company. Happy to stay in the goldfields for months without going to town.

### Trapper

Experienced in the wilderness, travelling on snowshoes, trapping and hunting. Come back to town with furs at scheduled times. Asset: friendly with other local trappers and fur traders.

# CAN YOU HELP US OUT ???

Way to go Xplorer! Now be an Xplorer Xtraordinaire by giving this page with your comments to a Parks Canada employee...

...and don't forget to ask for your special souvenir!

I am an XPLORER XTRAORDINAIRE and I will respect nature and be curious about history.

1- I thought this booklet was: (Circle your answer.)



SUPER FUN



KINDA FUN



BORING

2- My three favourite activities were on pages \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3- I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

4- Three words to describe my Xplorers day:

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**Stuff adults need to know...** Participation is voluntary. All information provided will remain anonymous and confidential. Results will be used in aggregate form only. If you have any questions about the collection and use of the information in this survey, please email us at [pc.information.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.information.pc@canada.ca) or call 1-888-773-8888.



# MY FAVOURITE THINGS

What I liked the most during my visit:  
(Write or draw it here.)



During my visit, my favourite place was:





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# XPLORERS

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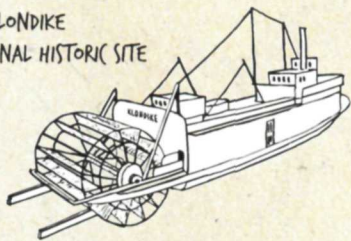
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You can have fun in lots of Parks Canada places! Go to [parksCanada.gc.ca/xplorers](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/xplorers) to see where they are.

DREDGE No. 4 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



S.S. KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



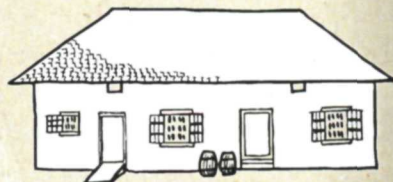
KLUANE NATIONAL PARK AND RESERVE



WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK



GWAIL HAANAS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE, NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE, AND HAIDA HERITAGE SITE



FORT LANGLEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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