

Historical Walking Tour/Museum

Established in 1963, the Bella Coola Museum Society strives to explore the human history of the Bella Coola Valley from pre-contact to 1955; occupation prior to the Nuxalk People; terminus of the first crossing of N. America (1793); settlement by Europeans in late 1800's; building of the Freedom Road (1953).



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The Museum

Open June to September.

Located on the side of Mt. Fougner, this dove-tailed hand hewn log school house became part of the 1967 Centennial Project and was moved to form the main exhibit room of the current Museum. The surveyor's "shack" was added to serve as office and gift shop. The artifacts are displayed in a chronological fashion to illustrate highlights of the timeline noted above. Student guides are available in season to assist with questions on the displays and offer suggestions on gifts from the small gift shop. An entertaining presentation by a local historian may be available to groups by prior arrangement.

The Historical Walking Tour and Museum is sponsored by:

Gift Shop

A selection of gifts and souvenirs representing the museum topics for young and old are available for purchase. Visitors can find bookmarks, posters, postcards, and booklets on the Freedom Road and historical walking tour.



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Historical Walking Tour

The Historical Walking Tour booklet can be purchased at the museum as well as at Kopas store in the village. A self-guided tour details the historical landmarks around the village of Bella Coola including the location of the Hudson Bay manager's home, the House of Noomst with its beautiful totem pole entry, and the tiny cabin that was the first jail in Bella Coola.



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Museum Openings

The museum is open during the summer season only. Hours will be posted at the Museum, the Tourist Info Booth, and at various public locations. There is a modest admission fee to the museum. Tour groups are welcomed by pre-arrangement and special rates may be negotiated. The archives are located at Hagensborg and are accessible only by appointment.



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