



REVELSTOKE.

HERITAGE.

Indigenous Peoples

Revelstoke is on the territory of the Sinixt First Nation. The Secwepemc, Ktunaxa, and Syilx Okanagan First Nations also have traditional land use in this region. When the first settlers came to Revelstoke in 1885, they didn't recognize this area as the territory of the Sinixt people. The traditional land use and hunting rights of the Sinixt were ultimately disrupted by the fur trade along the Columbia River. Our website explores Indigenous history as well where to find Indigenous art, businesses, events, and more information.

Industry

Revelstoke's history is tied to the railway, which you can discover at the Revelstoke Railway Museum, situated in the historic railway station. The town is still a hub for Canadian Pacific and has been since the 1880s. The railway isn't the only industry that shaped our landscape and helped create our town's character. The logging industry also changed Revelstoke's environment and continues to play an important part in our community today. Check out the BC Interior Forestry Museum and The Revelstoke Dam and its visitor centre, which has a fascinating exhibit about the power generation as one of the most powerful dams in BC.

Tourism

Vacationers have flocked to the dramatic landscapes and picturesque vistas of the area since the 1880s, when the fashion for mountaineering holidays was at its peak. Revelstoke is home to the oldest ski club in Canada and history buffs will love the Revelstoke Museum and Archives, which has collections and exhibits about a number of subjects, including avalanches and the history of skiing in Revelstoke. If you're after an immersive historical experience, check out the Nels Nelsen's Knickers, which offers an opportunity to feel the wind as you stand on top of one of Mount Revelstoke National Park's historic ski jumps.

Community and Beyond

After visiting the museums, you will have a firm grasp on the history of Revelstoke. To learn more about our past, head to the Roger's Pass Discovery Centre or the Heritage Ghost town, both on HWY1. Consider a heritage building tour or cemetery tour and learn more about our community and the people who have lived here.