

# Historical Walking Tour/Museum

In 1963 the Bella Coola Valley Museum Society established the Bella Coola Valley Museum. Their goal - to explore the history of Bella Coola Valley from the early 1900's, and the Nuxalk people and the Norwegians who settled here. The main building that houses the museum was built in 1892 as a two-room school.



Photo courtesy BCVT/Bella Coola Valley Museum

## The Museum

Upon entering the museum, guests are greeted by a volunteer and once they pay the small admission fee, are able to wander throughout the building exploring the historical artifacts of the past 100 years. Visitors will find some of the displays are interpretive and hands on pieces. The museum offers guided tours around the heritage building, artifacts, historical videos, a DVD on Bella Coola, a Photographic History, and a historic presentation by a local historian upon pre-arrangement.

The Historical Walking Tour and Museum is sponsored by:

## Gift Shop

There is a gift shop inside the museum where visitors can find such things as the Freedom Highway brochure, bookmarks, posters, postcards and an educational package, "The History of Logging in the Bella Coola Valley".



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## Historical Walking Tour

The Historical Walking Tour booklet can be purchased at the museum as well or 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 Noomnst 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 six days a week during the summer season, June to September. Head over to the Visitor Information Center to get the current seasonal schedule for the museum, admission fee information and when you get to the museum make sure to pick up your copy of the Historical Walking Tour brochure.



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