

# "OLD TOWN" VILLAGE OF HAZELTON WALKING GUIDE

Skeena River



## Points of Interest

- Hazelton Public Library and Pioneer Museum.** Here one can explore Hazelton's rich pioneer history. The Collins Overland Telegraph Line, early voyages up the Skeena River by canoes and paddlewheel boats, the history of local bridge construction and British Columbia's first northern hospital, are only a few of the historic features of Hazelton that this museum explores. The library offers free internet access, friendly service, and a rich local history collection.
- In Polly Sargent Park** one can enjoy a stroll along the Skeena River and explore a number of artifacts from Hazelton's steamboat days.
- Bastion Park.** Once the site where the Hudson's Bay Company built their first post in Hazelton (c.1886), this spot on the Skeena River was the upriver terminus for the Hudson's Bay Company and other trading companies who supplied goods for mining towns, railway crews, farms, and locals.
- Take a stroll along the **Pack Train Trail**. This is the trail head where pack traders began their long journeys with dogsleds and mules to deliver their goods, often traveling several hundred miles east, south and north of Hazelton.

- Ore Cart & Municipal Office** c.1931 (former Triangle Motors & gas service)



- Hospital Lightplant Motor**



- Ore Wagons**

One is on the roof of Inlander Building and another one is in front of the Hazelton District Public Library.



- Peter Yeovil Kitanmaax Lightplant Motor** in front of the Polly Sargent Park Washrooms.



- 'Ksan Historical Village and Museum** attracts worldwide attention. With 7 traditional Gitksan long houses, several totem poles, Kitanmaax School of Art, and a large collection of native artifacts, this living Museum preserves the rich history and culture of the Gitksan First Nation people.



**Hands of History stop (tour details on p. 28)**

100 metres



----- walking trail

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**'Ksan Historical Village and Museum**



Bulkley River

# FOUNDED IN 1866

## Historic Sites & Buildings of "Old Town"



**A** **S.S. Hazelton** 90 foot (27m) steam powered sternwheeler replica & S.S. Essington paddlewheel (site of the Union Bank of Canada, 1910, & first dance hall; converted to third Hazelton Hotel 1938-1956)



**N** **BC Café** c.1931 (1910-1920 several shops on site; 1921 first BC Café)



**B** **Peter's Anglican Church** Gothic style c.1900 (once site of Anglican school)



**O** **York House** c.1906 (renovated 1980s, moved to site from Government St. c.1930)



**C** **Dwelling** c.1920 (site of Newspaper office c.1886)



**P** **Myros Building** c.1928 (used as a store and post office until the 1960s)



**D** **Little House** c.1910 (residence of first bank manager)



**Q** **Martin House** c.1900 – restoration 1980's (former boarding house)



**E** **Hudson's Bay Factor's House** c.1921– Craftsman style (town hall site 1911-1928)



**R** **Mahoney House** c.1910 (jail & RCMP residence; c.1915 Omineca Hotel & laundry on site)



**F** **Dwelling** c.1921 (late 1800's – 1920 Anglican Mission House and Rectory site)



**S** **Smith House** c.1948 (former stable site)



**G** **Sunrise Café** c.1920 (former Shanghai Café. Laundry and other buildings on site c.1920)



**T** **Grant House** c.1916 with second story addition (site of Realty, Insurance & Notary Offices c.1916)



**H** **Marshall Brothers Building** c.1932-38 (former truck stop, morgue, town office)



**U** **Sargent House** c.1905 – renovated 1920's



**I** **Trading Post** c.1928 (former Hudson's Bay store)



**V** **Tri-Town Theatre** c.1937 with additions c.1960 (first used as a community hall)



**J** **Dwelling** c.1931 (formerly Ping Yee's Café)



**W** **RCMP Building** – Offices & Dwelling c.1926 (B.C. Police Station until 1973)



**K** **Pentecostal Church** c.1921 – Tudor style architecture (third faith to occupy building)



**X** **Blackstock House** c.1919 (moved to site 1936)



**L** **Marshall House** c.1906 (at one time, manse for the United and Methodist Churches)



**Y** **Galloway House** c.1910 (c.1902-1928 livery stable & two hotels on site)



**M** **Government Agents' Offices** c.1909 (with 1 storey addition)



**Z** **Gitksan Wet'suwet'en Education Society** c.1938 – redeveloped in 1980's (site of icehouse & first and second Hazelton Hotels)



**ZZ** **Cunningham House** c.1910 – dwelling converted to duplex (mess house for riverboats)