

CULTURAL TOURING IN NORTHWESTERN BC

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This brochure is a result of a joint initiative between the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine and the Terrace and District Museum Society with financial assistance from the Community Tourism Development Fund. This initiative was created in response to the need for affordable advertising for museums, heritage sites and art galleries of the region who operate on often very limited budgets. It is hoped that this brochure will help these organizations in sharing the important heritage, history and/or culture of their communities with the wider public.

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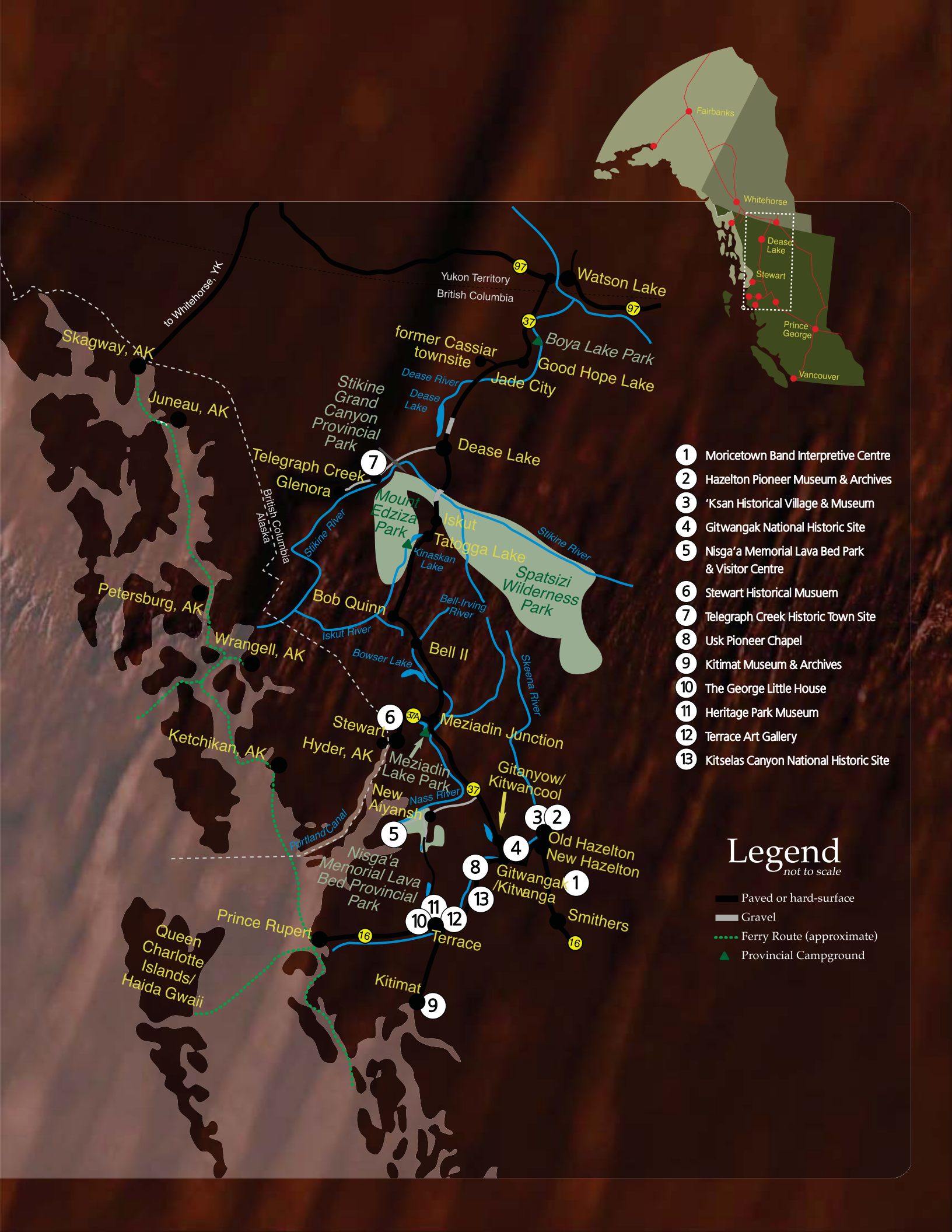
Regional District of  
**Kitimat-Stikine**



HERITAGE  
PARK MUSEUM

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



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not to scale

-  Paved or hard-surface
-  Gravel
-  Ferry Route (approximate)
-  Provincial Campground

# 1 Moricetown Interpretive Centre and Museum

TELKWA HIGH ROAD, LOCATED AT THE  
RV PARK OVERLOOKING THE CANYON



Open Seasonally  
June – August 7 days a week  
Email: [mba@wetsuweten.com](mailto:mba@wetsuweten.com)

The Moricetown Interpretive Centre and Museum overlooks Moricetown Canyon. Here, visitors are invited to stop and watch Wet'suwet'en people fishing the turbulent waters of the Bulkley River. The museum houses an impressive collection of artifacts and historic photographs which tell the story of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation. Visitors can view in-depth information on the traditional territory of the Wet'suwet'en as well as displays which highlight traditional net making and fishing techniques. Recently, an archaeological excavation unearthed an impressive collection of stone tools and other artifacts, many of which are on display for public viewing.

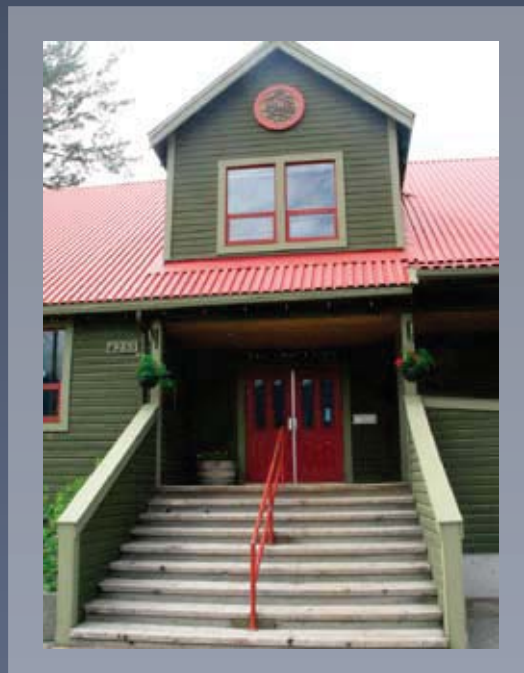
# 2 Hazelton Pioneer Museum & Archives

Phone: 250-842-5961  
www.hazeltonlibrary.bc.ca

Closed Sundays & Holidays

Monday 7:30pm-9pm	Wednesday 11am-9pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11am-5pm	Saturday 12pm-4pm

4255 GOVERNMENT ST.  
HAZELTON BC, V0J 1Y0



The Hazelton Pioneer Museum and Archives is located within the Hazelton Public Library overlooking the Skeena River in historic Old Hazelton BC.

During the latter part of the 19th century Hazelton was a place of busy commercial activity due to the growing influence of Euro-Canadian interest in the region. These forces mixed with the rich traditions of the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en Nations to form a truly unique society. Artifacts and photographic displays housed within the Museum reflect the dynamic mix of commerce and culture that existed in the "boom town" era of the Hazelton region.

# 3 'Ksan Historical Village & Museum

Phone: 250-842-5544 [www.ksan.org](http://www.ksan.org)

## SUMMER HOURS

(April to September)

'Ksan is open seven days a week  
Guided Tours available 9am. to 5pm

## WINTER HOURS

(October to March)

'Ksan is open Monday to Friday  
9:30am to 4:30pm

HWY 62 HIGH LEVEL ROAD  
BOX 326 HAZELTON BC, V0J 1Y0



Located within Gitksan territory, 'Ksan Historical Village and Museum stands where the village of Gitanmaax has existed for centuries. It is the desire of 'Ksan to preserve and truthfully portray the lifestyles of the people who have always lived there. The 'Ksan museum collection is comprised of both ceremonial and utilitarian objects which illustrate the great diversity of Gitksan material culture. The replicated village showcases many features of an historic Gitksan village including elaborately decorated house fronts and totem poles as well as smoke houses and food caches. The site where 'Ksan is located was an important fishing and transportation hub for the Gitksan people.

# 4 Gitwangak National Historic Site

KITWANGA NORTH ROAD, KITWANGA BC

## DIRECTIONS

Via hwy 16, turn north onto hwy 37 at the Kitwanga junction. From here, drive up hwy 37 for 4.3 km and turn left on Kitwanga North Road. Gitwangak Battle Hill is on the left 1.7 km further.

This site is jointly managed by Parks Canada and the Gitwangak First Nation.

For Information contact:  
Phone: 250-559-8818  
Web: [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)



Gitwangak's Battle Hill commemorates the history of a Daa'ootsip, or fortified village, which was occupied by the Gitwangak during the late 1700's and early 1800s. From this hilltop stronghold, the warrior chief Nekt led a series of raids against neighbouring First Nations. This site is tied closely with the village of Gitwangak where totem poles depicting Gitwangak history can be viewed by the public.\* The interpretive panels along the trail leading to Battle Hill tell a detailed history of the area and of the Gitwangak First Nation.

*\*(information adapted from a Parks Canada brochure)*

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## Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park & Visitor Centre

NISGA'A VISITOR CENTRE – FOLLOW HWY SIGNS  
TO VISITOR CENTRE WITHIN THE PARK



Open Seasonally  
from 9am-7pm  
Contact for tour  
times and prices

Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park) is the first provincial park within the Province of British Columbia to combine the interpretation of natural features and First Nations culture. Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park is jointly managed by the Nisga'a and British Columbia Parks.

The Nisga'a alkali basalt flow is one of the youngest and most accessible volcanic features in British Columbia. Guided volcanic tours are offered to visitors through the Nisga'a Visitor Centre. This guided tour introduces visitors to Nisga'a history and culture while hiking 3 km through scenic old-growth forest, past a variety of volcanic features to a viewpoint overlooking the crater.

Unguided access to the volcanic cone is prohibited to ensure the protection of this fragile environment. Please visit the Nisga'a Visitor Centre for tour times and costs.

# 6 Stewart Historical Museum

603 COLUMBIA STREET, STEWART BC



Open seasonally from  
May to September

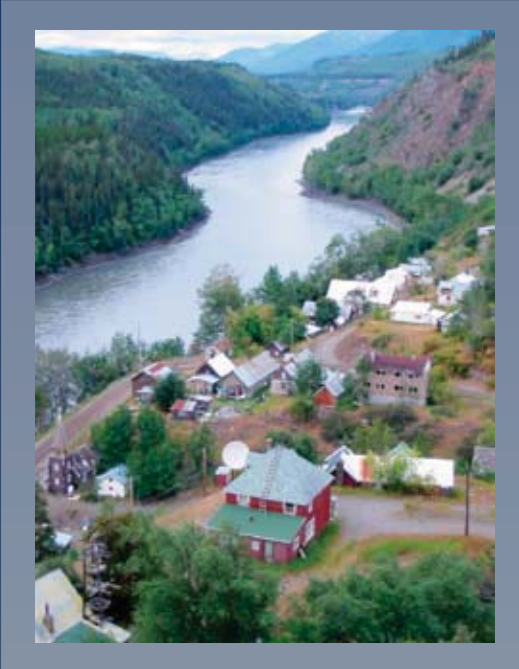
The Stewart Historical Museum is a volunteer-run museum located in a renovated fire hall. Within walking distance of Main Street, this museum tells Stewart's history through photograph and artifact displays. Outside the museum visitors will find an array of pioneer objects including an old fire truck which was used when the fire hall was operational.

Stewart was founded on the mining industry but has evolved over time reflecting changes in the regional economy. The beauty of the surrounding area has drawn movie producers to the area to shoot blockbuster films starring actors such as Robin Williams and Hilary Swank. The museum displays some of this history, by showcasing artifacts, collectables and photographs from these movie making ventures. Wandering through the two floors of this unique museum will leave visitors with a detailed understanding of the multi-faceted history of this town.



# 7 Telegraph Creek Historic Town Site

TELEGRAPH CREEK IS LOCATED  
119KM WEST OF DEASE LAKE



Located on a terrace overlooking the Stikine River sits the historic town site of Telegraph Creek, named for the overland telegraph line to the Yukon that was started in 1866. The cable was finished in 1901, yet abandoned in 1936 when wireless radio was introduced. Though the Yukon Telegraph Trail is mostly overgrown, a 265 km stretch still survives between Telegraph Creek and Atlin, British Columbia. This section of trail is open to backpackers interested in a hearty multi-day hike.

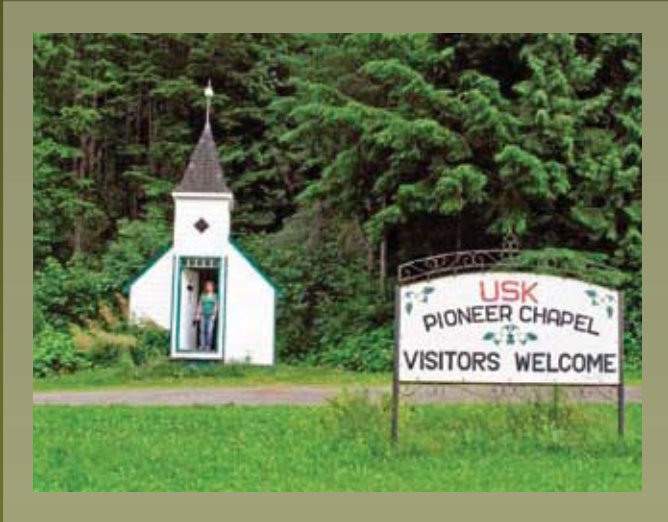
Today, the Telegraph Creek town site is made up of many buildings which date back a century or more. There are numerous deserted historic buildings in the town itself, as well as some that have been restored, including the original Hudson's Bay Company Store. A beautiful drive in the summer months, Telegraph Creek is reached via a rough Forest Service road that runs southwest from Dease Lake.



# Usk Pioneer Chapel

Open 7 days a week.

HWY 16, 22KM EAST OF TERRACE



This exceptional little church is one third the size of the original structure that was built in the community of Usk during the 1920s. In the early 20th Century, Usk was a small yet busy community, dependent upon mining and logging. In 1936 a devastating flood saw houses floating down the valley, communities submerged and left train tracks suspended in mid-air. Among the buildings damaged beyond repair was the Usk Church. In 1967 the Christian Reform Church of Terrace raised money to build this replica commemorating the community of Usk and the people who survived the flood of 1936. Today, the community of Usk is accessible via ferry from the highway side of the Skeena River.

# 9 Kitimat Museum & Archives

293 CITY CENTRE, KITIMAT BC



Visitors to the Kitimat Museum and Archives can explore the area's history through exhibits and displays which highlight the coming of Alcan's aluminum smelter in the 1950s, early valley settlement by Europeans, and local Haisla First Nation traditional arts and technologies. There is a temporary gallery located on the second floor of the museum which showcases changing exhibits by local artists and artisans. The museum also offers an online collection of over three hundred photographs and artifacts for those who wish to research the human and natural history of the area from afar.

## MUSEUM HOURS:

JUNE THROUGH AUGUST  
Monday to Saturday  
10am - 5pm

SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY  
Monday to Friday  
10am - 5pm  
Saturday 12 - 5pm  
Closed Sundays & Holidays

## Contact Information

Phone: 250-632-8950

Fax: 250-632-7429

[kitimatmuseum@telus.net](mailto:kitimatmuseum@telus.net)

[www.kitimatmuseum.ca](http://www.kitimatmuseum.ca)

# 10 The George Little House

3100 KALUM STREET, TERRACE BC



Open 6 days a week year  
round from 10am-5pm.  
Closed Tuesdays.  
Phone: 250-638-8887  
littlehouse@terrace.ca  
www.terrace.ca (search  
George Little House)

In the heart of Terrace sits one of the city's oldest remaining buildings. Built in 1914, the George Little House (named after the founder of the city) acts as a gateway to the community and houses the Via Rail Train Station. The George Little House is maintained as a community and cultural facility where art, heritage and tourism are promoted through historical displays, local art and friendly staff. Many special events and community celebrations are hosted at this site as well as afternoon and evening teas. If you would like to learn about the Terrace area, or simply see a beautiful historic building, a visit is a must.

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## Heritage Park Museum

4702 KERBY ROAD, TERRACE BC



JULY AND AUGUST:

7 days/week – 10am to 5pm

MAY AND JUNE:

Monday-Friday – 10am to 5pm

SEPTEMBER TO APRIL:

By appointment

Phone: 250-635-4546

[curator@heritageparkmuseum.com](mailto:curator@heritageparkmuseum.com)

[www.heritageparkmuseum.com](http://www.heritageparkmuseum.com)

The unique collection of eight historical buildings that form Heritage Park Museum offer a rare glimpse into the social and economic life of Terrace in the early years of the 20th Century. Each historic building was carefully moved to this location and restored to its original state. These structures showcase a very impressive collection of historic artifacts. Each building highlights a different aspect of history specific to the pioneer settlement of this region and informative tours elaborate on the details of this history. This community museum hosts an array of annual special events as well as providing a meeting place for visitors and community organizations.

# 12 Terrace Art Gallery

4610 PARK AVENUE, TERRACE BC



Wed, Thurs & Sat: 12pm – 4pm  
Friday: 12pm – 6pm  
Sunday: 1pm – 4pm  
Phone: 250-638-8884  
[coordinator@terraceartgallery.com](mailto:coordinator@terraceartgallery.com)  
[www.terraceartgallery.com](http://www.terraceartgallery.com)

The Terrace Art Association believes that the visual arts have a unique capacity to communicate the mind and spirit of a community. This commitment to the arts is reflected in their gallery. The Terrace Art Gallery is a public, non-profit facility dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the visual arts in Terrace. This gallery has been working to enrich local and regional culture by providing continuous exposure to the visual arts and encouraging community involvement through outreach, education and service over the past 25 years.

The gallery is located on the lower floor of the Terrace Public Library and hosts new shows every month as well as children's programming throughout the year.

# 13 Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site

15 KM EAST OF TERRACE



Phone: 250-635-8882 ext 231  
canyon@kitselas.com  
www.kitselas.bc.ca

Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site is located approximately 15km east of Terrace and is accessed through Gitau, a community of the Kitselas First Nation. This site has been developed into one of the finest cultural tourism destinations in the region. Historic walking tours down a scenic trail lead to a lookout where the visitor can view the canyon and learn about the history of the Kitselas people. In addition, there are three traditional longhouse reconstructions that are being developed into spaces for a museum, cultural activities and carving workshops.