



Follow the Mittens on the Map



A START at the Fairy Forest

- This forest is in its second growth, the previous having been logged by the McLeans in the 1920's

B then proceed to Arnold McLean House

- This was one of the first structures built on the site. It was built without an official plan or blueprint; instead coming straight from Arnold McLean's imagination and experience.



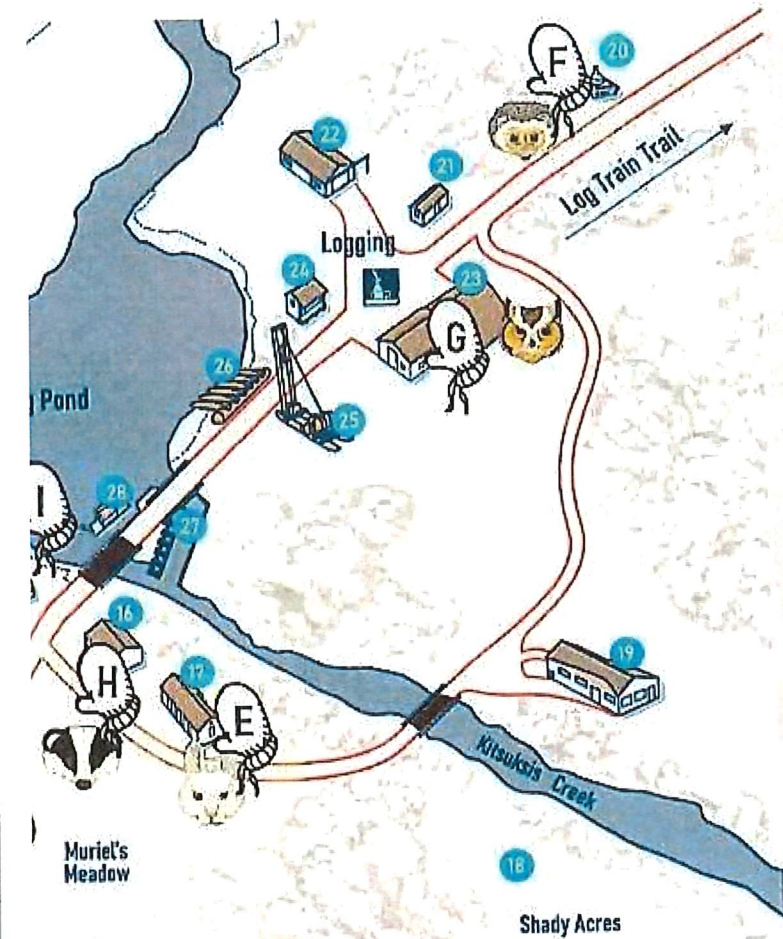
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D The Cookhouse
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G Garage
-The garage wa on site. Loggir to be cut in th



H Blacksmith Shop

- This operational blacksmith shop was essential to the site. Its importance is highlighted by how early it was built, in 1929, for creating, fixing and reconfiguring tools for both logging, mill work and transportation needs.

I Millwright's Shed

J Water Tower

- This water tower was originally constructed to serve the people of the site. Now it serves people from all over as a popular venue for weddings.

K Root House

- This cellar kept food goods cold, thick insulate walls made this possible as ice was dumped in the hole near the top. How do you insulate a cellar in the 1930's? Answer: walls 1 ft thick filled with sawdust.

L Mill / Lumber Deck

- This Mill is the only in situ (original location), operational, sawmill which shows the evolution of North American forestry.

M Teacherage

- This building has had multiple uses throughout its history, beginning its life as accommodation for the Mill's school teacher, Ms. Sterling, in 1930.

N Playground

- These historic tools and trucks are representative of what the children living on site would have used to keep them entertained in the 1930s.

House
- This house was built by RB's sons before he relocated to the site. Given how small the site was, this small house is rather surprising. The original house was destroyed by a snowstorm and the modern recreation includes site facilities including a room and an office.

Saloon
- The saloon was the centre of mill life and unified all the workers and their families. It was a place for celebrating here for celebrations, events and a warm cup of soup.

Men's Bunkhouses
- Located north of the bunkhouses which housed the single workers. Each bunkhouse housed between 2 and 6 men; at most there was 11 single men bunkhouses.

Donkey
- A team of mules and a team donkey was used for over 30 years and was one of the main attractions of Expo '86.

Truck Pit
- This pit was built around 1944 and was used to maintain the trucks. It was used for logging trucks requiring a pit to be dug for oil changes and a hole in the ground to pull out axels, these features are still visible.

The End

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2021 (post Covid)

- Improve Mapping
- Develop Evening Market - Farmers Market/Street Market
- Continue to promote online sales and bookings
- Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day Events (if permitted)
- Re-establish events such as Jeepers Creepers
- Trail(s) improvements
- We are working with groups such as:
 - ADSS Dry Grad
 - Local Dance Groups
 - Pacific Rim Children & Families for ongoing events
 - Musicians
 - Currently have 1 Wedding planned for May, 1 in June, 4 in July, 3 in August, 1 in September and 2 in October
- We are working with 'Live History Shows' based out of Ottawa for a week long event similar to the former Tin Pants Theater
- A group from Victoria have booked a large event for Seniors - Ageless Adventure Tours - in August.
- Heritage Christmas Event postponed from 2020 is scheduled for 2021 with Title Sponsor Funds in place
- **We continue to plan for improved Signage through the Historic Site. Sign content has been developed (see subsequent page)**
- Improve site appeal with more vegetation, flowers etc.
- Continue with Music in the Park
- As a point of interest we are receiving an average of 2 Wedding Inquiries per week



Workers House

Resoration: The building was found in poor to good condition; walls were plumb, floor structurally fairly sound, but parts of exterior wall had deteriorated badly. STabalization work on the building concentrated on the foundations, and ensuring drainage away from the house. Tarps were installed on the roof as a temporary measure to keep out the rain. In 2002 the Kiwabus Club donated their time to place a temporary roof on the building.

Bill Morrisette built the original house for his bride in 1929. It consisted of a kitchen, a front room and two bedrooms. Through the years, the house was lived in by workers and their families, caretakers and occasionally left vacant. Occupants made renovations and additions, as they found necessary.



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PN 12132
Kermit
Green, with
daughter
Carol, 1940.
Their
houses can
be seen in
the
background.



When Kermit Green and his new bride Kay lived in the house, from 1940-43, they put sheathing paper on the walls for added insulation.

Earl and Lura Talbot lived in the house from 1951-62. Earl Talbot built a bathroom/pantry addition onto the north end of the house, and also began work on a porch on the east side of the building.

Don Braun, who lived here from 1963-65 with his family, removed the Talbot addition and replaced it with the current front door and bedroom. He then built a new bathroom on the Southeast corner.

From 1965-1980 Diane Cowley Pinkney and her family lived in the house. During their residence they enclosed Talbot's porch and made into two bedrooms; built stairs to the attic and finished the attic as a bedroom for their two girls.

In the 1980's, the last resident, caretaker Don Treleaven made a number of changes to the house including: removing the attic stairs, boarding up the attic, and bolstering the kitchen ceiling with a beam.

Signage Plans:

Signage through the Site needs attention. We are committed to prioritizing this objective and are well underway with designs and plans. All of this work will be done in conjunction with Museum Curators.

The Cookhouse

The cookhouse was the center of camp life. Here the single men ate and everyone stopped for a cup of coffee, warmth and conversation. The cookhouse was one of the original mill site buildings, probably constructed in 1927. It included a dining room, kitchen and west bedroom. The pantry on the north side was possibly part of this original configuration. The windows of the pantry were screened and the west and east walls were lined with shelves. An icebox sat in one corner. A few years later, a second bedroom was added on the southwest corners of the dining room. Located across the road was a root house, built in 1937, providing vegetable storage.



AV Museum
PN11493 Cook
sitting in the
snow

The cook prepared meals on a big, cast iron stove and served the food on heavy, white crockery dishes. Hot and cold running water was available, as a pipe had been directed behind the stove to heat it. Meals were hearty, no-nonsense fare. Breakfast typically consisted of eggs, bacon and hotcakes. For supper, the men looked forward to meat, potatoes, vegetables and homemade bread with pies and cake for dessert. Conservation was, by choice, minimal during mealtime.



AV Museum PN13756
wedding reception; bride
and groom at the head of
table

The company's first cook was RB McLean's wife, Cora. She was a fine cook, known for the donuts she prepared, a favorite of her husband. Many cooks -- good, bad and somewhere in between-- followed through the ensuing years.

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Financial Plan 2021 and beyond

- Requested from Council - 2021 = \$150,000.
- Chamber would absorb current known liabilities pertaining to Wedding and Other Events still on the books ~ \$12,000.
- Chamber to invest in Security System for Non-Historic areas ~ \$2,000.
- Chamber to consider Caretaker Fence (deferred from 2020) at a potential cost of \$10,000.
- Upon full reopen of the site (COVID restrictions removed) Chamber would require one more year of \$150,000. followed by successive years showing at least a 10% decline in the first year (\$135,000.) followed by 15% (\$114,750.) then a drop to \$100,000.
- Chamber reminds Council of the \$40,000. earmarked for 2020 related to unknown expenses pertaining to the 2019 year. The Chamber accessed about 25% of that amount with the balance left for the City to use for other purposes

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2022 - 2023

Glamping

Moment Factory <https://momentfactory.com/reel/lumina-night-walks-demo>

Portable Mill

Fisheries Tours

Japanese Gardens

Fireplace in the Grand Hall

Expanded Food / Beverage with the potential for Catering and Year Round Restaurant Services

Office Building converted to a revenue producing environment. Artists renting it?

Photography Studio? Specialized Coffee Shop?

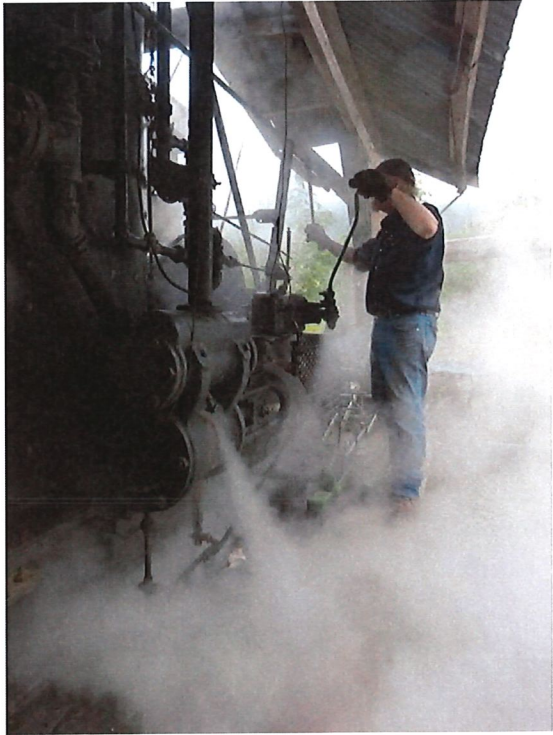
In the Meantime

- Website Growth
- Online Store / Strong Inventory Management Systems
- Online Booking Systems and indirect support for other groups
- Direct connection to the Visitor Services offered by the Chamber of Commerce
- More Grant Applications
- Commitment to Contracts for all Events/Bookings at the Site (with Deposits)
- Ample Insurance covering all parties
- Support for the Onsite Caretaker
- Caretaker available 24/7
- Caretaker is under Contract
- Commitment to year-round operations leading to onsite presence most days of the year
- Chamber investment in Security System for the Non-Historic Site and support for whatever happens in the Historic areas
- Garbage collection is managed by the Chamber
- Lawns kept in order by the Caretaker and Chamber staff
- Commitment to Signage throughout the Site
- Significant investment in Marketing Strategies most of which would be dedicated to Online opportunities.
- Management and Team Development. Training (all staff currently trained in Food Safe - as example)
- All staff trained in Best Practices through Destination BC Training modules
- Volunteer Development and Encouragement. Training offered at N/C to Volunteers
- Client First Strategies
- Continued approach to sustainability, environmental best practices
- Support of Museum mandates
- Success

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benches with a good book!

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