

Welcome to

Ashcroft Museum

The Ashcroft Museum and Archives is located at the corner of Fourth and Brink Streets. The building was built in 1917 and was used as the Federal Post Office up until 1980. The Village of Ashcroft acquired the building and after completely remodeling the interior the Ashcroft Museum was officially opened in 1982.

The main floor contains exhibits that portray the history of the Southern Cariboo from the original First Nations to the men and women who later settled here. Replicas of early stores have been created and visitors are offered a taste of what it was like to stroll down the street in the early 1900's. A colourful combination of artifacts, text and photographs vividly illustrates life as it was in the early "glory days".

On the second floor the history of farming and ranching in the Hat Creek Valley has been recreated by following the stories of several of the area's pioneer families.

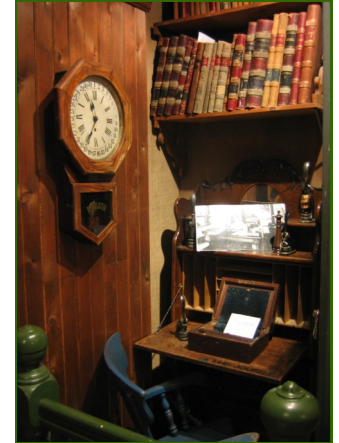
The Museum collection was started by R.D. Cumming who began acquiring artifacts as early as 1905. His museum was founded in 1935 over the offices of the Ashcroft Journal Newspaper.



The Ashcroft Museum is open seasonally from mid April until the end of October. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday, however during July and August the Museum is open seven days a week. Bus tours and schools are welcome however we request 24 hours notice for large groups. Admission is by donation.

Visitors to the Museum have the option of being treated to a tour by museum staff or browsing through the displays at their own pace.

For more information, contact the museum directly at (250) 453-9232 or by email at museum@ashcroftbc.ca.



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