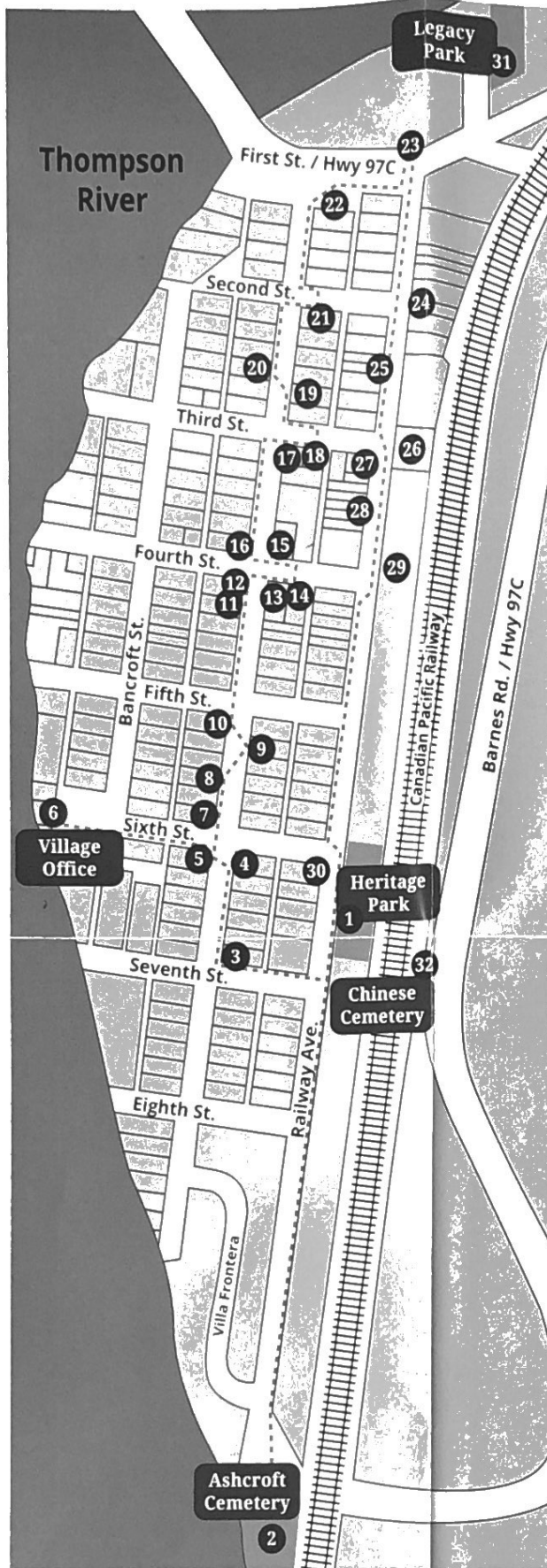


Village of Ashcroft HISTORIC WALKING TOUR



- Heritage Place Park** • A Millennium Project titled "A Walk Through Time" and a must to wander through! A new addition to the park are 4 beautiful mosaic glass murals. A picnic area, seasonal washrooms and the visitor's centre are all available here.
- Ashcroft Cemetery** • Has been here since 1889. There are stones that date back earlier, but they were moved here afterwards.
- 612 Brink St.** • Built in 1905 by original owner Mr. Christie, the Government Agent.
- 602 Brink St.** • Built in 1914 by Dr. Whitman and later bought by Leslie Cameron, an employee of Inland Express.
- 601 Brink St.** • Built in 1911 by J.C. Shields, an electrical engineer. Designed as a pre-cut house constructed in 4 foot lengths!
- 601 Bancroft St.** • Originally built in 1913 as the Lady Minto Hospital. It was replaced by the present hospital in 1970. The Village Office is now located here.
- 511 Brink St.** • Built in 1900 by J.B. Bryson for D. Murphy to entice his bride to move from England. She came but did not stay (too dusty)! Basement has original stone foundation.
- 507 Brink St.** • Built in the early 1900s. The columns and porch were moved here from Walhachin.
- 504 Brink St.** • Built in 1904 by Marcus Bailey.
- 501 Brink St.** • St. Albans Anglican Church. Built in 1891 by Contractor William Higginbottom for \$500. The bell was purchased from England for \$400 and was used to alert the community whenever there was a fire until the Fire Hall was built in 1899.
- 403 Brink St.** • Built in 1901 by Dr. F.S. Reynolds, owner/editor of the Journal newspaper. In 1922 it was acquired by the Masonic Lodge. Previously, the site held the Courthouse and jail.
- 401 Brink St.** • Built in 1889 as "The Town Hall" and renovated in 1898 as an Opera House. Operated by McGillvray and Veasy. Remodelled in 1911, it showed silent movies, concerts and plays. It reopened as a movie theatre in 1929. The building is now privately owned.
- 404 Brink St.** • Erected in 1917 as the Dominion Public Building. Housed the Post Office, telephone, & telegraph offices. Has operated as the Ashcroft Museum since 1982.
- 404 4th St.** • Built in 1898 and occupied by the BC Mining Journal (est. 1895). It became The Ashcroft Journal in 1899, and was operated from 1912 - 1978 by the Cumming family. It is still occupied by The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal.
- 312 4th St.** • Built in 1932 Originally the Bank of Montreal.
- 311 Brink St.** • Built in 1895. The upstairs was the IOOF Hall Lodge #23. Downstairs was first occupied by Oliver Harvey, then by Melvin Bryson, the Customs Agent.
- Mural on the side of the Legion** • Painted by Jo & Greg Petty in honour of Remembrance Day.
- 303 3rd St.** • Built in 1932 by Mrs. Smith as the "Ashcroft Grocery Store." It became the Ashcroft Bakery in the 1960s.
- 210 Brink St.** • Built in 1936 for Tan Louie. There were no written or drawn plans for the house, it was built entirely by memory.
- 207 Brink St.** • Built by Billy McKenna in 1900.
- 202 Brink St.** • Built in 1917 as a livery stable. John Bundus took over the stable in 1933, put in a cement floor and operated it as a Blacksmith shop which was operated by three generations of the Bundus family until 2016.
- Cariboo Freight Wagon** • Built in 1863 by Isaac Lehman to haul freight to the Cariboo. Wagon was rebuilt in 1992/93 and donated to the village. It was installed at the entrance to town in 1993.
- Ashcroft Fire Hall** • Originally built in 1899. Replica built in 1918 and was moved to the present site in 1994.
- 114 Railway Ave.** • Built in 1916 as Wing Wo Lung, a general store. This is the only surviving store from Ashcroft's China Town. A must see on the north side of the building are three mosaic glass murals.
- Original Site of The Grand Central Hotel** • Burned down in 1916 fire. Rebuilt in 1920 as the Central Hotel. Used as a hotel until the 1950s, presently the Central Café.
- Spud Park** • Beside present Fire Hall.
- Buffalo Mural** • Created for the movie "An Unfinished Life". Local artist Jo Petty was one of the artists involved in painting the Mural.
- Harvey Bailey Building Site** • Built originally in 1885. Burned down in the 1916 fire and rebuilt same year. Burned down again in 2001. All that remains is the safe.
- Historic Photos** • On Railway Ave. at Lady Minto Place Mall.
- 601 Railway Ave.** • The BX Building, built in 1911 for BC Express. In 1924 it became the cannery office. In 1925 it became the Government Office. Now used as a private residence.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Legacy Park Campground** • Not a historic site, but an RV campground with washrooms and internet. Another rest stop to enjoy!
- Chinese Cemetery** • This once neglected cemetery contains about 60 grave sites. It has recently been revitalized by the local Rotary and Lions Clubs. Includes an information kiosk, mosaic glass mural and bench. Off street parking is available.

What's in this guide?

In this guide, we have strived to provide you with a sense of our history and hope you finish the tour with a new appreciation for days gone by.

How long will it take?

The walk is about 1½ km and should take about an hour to complete. Of course, if you make more stops along the way, you'll be in town longer! The downtown core of Ashcroft isn't that big, so don't feel you have to follow the map to the "tee" — if you see something interesting, go on and explore.