

Search the BC Register of Historic Places



BCRHP homepage featuring Cole Island at Colwood.

The BC Register of Historic Places (BCRHP) records information about historic places in British Columbia that have been officially recognized for their heritage value by a government entity.

This guide provides basic instructions for how to search for historic places on the BCRHP database on a desktop computer and understand the heritage site record.

To find the historic place and its site record, follow these steps:

1. Click "Search Sites" on the upper right corner of the BCRHP homepage.
2. The next screen will display a search page with an interactive map.



Quick Tip

Use "Search Sites" to search by:

- [Term](#)
- [Address](#)
- [Saved Search](#)

Navigating the search page

There are three different ways to find historic places in the BCRHP.

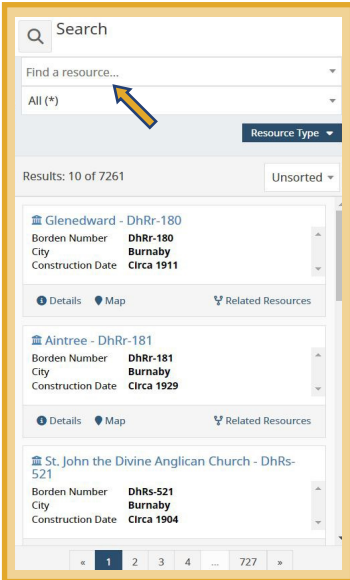
Searching by Term (Keyword)

This search method will generate the broadest number of results.

1. In the top left corner of the search page, type a search term into the “Find a resource...” search bar. *(See image on the left.)*

Type the full search term or select a suggested result from the dropdown list that appears. The map in the right-hand panel will zoom into the area of your search term.


2. From the results that appear below the search bar, choose a site record by clicking “Details”, “Map” or “Related Resources”.



Searching by term using the “Find a resource...” search bar.



Quick Tip

Click the “Help Button”  on the upper right corner for an Introduction to Search overview and advanced Search Tools.

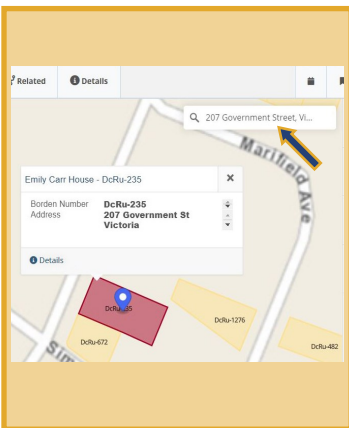


Stagecoach in Barkerville, 2023 (photo credit: Mia Cirotto)

Navigating the search page



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Searching for a historic place by address.

Searching by Address

This search method will generate location-specific results.

1. In the top right corner of the interactive map, click on the “Find an Address...” search bar. (See image on the left.)
2. Start typing an address in the Search bar. Type the full address or select a suggested result from the dropdown list that appears. The map will zoom into the selected location with a map marker (blue pin).
3. If the blue pin lands on a historic site, click on the site polygon (coloured box) under the blue pin to view the information.



Quick Tip

Historic sites are shown as polygons on the interactive map. They are colour-coded based on the level of government that recognized them. Some sites have multiple recognition levels.

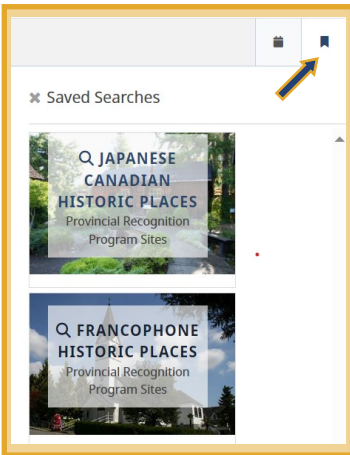
- Red—Provincial
- Orange—Federal
- Yellow—Municipal

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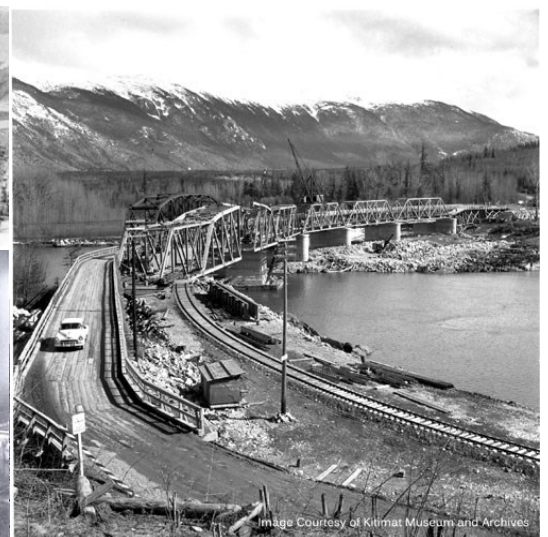
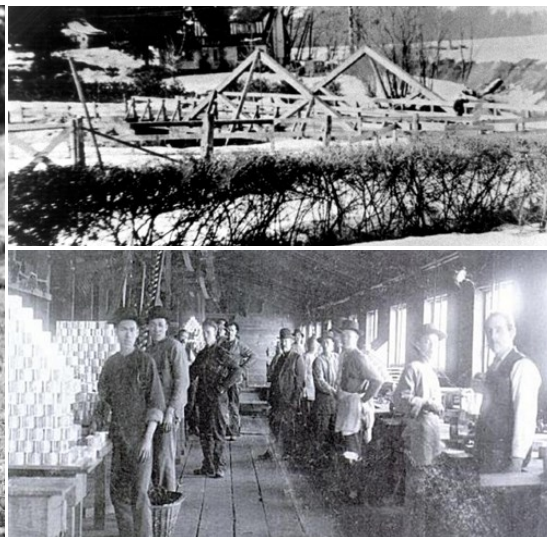
Searching by Saved Search

Saved Searches show groups of historic places based on theme, type or category.

1. On the top right of the page, click on the Saved Searches Button to open the search panel. (See image on the left.)
2. Select a saved search from the list. The search page will reload with results in a left-hand panel and zoom to them on the map.



Searching a historic place by saved searches.



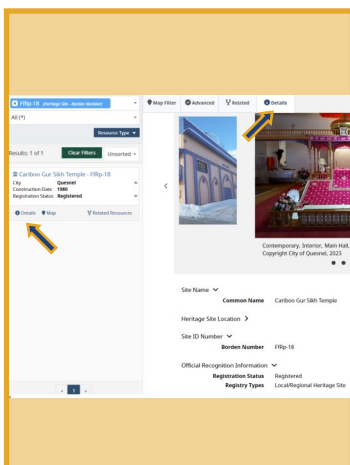
Left to right: Chinese Cemetery at Cumberland (1985); Aintree, front elevation (1931); Chinese workers at Cleeve Cannery, New Westminster circa (1904); Old Skeen Bridge at Terrace (1953).

Learn more about the Historic Site

To view more information about a historic site, click on the Details icon. (See image on the left.)

This can be found at the bottom of each site record. It includes a summary of the historic place with images. The information on this page helps users understand the status of a heritage site on the BCRHP.

Some sites may include additional information, such as a Statement of Significance. This describes the heritage value of the site and its character defining elements.



The Details page on a historic site.

Access and manage Historic Site Records



Monument 83 fire tower, 2010.

Download and Export Historic Site Records



Single record

To download information on a single historic site record:

1. Navigate to the Details page.
2. Right-click anywhere on the page.
3. Select "Print".
4. Save as a PDF or print the historic site record.

Multiple records

To download information on multiple records:

1. Filter search to desired records (displayed in results section below the search bar).
2. Click the "Download Icon". 
3. Ensure ".csv" is selected, and click  to view a compressed file.
4. Extract the files and open the .csv file on your computer.

Questions?

Contact the Heritage Branch at the B.C. Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport at heritage@bc.gov.ca.