

# TRAVEL TO FORT STEELE

AN 1890s BOOM TOWN THAT'S BURSTING WITH ACTIVITY.

Fort Steele started life during the 1864 gold rush on nearby Wild Horse Creek. Originally called Galbraith's Ferry, the small settlement sprang up at the place where eager prospectors were ferried across the Kootenay River to seek their fortunes.

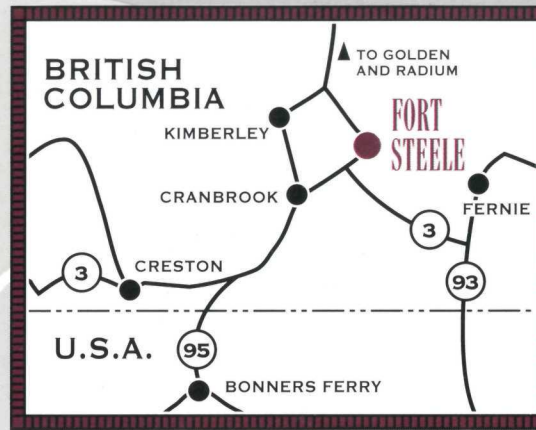


In 1888, the town was renamed in honour of Sam Steele, one of Canada's most famous North-West Mounted Police officers who was brought in to defuse tensions between the settlers and local native people.

Major coal, silver and lead discoveries created a mining boom in the region. By the late 1890s, Fort Steele had become a thriving centre of trade, transportation and social activity...until the railroad passed it by.

Today, Fort Steele has come to life again with friendly townsfolk and the sights and sounds of yesteryear.

So step back in time and have the time of your life at Fort Steele Heritage Town set in the magnificent Rocky Mountains.



## TAKE A TURN TO FORT STEELE. FOR A TRIP BACK IN TIME.

Fort Steele Heritage Town is just 15 minutes northeast of Cranbrook on Highways 93/95. It's also easy to reach from the Crownsnest Hwy 3, which follows the historic Dewdney Trail.

Fort Steele is open year round. The best time to visit is in the summer when the site opens at 9:30 a.m. and all programs are in full swing. Admission charge June through September. Local Travel Infocentres at Kimberley and Cranbrook can provide you with more information about visitor services and attractions in the surrounding area.



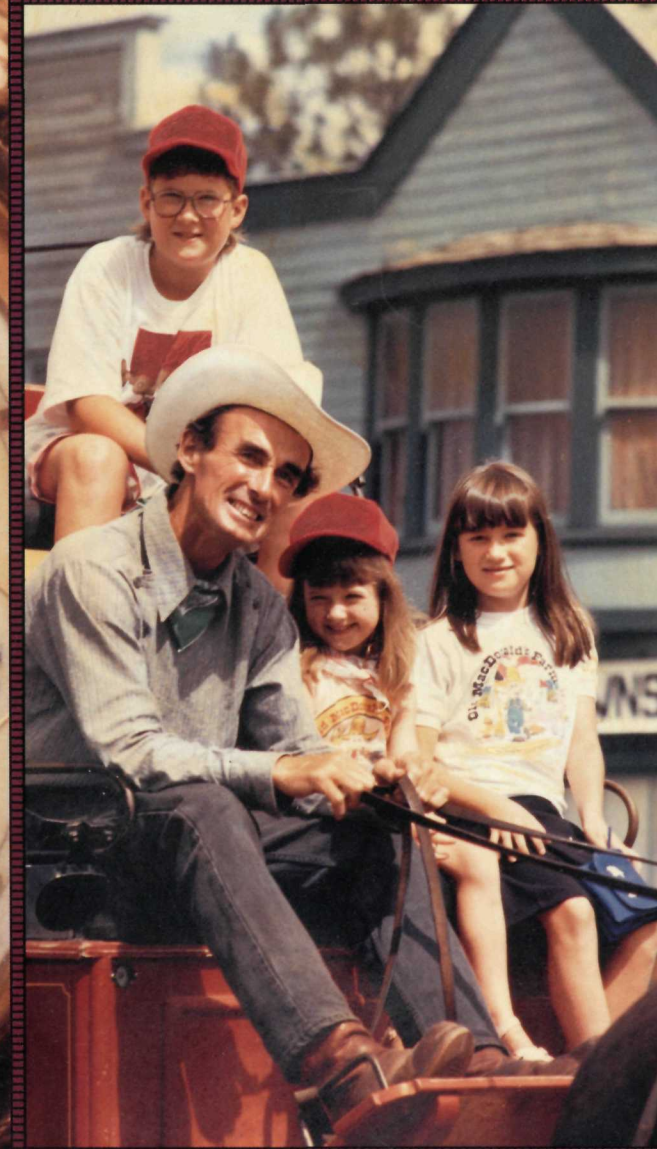
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# Great Past Times at FORT STEELE Heritage Town



## THE 1890S COME TO LIFE.

Over 60 restored and reconstructed homes and buildings create an authentic atmosphere of the 1890s as the people of Fort Steele go about their business much as they would have at the turn-of-the-century.



Participate in "living history" as you testify at a trial, make old-fashioned ice cream or take a horse-drawn wagon ride down Main Street.



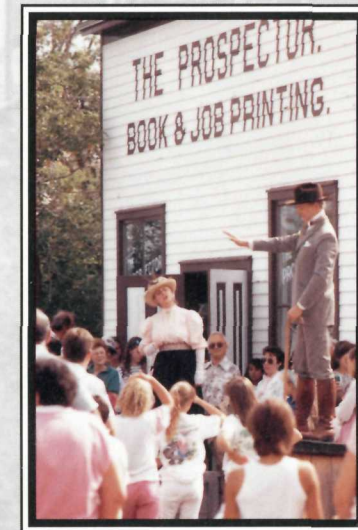
## SO MUCH TO DO, SO MUCH TO SEE.

Catch a live, foot stomping musical variety show at the Wild Horse Theatre. Taste old-fashioned goodness at the Fort Steele City Bakery. Shop for curios at H. Kershaw and Son General Store. Enjoy hearty fare at the International Hotel Restaurant and light refreshment in the Tearoom. Take a ride on the old steam train. Pick up the latest news from the presses of the Prospector Print Shop. Treat yourself to something sweet from Mrs. Sprague's Confectionery.



## A HISTORIC HOLIDAY THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL LOVE.

Tremendous care has been taken to create a heritage experience that has something for everyone. When you visit Fort Steele you don't just look at history, you live it. Spend a day and experience the pioneer spirit of British Columbia. It's a day your family will remember forever.



## WHILE YOU'RE IN THE AREA

Other attractions near Fort Steele include: the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel; the Kootenay Trout Hatchery; Moyie, Wasa and Kikomun Provincial Parks; Wild Horse Creek; and Kimberley, the Bavarian City.

