



Dredge No. 4  
National Historic Site

# XPLORERS

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# WELCOME!

to DREDGE NO. 4  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
[Lëzraq kànëchà]

Drin Hozq! Hello! Welcome to the traditional territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, who have called this area home for thousands of years.

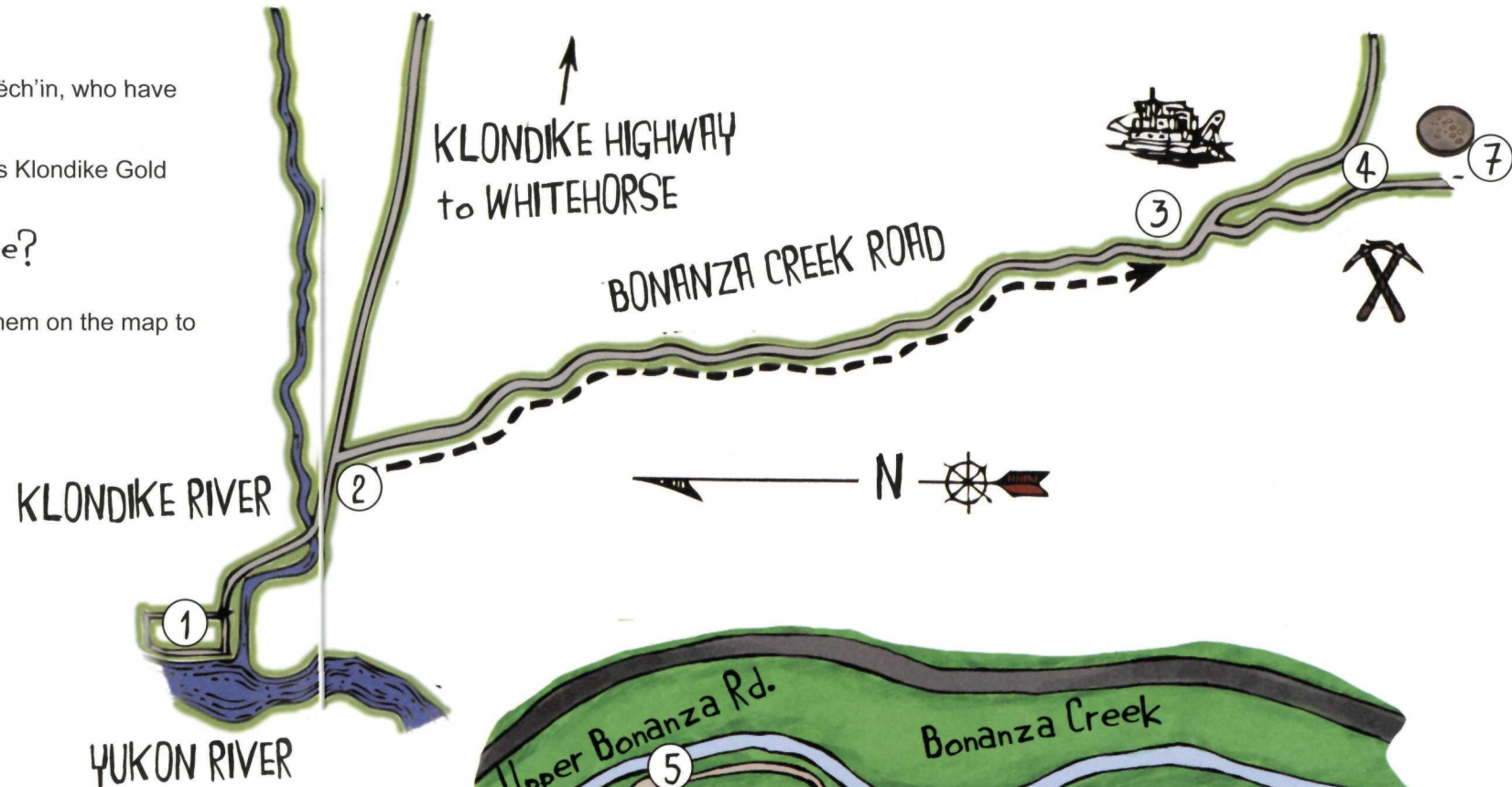
The discovery of gold in this region over 125 years ago led to the famous Klondike Gold Rush, where thousands of people travelled north to find their fortune.

Do you have what it takes to strike it rich in the Klondike?

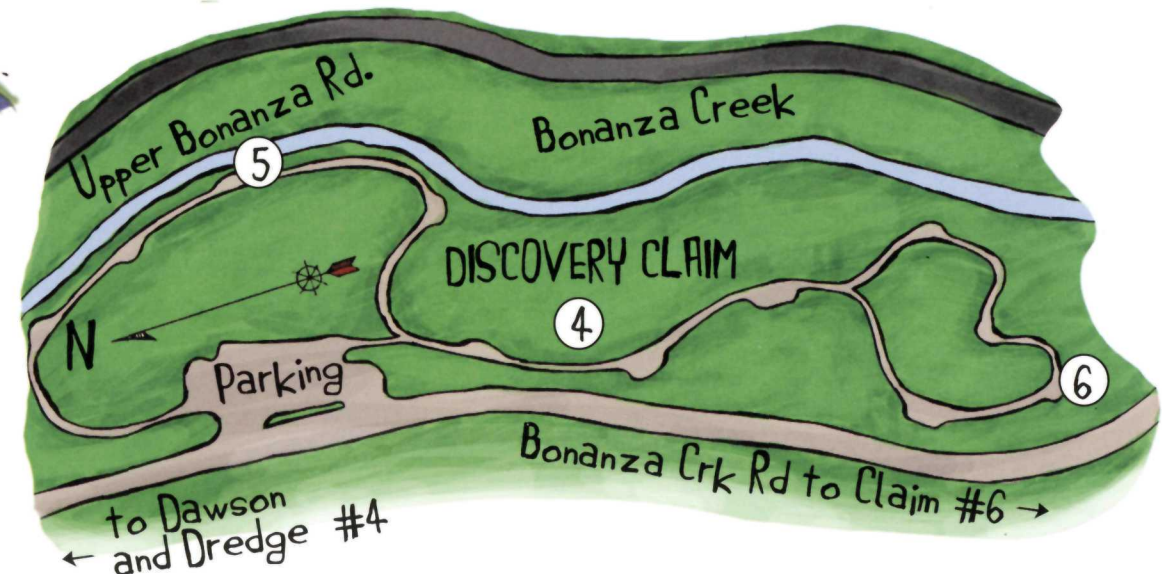
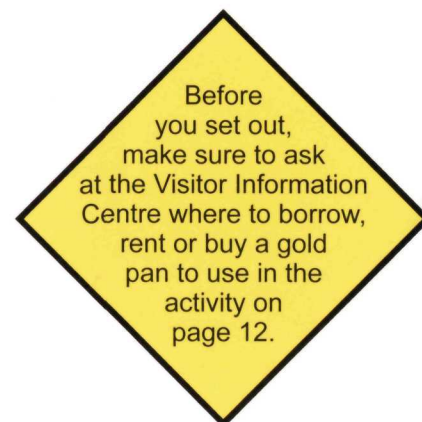
You'll find the numbers below on activity pages in your booklet. Locate them on the map to discover where to go to complete the activity. Happy Xploring!

- ① Dawson City and Visitor Information Centre
- ② Turn onto Bonanza Creek Road
- ③ Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site / Lëzraq kànëchà
- ④ Discovery Claim National Historic Site / Gah dëk
- ⑤ Site of Discovery
- ⑥ Shaft and Mining Equipment
- ⑦ Free Claim #6

At the end of your visit, go to the VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE to have your certificate signed and get a special souvenir.



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# GO FOR A DRIVE



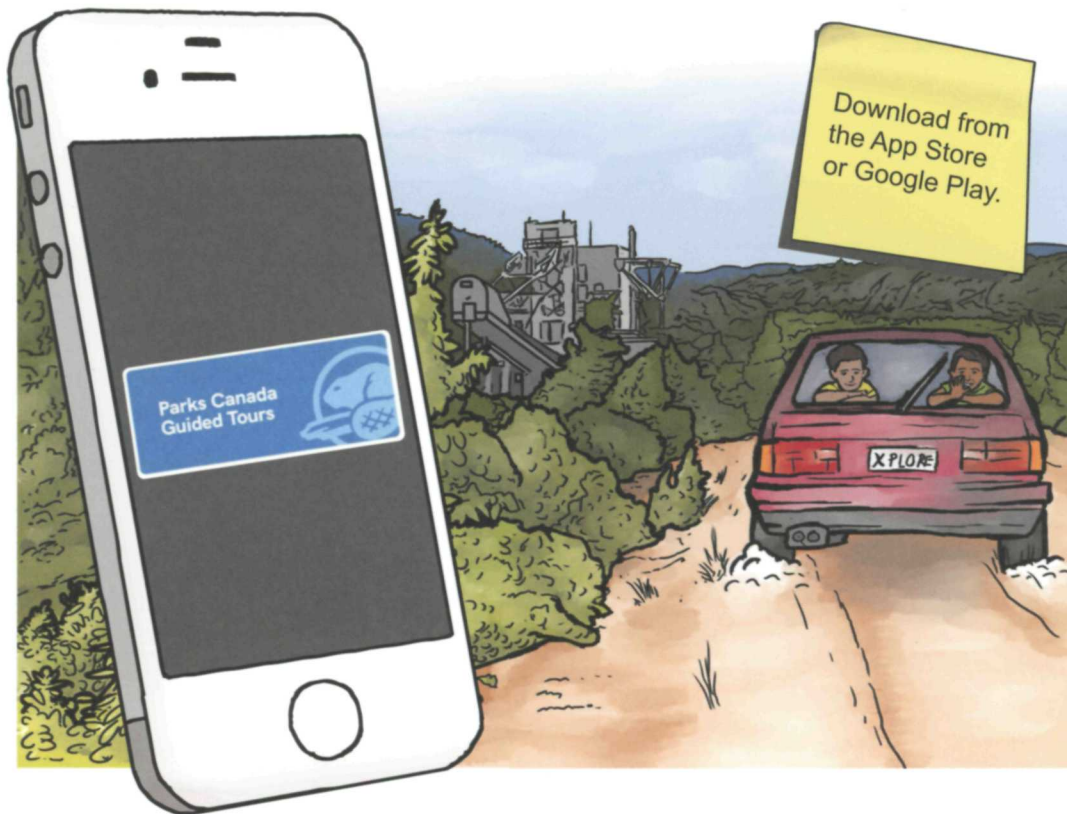
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## GUIDED TOUR APP

After news spread about the discovery of gold, mining claims were staked all along Bonanza Creek. Dirt roads were built through the goldfields to carry supplies, machinery and people out to their claims. Today, Bonanza Creek Road follows the same route that was created way back in 1896.

Download the free Parks Canada Guided Tours App, and find the Goldfields tour.

This app will be your personal tour guide for the day, chock-full of fun facts and videos.





# TAKE A LOOK

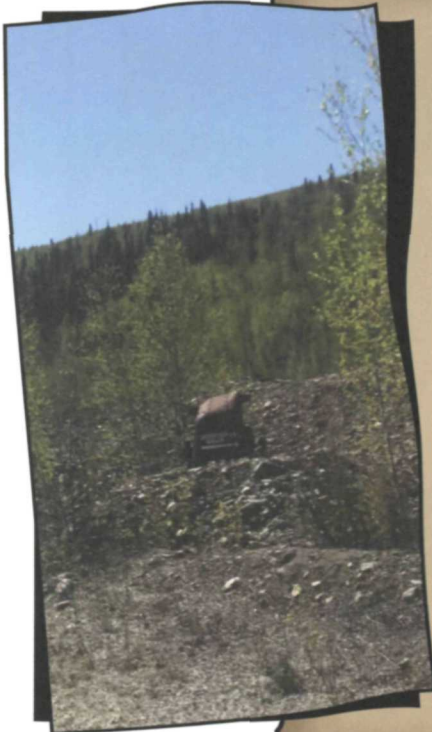
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## SPOT THE BUCKETS

As you drive along Bonanza Creek Road you'll see dredge buckets with names of landmarks written on them. These landmarks are gulches, hills and creeks, and they were all named during the gold rush.

Write down the names you find on 5 different buckets.

Who will spot them first?



1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

# FIND IT

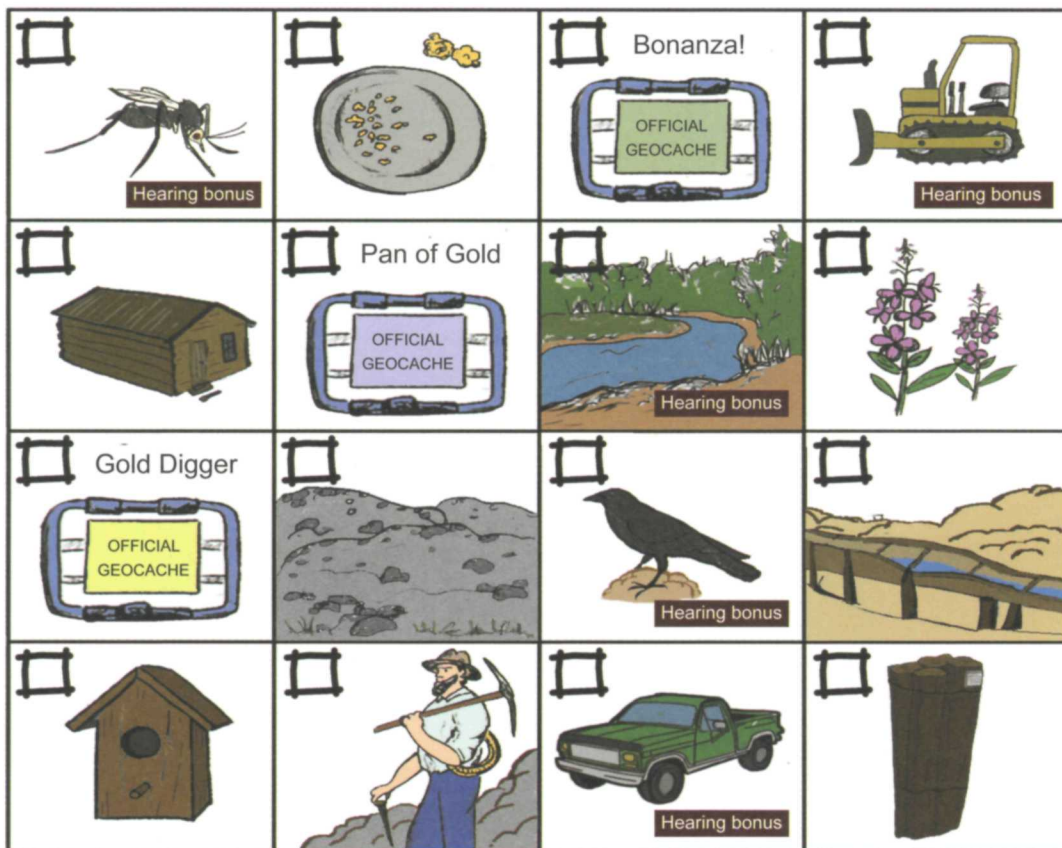
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## BONANZA BINGO

As you adventure through this area, you'll find many things that existed before 1896, such as ravens and fireweed, and many things that are "new" such as mining equipment and claim posts.

When you find an item, mark it with an X.

Bonus Bingo: Listen for the sounds of the Yukon! Some squares have hearing bonuses. If you hear one of the bonus sounds, describe the noise to your group.



# SEARCH FOR



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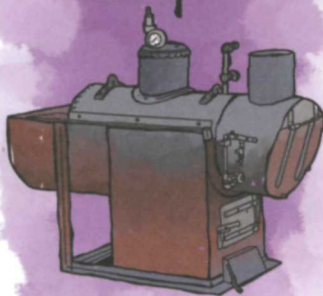
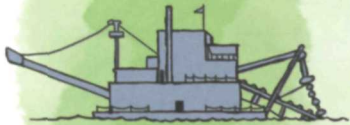
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## FIND THE CACHE

Join this worldwide scavenger hunt! Coordinates of hidden caches can be found by downloading the free geocaching app or at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com).

Since there is no internet on Bonanza Creek Road, use the clues below to help find the geocaches and sign the logbook inside. Find 4 within the Klondike National Historic Sites and answer the questions in the cache to claim an extra prize from the Visitor Information Centre!

Clues:



GEOCACHING

Check out the  
Dawson Historical Complex  
Xplorers booklet for clues on where  
the Dawson City geocaches  
are hidden!



# FIGURE IT OUT ???

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## DREDGE MECHANIC

A dredge is a big, floating machine that digs up dirt to shake and wash it all, revealing the hidden gold flakes. It dumps discarded dirt out behind it, forming those big tailing piles of rocks.

Can you figure out where each part of the machine belongs?

1. Bucket line

4. Sluice runs

7. Bow (front)

2. Hopper

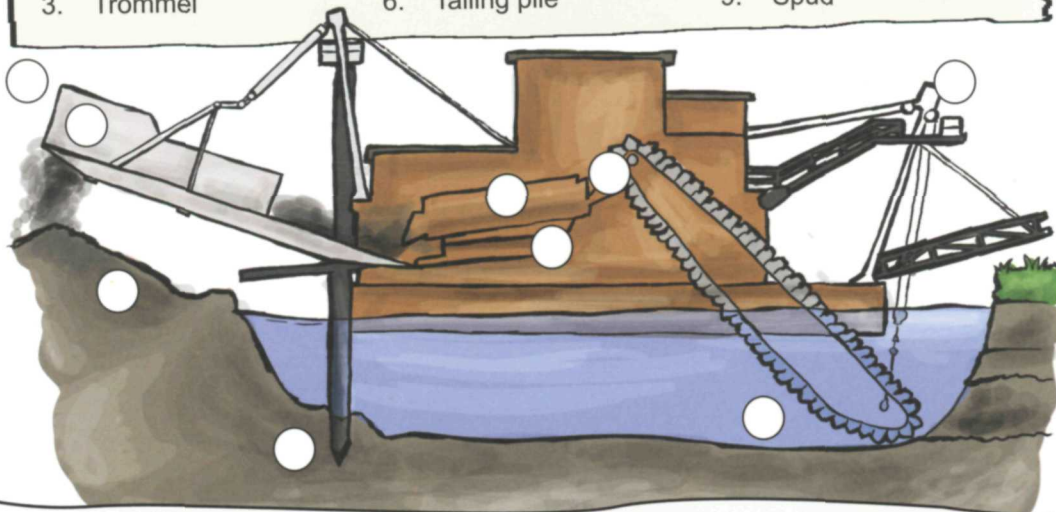
5. Stacker

8. Stern (rear)

3. Trommel

6. Tailing pile

9. Spud

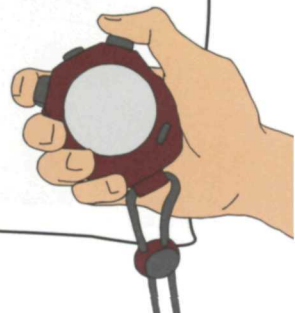


Did you notice how big Dredge No. 4 is? Get each member of your group to figure out how long it takes them to travel from stern to bow and find out who's the fastest!

Fastest Speed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_



# GET MOVING



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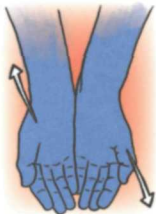
## DREDGE DANCE

Dredges work like your body: you eat food, keep the vitamins and discard the waste. The dredge piles in dirt, keeps the gold and gets rid of the rest.

Fill in the blanks with the correct dredge part and try out each action.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_  
at the bow of the dredge  
scoops dirt, just like you use  
your hands to eat food.

Make a scooping motion with  
your hands.



2. The \_\_\_\_\_  
mixes the rocks and dirt with  
water by rotating it around,  
similar to what happens in your  
mouth when chewing.

Spin around.



3. The \_\_\_\_\_  
sorts dirt from gold, the same  
as your stomach does with  
food waste and vitamins.

Shake your whole body.



4. The \_\_\_\_\_  
spits out waste gravel from  
the back of the dredge. Our  
bodies do that when we go to  
the bathroom! Pop a squat.

How low can you go?



5. The \_\_\_\_\_  
pull the dredge forward with  
cables to a new digging spot,  
but we use arms and legs  
to move.

Jump forward as far as you can.



6. The \_\_\_\_\_  
keeps the dredge anchored as  
it rotates side to side. We have  
feet that do that.

Stand on one foot and rotate  
your torso from side to side.



Answers: 1. bucket line; 2. trommel; 3. sluice; 4. stacker; 5. winches; 6. spud

Play or sing your  
favourite song while you do  
the full Dredge Dance.



# USE YOUR SENSES



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## ALONG THE TRAIL

This area was already important to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation for many years, not only for its beauty, but because it supported their way of life. Hunting and foraging provided food, warmth and medicine. When prospectors found gold here, the land changed with the introduction of more people, roads and machinery.

*Write down anything your group can see, smell, hear and feel.*

Put an X beside anything you think would not have existed before the discovery of gold.

We see...

We smell...

We hear...

We feel...

# GO INVESTIGATE

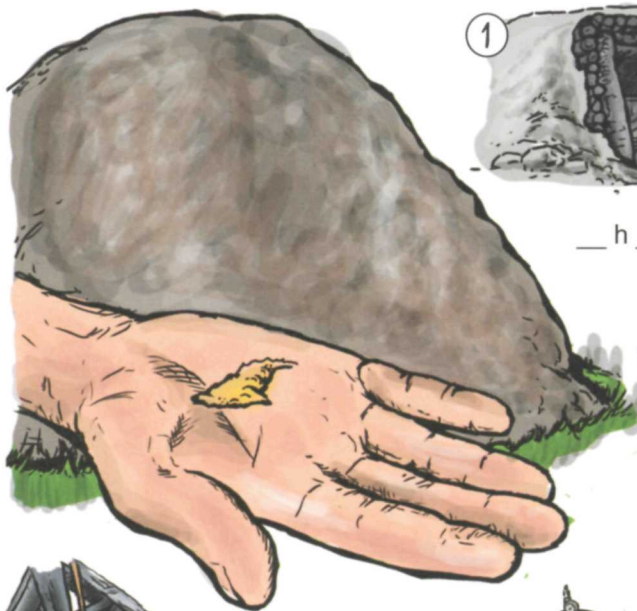


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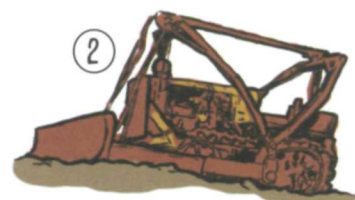
## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Further down the Discovery Trail you'll find different tools used to get pay dirt out of the ground. Do some Xploring and imagine what it was like to be a miner!

Fill in the blanks and give some of the tools a try:



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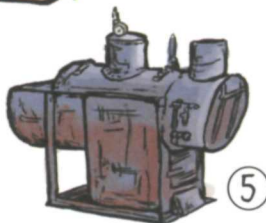
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Pay dirt is  
dirt mixed with gold.  
Dirt that pays!

Answers: 1. Shaft; 2. Tractor; 3. Rocker box; 4. Windlass; 5. Boiler; 6. Sluice



# TRY IT OUT !!



## PAN FOR GOLD

Free Claim #6 is one of the few places you're allowed to freely pan for gold in the area. Are you ready to find your fortune?

Tools needed:

Gold pan



Shovel



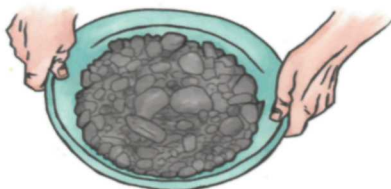
Vial



Ask at the Visitor Information Centre where to borrow, buy or rent these items.

### Let's get panning!

1. Fill your pan three-quarters full of dirt.



2. Dip the pan into the water without letting dirt fall out and shake the pan from side to side. Pick out rocks and break up clumps of dirt. Don't worry about losing any gold.



3. Wash by tilting the pan slightly away from you and rock it gently, allowing the gravel to trickle out.



4. Shake and wash until you're left with a tablespoon of dirt.



5. Lift up and give the dirt a few swirls. Any gold will be left at the bottom of the pan. Store any flakes in a vial with some water. The gold you find is yours to keep!



# CAN YOU HELP US OUT ???

Way to go Xplorer! Now be an Xplorer Xtraordinaire by giving this page with your comments to a Parks Canada employee...

...and don't forget to ask for your special souvenir!

I am an **XPLORER XTRAORDINAIRE** and I will respect nature and be curious about history.

1- I thought this booklet was: (Circle your answer.)



SUPER FUN



KINDA FUN



BORING

2- My three favourite activities were on pages \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3- I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

4- Three words to describe my Xplorers day:

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# MY FAVOURITE THINGS

What I liked the most during my visit at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write or draw below) (Parks Canada location)



During my visit, my favourite place was:



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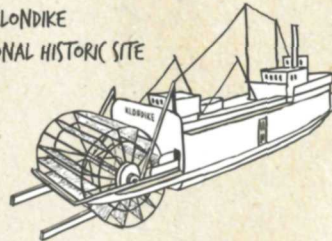
# LIKE TO X PLORE??

You can have fun in lots of  
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[parksCanada.gc.ca/xplorers](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/xplorers)  
to see where they are.

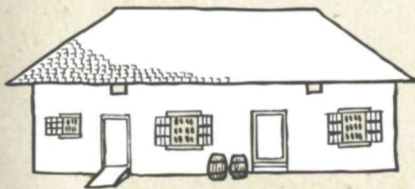


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