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Yoho National Park, British Columbia
Wiwaxy Lodge

HERITAGE CHARACTER STATEMENT

The Wiwaxy Lodge was built in 1912 by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. It was later taken over by Parks Canada and operated as a hiker's hut by the Alpine Club of Canada. See FHBRO Building Report 87-19.

Reasons for Designation

The Wiwaxy Lodge was designated Recognized on the basis of its link with the history of mountaineering in the Canadian West and because it is one of the oldest known surviving examples of this type of cabin in a National Park.

Character Defining Elements

The heritage character lies in the vernacular rustic appearance of the building, its method of assembly and its simple use of natural materials.

The reinstatement of the rustic log fretwork which once decorated the extended gable over the front porch would enhance the heritage character of the cabin.

Maintenance and repair should respect the existing vernacular architectural vocabulary and materials. The Lodge was built to blend in with the surrounding landscape. Every effort should be made to retain the natural beauty and integrity of the setting.