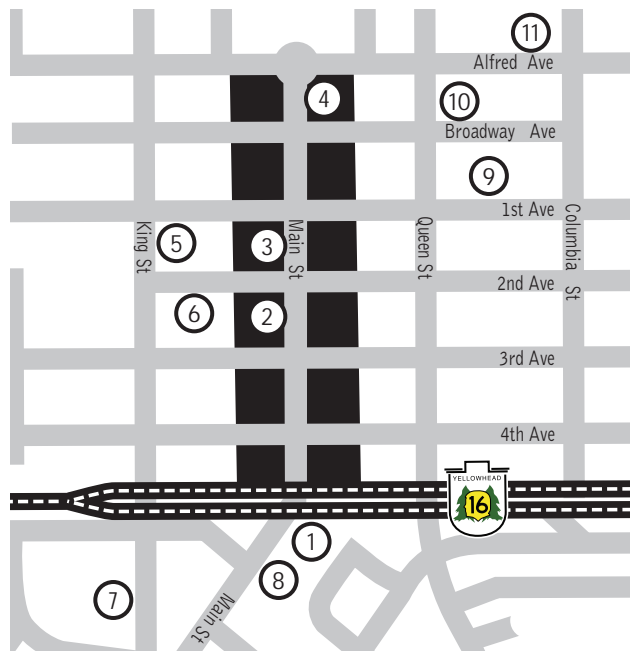


## Gasoline Valley Exhibit Map

1. The Bulkley Valley Museum and the showrooms at:
12. Coast Mountain G.M.
13. Hoskins Ford
14. Frontier Chrysler
15. Glacier Toyota.

Gasoline Valley, 1911-2011, an exhibition reviewing the 100 year history of the automobile in the Bulkley Valley. In order to get the full picture it's necessary to visit the 5 locations of the exhibition. Happy Culture Crawl.



## The Bulkley Valley Museum Culture Crawl Map

1. The Central Park Building
2. Swiss Guides - Oscar's Source for Sports
3. Our Little Switzerland - Schimmels
4. From Windmills to Sawmills - Hometown Furniture
5. The Old Church Gardens
6. Wabash XVI, 3732 Second Avenue
7. Skiing Around HB Mountain - Safeway
8. Smithers' Finest - Fire Hall
9. Brunswick XVI, 3908 First Avenue
10. Eagerville, 1089 Queen Street
11. Cleveland XVI, 3991 Alfred Avenue



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presents:

# The Smithers Culture Crawl



The Old Church Gardens

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# Explore Smithers at Your Leisure!

The Bulkley Valley Museum invites you to experience a culture crawl of Smithers. Starting at the Bulkley Valley Museum, the crawl takes visitors on a remarkable and fascinating stroll. Our Culture Crawl explores the Swiss and Dutch migrations to Smithers, history of Skiing in the Bulkley Valley, the history of the Fire Department, breathtaking gardens, and unique Aladdin and Eaton kit homes.

Enjoy!



The present museum building at the foot of Main Street, Smithers, 1950.

## 1. The Bulkley Valley Museum, Hwy 16 and Main.

Housed in the old Courthouse built in 1925, the BV Museum hosts a variety of exhibits. Combined with the permanent exhibits of First Nations History, Smithers' Gift to Civilization & the aviation exhibit "Wings over the North," our summer exhibit is "Gasoline Valley, 1911 to 2011", a history of the automobile in our Valley.



**Mon-Sat, 9-5pm**

## 2. Swiss Guides, Located in Oscar's Source for Sports.

Exhibition on loan from the Consulate General of Switzerland, Vancouver, portraying the role of Swiss mountain guides in developing alpine tourism in Western Canada (1896-1980).

**Mon-Sat, 9:30am-5:30pm**

## 3. Our Little Switzerland, Located in Schimmels Fine Pastries.

An exhibition reviewing the Swiss migration to the Valley from 1910-Present. Free admission. **Mon-Sat, 10:00am-6pm**

## 4. From Windmills to Sawmills and Beyond...

Located in Hometown Furniture. An exhibition reviewing the Dutch migration and their contributions to the development of the Valley, from 1937-1960. Free Admission. **Mon-Sat, 7:30am-5pm**

## 5. The Old Church Gardens, corner of King and 1st.

St. James' Anglican Church was the first church to be built in Smithers, in 1914. The beautiful gardens around it have been created and maintained by volunteers.

## 7. Skiing Around Hudson Bay Mountain,

Located in the Café area of Safeway Supermarket. An exhibition reviewing the origins of recreational skiing in our Valley, 1950-1980. Free admission. **Mon-Sun, 8am-10pm**

**8. Smithers' Finest, Located in the Smithers Fire Hall.** A review of the history of the fire fighting in Smithers from 1914 to Present. Free admission. **Friday, 6pm-9pm**

## 6,9-11. Kit Homes Delivered via Rail

Aladdin Company of Michigan expanded into Canada in 1912 to continue selling their prominent mail order "Kit Homes", a house that was believed to be more economical, made from better quality lumber and covered by the Aladdin Guarantee. Similarly, Eaton's, which was established in 1869 and one of Canada's largest department stores, began selling "Kit Homes" in 1910. Almost 8,000 homes were shipped to locations in Canada from these two companies, most of them to western Canada. Of these homes, only 40% today remain identifiable as a "kit home", four of which are located in Smithers.

## 6. Aladdin Wabash XVI, 3732 Second Avenue

In 1921, a train dispatcher, H.J.Kelly, purchased the Wabash style kit home from the Aladdin Company. Now owned by a retired train engineer and a Aladdin Kit Home aficionado.



## 9. Aladdin Brunswick XVI, 3908 First Avenue

A Brunswick style Aladdin Company kit home built in the 1920's. First owned by J.G. Stevens, a station agent at CNR.



## 10. Eaton's Eagerville, 1089 Queen Street

This Eagerville style Eaton's kit home was featured in the 1919 Eaton's plan book. It was built in 1923 by the first doctor living in Smithers, Dr. Hankinson. Another owner of the home was Norman Kilpatrick, a post master. Norman was also highly involved in starting the Smithers Golf Course.



## 11. Aladdin Cleveland XVI, 3991 Alfred Avenue

This Aladdin kit home was constructed in the 1920's. One of the owners was Frank Parker, a conductor for the CNR. Another owner was Jack Hetherington.

