

WELCOME TO ST'ÁT'IMC TERRITORY

TSUWALHKÁLH TI TMÍCWA (THE LAND IS OURS). THE ST'ÁT'IMC HOLD TITLE, RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP TO OUR TERRITORIAL LANDS AND RESOURCES. WE ARE ÚCWALMICW (THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND). WE ARE A NATION, NOT AN INTEREST GROUP. AS PROCLAIMED BY OUR ANCESTORS IN THE DECLARATION OF THE LILLOOET TRIBE, MAY 10, 1911: "WE CLAIM THAT WE ARE THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS OF OUR TRIBAL TERRITORY AND EVERYTHING PERTAINING THERETO. WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN OUR COUNTRY; AT NO TIME HAVE WE EVER DESERTED IT OR LEFT IT TO OTHERS." THE SOURCE OF THESE RIGHTS IS ST'ÁT'IMC LAW.

WE, THE ST'ÁT'IMC, VIEW OUR TERRITORY AS THE BASIS FOR OUR SURVIVAL. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CREATOR AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CARETAKERS OF OUR TERRITORY. WE ARE INSEPARABLY CONNECTED TO OUR LAND, ITS WATER, AIR, WILDLIFE AND PLANTS. WHAT HAPPENS TO ONE PART IMPACTS THE OTHER PARTS.

OUR PEOPLE USE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR TERRITORY OF RIVERS, MOUNTAINS AND LAKES, PLANNING OUR TRIPS WITH THE BEST TIMES TO HUNT AND FISH, HARVEST FOOD AND GATHER MEDICINES. THE LESSONS OF LIVING ON THE LAND ARE A LARGE PART OF THE INHERITANCE PASSED ON FROM ST'ÁT'IMC ELDERS TO OUR CHILDREN. TO ALL VISITORS TO THE AREA, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE LANDS, WATER, VEGETATION, WILDLIFE, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS.



Lillooet's GOLDEN MILES OF HISTORY

WELCOME TO THE SPECTACULAR DISTRICT OF LILLOOET LOCATED IN THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE ST'ÁT'IMC NATION!

AS ONE OF THE OLDEST TOWNS IN THE PROVINCE, LILLOOET'S HISTORY IS THE HISTORY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ONCE THE LARGEST SETTLEMENT WEST OF CHICAGO AND NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO AS WELL AS THE TERMINUS OF THE FIRST ROAD BUILT INTO THE INTERIOR OF B.C., LILLOOET'S GOLDEN MILES OF HISTORY TOUR IS NAMED FOR THE WEALTH OF GOLD DUST MINED FROM THE DOWNTOWN SECTION OF MAIN STREET THAT ALSO BECAME THE SUPPLY HUB FOR THE CARIBOO GOLDFIELDS.

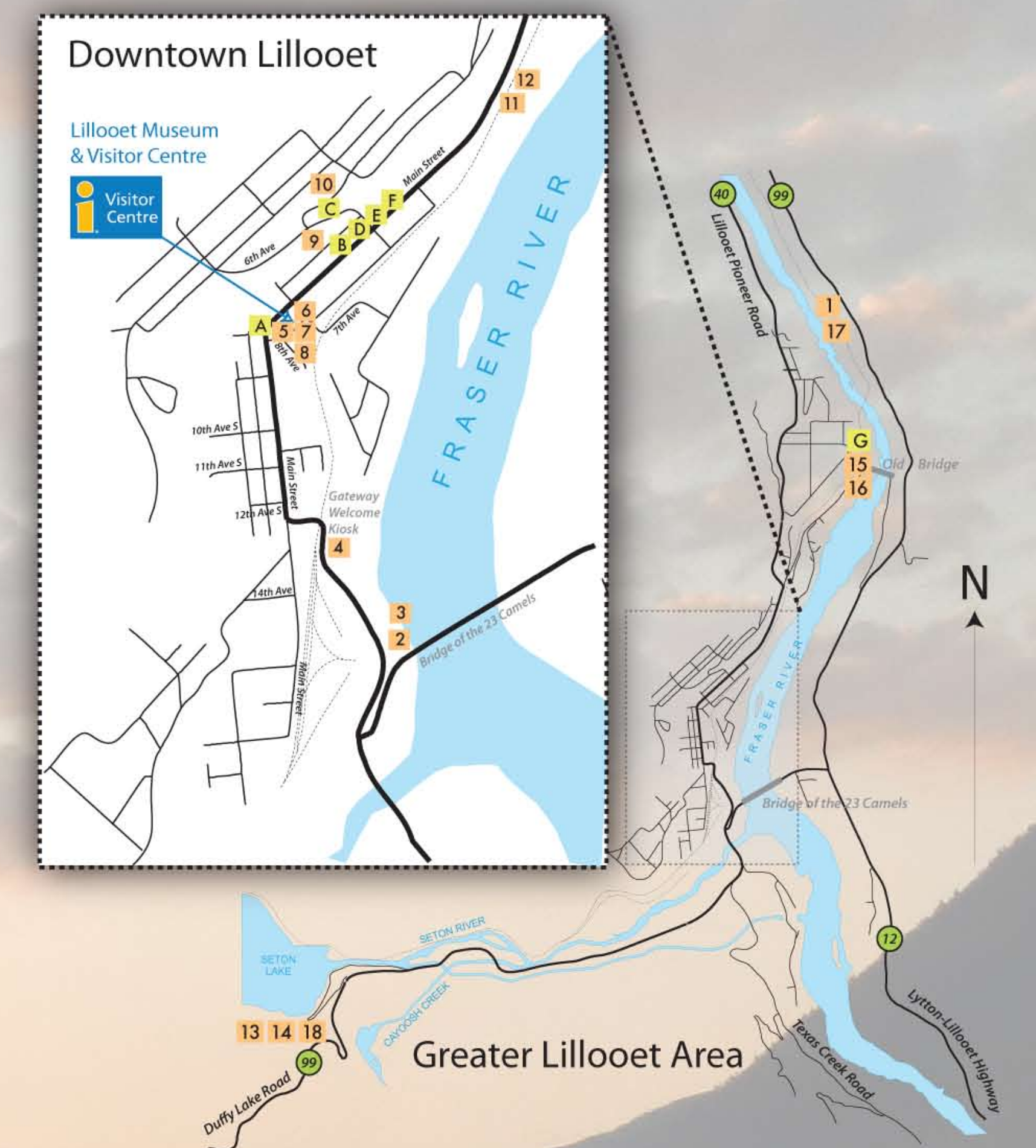
IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPIC EARLY HISTORY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, PICK UP A MAP OF LILLOOET'S GOLDEN MILES OF HISTORY TOUR AT LILLOOET MUSEUM AND VISITOR'S CENTRE OR AT PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS.

Historical Panels

1. The Fraser River Tacoutche Tesse – The Mighty One
2. The Gold Rush
3. The Bridge River Hydro System
4. The Declaration of the Lillooet Tribe
5. St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church The History of the Lillooet Museum
6. Multicultural Lillooet
7. The Chinese in Lillooet
8. Japanese Canadians in Lillooet
9. The Story of Miyazaki Heritage House
10. Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie
11. The History of Agriculture in Lillooet
12. Highways and Byways of Lillooet
13. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway
14. Vernon Pick and Walden North
15. Ntqwixw Ntqwixw refers to the area in the vicinity of the Old Bridge where St'át'imc catch salmon
16. White Sturgeon, Bats & Osprey
17. Welcome Highway 99 North
18. Welcome Highway 99 South

Historical Plaques

- A. Mile Zero Cairn
- B. Lillooet Post Office
- C. Chinese Rock Piles
- D. District of Lillooet Office
- E. Old Camel Barn
- F. Old Newspaper Office
- G. Old Bridge



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