Explore Historic Cranbrook

These are FREE self-guided tours by car and/or on foot.

* It is not possible in the space provided to give a complete history of buildings and their

residents, but the material here to 2011 provides a guide to some of the history.

* A copy of this map can be found on the Museum Website: www.trainsdeluxe.com

An online interactive version with additional detail on each listing will be available in the future

OFF THE HIGHWAY

You will find a very different Cranbrook with an interesting history and surviving heritage buildings and other landmarks in three distinct areas.

I. THE DOWNTOWN CORE

own since the railway arrived, Baker St. with its' trees and surviving older buildings add greatly to the overall character of the central core of the city. Churches, stores, hotels, government buildings, parks, and some homes verted to businesses also enrich this area.

* The downtown serves a specific niche market with a inique character relying on personalized service. It is listinct, but complimentary to the large service stores and malls along the highway. It also has a rich mixture of altural activities and services that no other area has. The Downtown Business Association (DBA) is a group workng to maintain and improve the vitality of the area, and can be contacted at the Chamber Office at 250-426-5914.

II. THE BAKER HILL RESIDENTIAL HERITAGE AREA

* This area is named after Col. James Baker, the found of the City, who had built his home on the eastern part of a hilled area to the south and east of the downtown. The Home and the immediate lands surrounding it now make up "Baker Park". This early residential neighbourhood was surveyed in 1897, and today is the largest and most distinct heritage area in the City, with many styles of early sidential architecture and mature landscaping.

Baker Hill is still a vital area without highways or comnercial development in it, and contains a healthy mix of ilies, singles, middle aged, and some elderly. Some of the larger older buildings were converted many years ago rom single residential to multiple units, but many hav been restored, others are in process & others are waiting * The "Baker Hill Residential Heritage Area Association an be contacted through the City of Cranbrook or the Museum. This is now a protected heritage area with certain exterior development guidelines that are intended maintain the flavour and character of a by-gone era for

*BAKER HILL HERITAGE "BED & BREAKFASTS" Several of the larger homes on the hill have been conerted to stylish and comfortable heritage B&B's with all he modern conveniences expected by today's travelers. A urrent list of the Baker Hill B&B's can be obtained at the

III. THE RAILWAY HERITAGE AREA

(SEE DETAILS ON REVERSE OF MAP) This area contains several surviving original buildings and landscapes of the early Canadian Pacific Railway infrastructure dating from 1898. It also provides a unique context for the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, which nier public attraction in this area.

(#1)-(15) lists heritage structures in this area which are shown on the back of this map. The tours of downtown & the Baker Hill area start below at #16.

16 HIGHWAY ARCH (1930's) - replication 2010 the King-9th Ave Connector



This beautiful real-stone faced arch gracefully spans the entrance from the Highway into the downtown near Baker St. It is a slightly wider replica of one of the two 1903's arches that originally spanned the highway at the SW and NE city limits. They were demolished by the Province in #3 through Cranbrook. (See also #86 & 87)

BAKER STREET (views to left & right of 9th) (17) IMPERIAL BANK BUILDING 1909



A very good example of commercial Edwardian architec ture, with fine brick, sandstone trim, and heavy top corin the early 1980's. A new rear addition in the late 1990's was designed to harmonize with the old. It is the major downtown heritage building visible from the highway mercial Heritage Award 1981

(18) "CRANBROOK ED" (1926) - sculpture 2008 (this This small metal sculpture is located beside the Imperial

Baker St overlooking the former site of the Railway Museum. It commemorates the story of the elephants which escaped from with some them running down

the railway tracks and engineers being advised to be on the lookout. Cranbrook Ed & Myrtle were later found, but

(19) FINK MERCANTILE BUILDING 1906 **09 Baker Street** (to left of 9th Ave intersection)

Commercial Heritage Award 2001 (20) THE RAWORTH BLDG (By 1912) 915 Baker Street (to left of 9th Ave intersection)

1986 Commercial Heritage Award 21) THE CLOCK TOWER (1983)

This was Cranbrook's first large department store and

still stands out on Baker Street in commercial use.

In Clock Tower Square (to left of 9th Ave intersection) Replicated by the Rotary Club in 1983, this clock tower is is an exact replica of the old Post Office Tower built in shaped arched veranda, the only such example in Cran-1912, but demolished in 1971. The original tower stood Residential Heritage Award 1978

of 10th Avenue, where it was well-known landmark. It's de struction kindled a strong spir it of preservation in the cor nity, resulting in the City Her tage Report of 1975.

The clock, however, wa was built when Cranbrook Stre vas re-routed onto 10th Ave.

*Special 1989 Recognition Award for replicated her

22) SPIRIT TREE sculpture 2008 n the Clock Tower Square Created by artist Paul Reimer Cranbrook, this beautiful 25' his metal sculpture is located beside the Clock Tower. It's design symbolize its many "roots" which break into a myriad of branches, many contain stainless steel balls that reflect

ARMSTRONG AVENUE (9th AVE S)

(23) 1998 RAILWAY CENTENNIAL MURAL 2 - Armstrong Ave S (at corner of Baker) Jospeh Cross, under contract with the City, did this

large mural depicting many images of city development spawned by the arrival of the railway to Cranbrook.

(24) THE NOBLE HOME 1903 33 Armstrong Avenue (9th) Originally sheathed in wooden clapboard, this home was bricked over in 1924, and today is used

25) 106 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

26) 224 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S)

(27) 234 Armstrong Avenue - (9th Ave S)

28) 327 Armstrong Avenue (9th Ave S) 2010 Residential Heritage Award

NORBURY AVENUE (10th AVE S) 29 THE "WHITE" RESIDENCE Before 1904

913 – 4th Street South house stands long 10th (Norbury Avenue). s placed strategically ooking downhill to the

are the very large Maple trees of unusual size for this dry climate.

sidential Heritage Award 1982

(30) The Dave Kay House - 4th Street South This house is the 2nd to east of the White House above.

(31) 327 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

(32) THE TOWER HOUSE 1910 324 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

1993 Residential Heritage Award



noted for its 3-storey tower, ornate woodwork and brick struction. It was restored from an apartment block to a single-family dwelling. Beautiful landscaping. Residential Heritage Award 1981

(33) 321 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S) 9 Residential Heritage Award

(34) 307 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

(35) Site of the former Catholic School (1913) and High School (1928) 308 Norbury Ave. (10th Ave.S)

The school was alterd on the exterior and closed in the early 1990's, now being used for other purposes. The back part is the Catholic Parochial School of 1913, while he front part was added in 1928 to make this the High School for the city which lasted until the current Mt Baker School opened in 1950. It continued as a primary school until the 1990's.

(36) 232 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

(37) THE TIFFIN RESIDENCE Before 1911



38)220 - 10th Ave S 2000 Residential Heritage Award FENWICK AVENUE (11th AVE S)

46 MOUNT BAKER HOTEL 1925 1017 Baker Street 39) 213 - (10th Ave S) This succeeded the "Cranbrook Hotel" (corner of 8th Ave & Baker Street built 1900-1910) as 40) THE BOWNESS HOME 1910 02 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)

47) THE STUDIO & STAGE DOOR



markable that this building survived demol ion in 1973 for parking lot purposes. It is note for its fine classical porch & huge wooden co imns, as well as the spacious interior including

e's 150th birthday. It is not a replica of the iginal small wooden one that existed in the park into the late 1950's, but its design is in th same spirit of the original, and carries so of the features of City Hall brick and roo across the street. The two blocks of 10th A rom 2nd St., S to Baker were also reconstr ed at this time to provide trees, benches, sp ial street lights with connections to impr

Bed & Breakfast

Commercial Heritage Award 1988

41) ROTARY PARK BAND SHELL &

Good brick finish, and corner location Commercial Heritage Award 1984

Cranbrook's finest hotel during the 1920's era.

LEGEND Numbers in circles indicate building

tour by car startin

T. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

 St. Marv's"MANSE 41 Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S)



ing quarters replaced the first Catholic Church Commercial Heritage Award 1980 built in 1898 on this site. Located at one of the primary corners in the downtown, it can be seen from several directions, including Rotary

A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDC

(49) THE PREST HOME by 1906

217 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

Commercial Heritage Award 1979 (Church) Commercial Heritage Award 1990 (Manse) (44) CITY HALL 1911

Norbury Avenue (10th Ave S) Still serving as, the City Hall. this building

and balcony were removed years ago. An ition was built in the 1940's and again 51 THE WILSON HOME 1906 urvives almost intact. Plans could someday see a "lightweight" version of the tower added for effect.

45) Corner of 10th Ave and Baker St. ite of FORMER POST OFFICE 1912- 1967 (cloci

gable. This home has also had much work done on and exterior. As of 2011, it is still the home of 'Manwoman'', a well-known Cranbrook artist Residential Heritage Award 1989

Cranbrook Community Theatre - custodians the building. An harmonious addition was buil in the 1990's on the side facing the RCMP sta tion to enclose the exit stairs - duplicating th prosite side of the building. City owned. ommercial Heritage Award 1982

48) THE FIRE HALL 1929 37 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S) A tall bell tower used to stand at the building, but

was removed in the 1960's. The building served as the city's main Fire Hall until 2011

Of special fan pattern o wood in the Heritage

Award 1984 Major, foundation, structural and restoration work was done in early 2000's. 2007 Residential Heritage Award

50) 214 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S) 1997 Residential Heritage Award 221 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

55) THE MILES HOME 1914 301 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S) Finished just as World War 1 wa residence built in the pre-Worl

beautiful yard

with tall trees

and the long

sloping back

roof as well as

the columned

Commercial

Heritage Award 1995

porch.



52) THE MURRAY HOME by 1912 225 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S)

305 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

A large home

work done to both

the interior and siderable restoration work was done in exterior. It served 1980 – both inside and outside. Residential Heritage Award 1980 Canadian Mountain Police Barracks at one 58) 227 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S) point in its history. 96 Residential Heritage Award Residential Heritage Award 2003 59) THE COREY HOME 1901 53) THE PATMORE HOME By 1914 211 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

401 Fenwick Avenue (11th Ave S) When built, this home was on the southern limits of the city. It is noted for some detailed decorative trim over the windows and doors and paired columns on the verandah. GARDEN AVENUE (12th AVE S)



dential landmarks and is in fine original shape both inside and outside. Of particular note is the 7-sided 2-storey gazebo on one corner. Residential Heritage Award 1977 (60) THE MURPHY HOME 1900

201 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S) Of note are the gable front porch and side bay window. A large additio was put on the front right side of the original building in the 1980's.

65) THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY SUPERINTENDENT HOME 1900 117 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This is the first "large" home constructed in Cranbrook. It still retains much of its original building underwent character, but it faces sideways to the street because the front yard originally extended all the removal of a large concrete block addition way down the hill to 1st Street South (Louis across the front which covered the original

61) McBRIDE HOME 1905

133 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

built in Cranbrook (exceeded only by the CPR

However the general design is still apparent.

62) 126 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

63) THE McNAB HOME 1908

123 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S)

This home had

Residential Her

64) **120 Garden**

Avenue (12th Ave S)

2009 Residential Heritage Award

Award 1991

1982-84.

considerable work

done to the exterior

cities in the Kootenay region. miere Residence (CPR) House" (B&B) THE FERGIE HOUSE

as the Baker Hill Bed & Breakfast. The

arge addition is recent - the original smaller uilding exists to the right side. 57) THE BORGSTROM HOME (1920's) 7 Garden Avenue (12th Ave S) 990 Residential Heritage Award

small structure, and the addition of a very modern, but Heritage Buildings & Monuments Tour Map It is the only major railway heritage infraharmonious addition. It is well-known for its beautiful wood structure located outside the Railway Heritage interior and stained glass windows Zone and is a major symbol of the railway's 1999 Commercial Heritage Award role in Cranbrook's ascendency over all other (74) 103 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) As of 2011, it is still the "Cranbrook Pre-2006 Commercial Heritage Award Future research in the Cranbrook Archives will add to this material & correct inaccuracies found.



(75) THE BALMENT HOME By 1909 211 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

HOSPITAL & COLLEGE CAMPUS

THE UNITED CHURCH 1929

venue South. This building was completed

just as the stock market collapsed, and the

the east end between 12th & 13th Ave's

of 11th Ave.S and 1st. St.S

but relcated to a new building at the corn

71) 21 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S) 199

The building was enlarged sympathetically

from the time it received the 1996 award.

(2) 26 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

a major restoration project, involving the

nercial Heritage Award

2008 Commercial Heritage Award

(73) ANGLICAN CHURCH 1898

39 Burwell Avenue (13th Ave S)

Built as Cran-

brook's first churcl

after the railways

arrival. In 1998, a

part of the railway

centennial, this

Built at the

This was the first "large" personal residence Commercial heritage Award 1989

residence just down the block). It has been made **BURWELL AVENUE** (13th AVE S)

into a series of apartment, and in 1982 suffered (70) Site of the former courthouse (1906-

a serious fire and the exterior was resurfaced. 1955) placed in the center of Baker St. at

REC PLEX

A smaller home, but almost entirely original. Of particular note is the front 2nd story window detail 1983 Residential Heritage Award (76) **215 Burwell Ave** (**13th Ave**) by 1909 A fine example of a small house in "Baker 1985 Residential Heritage Award

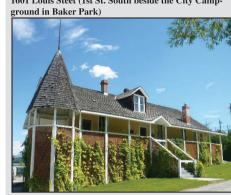
(77) **224** Burwell Ave (13th Ave)

92 Commercial Heritage Award

POOLE AVENUE (15th AVE S) (78) 228 Poole Avenue (15th Ave S) 988 Residential Heritage Award (79) **202 Poole Ave (15th Ave S)**

LOUIS STREET (1st St S) (80) THE COLONEL BAKER HOME

1887/88 - with "facelifts" in 1898 & 1909 1601 Louis Steet (1st St. South beside the City Camp round in Baker Park)



way by nearly 10 years and is one of the oldest in the entire southeast of British Columbia in its original location. It was built by Colonel James Baker, the founder of Cranbrook. Baker returned to England in 1900, and died in 1906. His son Hyde, in charge of the townsite sales, left in 1914, and the house reverted to the city. In 1982 it was given to and restored by the Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark oundation. It was then sold to private interests in 1999, with he Foundation holding major heritage covenants on the land title. The proceeds from this sale made it possible to obtain the oak panels, chandeliers, and other contents for the Royal Alexandra Hall restoration project at the Museum.

The Col. Baker Home has a small interpretation room is located in the building through the main front when the building s open. The rest of the building is off-limits to the public beng privately owned for commercial uses

(81) FORMER GYRO OUTDOOR POOL (1930's-1967)



At the time, this was the largest outdoor pool in western Canada.It was filled with (cold) water from the adjacent Joseph's Creek, and contained a high diving tower, tall and medium height slides, some centre sunning platforms, and

shallower corner for young children. Wide open with lots of sun and the surrounding Baker Park, it was a favourie for picnics and swimming in summe.

209 Lumsden Avenue (14th Ave S) This particular brick building exhibits stone masonry both on the rear wall and on the porch column supports as well. Two modern large lion sculptures were added to the front 1996 Commercial Heritage Award

(82) THE "WALKER" HOME Before 1913

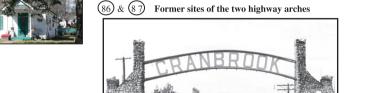
A DESIGNATED HERITAGE BLDG (83) CENTRAL SCHOOL 1909 with a major addition at the back in 1922) 220 Cranbrook Street (rear on Kootenay St)

This served as Cranbrook's main school for many years and was active as a publi school until 1983. Crestbrook Forest Industries (now Te bec), the area's major lumbering company

took over the building for their offices and restored the exterior and modernized the interior during the period 1984-85. One of Cranbrook's best remembered landmarks; it is made of about 400,000 "Cranbrook Bricks".

1985 Commercial Heritage Award 84) THE MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL 1912

220 Kootenay Street North This building was reconditioned and restored in 1982 as part of the new Public Health Building which was constructed beside it The Health Building was



the north east arch was at Cranbrook St. and 4th St. north, with the location now a new intersection with Highway 3/95. The South West Arch was located 1st Ave South and Highway 3/95

converted to the Cranbrook Public Library in 2006, with the

former Training school now being used as a large community

(85) THE "FINK" FOUNTAIN (1958) Restored 2010

At the intersection of Cranbrook and Van Horne St. N.

woman). When the original courthouse was demolished in the

late 1950's, the Fountain was placed in the small oval park cre-

ated. When this park was removed to become the Cranbrook

Mall in 1968, the Fountain was placed in Rotary Park. There

it sustained vandalism and was then stored by the City until a

local group supervised its restoration and placed it in the new

garden created by the new intersection at Cranbrook St. and the

meeting room.

This fountain was re-

Birthday but was cre

ated in the late 1950's by

Cranbrook Artist Jelko

Patrick Kemball - lat

to become well-know

Cranbrook artist Man

1983 Commercial Heritage Award

owned by the City of Cranbrook)

The Cranberry House Bed & Breakfast was at this location until its relocation in 1999 to 119 Wattsville Road to make way for new intersection of Cranbrook and Van Horne St N)

1993 Commercial Heritage Award (89) SITE OF FORMER ST. EUGENE HOSPITAL

1907 & 1912) 22 Briar Street West This was replaced by a new Hospital ir as a hotel, but burned down in 2003.

Used in conjunction with

St. Eugene Hospital complex as of 2011, still used for (91) **231 Durick Avenue (7th Ave S)** By 1914 smaller brick home away from the Baker Hill residentia

(90) NURSES SCHOOL AND RESIDENCE 1925

22 Briar Street West (fronting onto King St.)

area was re-done in 1979 with design improvements to the front porch. 1979 Residential Heritage Award 92) **304 Hanson Ave (8th Ave S)** 2006 Residential Heritage Award

THE FOLLOWING FOUR LISTINGS ARE OFF THE MAR 93) SOUTHWARD SCHOOL 1912

120 Wattsville Road later the Elks Hall

to a large heritage residence by in the

356 Van Horne Street South sited on the SW highway on a slight rise, it was later 1987 Commercial Heritage Award

94) 230 Dewar Ave (4th Ave S)

96 5th Ave S. & Van Horne Street uilt in 1940's as a garage, it is one of the few late Art Deco structures to survive along the highway . 1998 Commercial Heritage Award

MUSEUM SCHOOL TOURS

Museum School Tours have two program components:

1. National Railway Heritage "Deluxe Hotels-on-Wheels"

After the tour of this program the route shown by the dotted red line to return to school and

Contact the Museum 250-489-3918 to book.



2. Local Cranbrook History

#2, school buses may travel see some or all of the listings on this map to complete the local history visit. Special walks from schools is another

Ask for free copies of this map.

option.