

# THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

The 150 Mile Schoolhouse, also known as the "Little Red Schoolhouse," was first built in 1896 to accommodate those who settled here in 150 Mile during the Gold Rush. It served as a school from 1896 to 1958. After that, it served as a private residence from 1960 to 1973. In 1980 a group of like-minded citizens led by principal Mr. Richard Eccles, decided to fix up the place and move it closer to the new school. Now, it serves us as a historical display that all can come and visit.

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150 Mile Schoolhouse

3081 Highway 97, 150 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2G0

# COME VISIT HISTORY



*150 Mile Schoolhouse*



## HISTORY

In the year 1860, the "Great Cariboo Gold Rush," was at full force. The Cariboo Wagon Road was built in 1861 to accommodate those traveling to and from the goldfields. As this road was being built, permanent communities started to establish along its route. Often, these communities settled around stopping houses where travelers during the gold rush could find food and supplies.

### The Beginning of the Schoolhouse

150 Mile House was one of these communities. As the community grew, it was obvious that the community needed a public school. When the school district was created, an "old log barn with mud-chinked walls," was used as the community's first public school. However, by 1893 space in the barn became inadequate and trustees began to lobby Victoria for a new and bigger schoolhouse. In 1895 Victoria approved and in the spring of 1896, the schoolhouse, which we all know today as the "Little Red Schoolhouse," was constructed. Back then, it was a "state of the art," school. It served 150 Mile House as a school from 1896 to 1958.

## ACTIVITIES

### In and Around the Schoolhouse

There are a lot of activities to do when you visit the 150 Mile Schoolhouse. For the whole family, we have activities such as potato sack races and three legged races. For kids, there are crafts, croquette, stilts, and activity sheets that your children can complete. There are also children's books dated back to the 1920's that children can look at and read, and there are clothes that children love to play dress up in. For adults, it's a great learning experience. Old pictures and books have been donated by the community that anyone can pick up and ponder. We have information booklets as well as framed photographs donated by people in the community. We also have clothes for the parents to dress up in as well. Bring your cameras!

*"It's cool because I grew up here, so it isn't just any history, it's my history. It's great to know where you came from." – Shelby Doerkson*



Also, around the schoolhouse there's a:

- Tennis Court
- Playground
- Thyme for Tea ( a restaurant and store )

## COME VISIT

Don't be shy! Come visit history for a day.

### Hours of Service

We are open Tuesday to Saturday  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
July and August



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