



**Yale – Historic Yale**

**PT #324 5 km/10 km Rating: 2B**

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**Special Walking Programs: Bridges; Community (Church/Community Centre/Firehall); Murals**

**Start/Finish (S/F): Parking lot west of Barry’s Trading Post on Hwy 1 (washrooms at Rest Area)**

**For 5 km and 10 km:**

1. Facing Hwy 1 beside Barry’s Trading Post (*est. 1924 by current owner’s grandfather*), turn left along highway.
2. Turn left on Victoria St (*named after Queen Victoria*).
3. Turn left on first street (no sign). (*Douglas St was named after Sir James Douglas, first Governor of Colony of BC.*) *Former site of CP Railway Station at this corner*  
*Now, northbound trains are on west side of Fraser River; southbound trains on east side.*
4. Pass Yale Historic Site/Museum (washrooms in summer). *Creighton House Museum (blue) (1870s)*  
*Tent City (in summer) (as in 1858)*  
*St. John the Divine Church (1863-1976)*
5. Turn right on next street (no sign), crossing railway tracks. (*Albert St was named after Queen Victoria’s husband.*)  
*Ward House (1880) (Tea Room in summer)*
6. Turn left on Front St (parallel to Fraser River). *Info panels re Cariboo Wagon Road and Barnard’s Express*  
*Former site of Post Office (between Albert and Regent) (forwarders of gold)*
7. At next street (Regent St; no sign), continue on Front St.  
*Former site of Chinatown (between Front St and river) (home of Chinese railway construction workers)*
8. Veer left onto next street (Yate St; no sign).
9. Immediately turn left on next street (Douglas), staying on left of railway tracks.

*Former site of Jailhouse/Courthouse (between Regent and Albert) (site of current Firehall) (1.3 km)*

10. Turn left on Victoria St (no sign).
11. Turn left on Front St.  
*Former site of Hudson’s Bay Company Store (between Victoria and Albert)*
12. After Albert St and info panels, turn sharp right down gravel road to beach.
13. Turn left along beach.
14. Veer left up next gravel road.
15. Turn left on Front St. Turn right on Albert St.
16. At traffic lights, turn left on shoulder beside Hwy 1. **(2.5 km)**
17. Pass Rest Area and continue beside Hwy 1.
18. Pass Fraser River Raft Expeditions.
19. Veer left and go down and up All Hallows Rd (large brown wooden sign).  
*Former site of All Hallows girls school (1888-1914)*
20. Back at Hwy 1, almost immediately veer left into Pioneer Cemetery **(3.7 km)**; walk around perimeter (1858-current).
21. Back at Hwy 1, turn right to head toward town.
22. Veer right down and up All Hallows Rd.
23. Cross Hwy 1 with care in order to walk on left-hand side, facing traffic.
24. Just past Barry’s Trading Post, notice mural on west end of former Golden Nugget Motel.

**For 5 km:**

25. At traffic lights, turn right and cross Hwy 1.
26. Turn right and return to parking lot.

**For 10 km:**

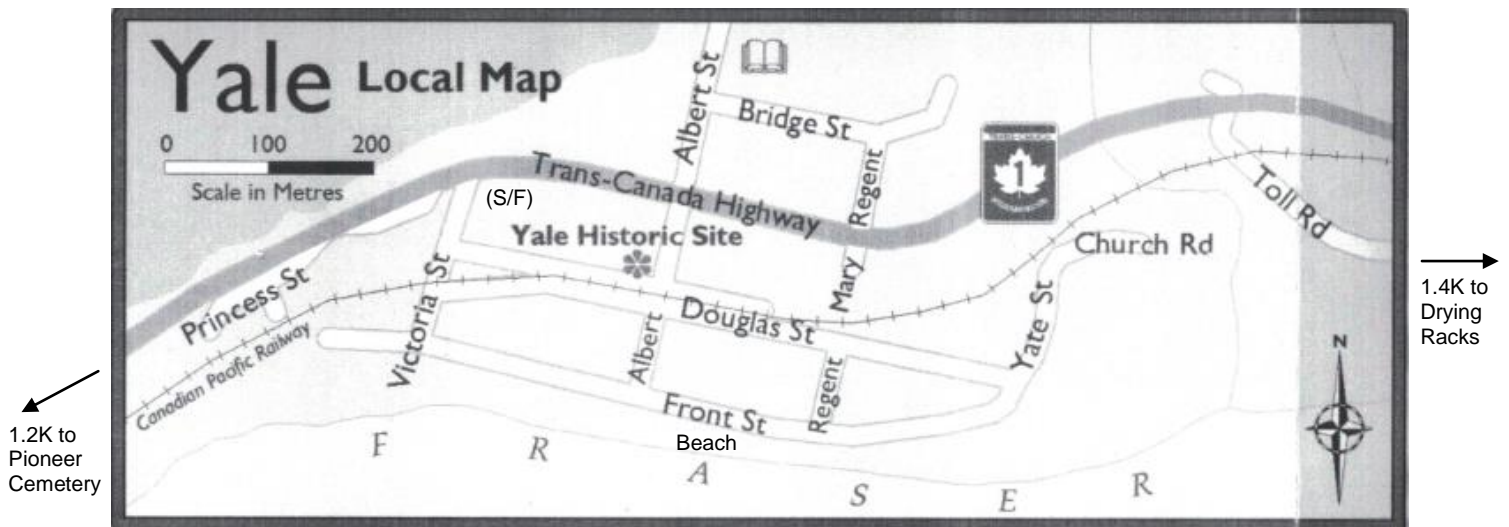
27. At traffic lights, turn left up Albert St.
28. Turn around at Library/Community Centre.  
*Notice mural on south side of building*

*(Beyond this point, Albert St is a private logging road.)*

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29. Turn left on Bridge St.
30. Turn right on Regent St.
31. Cross Hwy 1 with care and turn left.
32. Just past Esso Service Station, veer right on short road parallel to Hwy 1.
33. Cross bridge over Yale Creek.
34. Veer right on Toll Road (just past bridge).  
*Part of former Cariboo Wagon Road*  
*Notice tunnels over railway tracks*  
*Notice Lady Franklin Rock (island) in middle of Fraser River (named after widow of Arctic explorer)*
35. At drying racks (for fishing nets), turn around **(7.8 km)** and return along Toll Rd.
36. Just before final bend back to Hwy 1, notice First Nations cemetery (on your right).
37. At Hwy 1, veer left and proceed along shoulder.
38. Recross bridge over Yale Creek.
39. Veer left on short road parallel to Hwy 1.
40. Pass Esso Station and continue beside Hwy 1.
41. Return to parking lot. **(10 km)**

- Pre-1848 – First Nations settlement
- 1808 – Simon Fraser passed here
- 1848 – Fort Yale (Hudson's Bay fur trading post) was established at south end of Fraser River Canyon (named for James Murray Yale of HBC)
- 1858-1912 – sternwheelers travelled on Fraser River between Yale and New Westminster
- 1858 – Fraser River Gold Rush; population rose to 8,000; Hudson's Bay Company Store was built
- 1858 – Britain created Colony of BC
- 1863 – Completion of Cariboo Wagon Road (overland to Barkerville)
- 1880s – Completion of CP Railway (on west side of Fraser River); replaced Cariboo Wagon Road
- 1911 – Completion of CN Railway (on east side of Fraser River)
- 1980s – Opening of Yale Historic Site/Museum



### EXTRA INFORMATION

Park in small lot just off Hwy 1, between Barry's Trading Post and Victoria St.  
Yale Historic Site (open May to September); check dates/activities/cost on website ([www.historicyale.ca](http://www.historicyale.ca)).  
As there are no sidewalks, walk on left-hand side of streets, facing traffic.

No restaurant except for summer Tea House.

Flea Market most days during summer.

**Caution re bears; don't walk alone.**