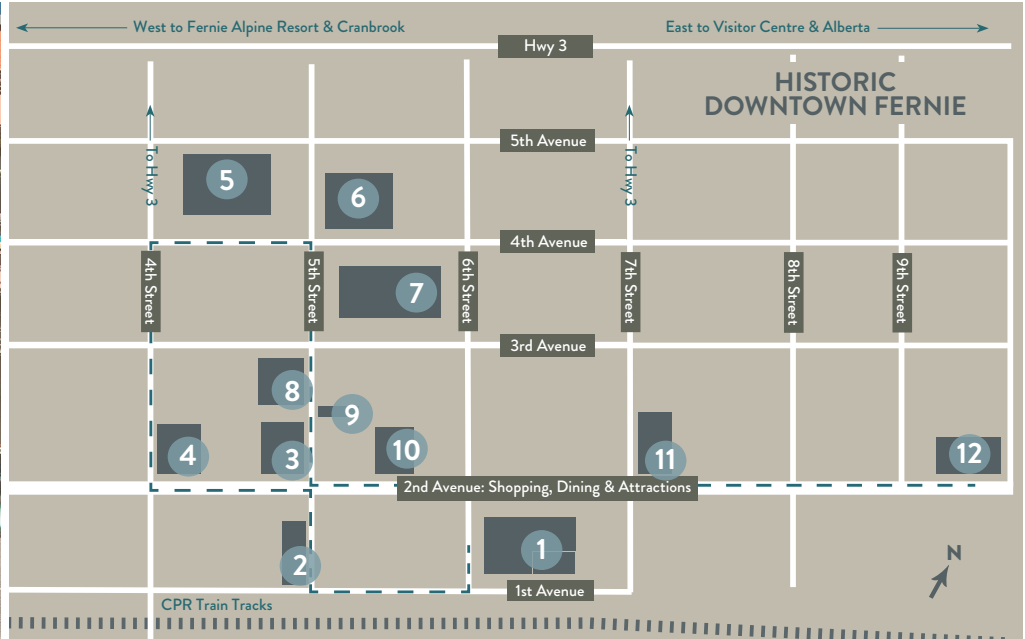




Heritage Walking Tour in Historic Downtown



This tour visits 12 of Fernie’s most iconic Historic Downtown buildings and features a variety of architectural styles and photo opportunities. Begin the walking tour at #1, the Fernie Arts Station at 601 1st Avenue.

Tour Length
Accessible, paved sidewalks
Approx. 45 minutes–1.5 hours

For more details on the 12 locations and arts and culture in Fernie pick up the latest Fernie & Elk Valley Cultural Guide around town, go online to www.ferniculture.ca or visit the Fernie Museum.

1 CPR STATION
601 1st Avenue



The former Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Station. Passenger service was discontinued in 1964. Built in 1909, it is now home to the Fernie & District Arts Council.

2 HOW FOON’S LAUNDRY
491 1st Avenue



Chinese entrepreneur How Foon ran a café, laundry and shoemaking business here and rented apartments upstairs. Built in 1908, it is now home to the Fernie Elks Club.

3 THE HOME BANK
491 2nd Avenue



A highly decorative building built in 1910 to house a branch of the Home Bank and the Herchmer-Mitchel Law Office, it is now home to the Fernie Museum & Visitor Centre.

4 THE IMPERIAL BANK 1909
401 2nd Ave



Rebuilt in 1909 and home to the Imperial Bank of Canada. Location of the Fernie Fire Department’s last stand against the 1908 fire. Now home to The Brickhouse Bar & Grill.



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5 THE COURT HOUSE
401 4th Ave



Lauded as one of BC's best buildings, The Court House has a splendid history to explore. It still operates as a court house and BC Government Offices. Visit the Fernie Museum to learn more.

6 HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
521 4th Avenue



Originally built in 1897, then rebuilt more substantially after the 1908 fire, to service the spiritual needs of the railway workers and miners, most were Catholic. Still home to Fernie's largest congregation.

7 THE CROW'S NEST PASS COAL CO. OFFICES
501 3rd Avenue



Built in 1905 for the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., the building survived the 1908 Great Fire and served as a place of refuge during and after the fire. It has served as Fernie's City Hall since 1984.

8 THE FERNIE POST OFFICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICE
492 3rd Avenue



This imposing Romanesque Revival building reflects Fernie's importance as a government centre for the region; the engraved stone signs above the entrance state its roll as the Post Office and Customs Office. It even once served as the US Consul Office. It now is home to the Fernie Heritage Library.

9 SALVATION ARMY
260 5th Street



The Salvation Army operated here from 1904 till 2001. The original building was lost in the 1908 Great Fire and was rebuilt to what you see today. It is now home to local artisans and the Eye of the Needle Gallery. The Salvation Army is now on 2nd Avenue.

10 ISIS THEATRE
531 2nd Avenue



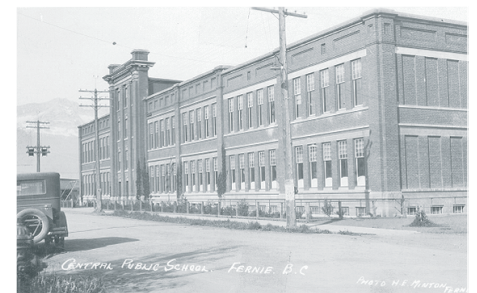
Since 1911 this building operated as a movie theatre until 1949. Fernie's old-timers remember it as the site of Saturday afternoon entertainment. It's now home to Nevado's Restaurant.

11 FERNIE CARTAGE COMPANY
701 2nd Avenue



Fernie Cartage Co. rebuilt its livery with not brick but rubblestone from the banks of the Elk River after the 1908 fire. Until automobiles came around they delivered supplies with horse-drawn drays. Now building is home to Urban Settler.

12 FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL
901 2nd Ave



Operating as Fernie's High School from 1909 – 1998. Parastone Development developed the site and revitalized the original school house in 2006. It is now home to luxury private and tourist condominiums and SPA 901.