

# Robinson Roadhouse



## Update on conservation efforts at the Robinson Roadhouse Site

Gary Sidney-Johnson of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, singing and drumming at Historic Places Days. July 2023.

The Robinson Roadhouse is made of up three partially connected buildings. A few years ago, one of the buildings was moved away from the main structure to provide space for conservation work on the deteriorated east wall. The repairs required some decayed sill logs and other logs in the walls to be replaced. To do this, the building was raised, log conservation worked completed

and then the building was leveled and straightened. Last year all the work to replace the deteriorated elements was completed. This season the Government of Yukon Historic Sites crew, with assistance from a log conservation specialist from Alberta, is planning to re-level the building and address any shifting that occurred due to the natural settling of the new logs.



# Historic Places Days: *Every Place, a Story*



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**Saturday, July 13, 2024, 12 to 3 pm**

Canada's Historic Places Days is an annual initiative to promote the importance of historic sites. From July 10th to the 17th, hundreds of sites across the country will host special events and activities.

Join us in celebrating Canada's Historic Places Days at the Robinson Roadhouse historic site on July 13. There will be live music, site tours, a barbecue and games for the whole family to enjoy.

The Government of Yukon's Historic Site Unit and the Yukon Heritage Resources Board are pleased to welcome you to this free event.

**All are welcome.**

Learn more at [historicplacesdays.ca](https://historicplacesdays.ca) or by calling the Historic Sites Unit at 867-667-3458.







The site will stay open during all activities and events, but certain areas may be closed to ensure the safety of the public.



## Did you know?

Artifacts may not be removed from the land. Wherever you are in the Yukon, you are on a First Nation's traditional territory. Yukon and First Nation governments are working to protect the ongoing story of our living heritage.

**Share your find.**

Learn more at [yukonlivingheritage.ca](http://yukonlivingheritage.ca)

A graphic with a dark, textured background. At the top, the text "MAKE A FIND?" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, the phrase "Leave it in place" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a stylized yellow outline of a feather. At the bottom, the text "Be a heritage steward" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "Share your find and learn more at [yukonlivingheritage.ca](http://yukonlivingheritage.ca)" in a white, sans-serif font.





## Tséi Zhéle / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad Day

**On Thursday, August 8, 2024, from noon - 3 pm, the Conrad Working Group will host a cultural day at the Conrad Historic Site. Join us, for this free event, to see the wonderful views and learn more about this special place.**

The Conrad Historic Site is located ~14 km southeast of Carcross. Follow the sign that indicates the Conrad Campground, then follow the dirt road to the bottom of the hill – the campground is on the left, and the Historic Site is on the right. There is a locked yellow gate that you can park near and then walk past the gate into the site, the gate will be open for those unable to walk into the site.

## Tséi Zhéte / Sinwaa Éex'i Yé / Conrad

### Historic Site



The Carcross/Tagish First Nation people and their ancestors have been connected to this area for thousands of years. This sheltered spot has long been an important place for harvesting fish, berries and medicinal plants. It is part of the network of traditional trails and waterways throughout the region. The community of Conrad was a short-lived mining town established in 1905 by Colonel J.H. Conrad. At its peak, over 300 people lived in the community. It didn't last long - silver prices went down and John Conrad filed for bankruptcy. The town was abandoned by 1914.

The historic site is on the west side of the Windy Arm of Tagish Lake/Tséi Zhéte Méne' (Howling Rock Lake). It is on the Traditional Territory of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. The site is co-managed by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and the Government of Yukon.

To learn more about this historic site, visit [yukonheritage.com](http://yukonheritage.com)

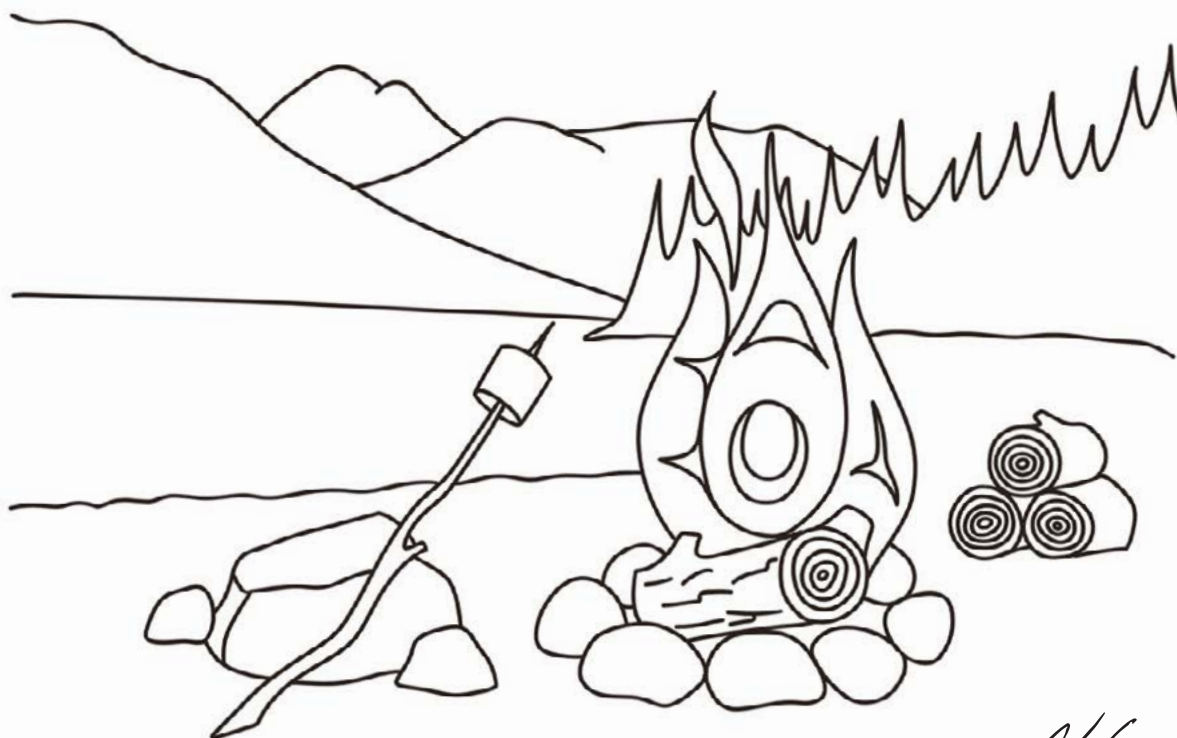


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(Margaret and Rolf Hougen collection) #347



On the back, you will find an illustration of a lakeside campfire at the historic site, by Carcross/Tagish First Nation artist Violet Gatensby. Add your favourite colours to the scene!

Violet Gatensby completed the Freda Diesing Fine Arts program in 2019 and continues creating artwork inspired by Yukon wildlife, landscapes and actions.



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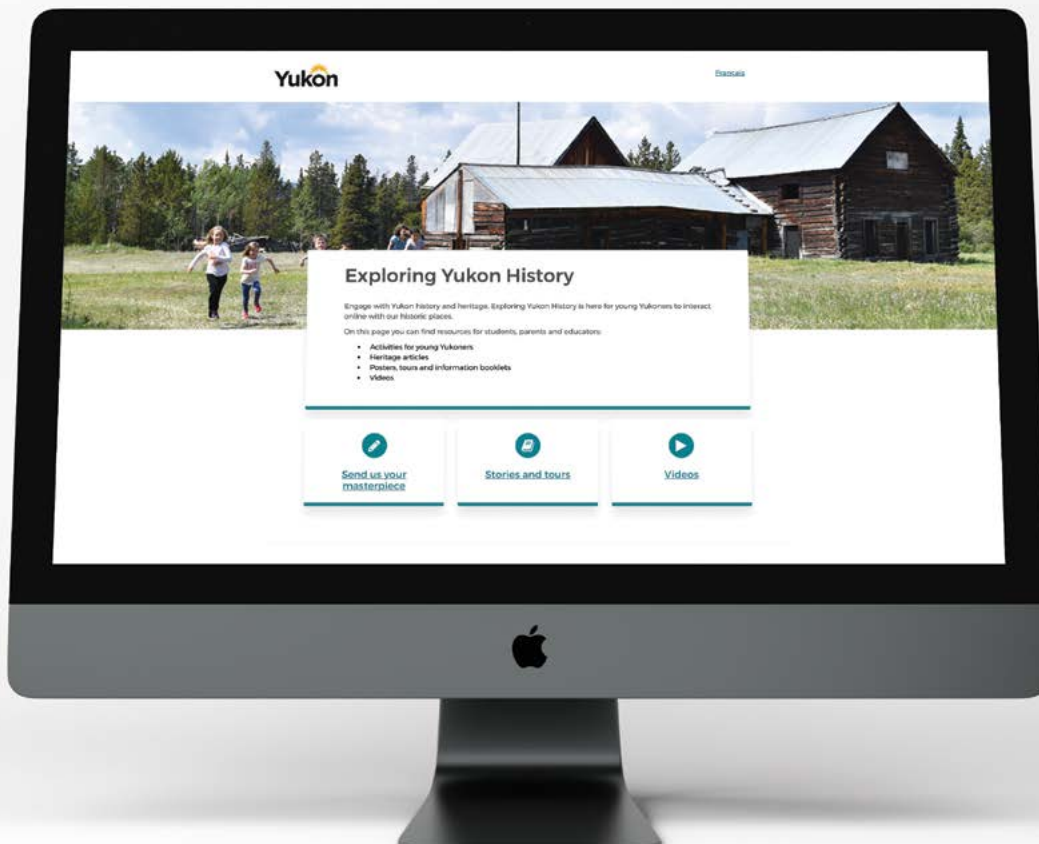
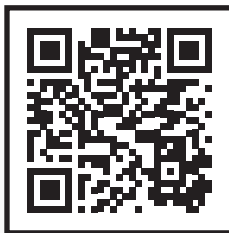
# Exploring Yukon History

[yukon.ca/exploring-yukon-history](http://yukon.ca/exploring-yukon-history)

This fun and interactive website is a place for young Yukoners to engage with and learn about the Yukon's incredible history, heritage and historic places.

On this page you can find resources for students, parents and educators including:

- ▶ Activities such as colouring pages about Yukon's historic places and buildings;
- ▶ Heritage articles, including the Heritage Conversations published in What's Up Yukon, which feature stories about people, historic sites and the fragile heritage around the territory;
- ▶ Posters, tours, information booklets and exhibits from the Yukon Archives; and
- ▶ Videos.



# WALK WITH US

## Respectful Travel Guidelines



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The Yukon is home to 14 distinct First Nations and 8 language groups. Our land is beautiful and our water is clean. Our land is everything. We are the stewards of this land and we all have a responsibility to care for this land for future generations. We honour our ancestors who shared their teachings with us so that we can now share them with you. We care for this land — the plants, water, air and animals — by showing it respect and treating it as an equal. As you travel through our beautiful homelands, we invite you to **Ná't'sin t'ra** “hold everything up in respect” Northern Tutchone

### When travelling in our homelands, come visit us in our communities

Our culture is rich and powerful — we are proud to share it with visitors who want to listen and learn in a respectful way. When you're in our communities, please visit our cultural centres, celebrate with us during our festivals, buy our art and crafts, listen to our stories, or go on a tour with a local First Nations guide. This helps support the well-being of our communities.

### We care for our land — we expect everybody to share this responsibility

For over 10,000 years, these lands have sustained Yukon First Nations people. We continue to survive on this land through our beliefs, our respect, our honour towards all living things. We must always care for the land so that the land can care for us.

### This land is our home — when visiting somebody's home we follow respectful behaviours

These are our homelands. When visitors come to the Yukon they will be visiting our home — a place that we love, rely on and feel connected to. It is important to understand the customs of the place you are travelling to. Before you visit our communities, do your best to learn about our people and our cultures. This shows respect for Yukon First Nations people.

### Keep the land and water clean

Water is the best medicine in the world. Without water we cannot live. Keeping the land and water clean is essential for keeping our animals, people and environment healthy. Keep a clean camp. Please pack out what you pack in — don't throw garbage on the land or in the water. We must be diligent about caring for our environment for future generations.

### Respect the land and the land will respect you

The land is deserving of the highest honour. Be mindful of your behaviour when travelling on the land. Give thanks to the land and the animals. Keep your mind clear and have good thoughts when you are out on the land. Don't make fun of animals or talk badly about them — they can hear you. The land, water, animals — everything has a spirit. We are all equal as guests on this land — once we respect that everything will be good.

### Be thankful for the land and all that it offers

Our people rely on the land and all that it offers. The land is our grocery store, our pharmacy and our clothing store. We give thanks when we gather from the land. We take only what we need, we use all that we take, and we share what we have. You have to be careful — if you disturb the land, it's not going to come back again.

### Learn the history of this land — it is rich with our stories

The history of this land is much older than the Gold Rush. Our language and stories are deeply intertwined with this land. It is important that visitors hear these stories. It is important that they hear these stories from us — the people who are deeply connected to this land. When given the opportunity, please listen and show respect to the Elders and First Nations people sharing their stories and knowledge.

### Respect our sacred places and teachings

Respect is the highest honour we can give. Our teachings define our responsibilities to ourselves, to the land, and to our communities. Our teachings come from our ancestors who came before us. It is our obligation to pass on these teachings, but please understand not all of these teachings are for us to share. Some teachings should only be shared by Yukon First Nations peoples. We also have sacred places that are not meant for visiting. Please do not visit our spirit houses, graveyards or other sacred sites.

### Respect and honour our culture — understand that our culture is not for sale

Our culture is strong, based on knowledge handed down for more than 10,000 years. Our culture is our stories. Each community has its own stories, songs, ceremonies, and ways of doing things. We welcome you to watch and listen with respect, but visitors must understand that our culture is not for sale. Please do not copy our designs, songs or dances. They belong to our family members, clans and communities. We have been working hard to reclaim our cultures and languages for many years. We ask that you support this reclamation and revitalization.

### Respect our ancestral knowledge, customs, and livelihoods

Our people continue to practice subsistence lifestyles in today's modern world. As hunters, trappers, and other land users, we are mindful of our harvesting practices and understand that animals provide sustenance for survival. We ask that visitors to Yukon First Nations lands not interrupt or interfere with our right to subsistence activities on our traditional territories.



Scan the code to learn more about travelling respectfully through the Yukon.

*Gratitude to the Elders who shared their knowledge, stories and wisdom that form the foundations of these Guidelines.*





Yukon Archives. Peter Bennett Fonds. Pho 308 86/9 #50.  
The station waiting room at Robinson on the W.P.&R.R. between  
Whitehorse and Carcross is an old caboose. 1948.