



VILLAGE OF HAZELTON

For centuries, the Hazelton area has been home to the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en people. Since the 1860's bustling pioneer communities have also arisen around the confluence of the Skeena and Bulkley Rivers. This unique sharing of an unequalled wilderness setting has made the Hazeltons the Historic Heartland of Northwest BC

Named after the hazel bushes that paint river-carved terraces, the Hazeltons are situated in a majestic setting dominated by the 3000' walls of the rugged Roche de Boule Range. A 'must see' for those traveling Highway 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert.

The frontier spirit lives on in Hazelton. 'Old Town's' restored heritage buildings serve as a reminder of the days when Hazelton was the commercial centre of the Northwest wilderness. From 1886 to 1913 Hazelton was the upriver terminus for a fleet of sternwheelers that plied the wild rapids of the Skeena. People and supplies reaching Hazelton were then dispersed inland to mines, farms and far-flung settlements. During this boisterous time the area was home to heroic outlaws, mysterious anarchist bank robbers, daring riverboat captains, and a score of legendary wilderness eccentrics. Hazelton maintains a friendly pioneer town atmosphere making it easy to imagine the sound of riverboat whistles blowing signaling the arrival of supplies, settlers, and long nights of revelry.

In 1914 a transcontinental rail line was pushed down the Skeena Valley, bringing hundreds of construction workers and homesteaders. It was at this time that people, anticipating a boon from the railroad, that New Hazelton and South Hazelton were established.

The Hazelton area is comprised of two municipalities (the Village of Hazelton and District of New Hazelton), three unincorporated settlements (South Hazelton, Two Mile and the Kispiox Valley), and four First Nations' Villages (Gitanmaax, Hagwilget, Glen Vowell and Kispiox).

Come to Hazelton and you'll find lots to do - visit 'Ksan Historic Village and Museum; take in the beautiful scenery; fish the rivers; and take a walking tour of our historic downtown.

