

**MEETINGS,  
WEDDINGS &  
PRIVATE EVENTS**

**2019**



**BARKERVILLE**  
**HISTORIC TOWN & PARK**

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# ABOUT BARKERVILLE

**B** RITISH COLUMBIA'S CENTRAL INTERIOR HAS BEEN PROFOUNDLY SHAPED BY GOLD THANKS IN PART TO A SIMPLE, WORKING-CLASS ENGLISH PROSPECTOR NAMED WILLIAM 'BILLY' BARKER WHO, IN 1862, SPEARHEADED A TWENTY-YEAR, MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION THAT HELPED BUILD A PROVINCE.



Today, the extraordinary town of Barkerville (named in Billy's honour) still stands as testament to BC's golden beginnings. With a unique streetscape of 125+ heritage buildings, authentic displays, satellite museums, restaurants, shops and accommodations there is still so much to explore. Declared a National Historic Site of Canada in 1924 and a Provincial Heritage Property in 1958, Barkerville is now the largest living-history museum in western North America.



Located 80 km east of Quesnel on the Gold Rush Trail, Barkerville Historic Town & Park welcomes over 60,000 visitors annually. Barkerville is fully equipped to support all sizes of private events in an authentic, unique, world-class heritage site. We offer a variety of education, entertainment, food, and accommodation options. This document provides an overview of our standard offerings, and we



are happy to work with you to customize a unique plan for your event.

## THE SEASONS

### MAIN SEASON

#### MAY - SEPTEMBER

**SITE HOURS MAY, JUNE & SEPT**

**8:30AM - 5:00PM, EVERYDAY**

**SITE HOURS JULY & AUGUST**

**8:30AM - 6:30PM, EVERYDAY**

During the main season, our full complement of restaurants, shops, accommodations, theatre, interpretive programs, and more are open for business. A gate admission is required.

### WINTER SEASON

#### DECEMBER - MARCH

**SITE HOURS**

**11:00AM - 4:00PM, EVERYDAY**

Experience Barkerville in winter! Our shops and exhibits are closed, but the Barkerville Café, the Shamrock Tube Run, and the Pavillion Ice Rink are open. Admission to Barkerville's historic Front Street is free.

## ADMISSION RATES

*Discounted rates (25% off) are available to groups of 10 people or more, with payment by a single payer. Multi-day events such as conferences, weddings, and family reunions may be eligible for further discounts of up to 40%. All admissions are valid for two days of entry. GST not included.*

	<b>Group Rate</b>	<b>Heritage Package*</b>
Adults (19-65)	\$ 11.43	\$ 37.12
Seniors, Students & Teens	\$ 9.29	\$ 33.98

Youth (6-12)	\$ 4.28	\$ 23.97
Children (5 and under)	Free	\$7.62

*\* Heritage Package includes regular admission, plus a gold panning lesson, a stage coach ride, and a ticket to a regular public Theatre Royal show*

# VENUES



## VISITOR'S RECEPTION CENTRE (VRC)



This modern building offers large gathering spaces, accessible washrooms, two kitchens, a bar, dining hall, mezzanine, studio room, Wi-Fi, and more. It is the largest and most flexible venue in Barkerville.

## BARKERVILLE PAVILION



This newly constructed multi-purpose space is suitable for a wide variety of special events. The open-concept, timber-framed building offers protection from the elements, but is unheated. Its beautiful architecture makes it an ideal choice for summer celebrations.

## ST. SAVIOUR'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



Owned by the Cariboo Anglican Church of Canada, this church was opened in 1870. It features much of its original finishing. Its beautiful architecture makes it an ideal choice for weddings and other celebrations.

## TREGILLUS FAMILY ESTATE

The history of the Tregillus family in Barkerville spans over 100 years. The estate greenspace offers a sheltered and intimate venue for an outdoor gathering.



## WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH



A reconstructed version of the original 1868 building. It features wooden pew seating with a stage area and has hosted a variety of weddings, concerts, and special events. This building has some of Barkerville's best acoustics.

## BARKERVILLE SCHOOL



A newly constructed school house built in historical fashion. This facility is often used to host meetings and educational functions. It comes equipped with Wi-Fi, a smartboard, a washroom, a kitchen, and a storage room.

## MASONIC HALL



The current building, built in 1937, is the third Masonic Hall to have been erected in this spot, after two previous constructions burned to the ground. The main floor is available to rent.

## THEATRE ROYAL



The largest historical building in the Barkerville is available for public bookings. It was constructed as a community hall in 1937, shortly after the original theatre was condemned. It features a ticket office, stage, and theatre seating for up to 220 people.

## **KELLY SALOON**

Constructed in the early 1900's as a dining room and kitchen addition to the Kelly hotel, this building, normally closed to the public, provides an intimate venue for special events.

## **RICHFIELD COURTHOUSE**



Constructed in 1882, the courthouse is one of the oldest in British Columbia. It is located 1.6 km up the Cariboo Waggon Road from the south end of the Barkerville town site. It can be accessed by foot, bike or horse drawn carriage in the summer season and by snowshoe or snowmobile in the winter season.

## **FOREST ROSE PICNIC SHELTER**

Located 3km east of Barkerville in the Forest Rose Campground, this picnic shelter is ideal for large family gatherings, and includes a covered area with multiple picnic tables, fire pits and room for group camping and RVing.

## **COTTONWOOD SHELTER BUILDING**

During the spring and summer season, Cottonwood House Historic Site offers a shelter building for private bookings. This unheated activity building includes washrooms, electrical connections, and a stage.

## **BARKERVILLE & COTTONWOOD OPEN SPACES**

There are several outdoor open spaces that may be used for private special events, including the clearing next to Barkerville's Chinatown Arch and the banks of Williams Creek. Cottonwood House Historic Site has large field spaces for a range of outdoor activities.

# VENUE DETAILS

Name	Sq. ft	Theatre capacity	Board capacity	Reception capacity	Features	Main Season	Winter Season
VRC Grand Room	1281	100	28	150	W, Wi, WA, H, K	\$200	\$100
VRC Mezzanine	375	n/a	n/a	45	W, Wi, H	\$100	\$75
VRC Studio	594	60	20	70	W, Wi, H, K	\$150	\$100
Tregillus Estate	2,200	150	n/a	300	WA, O	\$150	n/a
Wesleyan Methodist St.	570	65	n/a	65	WA, H, FS, S	\$150	\$75
Saviour's Anglican	650	55	n/a	n/a	H, FS, S	\$300	\$250
Barkerville School	616	60	28	60	W, Wi, WA, H, K	\$150	\$150
Masonic Hall	720	n/a	20	60	W, H, K	\$200	\$200
Kelly Saloon	435	45	25	45	WA, H	\$150	\$100
Theatre Royal	1,271	200	n/a	n/a	W, WA, FS, S	\$300	\$200
Barkerville Pavillion	2,100	100	60	200	Wi, WA	\$200	\$100
Richfield Courthouse	484	45	12	45	W, H, FS, S	\$150	n/a
Forest Rose Shelter	805	n/a	n/a	60	WA, FS	\$75	n/a
Cottonwood Building	480	40	15	60	W, WA, S	\$150	n/a
Open spaces	n/a	300	n/a	500	O	\$150	n/a

## FEATURES:

W: on site washrooms  
 WA: wheelchair access  
 K: kitchen facilities

Wi: WiFi available  
 H: heated building  
 O: outdoor venue

FS: fixed seating

S: stage

# EXTRAS

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Adult Rate</i>
<b>Gold Panning</b> <i>Strike it rich as you learn to pan for gold</i>	El Dorado	20 min.	\$8.50
<b>Stage Coach Ride</b> <i>All aboard Barnard's Express!</i>	Barnard's Express	20 min.	\$9.00
<b>Theatre Royal</b> <i>Catch a performance of an award-winning show</i>	Theatre Royal	60 min.	\$12.95
<b>Period Costumes – half day</b> <i>Dress up in Victorian garment</i>	Pioneer Clothing	4 hours	F: \$24.95 M: \$29.95
<b>Period Portrait Photo</b> <i>Have your portrait taken in period costume</i>	Louis A. Blanc	20 min.	Ask for price list

## CUSTOM INTERPRETATION

	<i>Run time</i>	<i>Rate</i>
<b>Step on Tour</b> <i>An historical tour guide will hop on your bus in Quesnel and present on the way to Barkerville</i>	60 min.	\$350
<b>Private Stage Coach Ride</b> <i>Book a carriage for your private use around town for up to 15 people</i>	1 hour	\$250
<b>Private Blacksmith Lesson</b> <i>A lesson in our blacksmith shop for up to 2 people</i>	120 min.	\$150
<b>Private Printing Press Lesson</b> <i>A lesson in our printing shop for up to 3 people</i>	120 min.	\$125
<b>Visit from Queen Victoria</b> <i>Play host to historic royalty with a visit from Queen Victoria</i>	120 min.	\$200
<b>Amazing Race to Rebuild Barkerville</b> <i>A team-building race guided by clues around Barkerville.</i>	90 min.	\$250

### **Custom Interpreter**

*An experienced historical actor can support your event with performance and interaction.*

Minimum 2 hours \$100 per hour

## **EVENT SERVICES**

Extended hours fee (after regular closing time)	\$50 per hour
Bartender	\$25 per hour
Liquor licence	\$25
Telephone and conference call equipment	Available by request
Photocopying, B&W/Colour	\$0.15/\$0.25 per page
Decorating and setup assistance	\$50 per hour
Flipchart paper, easel, and markers	\$20
Reusable dishware (without catering)	\$4 per person
LCD projector and screen	\$40
Podium	\$20
Microphone and speakers	\$50
Photography	Available by request
Wedding cake	Available by request
Printing press programs, posters, flyers, etc	Available by request
Postal service	Standard Canada Post rate apply

## **GIFTS & RETAIL**

Barkerville Lapel Pin	\$2
Historic Greeting Card	\$2
Traveler's Guide to the Buildings of Barkerville	\$5
Gold Dust Pen	\$5.95
12 oz Barkerville mug or jar	\$8.95
16 oz Barkerville mug or jar	\$9.95

# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

## WAKE UP JAKE RESTAURANT

Contact: 250-994-3259

A full menu of old-style favourites including breakfast, lunch and supper as well as children's specials. Maximum seating: 65 people.

## HOUSE HOTEL COFFEE SALOON

Contact: 250-994-3262 or [samrogers1965@gmail.com](mailto:samrogers1965@gmail.com)

Dive into a bowl of their hearty chili, take a swig of foamy old-fashioned root beer, or imbibe in some adult beverages at the saloon. Maximum seating: 40 people.

## LUNG DUCK TONG RESTAURANT

Contact: 250-994-3458 or [lungducktongbarkerville@gmail.com](mailto:lungducktongbarkerville@gmail.com)

This local favourite has been impressing guests from around the world for years with fresh, authentic Chinese food. Maximum seating: 65 people.

## GOLDFIELD BAKERY

Contact: 250-994-3241 or [bcirotto@goldcity.net](mailto:bcirotto@goldcity.net)

The aroma of sourdough bread fills the air. The bakery offers fresh baking and sandwiches prepared from scratch right on the premises. There is limited seating capacity but bagged lunches are available.

## G. STROUSS & COMPANY DRY GOODS

Contact: 250-994-3227 or [sales@masonanddaly.com](mailto:sales@masonanddaly.com)

Try their famous coffee and the "miner's lunch", with a cured sausage, cheese, pickle and crackers. Take-out food only.

## THE BARKERVILLE CAFE (WINTER ONLY)

Contact: 250-994-3332 ex. 48 or [caroline.sherrer@barkerville.ca](mailto:caroline.sherrer@barkerville.ca)

Custom catering for breakfast lunch and dinner with a variety of classic winter dishes to warm you on your winter wonderland excursions. Maximum seating: 80 people.



# CAMP GROUNDS



## GOVERNMENT HILL CAMPGROUND

- Location: next to the Barkerville Cemetery, within walking distance of Barkerville's gates
- Sites: 23 campsites, including 6 mini-cabins
- Features: fire rings, picnic tables, a playground, drinking water, pit toilets, and self-serve firewood. Not suitable for large RVs or long units.

## LOWHEE CAMPGROUND

- Location: off Highway 26, 2 km east of Barkerville, connected to a 2 km accessible walking and biking path to Barkerville's gates
- Sites: 87 sites, 2 mini-cabins, and 22 sites with 30-amp power
- Features: wheelchair accessible, playgrounds, drinking water, coin operated showers, flush toilets, and self-serve firewood.

## FOREST ROSE CAMPGROUND

- Location: 2 km from Barkerville on Bowron Lake Rd, connected to a 3 km accessible walking and biking path to Barkerville's gates
- Sites: Forest Rose has 54 campsites, including 32 sites with 30-amp power, and a group camping site with a large picnic shelter.
- Features: wheelchair accessible, playgrounds, drinking water, coin operated showers, flush toilets, horse paddocks, and self-serve firewood. Pull-through spots are available.

## COTTONWOOD HOUSE CAMPGROUND

- Location: Cottownood House Historic Site, 30 km west of Quesnel
- Sites: 7 RV sites and 10 bunk cabins that sleep up to 57 people
- Features: flush toilets, hot showers, a heated activity building with a kitchen, tables and benches; outdoor activities and games area; picnic tables, fire pits, wheelchair accessible walking paths along the Cottonwood River.



# ON-SITE ACCOMMODATIONS

## KING & KELLY HOUSES



Cozy B&Bs are decorated in the era in which they were built. Feather beds, down duvets and antique furnishings take you a step back in time, with some modern creature comforts added for your enjoyment. The King House has 3 rooms and sleeps six 6 people. The Kelly House has 3 rooms and sleeps 8. Both houses include a common room.

[kellyhouse.ca](http://kellyhouse.ca)

## ST. GEORGE HOTEL



Located right on the Cariboo Wagon Road where you can watch the comings and goings of Barkerville's main street. A restored hotel from the 1860s, with some modern, comfortable amenities, including Wi-Fi. Enjoy breakfast, and good company. Its 7 rooms sleep up to 14 people. The hotel also offers a common room. [stgeorgehotel.bc.ca](http://stgeorgehotel.bc.ca)

## BARKERVILLE COTTAGES

Constructed in 2017, the Barkerville Cottages are located a stone's throw from the Barkerville Visitor Centre. Each of the four wheelchair accessible cottages contains 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, a kitchen, dining and living room, laundry, mud room, and porch. 1-888-994-3332 ext. 99 or book online at [barkerville.ca](http://barkerville.ca)



# WINTER ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER TO MARCH (SNOW DEPENDENT)



## THE SHAMROCK TUBE RUN

**\$350 + GST FOR A PRIVATE BOOKING**

Conveyor lift access to two tube runs and over 400 feet of snow sliding fun! Kids and adults of all abilities can safely enjoy the Tube Run. Children under 42 inches (107 cm) in height must be accompanied on the conveyor lift and on the ride by an adult. The Tube Run's regular public hours are on weekends and holidays. Lift passes are \$16 for adults, \$14 for youth, and free for children 2-5 years of age.

You can also make a private booking your group for up to 3 hours of tubing. Private bookings are available Monday through Friday, except holidays. Included in the lift passes are outdoor table and chair set up, a bonfire, snow tubes, and helmet rentals. The Tube Run is ideally suited for a group of approximately 40 people. Up to 60 people may be accommodated at once, but this will increase the wait time on the run. Limited helmet sizes are available. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own helmets. No child is permitted to tube or skate without a helmet.

## SHOES, SLED & SKATE PASS

**\$50 + GST**

Make your visit a multi-activity day! Purchase an all-access recreation pass and give your tour group unlimited access to snow shoes, kick sleds, and ice skate rentals during your visit. Limited quantities and sizes are available. Contact us for more info. Note: Tour organizers must provide their own supervision on recreation facilities outside of the Tube Run area, including the Pavilion Ice Rink and surrounding snow shoe trails.

## **THE BARKERVILLE CAFE & GIFT STORE**

The Barkerville Café serves hot beverages, soups, fresh baking, and a variety of hot and cold lunch options to hungry customers. Custom catering is available by request. Contact us for a copy of the Café menu. Our café staff take special care to accommodate specific dietary needs, but our kitchen space is limited. Please inform us of any allergies prior to your visit. The Gift Store offers a selection of souvenirs, toys, and gifts. The Café & Gift Store will open for the duration of all Tour bookings.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Winter boots with proper grip
- Insulated, water-resistant gloves
- Snow pants and a winter jacket
- Ski goggles or sunglasses
- A ski helmet, if you have one
- Warm socks, a scarf, and under layers
- A thin toque that fits under a helmet
- A backpack to store extra layers if the weather is warm

### **WHAT WE SUPPLY**

- Tubes for sliding
- Helmets (limited sizes available)
- Access to the Pavilion Ice Rink
- A bonfire and outdoor seating
- Sticks for roasting hotdogs
- Indoor seating in the Café warm-up area
- Access to Barkerville's historic Front Street
- Heated washrooms
- Free Wi-Fi

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CONTRACT

An event order is your guarantee of Barkerville's services and prices. Barkerville Historic Town & Park must receive a signed copy of the contract and billing information before the booking is considered definite. An initial 25% deposit of the event cost is due fourteen (14) days after booking the event. An additional 25% deposit is due three (3) months prior to the event. These deposits will be credited towards your final bill. All functions must submit final guarantee and payment seven (7) business days prior to the function. Should no guarantee be received, Barkerville Historic Town & Park will prepare and charge for the original number quoted. You will be billed for the guaranteed number or actual attendance, whichever is greater. Barkerville Historic Town & Park reserves the right to assign comparable space for the size of the group with or without notice.

## CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

All deposits will be refunded if a confirmed event is cancelled more than three (3) months prior to its date. Cancellation of a confirmed event less than three (3) months prior to its date will result in the loss of the deposit. Cancellation of a confirmed event after final payment deadline (seven business days prior to its date) will result in a cancellation penalty equal to 100% of the event cancellation

## ARRIVAL AT THE VISITORS' RECEPTION CENTRE

Please plan to arrive at the Barkerville Visitor Reception Centre at least 20 minutes prior to your booking to allow ample time to disembark, check in at the cashier's station, and walk to the location of your booking. Services available at the Visitors' Reception Centre include:

- Site information
- Admission passes
- Tickets to extra excursion
- Bus parking
- Overnight parking passes
- Campground bookings
- Wi-Fi
- Pay phones
- First aid
- Lost & found
- ATM
- Accessible washrooms
- Change tables
- Indoor picnic area
- Stroller rental
- Wheelchair rental
- Dog kennel rental
- Designated smoking area

## **TOWNSITE ACCESS AND HISTORICAL PRESENTATION**

We strive to maintain a high standard of historical presentation. As such, there is no vehicle access to Barkerville's Historic Zone during operating hours. There are also restrictions on the placement of signs, temporary tents and other large items that are not historically accurate.

## **MENU SELECTION FROM THE BARKERVILLE CAFE**

For optimal service, you should to submit your menu selections and final event details thirty (30) days prior to the event date. Special menu requests for vegetarian, vegan or health related meals must be received no later than seven (7) business days prior to the function. Requests for special meals must be accompanied by the person's name and specific instructions. Barkerville Café will try to accommodate persons with food allergies, but cannot guarantee that meals will be one hundred percent (100%) free from traces of allergens

## **WEATHER**

Nestled in a high mountain valley, Barkerville tends to have cool temperatures and a regular mix of rain and sunshine. During the main season, daytime temperatures ranging from 5°C/40°F to 25°C/78°F. Warm, light coats, rain gear and mosquito repellent are an important part of the main season. In the winter season, snowy conditions prevail with daytime temperatures ranging from a mild 0°C/32°F to a -35°C/-30°F. It is not unusual for the annual snowfalls in Barkerville to reach 6m/20ft, with snow banks hanging around until May. Come prepared with appropriate clothing, gear and tires for your vehicle.

## **PETS**

For the safety of our visitors and site animals, no pets are permitted within the Barkerville town site. Certified service animals are permitted with prior notification. Day use dog kennels are available for rent.

## **SITE RULES & GUIDELINES**

- Alcohol is prohibited outside of licenced areas.
- No smoking or vaping of any substance anywhere in the heritage zones.
- No open flame or fireworks allowed in the heritage zones
- No use of tacks, nails or adhesive tape allowed in the heritage zones.
- No alterations of site structure or artifacts allowed.
- No confetti, sparkles, or rice throwing allowed.
- Barkerville Heritage Trust is not liable for any losses incurred during your tour.
- Any damage to property, structures, artifacts or equipment by tour guests will be charged to the contract holder.

## HOW TO GET HERE

Central Mountain Air runs daily flight service to Quesnel. Westjet, Air Canada, and Pacific Coastal Airlines runs daily flight service to Prince George. By vehicle, most visitors travel through the City of Quesnel, 80 km to the west of Barkerville. Quesnel is a medium-sized city with many amenities to support your journey. All visitors pass through the town of Wells, 10 km west of Barkerville. Wells is a small community which offers basic amenities. Ample day parking is provided at Barkerville and Cottonwood free of charge, including space for RVs and busses. Driving distance to Barkerville from Vancouver: 800 km; from Prince George: 200 km; from Calgary: 960 km

## COMMUNICATION

**Important:** There is no cell phone service at Barkerville, Wells, or Cottonwood House. It is recommended that you make any important phone calls prior to departing Quesnel. Public phones are available at Barkerville, Wells, and Cottonwood House and free public Wi-Fi is available in Barkerville.