

STOP #15--0/62 KM-- BOUNDARY MUSEUM GRAND FORKS More of the history of the Boundary country is on display at the Boundary Museum in Grand Forks. The museum plays tribute to the mining, timber, recreational and agricultural heritage of the area. Today, these resources continue to play an important role in the life of Boundary residents and help make this area a great place to live.

We hope you enjoy this driving tour. The Phoenix Forest, like all forests in British Columbia, is important to each of us for many reasons. Our forests provide the natural resources which contribute to our great quality of life. We depend on them for recreational, social, economic, educational and spiritual well-being. Through a Cooperative Integrated Resource Management approach, forests are managed for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

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Phoenix Interpretive Forest and History Drive: A Self-Guided Tour

This self-guided driving tour of the Phoenix Interpretive Forest has been developed to provide an overview of the social, educational, historic, economic, and environmental importance of the area to the boundary community. The area has a rich history of resource activity that leads back to the early prospectors as they searched for the motherlode. Today you can follow in their footsteps and explore the rich history and many resources of the Phoenix area.

The tour begins at the junction of the Phoenix Road and Highway #3 (at the Ski Hill sign). This is located approximately 19.5 km west of Grand Forks and 21 km east of Greenwood.

Stops on the tour are posted with signs.

The tour is approximately 22 km in length from the junction to Greenwood and can be completed in about 2 hours. However, we encourage you to take more time to fully explore the Phoenix area. The tour route follows paved and gravel secondary roads and is accessible to two-wheel drive vehicles year round.

STOP#1--0KM--JUNCTION OF PHOENIX ROAD AND HIGHWAY #3 This is the start of the tour, set your odometer to 0 and proceed west, up the Phoenix Road. During the drive, note the diversity of tree species, from spruce, cedar and cottonwood in the cool and moist sites to the fir and pine on the dryer hillsides. Also watch for the old railway grades that intersect the Phoenix Road.

STOP #2--3.6 KM ON SWITCHBACK--MINE TAILING These mine tailings are located on what was once the Tremblay family homestead. The homestead was a favorite coffee stop for the crews traveling on the railway which ran along the south side of the farm. The Tremblay tailings are the waste material piped from the open pit mining at Phoenix from 1959 to 1962. Recent sampling of the tailings has shown that considerable gold, silver and copper were not recovered by the original milling process. Testing of these tailings is on-going to determine the potential for recovery of these minerals. Please be aware that this is privately owned land.

STOP #3--5.5 KM--JUNCTION OF PHOENIX AND SKI HILL ROADS From this junction, turn right. It is approximately 1.5 km to the Phoenix Ski Hill. The community owned hill was built in 1969 on land donated by the Granby Mining Company and provides excellent downhill and cross country runs for skiers of all abilities. There is a great area for all snow riders for tricks and big air jumps.



STOP #4--12.2 KM--PHOENIX CENOTAPH This cenotaph stands as a memorial to the 15 men of the city of Phoenix who died during WWI. When the war broke out in 1914, Phoenix citizens responded with great vigor, contributing to the Red Cross and other organizations and sending many volunteers overseas. Today, the Cenotaph also serves as a memorial to the vanished city of Phoenix which once boasted a population of about 4,000 people (1911). The Cenotaph was originally erected within the city. It was built in 1919 from proceeds raised from the dismantling and sale of the Phoenix skating rink. When the mine reopened in 1956, the Cenotaph was moved to its current location.

STOP #13--21.4 KM--ENTERING THE CITY OF GREENWOOD Proceed to the stop sign at the junction of Greenwood Street and Highway #3. Turn right (north) along the main street (Copper Ave) for 2 blocks to the Greenwood museum. The museum contains a wealth of historical information on the City of Greenwood and mining in the Boundary area.



STOP #14--21.8 KM--GREENWOOD MUSEUM



Across the street from the museum is the “Granby Phoenix”, built by the Granby Co. miners as a Labour Day parade float when the mining operations were re-started at Phoenix in the 1950s. It was perched above the Phoenix Mine until 1988 when it was relocated to overlook Hwy 3 for all travellers to see.

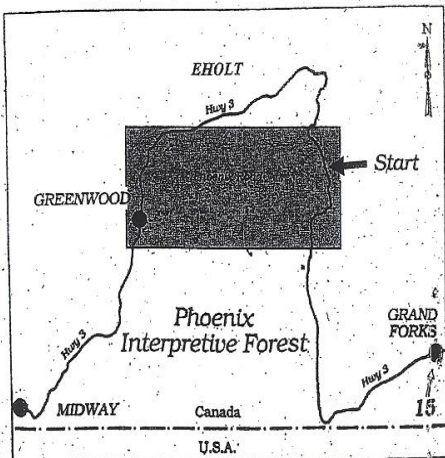
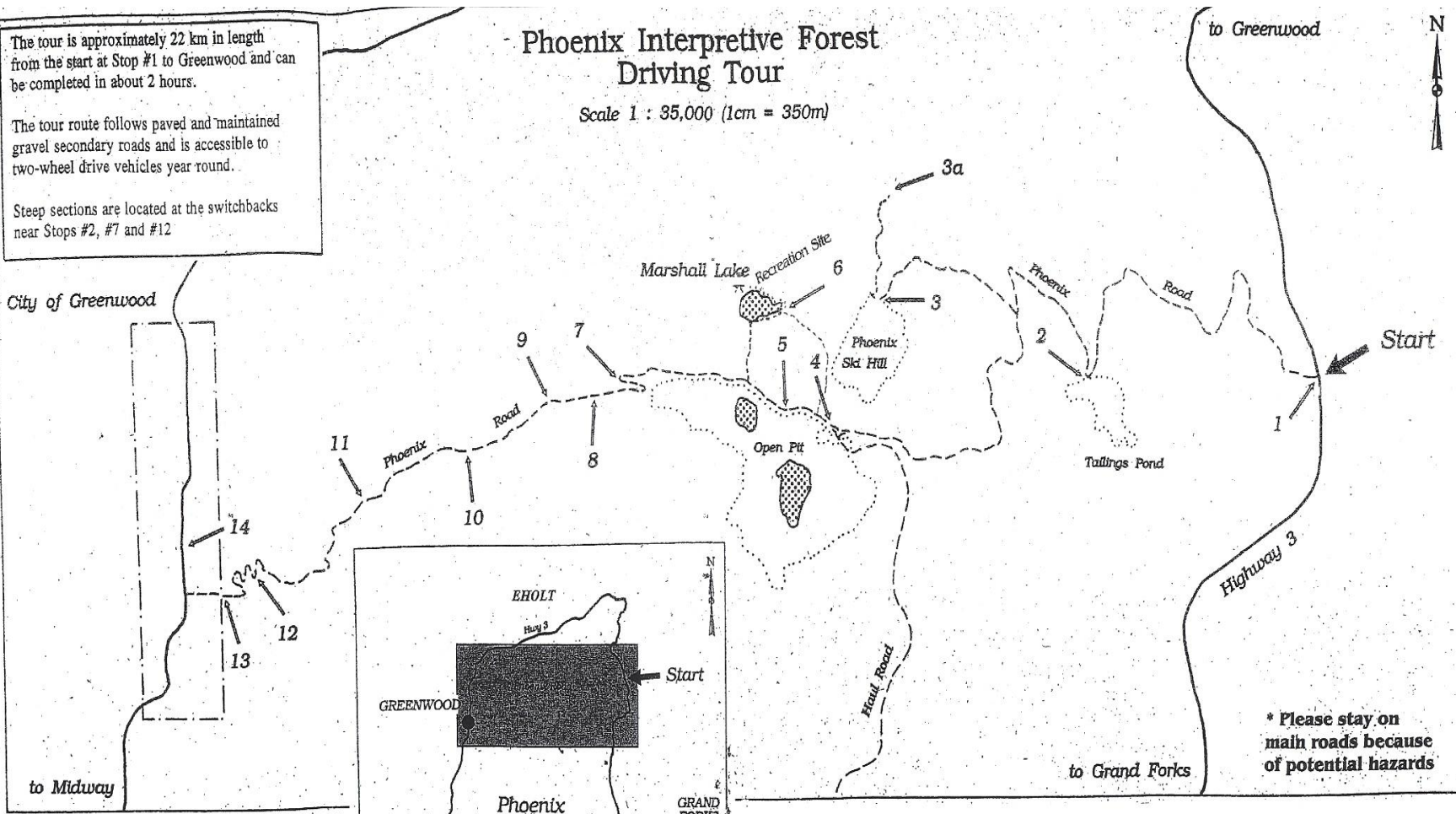
The tour is approximately 22 km in length from the start at Stop #1 to Greenwood and can be completed in about 2 hours.

The tour route follows paved and maintained gravel secondary roads and is accessible to two-wheel drive vehicles year round.

Steep sections are located at the switchbacks near Stops #2, #7 and #12

Phoenix Interpretive Forest Driving Tour

Scale 1 : 35,000 (1cm = 350m)



*** Please stay on main roads because of potential hazards**

STOP #7--15.5KM--MINE TAILINGS DAM As you swing around the first switchback on Phoenix Road, you will be looking at the large dam built in the 1950s for the mine tailings pond. The structural integrity of the dam is continuously monitored. The tailings and area below the dam is privately owned.

STOP #8--16.2 KM--MEADOW AND OLD BARN Not all early pioneers were looking for mineral wealth. Farms and homesteads were established in conjunction with the influx of miners into the Boundary in the late 1800's. On the left are the remains of an old farm that once supplied eggs, milk and vegetables to the residents of Phoenix. Remains of the original house and barn are a pile of wood that can still be seen.

STOP #9--16.5 KM--PHOENIX CEMETERY A walk through the old cemetery will reveal that very few of the people buried here ever reached the old age of three score and ten (70 years). Not all the graves are a result of mining accidents-many deaths occurred during the great influenza epidemic of 1918-19. Note the size of the Douglas-fir trees which have grown throughout the cemetery since 1919.

STOP #10--18 KM--COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CRMP) SIGN Coordinated Resource Management Planning was in effect since 1977. Then in 1995 the new Forest Practices Code came into effect. The Code provides many opportunities for the public, organized groups and other resource users to offer input on resource management decisions.

STOP #11--19.7 KM--FORSHAW HOMESTEAD To the right stands the early Forshaw homestead. William and Emma Jenks built the farm house in 1909 and it was a dairy in the beginning. They also had 400 fruit trees, some of which can still be seen along the hillside. The Forshaws most likely moved there in the early 1920s and lived there for many years. Please note that this is private property.

STOP #12--20.5 KM--PULL OUT ON 3RD SWITCHBACK This spot provides a good view over-looking the City of Greenwood, remnants of the B.C. Copper Co. smelter site and slag pile.

STOP #5--MARSHALL LAKE at the Cenotaph, turn right and proceed to Marshall Lake. The land on the south and west sides of the lake is private; please respect it. Originally a small swamp, Marshall Lake was enlarged in the Phoenix pit-mining phase in the 1950s. The lake was partially drained in 2012 because of safety concerns with the dam. The Marshall Lake Forest Service recreation site serves as a winter base for cross country skiers exploring over 17 km of trails and people use the area in the summertime for fishing and camping. The clearing on the north slope is the old Phoenix ski-hill which was used during the 1960's by residents of the Boundary area. Engwald "Minnie" Engen, one time world ski jump champion and employee of the Phoenix Mine, skied on this hill.

STOP #6--15.0 KM--PHOENIX MINE SITE The city of Phoenix was situated on what is now the open pit. At its peak, the city had over 16 hotels, a brewery and a professional hockey team. Once referred to as the "Mile High City", the elevation at Phoenix is actually 1,450m (4700').



Compare the mine site now with the photo of the city from approximately the same view point as this stop. When copper prices dropped in 1919, the mine closed and the residents locked their doors to move on to better opportunities-in many cases leaving their household possessions behind in the expectations of returning again someday. Numerous cave-ins at the railroad siding and town site began to present a dangerous problem which contributed to Granby Mining Co's to close the mine. The land where the old mine workings are located as well as much of the surrounding area is privately owned. Please do not trespass.