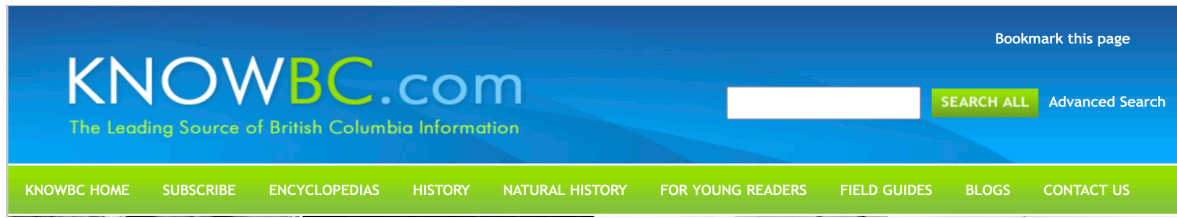


Tip Sheet – Know BC

Know BC is the home of the digital version of a print-based Encyclopedia of British Columbia, originally published in the late 1990's by Harbour Publishing. Along with the original text, the site contains other books, articles and resources to use in various settings.

How to get the most out of KnowBC:

Explore the green navigation bar dropdown across the top of the page.



There you will find science and history content, links to more online resources and a collection of field guides that can be used online or printed. Consider printing and laminating for use outdoors. The Identification of Pebbles guide has also available in French



Along the left side of the page, there are more links to resources, including BC facts (perfect for a quick round of trivia), online books, and under the “For Teachers” tab, find a series of sample lessons and BC curriculum links: the examples are for Social Studies K to 11, First Peoples 12, and Science K to 7, there are also other curriculum subjects with BC content including: Earth Science 11, Geology 12, Geography 10-12 and Sustainable Resources 11 and 12.

For independent learners, check out the resource “Far West” under the “For Young Learners” tab. This is the history of BC, spanning from original people through to modern history, organized into nine chapters, includes photos, external links, and a concise timeline from 10 500 BP to the early 2000’s.

BC Historical Timeline

10,500 BP	The first inhabitants of British Columbia are living in the Peace River country in the north.
1778	Captain James Cook arrives in two ships on the west coast of Vancouver Island.
1785	The first ship arrives on the coast of British Columbia to trade for sea otter skins.
1792-94	Captain George Vancouver explores the coast.
1793	Alexander Mackenzie arrives at the Pacific after crossing North America by foot and canoe.
1805	Fur traders build the first trading post in British Columbia.
1808	Simon Fraser canoes to the mouth of the Fraser River.
1827	Fort Langley is built on the Fraser River.
1843	Fort Victoria, the headquarters of the fur trade in British Columbia, opens.
1849	The colony of Vancouver Island is created.
1850	The Haida on the Queen Charlotte Islands trade some gold nuggets with



Did You Know?

Did you know that the City of Vancouver was once a tiny sawmill village called Gastown?



BC People: Keeping the World Green

The organization Greenpeace has a huge army of activists fighting to stop pollution and protect wildlife around the world. But in 1970, Greenpeace was a small group of people in Vancouver who wanted...

Look for "Did you Know" features to spark an inquiry project, launch research or for a quick facts activity.

The KnowBC site features a robust search engine as well:

Search

you can refine your search by using + or - or " or *
 + indicates a required term
 - indicates a term to exclude
 " groups words into a single term
 * allows wildcard extension of a term

Your search for: **douglas** found 493 documents



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... that protrude beyond the scales of the cones; flat needles with pointed tips, spirally arranged around the twig. It is named after David Douglas, a Scottish naturalist who took this and other species back ... Douglas-fir ...

