

Saanich Core/Quadra

SAANICH



Heritage Passport

**Ready to take a trip through
Saanich past and present?**

This Heritage Passport is a collaborative project of the District of Saanich; Arts, Culture, and Heritage Advisory Committee; and the Saanich Heritage Foundation. We're grateful to the volunteers who helped make it a reality!



TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The District of Saanich is within Coast and Straits Salish territory, the traditional territories of the **Lekwungen** (Lək̓ʷəŋən) Peoples known today as Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the **ŪSÁNEĆ** Peoples known today as **ŪJŌŁŁŁP** (Tsartlip), **BOKÉĆEN** (Pauquachin), **STÁUTŪ** (Tsawout), **ŪSIKEM** (Tseycum) and **MÁLEXEŁ** (Malahat) Nations. The First Peoples have been here since time immemorial and their history in this area is long and rich.

Photo: **S,ŸEWĒ** History pole at the University of Victoria tells the transformer story of **TEL,ŁĆĒ** (artist: Charles Elliot Temosen-hut, 1990)

Good thing you've got a Heritage Passport!

This itinerary takes you through the Saanich Core local area, where you'll see a number of buildings with heritage value.



This route is best enjoyed on foot or by bike. Not including stopping time, it will take about 1 hour and 15 minutes to walk it, or 15 minutes to cycle.

Begin at the Saanich Municipal Hall. For each destination, answer the questions - be sure to record your answers on the correct space in the passport (don't worry about correct terms, just describe what you see). Then, read the facts for that location - you might just learn something new!



If you'd like, share your travel photos on social media and tag them **#saanichheritagehunt**.

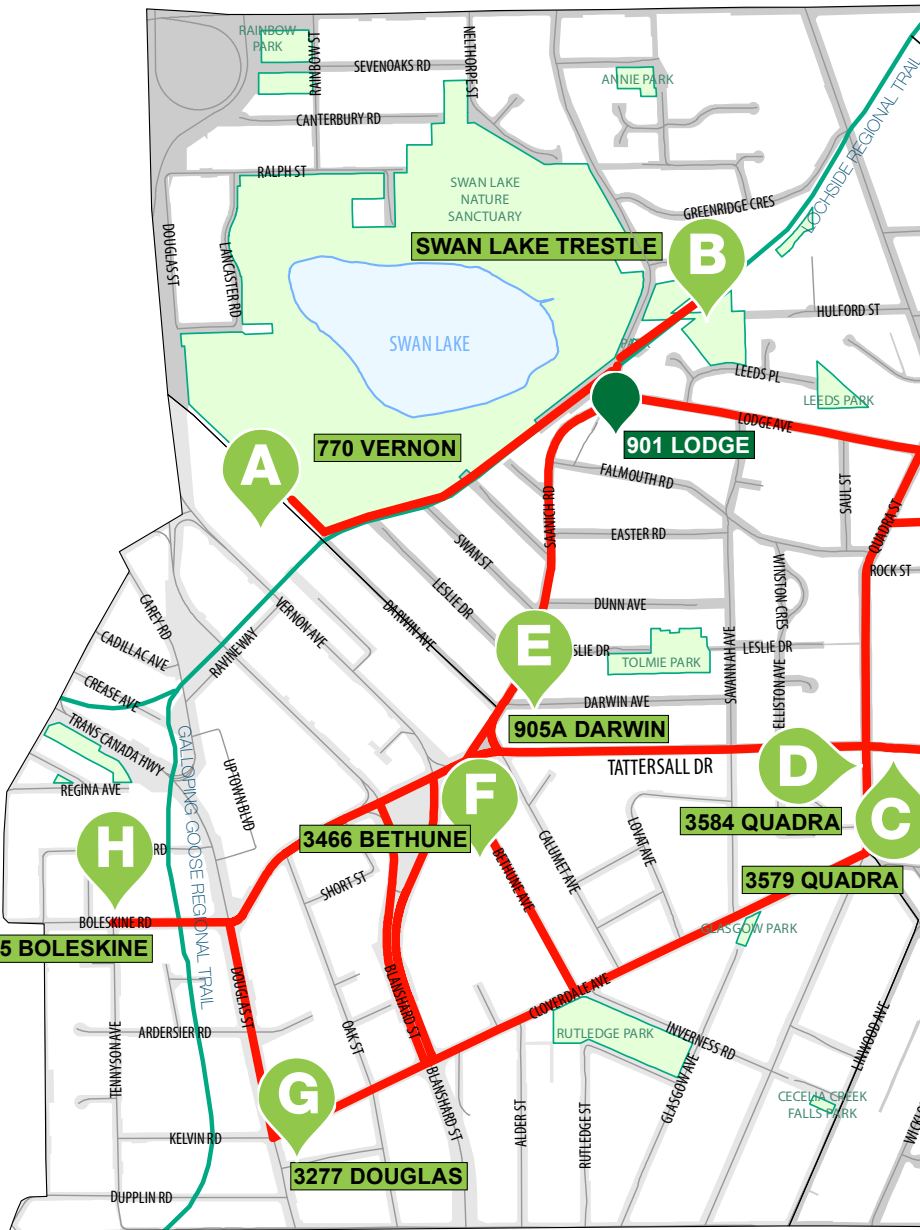
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Bon voyage! Enjoy the Trip!

Please:

- DON'T give away the answers, and
- DO respect private property.

Heritage Tour Property Locations

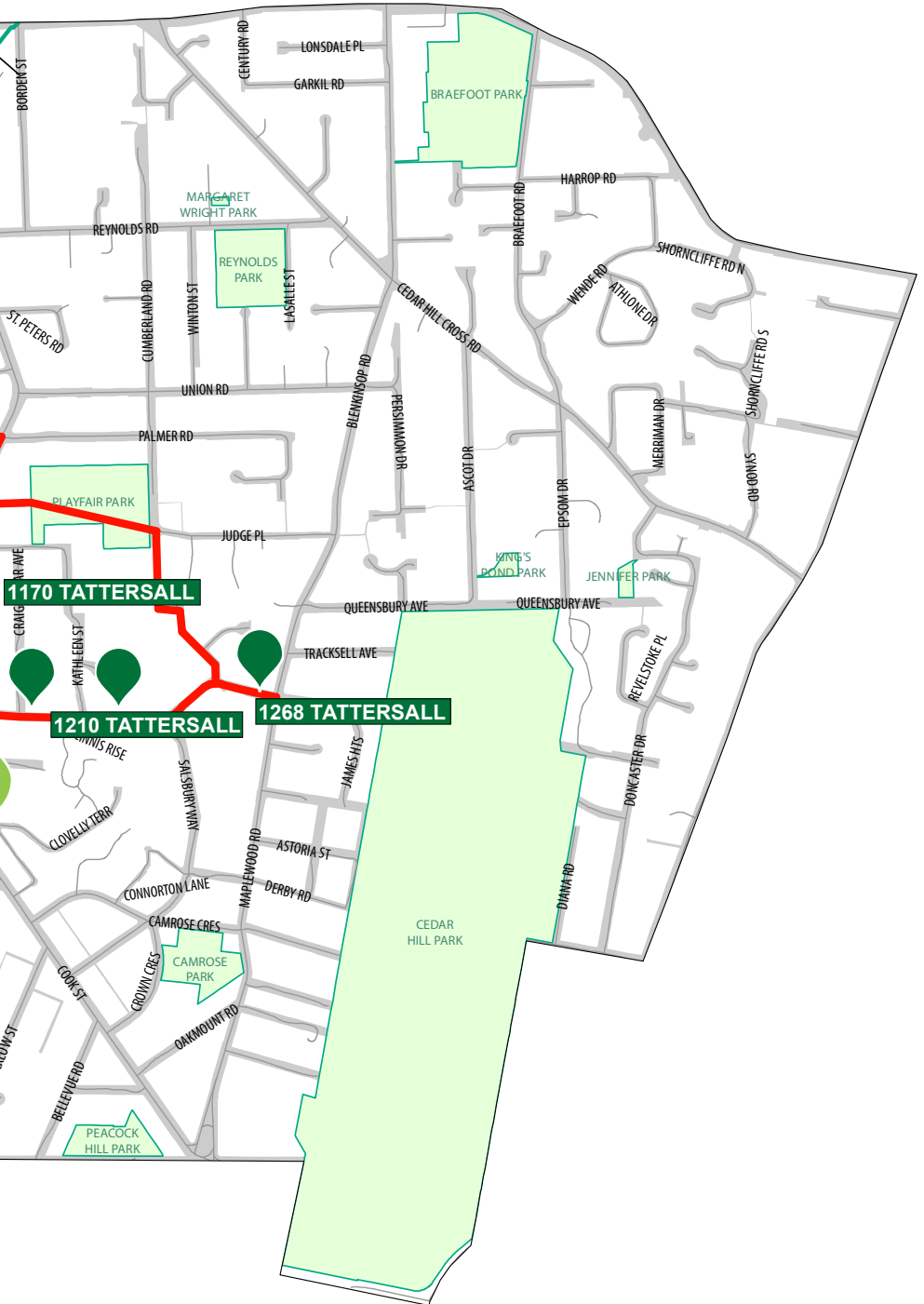


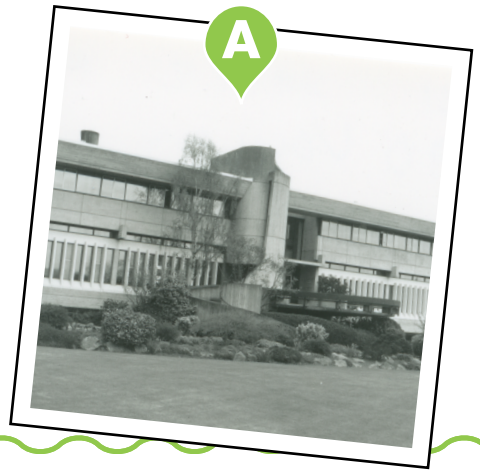
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- B. Swan Lake Trestle
- C. 3579 Quadra St
- D. 3584 Quadra St

- E. 905A Darwin Ave
- F. 3466 Bethune Ave
- G. 3277 Douglas St
- H. 555 Boleskine Rd



- Bonus Properties**
- 901 Lodge Ave
 - 1268 Tattersall Dr
 - 1210 Tattersall Dr
 - 1170 Tattersall Dr





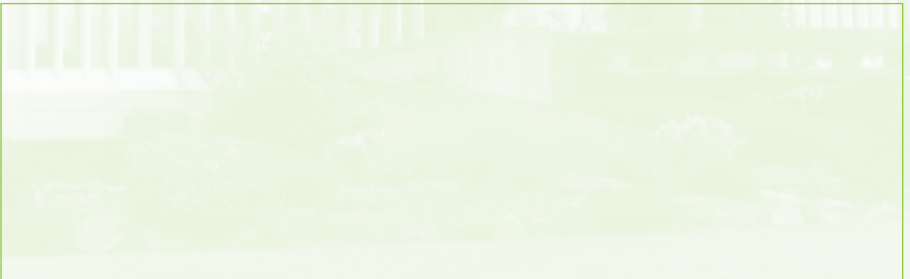
The design of the Municipal Hall was influenced by the Brutalist architecture of Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier. It was the District's third Municipal Hall and opened in 1965.

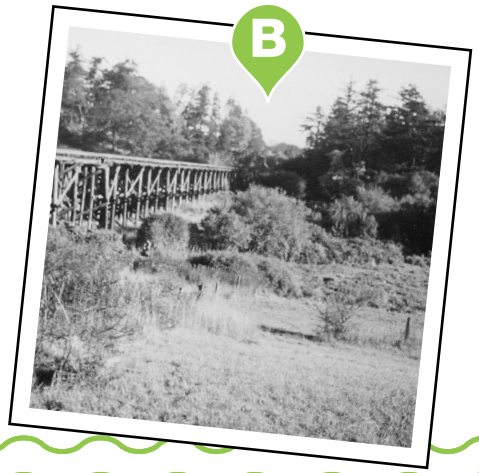
770 Vernon Avenue - *Saanich Municipal Hall*

- 1) What is the building made of?



- 2) What feature stands above the rest of the building?





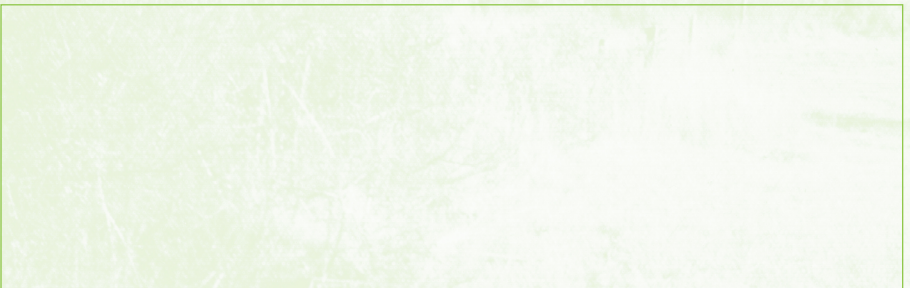
Three railway lines once passed through Saanich: The Victoria and Sidney (V & S) Railway, British Columbia Electric Railway, and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway.

Lochside Regional Trail - *Swan Lake Trestle* Transportation Route

1) What mode of transportation once travelled here?



Bonus: Which company operated it?





This residence is named “Highfield” and was the home of widow Catherine Egerton and her two sons and four daughters. It is a landmark structure in the area.

3579 Quadra Street - Influenced by Arts and Crafts design

1) How many stories high is this house?



2) How many dormers does it have?





This structure represents Mission-style architecture, and is a rare example of an early commercial building in Saanich. It has been home to many different businesses through its history, including a candy store, and a boot repair service.

3584-86-88 Quadra Street - *Commercial building*

- 1) Name two businesses at this location?



- 2) What do you notice about the shape of the building? Does the front remind you of a style you have seen in a movie or on a trip?



First owner John Arthur Tindell worked as a labourer for the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, and eventually became a nurseryman.

905A Darwin Avenue - *Late Craftsman Style*

1) What feature can you see on the second floor?



2) What colour is it?

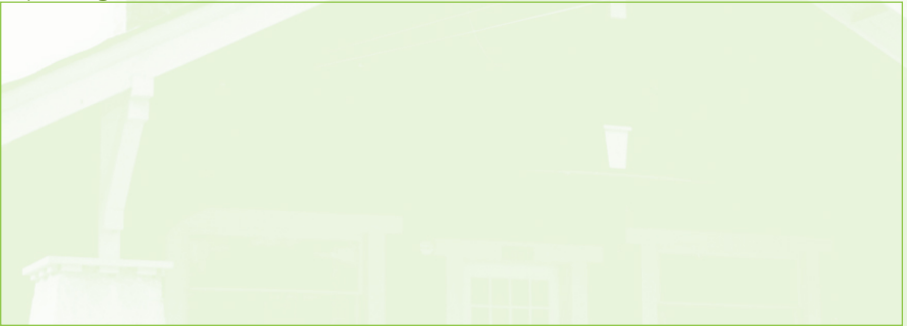




The dark-stained cedar shingles and lighter coloured trim are an authentic, original feature!

3466 Bethune Street - *California bungalow*

- 1) What is unique about the shape of the columns and the veranda opening?



- 2) What does this building have that is missing from 905A Darwin Avenue?





The building, originally the Douglas Street Baptist Church, was constructed of imitation-ashlar concrete block rather than stone in order to save on costs.

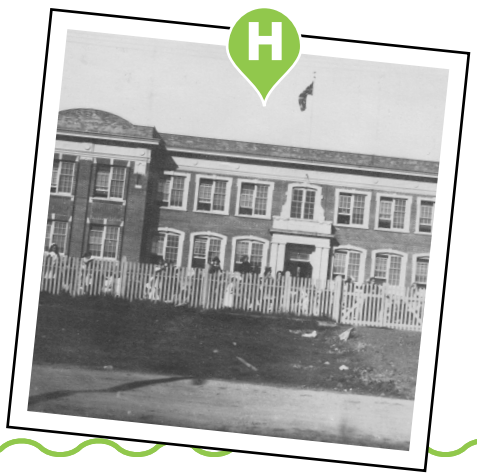
3277 Douglas Street - Church building

- 1) What organization currently owns and occupies the building?

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- 2) What unique feature do you see on either side of the Douglas Street entrance?

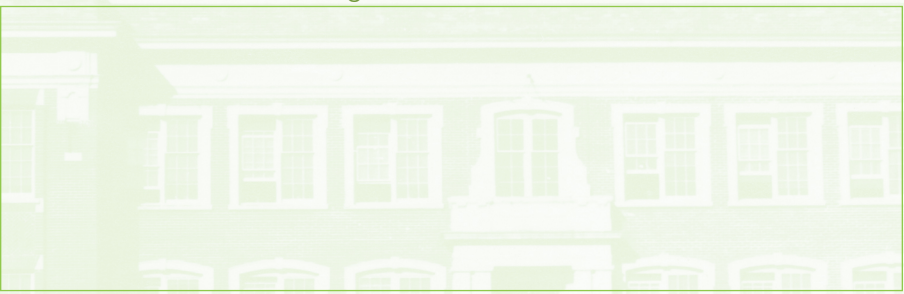
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This school was designed by Harold Joseph Rous Cullin in 1912. However, the first stone wasn't laid until April 13, 1913; the contractors were the Luney Brothers. "Tolmie" comes from William Fraser Tolmie, whose farm "Cloverdale" included this property.

555 Boleskine Road - School building

1) What date is on the building?



2) Name at least two other places that share the name on the front of the building.



The following destinations aren't part of this itinerary, but they're in the neighbourhood! If you're up for some extra exploration, check out these nearby heritage buildings.



901 Lodge Avenue - *Swan Lake Grocery Store/Bell Residence*

This building, constructed around 1912, was the home of Samuel and Alice Bell. For a number of years, Samuel ran the Swan Lake Grocery in this house, which overlooks Swan Lake. Have you been to a grocery store in a house?

Did you know that Lodge Avenue was originally called Jackson Avenue?

The lower part of the front wall looks different than the rest of the building. That's because it has a stone covering called cladding!



1268 Tattersall Drive - Rocky Oak Knoll (later Pearkes Residence)

What does this house have in common with the arena in Saanich? It was the home of General George R. Pearkes and his wife Constance — the Pearkes arena was named after the General. In addition to serving in WWI and WWII, he was also the local Member of Parliament and the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

The Pearkes' were not the first people to live here, though. Robert and Petronella Wayne were the original owners in 1929 and named it Rocky Oak Knoll. Their builder was Arthur Stewart, who not only built many houses in the area, but also lived in the neighbourhood!

Can you see the windows? Each one has many panes (sections).

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1210 Tattersall Drive - *Craigmillar Lodge*

This large building is called Craigmillar Lodge. It was built in 1913 for retired postal worker John Brown and his wife Kate. It is a well-known local heritage house.

Most architects in Victoria at that time were from the British Isles or the United States. But Craigmillar Lodge was designed by William J. Semeyn, who was born in the Netherlands.

The front steps lead to a veranda at the centre of the building. Did you notice that there are two floors above it?



1170 Tattersall Drive - *Holland Residence*

Sylvia Grace Holland and her husband Frank, both architects, worked together to design their home soon after they immigrated to Victoria in 1926. Sylvia was the first woman registered with the Architectural Institute of British Columbia. She was also an artist. In fact, she became one of the first female animators at the Disney Studios in Hollywood! She worked on movies like *Fantasia* and *Bambi*.

The original address of this house was 3601 Craigmillar Avenue, which makes sense since the building is on the corner of Craigmillar and Tattersall.

It has many examples of features from the Arts and Crafts style, including the roof shape. We call this type of roof “cross-gabled”.

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