

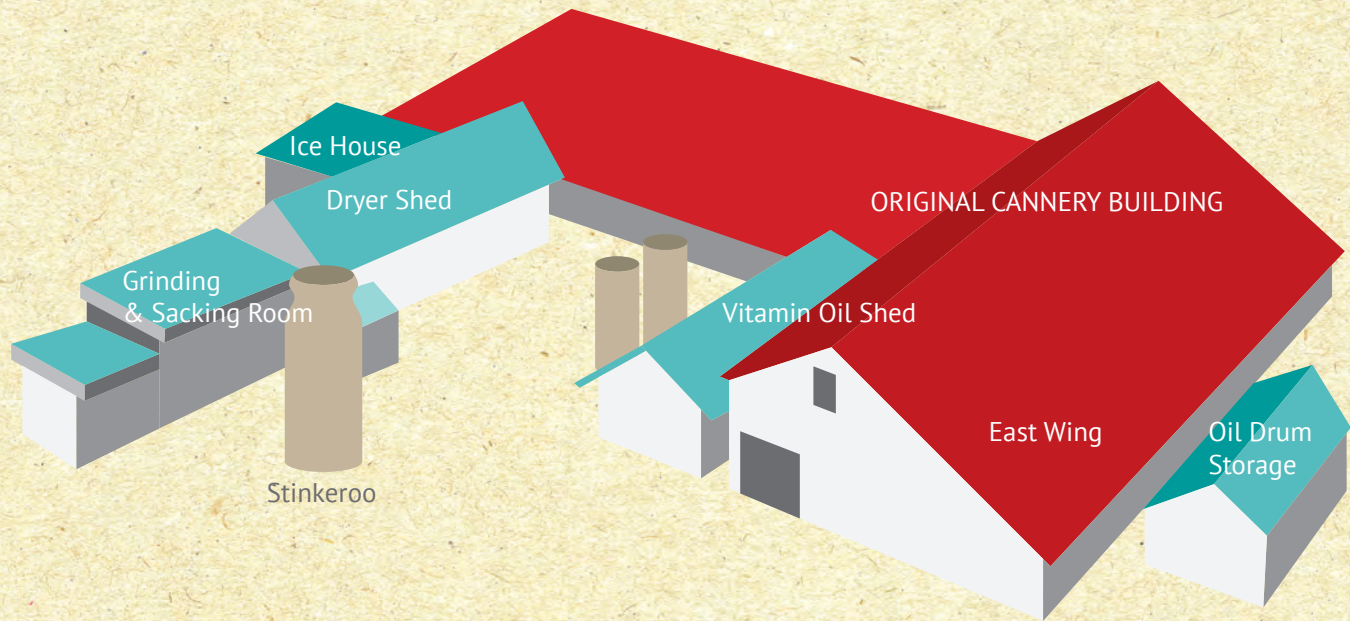
GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY
National Historic Site

Situated atop wooden pilings over the Fraser River where mountains of fish once crowded the receiving dock, you can smell the sea and hear the lap of waves beneath the Cannery floorboards.

Built in 1894 in the historic fishing village of Steveston, the Cannery was the largest building of its kind and the leading producer of canned salmon in British Columbia.

After the Gulf of Georgia Cannery ceased operations, the local community lobbied various levels of government to preserve the building due to its significant contribution to Canadian history.

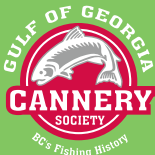
The site is now fully restored and operated by the Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, an independent non-profit society established in 1986 with the mission to preserve and promote the history of Canada's West Coast fishing industry.



Cannery Building Chronology

- 1894 The original L-shaped Cannery Building was constructed to house one manual canning line and a butchering shed.
1897 The East Wing was built to provide additional space for packing and a seasonal living area.
1906 With the arrival of the Iron Butcher, the West Wing that originally housed the butchering shed was converted to net storage.
1932 The Cannery's original West Wing was demolished by a windstorm and never replaced.
1939 The net loft building (next to the Cannery site) was constructed to house seine and gillnets.
1943 The Ice House was built to supply ice for the Canadian Fishing Company fleet.
1940-64 Various additions and modifications were made to the building to accommodate the herring reduction process.
1979 The Gulf of Georgia Cannery herring reduction plant ceased operations.
1994 The Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site, commemorating the history of the commercial fishing industry on Canada's West Coast, opened to the public.

For more information on upcoming events and programs, facility rentals, birthday parties, and memberships, please visit www.gulfofgeorgiacannery.org or call 604.664.9009.



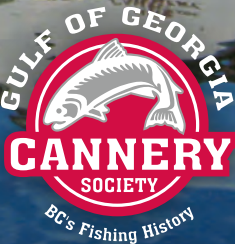
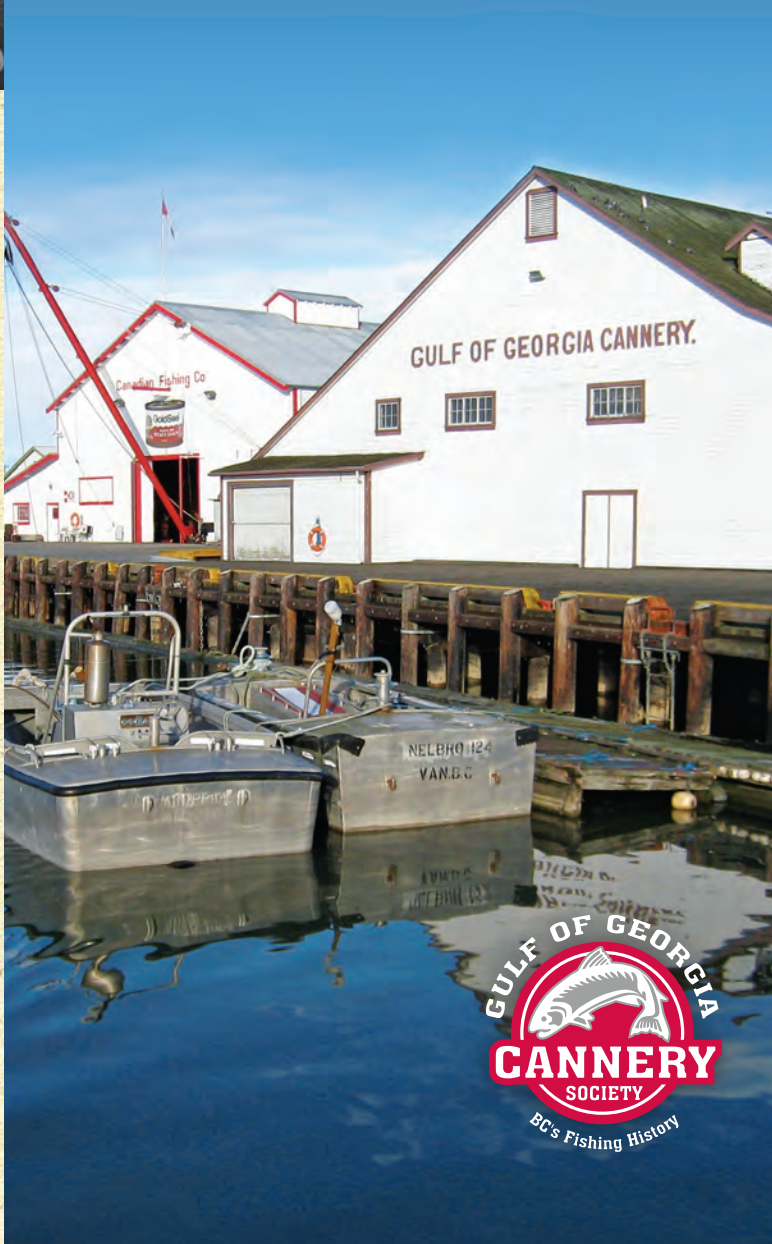
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Visitor Map



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Welcome to the Cannery

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Canada's West Coast fishing history inside the historic cannery building, built in 1894. Join a guided tour or explore the exhibits at your own pace. The Salmon Canning Line, Herring Reduction Plant, Fishing the West Coast gallery, and feature exhibits, all have unique stories to share.



Canning Line



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Wooden Skiff

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Peugh salmon at the receiving dock and follow its journey along the line to discover how the canning process works. Explore the lives of the people who worked at the Cannery.



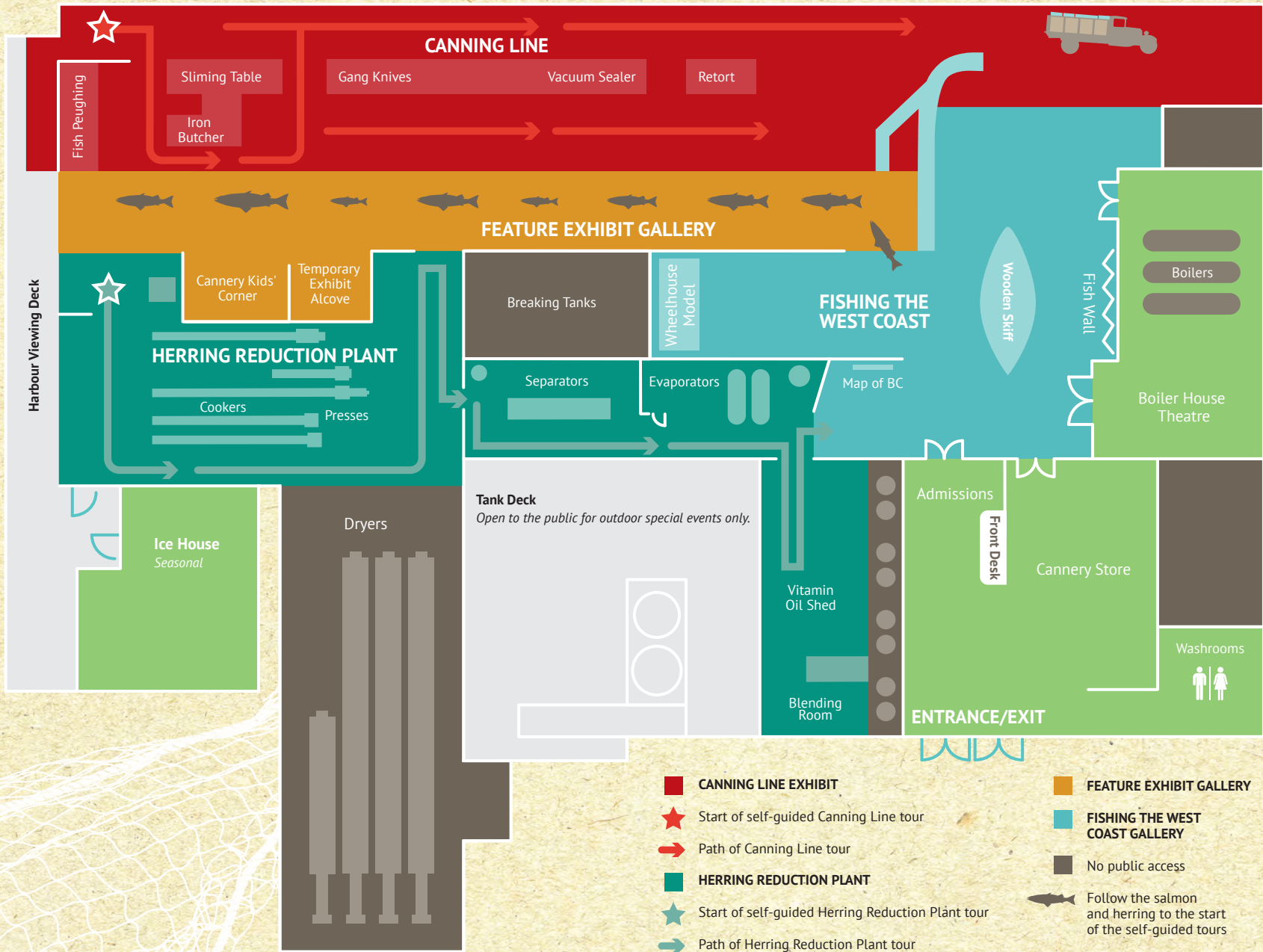
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Herring Reduction Plant

Tour the Herring Reduction Plant, which was in operation at the site from the late 1940s to 1979. Learn how herring was turned into fish meal and vitamin-rich fish oil.



Herring Reduction Plant



Fishing the West Coast

Learn about the techniques used in modern fishing, and imagine you are a boat captain by exploring the wheelhouse of a contemporary seine boat.



Wheelhouse Model

Fish Wall

Discover the local commercial species that live in the waters of Canada's west coast.



Cannery Store

Visit the Cannery Store for unique souvenirs, books, and gift items with local themes.

