

The Centennial Trail explores the original Summerland townsite, now known as Lower Town. It was created in 2006 as part of the town's celebration of 100 years of incorporation.



*Begin near the top of Peach Orchard Road, just below the Highway 97 underpass. A trail follows Aeneas Creek down the hill through a wooded area.*

As early as 1889 a trail called Barclay's Ravine (pictured above) followed this route, and from the late 1920s until 1956, the road was part of the main highway through the Okanagan Valley. Local rancher George Barclay attempted to grow a peach orchard in this vicinity, and the local deer enjoyed every last bit of it!

*About 30 meters before the trail exits the woods, turn right to climb up the grassy hillside to Bristow Road. Follow south to the junction with Solly Rd.*



Summerland's Hospital

The grand view below offers a sweeping vista of Okanagan Lake, part of Lower Town and just below, Hospital Hill. This was home to the town's second and third hospitals; the first one constructed in 1914 was destroyed by

fire. Its replacement served the community for 46 years before becoming Century House, a nursing home, which was demolished in 1976.

*Continue following Bristow Road southwest to the end, then follow the trail parallel to Highway 97 to meet up with an old road.*

This old road was the original Gulch Road; a route which led from the lakeside town up to the flat above (which later became the main town site) and followed a natural "ravine." Fenner's or Prairie Gulch was used for over 50 years until the new highway was built.

*Follow Prairie Gulch down through the silt bluffs beside Prairie Creek and over two bridges to Butler Street. Continue to the corner with Shaughnessy Ave.*



Baptist Church

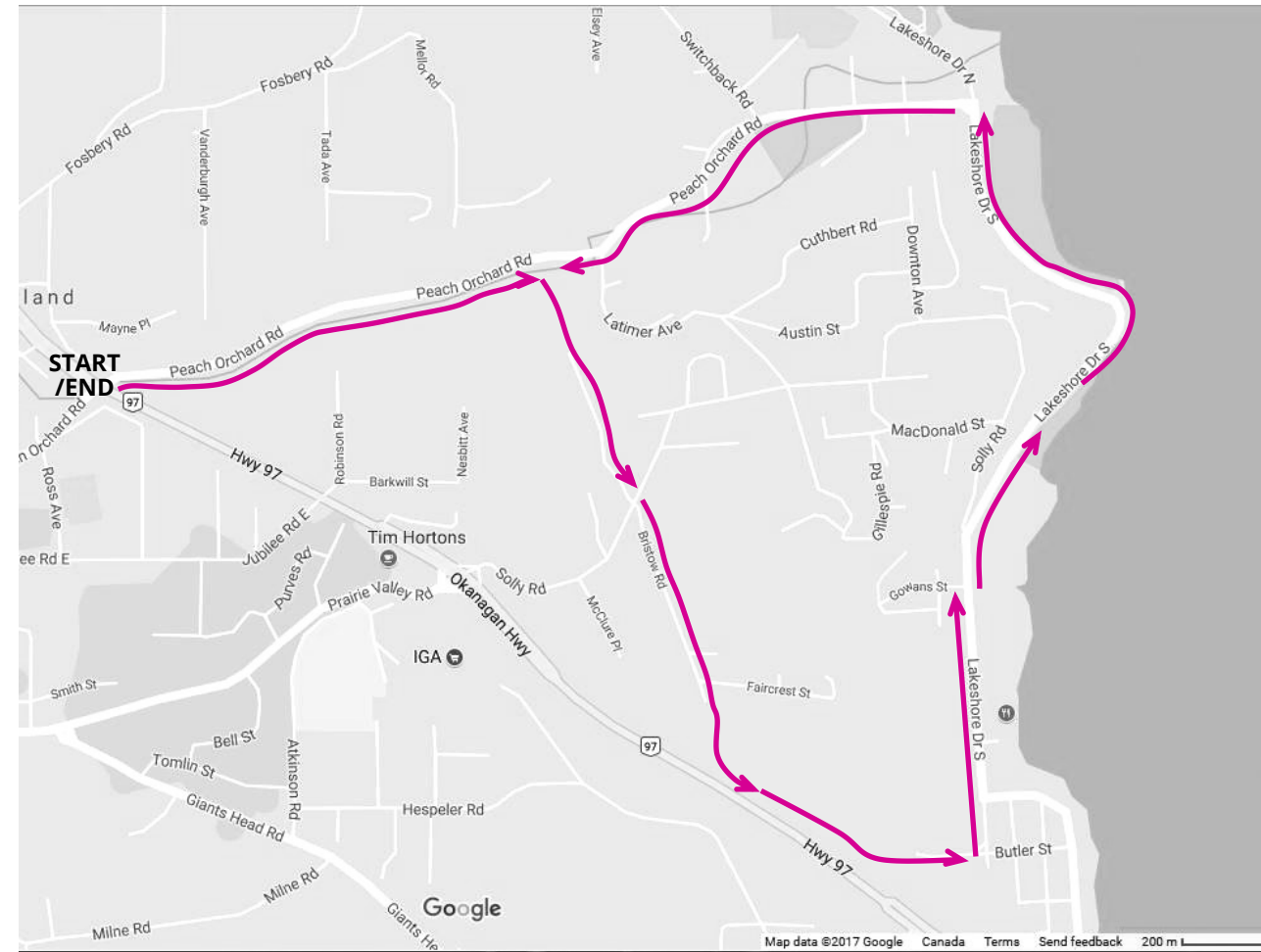
At the corner of Butler Street and Shaughnessy Ave is the old Lakeside Church. Built in 1910 as a Baptist Church, it became a United Church in 1926, a Masonic Lodge in 1956 and a Presbyterian church in 1991. It is now privately owned.

*Go north (left) along Shaughnessy Ave, and continue on Lakeshore Drive S. to Gowan's St.*

In 1910 this would have been a busy commercial street. Businesses included grocery stores, a drugstore, eateries, a saddlery, and a shoe shop. The former shoe shop (13020 Lakeshore Dr S) is the only one

## THE CENTENNIAL TRAIL

*Please take along a street map of Summerland to help with locations.*



of these original buildings still standing (pictured below). It is now a private residence.



Businesses on Lakeshore Drive South







The Summerland Hotel

The Summerland Hotel stood on the south corner of Gowan's Street and Lakeshore Drive from 1902 to 1925, when it succumbed to fire. Across the road is the Trout Hatchery, begun in 1926. The Hatchery uses water from a geothermal spring up Gowan's Street, which produces water at a constant temperature year-round. This provincial hatchery building was erected in 1948. Also still standing on Gowan's Street is the old Methodist Church Manse (5711 Gowan's, built 1907), which is now a private residence.

*Continue north on Lakeshore Drive South towards Gordon Beggs Rotary Beach*

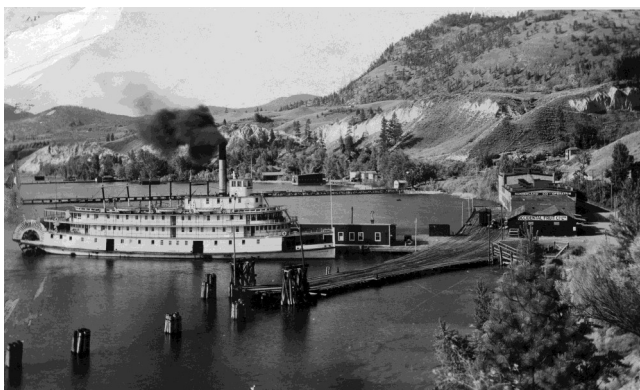
The Okanagan Valley is known for its vast orchards and vineyards. As early as 1908



North over Lower Town: Lakeside Church (bottom left), packing houses on the lakeshore behind.

there was a packing house located along the lakeshore, and other packinghouses and a cannery soon followed. Many of the packing houses were destroyed by fire in 1922 and rebuilt up in West Summerland.

The Gordon Beggs Rotary Beach used to be located at the south end of Lakeshore Drive at the junction with Highway 97. The beach was moved to its current location in the 1980s with the widening of the highway.



The CPR Wharf and Kiwanis Pier

To the north of the Gordon Beggs Rotary Beach is the Kiwanis Pier. Lake boats played a crucial role in delivering products from the fruit industry to outside markets. The Kiwanis Pier is a restoration of the former Canadian Pacific Railway barge slip, located near the Fruit Packing Houses.

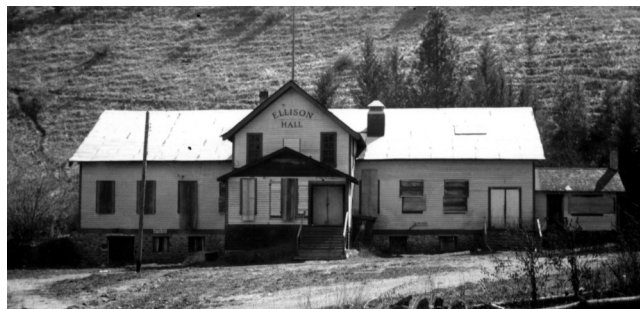


Logie Cabin

*Continue on the lakeside trail north past Peach Orchard Beach to the junction between Lakeshore Drive South and Peach Orchard Road.*

The main highway originally meandered north from here along the lakeshore, but was rerouted up Peach Orchard Rd in the mid 1920s. Just north of here (on Lakeside Drive North), a log cabin can still be found. Built by Jack Logie, the cabin was established as the base for a cottage industry for locally made crafts. The intent was to provide part time winter work for orchard workers, and a branch of the BC Art League was established to help display and sell pottery, basketry, hand weaving, and wood carving. A totem pole stood out front to attract passing motorists, however business diminished when the road was rerouted.

*Head up the hill on Peach Orchard Road to where you began.*



Ellison Hall

Going up the hill, the Municipal Campground on the left was once the site of Ellison Hall, built in 1910 and used for many community functions including the early Fruit Fairs, dances and exhibitions.

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