



# *Pincher Creek Walking Tours*

**An Informative Self Guided Walk of our  
Murals, Flower Beds & History ~ 2012**



*Town of Pincher Creek*



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## Downtown Walk - #1 to #18

### 1. Pincher Creek Multi-Purpose Facility Beds

**895 Main Street**

The flower bed behind the Library was developed by the Friends of the Library in memory of Bev Cleland and to honour all librarians past and present. Behind the Fitness Centre is a memorial bed planted by the Zoratti family. Both beds are now maintained by the Pincher Planters.



The beds at the front and east end of the site were developed by Grumpy's Greenhouses. The flower bed at the Facility entrance was re-developed by Pincher Planters, who also maintain it. Each spring "the bridge" goes in to the delight of young and old. The silhouette of a Dolphin on a rock was donated by a private citizen in 2005 and is dedicated to the Dolphin Swim Club – past, present and future. Other flower beds around this facility are maintained by the Town of Pincher Creek. Enjoy the cooling shade from the beautiful stand of elm trees along the boulevard!



## 2. “Cottonwood Valley” Mural

895 Main Street

The Pincher Creek Multi-Purpose Facility including a swimming pool and library was officially opened in 1999. Within months, the \$3 million facility was declared debt free. A mural depicting a familiar landscape of the mountains, water and native cottonwood trees, was painted in 2002 by artist Gerry



Houghton as a tribute to the donors and supporters of the construction. Clay tiles were engraved and integrated into the donor wall mural to recognize each one of the 500+ donors that made this facility possible.

## 3. Hanging Basket Program

Along Main Street and Downtown Bridges

The first 37 hanging baskets went up in June 1999 as an initiative of the Pincher Planters and the Chamber of Economic Development (now the Pincher Creek and District Chamber of Commerce). Today the community is home to 47 stunning baskets, which are placed on the light standards all the way down Main Street and on the downtown bridges. The basket rings and baskets were originally funded by generous donations from local residents, businesses and service clubs. Since 2007, the Town of Pincher Creek and more recently, the Town and M.D. have provided funding for the basket materials and watering. The Pincher Planters and volunteers put the baskets up each spring and a local contractor waters them daily. The baskets and floral materials are all purchased from local greenhouses. A stunning display of colour!



## 4. *St. John's Anglican Church*

**800 Main Street and St. John Avenue**

St. John's Church was opened on August 17, 1884. It is the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in Alberta. In 1889, the church was moved from its original site in the east part of town to its present location on Main Street. There is a flower bed on the corner of the lot and in the courtyard area by the church hall. These beds are maintained by church members.



## 5. *Provincial Building*

**782 Main Street**

Grounds are maintained by a contractor with the Province. Note the solar panels on the roof!

## 6. *"Finding the Pincers" Mural (photo only)*

**Was located at 789 Main Street on west wall of old Rexall Store**

This was first in the Mural Program initiated by the Pincher Creek Chamber of Economic Development. The mural was completed by Art Driedger from Calgary in 1997 and themed after the naming of Pincher Creek. As the story goes, the pincers, a farrier's tool for



trimming horses' hooves, were lost on the bank of the creek by prospectors heading from Montana to the gold fields in B.C. in 1868. The rusting pincers were found in the creek in 1874 by a North West Mounted Police patrol who then named the location as "Pincher Creek". Unfortunately the mural was lost when the old Rexall building was torn down to make way for a new one in 2008. However plans are underway to re-instate a similar mural.



## 7. Pincher Park Beds

### Main Street and Bev McLachlin Drive

This beautiful downtown area was created after the re-alignment of a new bridge installed after the flood of 1995. The metal “pinchers” sculpture was moved from the old swimming pool park (which was lost with construction of the Sobeys store on Main Street). The flower bed in front of the pinchers sculpture was the very



first project of the Pincher Planters. It was started in June of 1997 with plants from their own and friends gardens. The wagon wheel and posts were also donated. A second bed located closer to the creek followed. The Town added the flower bed by the Alberta Treasury Branch in 2007.

**Turn north on Bev McLachlin Drive.**

## 8. Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village Museum and Community Gardens

### 1037 Bev McLachlin Drive

Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village is operated by the Pincher Creek and District Historical Society, formed in 1966. Pioneer Place, the Reg & Mildred Beere Exhibition Hall are the main museum buildings along with 18 heritage structures on the beautifully landscaped grounds. Thousands of artifacts



are on display throughout. Pioneer Place, the gateway to the museum, was constructed on flood damaged property and officially opened in early June 2001. In 1998 Pincher Planters and Pauline Warren started developing flower beds on the grounds, ending with 33. Funding for these beds came from local



## 8. *Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village Museum and Community Gardens ~ cont'd*

businesses and patrons. Since 2007, more beds have been added along with a tree nursery, orchard, greenhouse, gazebo and pond. In 2009 the museum grounds expanded and staff created a community garden space for local gardeners to grow their own veggies. In the summer months you can visit with

heritage farm animals on site and in the winter, a large outdoor skating area provides good old fashioned fun. A historical gem in the heart of downtown!



## 9. *“Cattle Drive” Mural*

**1034 Bev McLachlin Drive**

This mural was completed by Penny Corradine of Turner Valley in 1998. It depicts cattle at the turn of the century and the importance of brands to the ranching industry. Each animal features a brand from local ranches



that were registered in the 1903 brand book for the Northwest Territories (Alberta did not become a province until 1905). Over 37 brands were registered in 1903 in Pincher Creek and 17 are still in use 100 years later. This was the second mural sponsored by the Chamber of Economic Development.

**Head west along the Creek Walkway from the bridge on Bev McLachlin Drive to the bridge on Hewetson Avenue. Walk across Hewetson and then south along Hewetson Avenue to Builders World business.**



## 10. *Builders World Bed*

1014 Hewetson Avenue

This private business moved into its present location in 1998 and two staff members (who were also Pincher Planters at the time) created its stunning beds shortly thereafter. Donations of flowers from residents and from the designers' own beds have fashioned a veritable feast for the eyes each summer. Beds are maintained privately.



## 11. *"Downtown in the 40s and 50s" Mural*

875 Main Street and Hewetson Avenue

In 2003, Penny Corradine returned to Pincher Creek to paint a life-like depiction of a bustling downtown scene from the past,



complete with families shopping and window displays. This mural creates a warm inviting entrance to the modern downtown of today. The flower beds and evergreen below the mural were planted by and are maintained by the Pincher Planters. There is a memorial tree in the background. A beautiful welcome to the downtown!



## 12. “War: Declared, Send Off, Waiting, Homecoming” and “Western” Murals

691 Main Street

In 2006 Penny Corradine painted scenes on 8 windows on the west side of the historic Legion building as a tribute to the many men and women that served in all the wars and their families. The murals are entitled “War Is Declared”; “The Last Dance”; “The Send-Off”; “The Waiting”; “ More Waiting”; “Homecoming”;

“Watching The Parade”; “Those That Did Not Return”. In 2010 Corradine

returned again to add a little colour to the north face of the Legion. The two new western themed murals welcome visitors to Pincher Creek!



## 13. Centennial Park

691 Main Street

To commemorate the 100th birthday of Alberta, Centennial Park was developed and dedicated in 2006. The Pincher Creek Rotary Club donated the clock. The Town, Legion, and the Shell Golden Pecten Club funded planters, flag poles, benches, plantings and Legion building murals. Volunteers laid the sod and constructed the block planters. The park is maintained by the Town of Pincher Creek and flowers are planted by Legion volunteers each spring. An attractive entrance to the Downtown core has been created at this Main Street intersection!



## *14. Cenotaph Park*

**715 Main Street**

This park was established to commemorate local soldiers who lost their lives in the First World War. Remembrance Day services were held here for many years, but are now held in the Community Hall. In 1998, four of several flower beds were added to the Cenotaph Park by Pincher Planters with support from the Royal Canadian Legion and the Town of



Pincher Creek. Each year trees and shrubs have been added. The fountain was installed in 2001. All of this was accomplished through volunteer efforts and many community donations. The Town maintains the grass and hedges and the Pincher Planters maintain the flower beds. It was one of the first sites of beautification in Pincher Creek and is a place of serenity, peace and beauty. The original lights and wrought iron fence that grace the front of the park have a plaque dated July 1926. Heritage peony plants can be found at the rear of the park where they have bloomed each spring for over 65 years.

## *15. Post Office Bed*

**998 East Avenue**

This bed was designed and developed in 1999 by the Pincher Planters. The Post Office bed has continued to grow thanks to donations of plants and time from green thumbed residents. Canada Post employees make an annual donation to help maintain this bed.



## 16. *“Mountain Mill” Mural*

**750 Kettles Street**

This mural, located on the Credit Union building, was completed in 1999 by local artist, Bruce Brady. Pincher Creek had a rich logging history and the mural illustrates the Mill developed in 1879 on Mill Creek (8 miles west of Pincher Creek).

It was used to saw logs and grind grain and was in operation until 1902 when high water destroyed a significant part of the sawmill. A train trestle bridge was nearby. It was 198 feet high and at the time in 1911, the bridge was the longest in Canada. This was the third mural sponsored by the Chamber of Economic Development.



**Continue east on Kettles Street and turn right on Police Avenue.**

## 17. *Pincher Creek United Church*

**972 Police Avenue**

In 1886 plans were drafted and the first Methodist Church was built in Pincher Creek. Although Methodist in name, the new church was essentially a co-operative venture. In 1892, the Presbyterian Church was built on the grounds now occupied by the present United Church. For many years a wistful nostalgia for the Christian fellowship that had built the first church pervaded both Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. In 1917 the two churches became the first United Church in Canada. Eventually the necessity arose to expand the facilities. The old church was removed and on October 4, 1925, the newly completed edifice was dedicated. The flower beds are maintained by church members. Across the street is the Town Hall Park where a row of lilac bushes were planted by a Central School grade one class in the late 1950's.



## 18. *Town Hall*

**962 St. John Avenue**

Central School operated on this site from 1955-1998. In fact this was the original public school site since 1902. In November of 1998, Livingstone Range School Division transferred the site to the Town and Municipal District of Pincher Creek to be used in the best interests of the community. The Town went on

to purchase it from the M.D. and renovated it to serve as the new Town Hall, opening in 2000. Landscaping began in the spring of 2001 and was completed in 2002 with three perennial beds created. The rock retaining wall was

constructed in 2005 and shrubs added in 2006. The infamous “Cottonwood



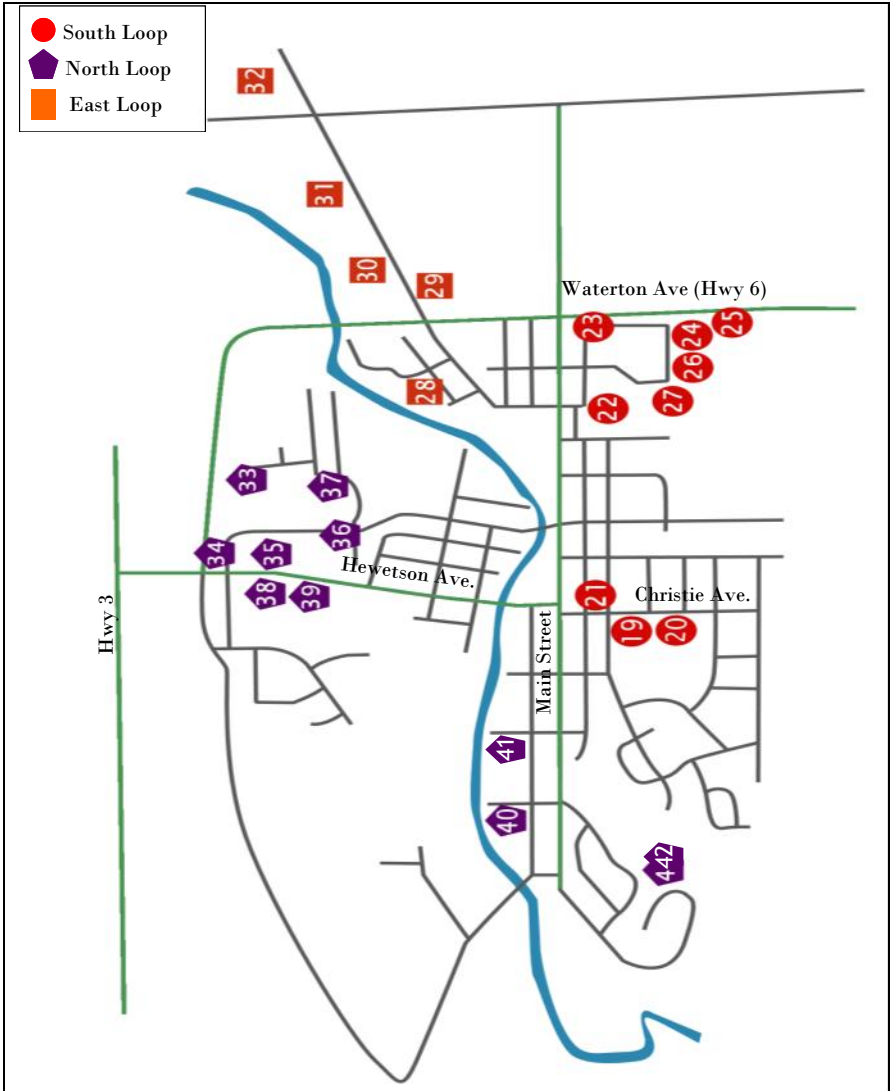
Tree” sculpture was moved to this site from the Provincial Building in 2005. The sculpture was designed for the Town by artist Rafael Moreno. Take note of the old poplar trees growing on this site.

**Walk north on St. John Avenue past St. John’s Anglican Church to Main Street, then turn east on Main Street to return to the Multi-Purpose Facility.**

**This ends the Downtown Loop. Hope you enjoyed our beautiful downtown!**



# Walking/Driving Tour Map



## *South Loop - #19 to #27*

**Start on Main Street and Hewetson Avenue/Christie Avenue by #13 Centennial Park and the Legion Building (691 Main Street). Head south up the hill on Christie Avenue to St. Michael's Church.**

### *19. St. Michael's Church*

**958 Christie Avenue**

Father Lacombe founded a mission in Pincher Creek in 1884 after it became a centre for French Canadian settlers. In 1886 a small chapel referred to as the "hermitage" was constructed at a cost of \$100 on the Lebel Mansion site (in 1965 this building was moved to the Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village). In 1901 work began on a magnificent new church across the street from the hermitage. However, as the congregation grew a decision was made to replace it. The frame church was torn down and a new edifice built. The first service in the modern new St. Michael's Church was held in April 1966 and the blessing took place on September 18, 1966. Note the bells that were re-used from the frame church and the beautiful stain glass windows that were a memorial donation. The flower beds were planted and are maintained by church members.



### *20. St. Michael's School*

**864 Christie Avenue**

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Separate School District was formed and recognized on February 9, 1909. About 150 students were taught in classrooms at the Kermaria Convent. As student numbers outgrew the convent, a new brick school building was constructed on the current school site.



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## 20. *St. Michael's School ~ cont'd*

### 864 Christie Avenue

Over the years additions were made. Construction of a new building began in July 1966 and was completed the following year. It now serves as a Kindergarten to Grade 12 school. The flower beds were created and maintained by staff and students. In 2006 a Memorial Rose Garden in front of the school was dedicated. A naturalization program at the back of the school was initiated in 2002. This area was further developed in 2010 with the addition of the Hank Planger Memorial Playground. The new playground is the *biggest and best yet* in Pincher Creek and it was constructed entirely by volunteers and community fundraising of \$130,000 along with grants. During the construction days of the playground a colourful and symbolic mural was added to the north wall of the school by Crowsnest artist Sherry Chanin and community volunteers. In 2011, the outdoor fitness equipment and barrier free surfaces were installed to complete the park.



**Head north on Christie Avenue to Kettles Street to view the outstanding historical landmark the Lebel Mansion.**

## 21. *Lebel Mansion*

### 696 Kettles Street

The magnificent Lebel Mansion was built in 1910 by Timothee Lebel at a cost of \$22,305. It was their private residence until 1924 when he sold it to the Daughters of Jesus for use as St. Vincent de Paul Hospital. In 1974 the Province purchased it for the municipal hospital. In 1984 the Town purchased the then vacant building from the Province for \$1 and opened it as a cultural centre in 1985.



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The building is a Registered Historic Site and now home to the Allied Arts Council. They are responsible for the management, preservation and restoration of the building in cooperation with the Town. Inside you will find a public art gallery, studios and gift shop. A guide book is available with more detailed building history. The gardens are maintained by the Allied Arts Council and local volunteers. In 2010, the Oldman Rose Society commenced work on the first phase of a formal rose garden, located on the east lawn. The grand opening of the completed garden was held July 2014.



**Head east on Kettles Street (down the hill) and stay on Kettles Street until you reach Davidson Avenue (4 blocks).**

## *22. Matthew Halton High School*

**645 Davidson Avenue**

“Valleyfair” served as the public junior and senior high school in Pincher Creek until it was outgrown. Classes in the new large addition began in September of 1957 and it was officially opened on Friday, December 19, 1957. With the new addition, the school

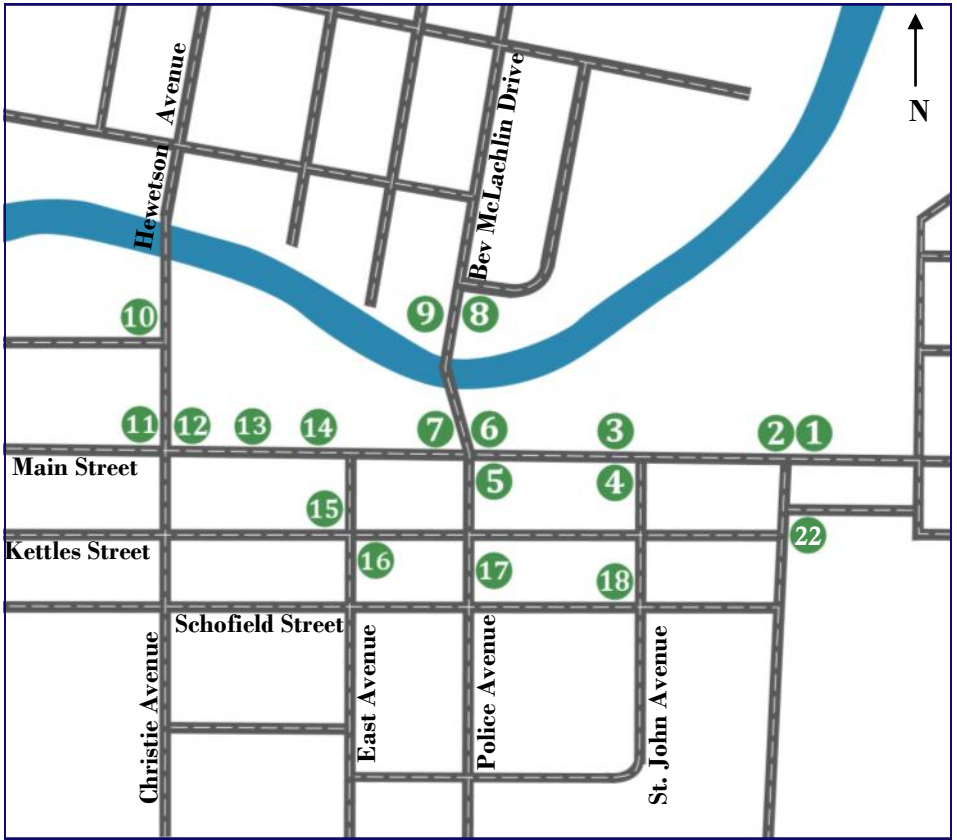


was dedicated in honour of the late Matthew Halton, who had received his high school education in Pincher Creek. Matthew Halton went on to become a famous war correspondent during the Second World War. Matthew Halton became a “community school” in 1972 and programs were extended to adults within the community in addition to the regular Grades 7 to 12 classes. The original “Valleyfair” wing of the school has been removed to facilitate school modernization and renovations. The school is located on what was once the North West Mounted Police Reserve and later, the site of the original fair and rodeo grounds complete with a race track. A marquee sign and a flower bed were added to the site in 2004 and more plantings have followed.

**Continue east on Kettles Street for 2 blocks.**



# *Downtown Self Guided Tour Map*



## Waypoints

<b>1</b>	<b>Pincher Creek Multi-Purpose Facility Beds</b>	895 Main Street
<b>2</b>	<b>“Cottonwood Valley” Mural</b>	895 Main Street
<b>3</b>	<b>Hanging Baskets Program</b>	Main Street and Bridges
<b>4</b>	<b>St John’s Anglican Church</b>	800 Main Street
<b>5</b>	<b>Provincial Building</b>	782 Main Street
<b>6</b>	<b>“Finding the Pinchers” Mural</b>	789 Main Street (demolished 2009)
<b>7</b>	<b>“Pincher Park” Beds</b>	Main Street & Bev McLachlin Drive
<b>8</b>	<b>Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village Museum and Community Gardens</b>	1037 Bev McLachlin Drive
<b>9</b>	<b>“Cattle Drive” Mural</b>	1034 Bev McLachlin Drive
<b>10</b>	<b>Builders World Bed</b>	1014 Hewetson Avenue
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<b>18</b>	<b>Town Hall Park &amp; Town Office</b>	962 St. John Avenue



**Turn right on Lodge Avenue and continue up the hill. Turn the corner onto Hyde Street.**

## *24. Crestview Lodge*

**978 Hyde Street**

This seniors' residence is graced with beds and containers all around the building. Part of the planning of the flower beds was to erect raised cinder block planters in the back of this facility. This enabled green-thumbed residents in wheel chairs to do some maintenance of the flower beds and gardening. Staff and residents maintain the beds and lawns. Crestview Lodge celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2011.



## *25. Breast Cancer Ribbon Bed*

**Crestview Lodge East Lawn along Highway 6**

This newest flower bed on the grounds of Crestview Lodge was constructed by the Pincher Planters in 2008, in cooperation with Lodge staff. The ribbon bed was originally a tribute to everyone touched by breast cancer. Over 350 petunias fill the bed with “pink” each summer. Donations of equipment, cash, materials and labour completed the project in no time and work still continues. In spring 2011, all cancer survivors and war veterans were commemorated with a ribbon of yellow, as daffodil bulbs were planted in the fall of 2010. Solar lights were added in 2011.



**“Believe....Perseverance....Strength....No Regrets”**



## 26. *Pincher Creek Municipal Golf Course*

942 Hyde Street

This scenic 9 hole golf course is located on land that was once part of the Northwest Mounted Police Reserve. The land is now owned by the Town and leased to the Golf Club who operate and maintain the course and clubhouse. Community volunteers created the rose and flower beds fronting the entrance to the Golf Course in 2000. The beds were expanded in 2006. Come and enjoy one of the best views in Pincher Creek!



**Continue west on Hyde Street to the corner of Poplar Avenue and Hyde Street.**

## 27. *“Community Corner” Bed*

942 Hyde Street

This western themed bed was designed, planted and is maintained by residents of the area. It was started in 2004 when juniper shrubs were relocated from Cenotaph Park in the downtown because they had grown too large. All shrubs and perennials have since been donated or relocated from other beds. The rail fence and old wagon complete the theme of this stunning bed with a beautiful vista of mountains behind. People are welcome to add or remove materials, hence a community bed on the corner!



## *East Loop - #28 to #32*

**Head north down Poplar Avenue hill. Turn left on Main Street. Go one block west to Robertson Avenue and turn right. After a couple of blocks, Robertson Avenue turns into Macleod Street. Keep on Macleod until you reach Scobie Avenue. Turn left at Scobie. Look for the “Campground” sign.**

### *28. Veteran’s Memorial Campground* 940 Scobie Avenue

The campground has been at this quiet creek-side location since the 1960’s, however it was extensively damaged by the flood of 1995. The grounds were restored under the Flood Recovery Program and with “Grey Power Construction” - volunteers from the Legion Senior Citizen Recreation Society undertook re-development of the



picnic shelter, putting in over 900 hours of improvements. In 1998, they enclosed the camp kitchen and added washrooms/showers and power inside. Power was also installed to the individual campsites. Three memorial plaques from the original Cenotaph that had been stored for 15 years, were erected on the site. They commemorate local veterans from the Boer War and the First and Second World Wars. Flag poles were also erected. The flower beds at the campsite were created in 1998 and are maintained by volunteers from the Pincher Planters as are the boulevard trees planted in 2000. Check out the campfire enclosures installed by the Town in 2007 – they have miniature “pincers” for air vents! Enjoy your stay.

**Take Scobie back to Macleod Street. Turn left on Macleod Street, cross Waterton Avenue (Highway 6) and continue east on Macleod Road.**



## 29. *Sudsy's Super Wash*

**1058 Macleod Road**

This mural on the west side of the car wash building depicts an antique truck and compares it to the new replacement vehicle - a new semi truck. Shrubs have been planted along the back of the property for beautification. Note the solar panels on the roof!



**Continue east on Macleod Street. Turn left when you see the blue sign on the left side of the road indicating Bobby Burns Fish Pond and Park.**

## 30. *Bobby Burns Fish Pond and Recreation Park*

**Macleod Road**

This beautiful and serene area comes complete with a pond, trees, picnic areas and fishing docks. The land was donated by Jeanette & Robert Burns and the park is maintained by volunteers from the Legion with assistance from the Municipal District of Pincher Creek. Fishing is limited to seniors and people with



disabilities, but it is also used for weddings, barbeques, picnics and other community gatherings. Truly a peaceful and beautiful place in a busy world!



**Come out of the Fish Pond Park to Macleod Road. Turn left and proceed down the road into Juan Teran Regional Park.**

## *31. Juan J. Teran Regional Park*

### **Macleod Road**

This beautiful 15 acre recreation park was developed by the Town of Pincher Creek with funding assistance from the Provincial Municipal Recreation and Tourism Areas Program. The park was officially opened in 1999 and named in honour of Dr. Juan J. Teran who faithfully served as Town Mayor for 21 years. The Park features 3 regulation slo pitch diamonds (one accommodates baseball), a beach volleyball pit, children's playground installed in 2004, picnic area, horseshoe pits and lots of open space. It is a popular place for ball tournaments, community and corporate picnics.



**Return to Macleod Road. Turn left on MacLeod Road (Highway 785). At Range Road 30-1, you will find the Fairview Cemetery.**

## *32. Fairview Cemetery*

### **Macleod Road**

Fairview Cemetery has been continuously used since the late 1890s. Originally the cemetery was divided into "sections" with Catholic, Anglican and public areas which were maintained by the churches. The cemetery is now maintained by the Town of Pincher Creek with financial assistance from the Municipal District. In April of 2008, spruce and poplar trees were purchased and planted in memory of many families' members. The kiosk, built by volunteers, recognizes the names of donors to the cemetery.



Return to Macleod Road (Highway 785) and head west towards downtown. Make a right turn at Waterton Avenue (Highway 6). Go across the bridge and, follow the road going north and then west. On the south side of the highway (your left) you will see a sign for the Pioneer Cemetery.

## *North Loop - #33 to #43*

### *33. Pioneer Cemetery*

Highway 6 ~ Waterton Avenue

This small pioneer cemetery dates back to the 1880's and was used until 1930. The cemetery fell to disrepair over the years with graves and headstones being covered with drifting soil. In the 1970's a local pioneer family took the initiative to restore the cemetery, removing the soil and leveling it again. Headstones were put back in place and fencing and signs were installed. Flower beds & tree planting initiatives were started in 1997 by the Pincher Planters to beautify this historical site and honour our pioneers. In 2008, 30 small spruce trees were planted by volunteers through a grant from the Shell Waterton Complex. The Town installed a new underground sprinkler system in 2008 and they maintain the grounds. Pincher Planters maintain the beds.



Turn left back onto Highway 6 and head west.

### ***34. “Kootenai Brown” Mural***

**1334 Bev McLachlin Drive**

This mural was completed in 2000 by Calgary artist Stan Phelps. The mural depicts Kootenai Brown and his second Métis wife Isabelle. Kootenai was the first white man to settle at Waterton Lakes in 1878. He became the superintendent (warden) of Waterton Lakes when it became a Dominion Park in 1911. This was the fourth mural sponsored by the Chamber of Economic Development.



**Keep on Highway 6 until you reach Hewetson Avenue. Turn left at Hewetson and then left again at Bev McLachlin Drive (one block).**

### ***35. Pincher Creek Municipal Hospital***

**1222 Bev McLachlin Drive**

The Municipal Hospital relocated from the Lebel Mansion location to this new site in 1983. The complex also houses the Associate Medical Clinic. Hospital grounds are maintained by staff.



**Return to Bev McLachlin Drive and go south a couple of blocks to Rigaux Drive. Turn left onto Rigaux Drive and head one block east to Wentworth Avenue; turn left on Wentworth and then one block north to Elizabeth Street.**

### ***36. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*** **1240 Wentworth Avenue**

These beautifully manicured grounds were landscaped by and are maintained by church members throughout the season.



### ***37. North East Area Community Playground*** **Wentworth Avenue and Elizabeth Street**

This park and playground was initiated by the residents of the neighborhood. Their first presentation was made to Town Council in 2003 and after 3 years of fundraising and hard work, the playground was constructed



in September 2006 by 59 community volunteers. The North East Community Playground Committee worked tirelessly at concessions, garage sales, bake sales etc. to raise \$31,786 in cash. Grants and donations of pea gravel, concrete, equipment, tools and food helped to complete the project. The kids just couldn't wait to play on the new equipment ! A basketball court was added in 2010 and landscaping was completed by the Town in 2012.



Head back to Elizabeth Street, turn right, then left onto Wentworth Avenue and then right onto Rigaux Drive. Turn right when you get back to Bev McLachlin Drive and back to Hewetson Avenue. Turn left on Hewetson by the Ranchland Mall. Take the first right turn after Ranchland Mall entrance to access Vista Village.

## 38. *Vista Village*

**1240 Ken Thornton Boulevard**

Low maintenance trees and shrubs were planted at this assisted living facility. A private courtyard for residents and their families is in the center of the facility. The perimeter walkway is lined with benches. Designated Supportive Living is described as a unique alternative for people requiring care as it can address the specific needs of each individual in a home-like environment. This facility has 20 independent living suites and two 10 bed dementia cottages. The Community Support Rooms near the front of the facility are reserved for people who are palliative, for respite or for convalescence. When first built in 2002, this facility had 55 beds. After expansion in 2011, the facility offers 90 beds.



## 39. *Foothills Community Church*

**1200 Ken Thornton Boulevard**

Church members planted over 40 trees in 2007 and have completely landscaped the grounds of this community church. A storm retention pond in front of the church has been incorporated into the landscape plan.



**Continue south down the hill on Hewetson Avenue, cross the bridge and turn right on Charlotte Street. Head just past Geddes Avenue. Between the house on the corner and the second house to the west you will see the sign for Dillmer Park.**

## 40. *Dillmer Park*

**Charlotte Street**

This park is a natural area along the creek that includes a children's playground, picnic areas, walking paths and access to the creek side walking trail. The land for the park was donated by local resident Ted Dillmer to the citizens of Pincher Creek. It is maintained by the Town. A new playground was installed in 2007 which includes a miniature rock wall, slide as well as monkey bars and many other structures.



## 41. *Creekside Pathway*

**Charlotte Street ~ Along the Pincher Creek**

Take time to walk and enjoy the creek side path featuring nature at its best with wildlife and seasonal colors! The walkway passes through several open space areas including the Agricultural Grounds, Dillmer Park, Lions Ball Park, Bike & Skate Parks, Tennis Courts and Veteran's Memorial Campground. Along the route you will find flower beds, park benches, interpretive signs and interesting natural features. Construction started in 1983 and now the walkway is part of a trail system which connects all areas of Pincher Creek. The Flood of 1995 caused extensive damage to the walkway and footbridges. They were rebuilt in concert with flood protection measures. This is a much used recreation resource in our community!



**Turn back onto Geddes Avenue and cross Main Street. You will be heading south onto Victoria Crescent.**

## 42. *Canyon School*

**408 Victoria Crescent**

This bed was developed by Grade 4 students at Canyon School and dedicated in 1999 in memory of a former teacher Lorraine McNabb. This memorial flower bed is maintained by staff and students of Canyon School. Canyon is a public elementary school that includes Pre-school to Grade 6. The grounds are maintained by the Livingstone Range School Division. Canyon School celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2011.



### 43. Entrance Silhouettes ~ Highway 3 & 6

Three groupings of metal silhouettes grace the entry into Pincher Creek from the North. They are a tribute to our pioneer and Native heritage.

In 1994 the Chamber of Economic Development held a community roundtable meeting to come up with ideas to enhance Pincher Creek and to attract more tourists to the area. This group had the vision to create themed metal silhouettes on the way into Pincher Creek as well as historic murals on buildings around the town. Artist Judy Cantelon helped develop the concepts with the Committee.



The first group is a “Salute to the Cattle Industry.” It depicts a cattle drive with three cowboys on their horses and several cows and calves.

Randy Shenton of Pincher Steel was responsible for constructing these figures and anchoring them down.



The next scene was created to recognize “Native Heritage”. The Committee worked with the local Piikani Nation to ensure that the scene was a correct depiction of a First Nations camp. There are three tipi’s with a woman carrying a child on her back,

walking between them. Two Natives are sitting around a camp fire, tanning hides and another is several feet away kneeling by a drum.



See the First Nations Chief sitting on a horse watching a warrior following a buffalo? Boulder Metal Industries was awarded this contract in August of 2000. Randy Shenton created the buffalo and tipi and Eric Boese created the rest of the scene.



The next grouping recognises the “North West Mounted Police” (NWMP) who established a horse farm in Pincher Creek.



When the NWMP reached Pincher Creek in 1878, they turned the horse herd out to graze and proceeded to build their barracks. Their duty was to police the country from the boundary line to the Porcupine Hills and west to the Rockies and to raise horses for the force. The horses were bought from the locals.

The scene shows two NWMP riding on horses and a cowboy with a lasso chasing three mustangs into a corral. Boulder Metal Industries was awarded this contract in December of 2002 and employee Eric Boese created the silhouettes.



## *Pincher Creek: “A Community in Bloom”*

Communities in Bloom is a national program to promote beautification, environmental responsibility and volunteerism in communities. The Town of Pincher Creek has participated in the program since 2000. In 2009, the Town was awarded 5 Blooms and declared the **National Champion** in the 3001 to 5000 population category. In 2010, Pincher Creek received a **National Achievement Award** for Community Involvement.

Our local **Communities in Bloom Committee** is a dedicated group of volunteers that undertake annual initiatives such as Pitch-In Week,

Plant Exchanges, Environmental Fairs, Walking Tours, Tree Planting, Winter Light Competitions and much, much more. They also prepare for the Communities in Bloom judging each year. This booklet is just one of their many projects. New members are always welcome!

The **Pincher Planters** are an amazing group of hard-working volunteers that serve to beautify the community through flowers and their love of gardening. They are responsible for the creation and maintenance of the many public beds around the community that we enjoy so much. From their first project in 1997 they have gone on to make a tremendous difference to the look of our little town. Their pride and enthusiasm has been contagious and they have been recognized by National judges for the quality and design of the beds and hanging baskets. We are truly blessed!





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