

Ghost Town- “loco”



If you are looking for a day activity from Cape Carraholly Retreat, B.C.'s ghost town “loco,” located across the Burrard Inlet from Port Moody, is a fascinating destination for history lovers. The name “loco” stems from the Imperial Oil Company, who founded the town and created the infrastructure according to employment and company needs. In the 1920s, the town contained 83 residential homes, “The Groceteria” grocery store, 2 churches, a community hall, a lawn bowling facility, a baseball diamond, tennis courts, a horseshoe lawn, and more. However, the Second World War and the resulting conscription of employees marked the demise of the town. Only 15 buildings remain standing in loco. On the first Sunday of every October, the city of Port Moody hosts “loco Ghost Towns Day.” Transport yourself to the past and imagine life in the early 20th century while exploring the ghostly streets where nature and the years have taken over and turned the town into an overgrown jungle.

More information and historical photos of loco can be found in the following websites:

https://www.communitystories.ca/v1/pm_v2.php?id=exhibit_home&fl=0&lg=English&ex=679&pg=0

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The image below demonstrates the distance between Cape Carraholly Retreat and Ioco.

