

Fort Selkirk

Yukon Historic Site

Fort Selkirk, Yukon



Indigenous people have occupied the Fort Selkirk area for thousands of years. The Northern Tutchone of the lower Pelly region stopped here during their seasonal round. It was a good place to fish for salmon, and other Indigenous groups came to trade and visit with friends and relatives. The Hudson's Bay Company established a fur trading post here in 1848. This annoyed the Tlingit traders who made an annual trip to the post from the coast. In 1852 the coastal Tlingit pillaged the post and ejected the traders. After that, there was no trading post at the site until Arthur Harper built his post in 1892. The Hudson's Bay Company returned to Fort Selkirk in the 1940s and competed with the Taylor and Drury store until the 1950s. Fort Selkirk is located on the traditional territory of the Selkirk First Nation. The site is co-managed and co-owned by the Selkirk First Nation and Government of Yukon. To learn more visit:

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