

History of Trail

- 1811 David Thompson, first white man to discover future site of Trail.
- 1856 Fort Shepherd built near the mouth of the Pend d'Oreille River.
- 1887 First Rossland claim staked.
- 1890 Col. E.S. Topping pre-empted Trail townsite.
- 1893 Wagon road links Trail and Rossland.
- 1894 1st Great flood to wipe out Trail-reports indicate the river rose to 1368 feet above sea level.
- 1895 Crown Point Hotel was constructed.
Town's 1st school- was opened "Topping's and Hanna's Hall".
- 1896 Arlington Hotel on Bay Ave was constructed..
Green Ave School opens.
Bay Ave Bridge is constructed.
S.S. Trail steamboat built.
- 1897 F. Augustus Heinze completes narrow-gauge railway from Trail to Robson.
Trail's first jail built.
- 1898 Fire Hall built on Bay Ave.
- 1899 St. Andrew's Anglican Church built on Eldorado Street and Pine Ave.
- 1900 S.S. Trail destroyed by fire in Robson.
- 1901 Incorporation of the City of Trail signed in Victoria and Topping was proclaimed 1st Mayor.
- 1905 Cristoforo Colombo Lodge Benevolent Society formed, first lodge built.
- 1911 Central School built.
Fruit Fair building erected to become first rink.
- 1912 Bridge to East Trail opened off Riverside Ave.
- 1917 St. Francis Xavier Church erected (Catholic Church).
- 1920 Bank of Montreal opens in Trail.
East Trail becomes part of City of Trail.
- 1921 First part of the Trail High School in opened on Cedar Ave.
Knox United Church built on Pine Ave.
- 1922 Knights of Pythias Temple on Cedar Ave. (Shoppers Drug Mart) is built.

- 1923 City builds new Fire Hall at present City Hall on Pine Ave.
- 1926 Street paving begins.
Trail-Tadanac hospital built (Demolished in 1956).
- 1927 New Colombo Lodge constructed at present site.
Royal Theatre constructed.
- 1928 Present City Hall constructed beside the Fire Hall.
- 1931 Cominco begins fertilizer production in Warfield.
River Wall constructed in Trail.
- 1933 Annabelle School built.
Sandy Island becomes Gyro Park.
- 1934 Trail Times Building is constructed on Cedar Ave.
- 1938 St. Anthony's Catholic Church in the Gulch is built.
- 1939 Trail Smoke Eaters win the World Championship.
Union Hotel on Victoria Street is constructed.
- 1943 Fire destroys St. Anthony's Church, but it is rebuilt immediately to same design.
- 1948 Webster School opens in Warfield.
- 1949 Cominco Arena officially opens.
Sunningdale School is built.
- 1950 New curling rink is added to the Cominco Arena.
- 1951 J. Lloyd Crowe Secondary School opens.
- 1952 Construction begins on the Waneta Dam at the mouth of the Pend d'Oreille River.
- 1953 Kids Rink opens at Cominco Arena.
Auto-View Drive-in opens.
St. Michael's School is built.
- 1954 New Trail Hospital opens.
- 1956 Grandstand is erected at Butler Park.
Present post office is built.
- 1959 First piling poured for new Trail Bridge by Premier WAC Bennett.
- 1961 New Trail bridge officially opens.
Trail Smoke Eaters win World Championship.
Columbia River floods East and West Trail.

- 1962 City's Winter Works Program begins construction on rock walls in West Trail.
Smoke Eaters win the Allan Cup.
- 1963 Development of the Birchbank Golf Course.
- 1965 CPR Station demolished on Cedar Ave and Super-Valu (now Ferraro Foods) is built.
- 1966 Terra Nova Hotel opens.
- 1968 Trail and Tadanac amalgamate as one municipality.
- 1975 Former RCMP building next to City Hall is built.
- 1978 Kootenay Hotel on Rossland Ave is destroyed by fire.
Waneta Plaza is built on Hwy 3B.
- 1990 Original Montana Hotel (Funky John's) is destroyed by fire.
- 1995 Trail Aquatic and Leisure Center Opens.
Trail hosts the World Championship Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament.
- 1996 Gorge Creek swells and floods the merchants along Spokane Street- one fatality.
- 2000 Millennium Celebration in Trail.
- 2001 Trail's 100th Birthday Celebration.
Cominco Mining and Smelting was bought by Teck and is now called Teck Cominco.
- 2004 The Auto-View Drive-in Theatre was demolished and Wal Mart was built in its place.
- 2005 Canadian Tire was constructed and opened April 17th.
Tim Horton's was constructed and opened in October.
- 2006 McDonalds Restaurant closes Hwy 3B location and moves downtown Trail.
- 2007 Trail hosts Jr. World Championship and Canada West wins!
Early Bird Building was demolished for possible location for Esplanade Center
Population of Trail: 9000