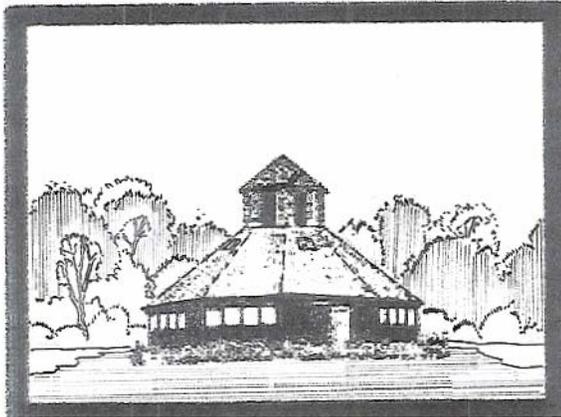


The Fintry Adventure



A Path to the Past (Self-guided walking tour)

This is a treasure map but rather than leading to buried treasure, it opens the door to a golden era when Captain Dun-Waters wove a world of expansion, elegance and excitement here on the delta.

The tour has two parts:

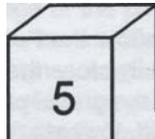
A. The Delta

This offers easy walking on flat ground.
It takes about an hour.

B. Waterfalls

Accept the challenge of Shorts Creek Gorge – if you dare.
There are about 400 steps to the top of a sturdy staircase, there are plenty of places to rest and the views are spectacular.

**Follow the brown
numbered posts.
See map on reverse.**



Explore and Enjoy

Fintry Provincial Park

Tour A – The Delta (Start at the Front of the Manor House)

1. The Manor House

The home was built by Captain Dun-Waters between 1910 and 1911. Granite for the thick walls came from the cliff west of the house. The broad verandah is not a Scottish tradition but it lends grace and more importantly, shade to make hot Okanagan summers comfortable.

In 1924, the house caught fire and burned to its foundations. Dun-Waters immediately rebuilt it and lived there until his death.

Originally, it was one storey. Art Bailey, hoping to make Fintry a resort, built 7 bedrooms with attached baths in the attic.

2. The Gardens

The Manor House was surrounded by 5 acres of lawn and garden. What you see is all that is left. The Friends of Fintry are working to return it to its original grandeur.

3. Concrete Circle

The concrete circle at the end of the flagstone walk was the setting for the sundial given to Dun-Waters by his Hunt Club when he moved to Canada. Standing on a pedestal, it was a focal point of the front lawn. Sadly, the sundial was stolen several years ago.

4. Alice's Grave

Dun-Water's first wife, Alice, died in 1924, a month and a half before the house burned. She was buried in the centre of her beloved rose garden. Her name is not mentioned on the gravestone because it is not a public cemetery. It is a personal monument to the wife he loved for 37 years.

5. Trail to the Walking Path

Follow the dirt trail north of the grave to the gravel path that parallels the lake. It wanders past the eastern campsite, through fir and pine trees, to the sandy day-use beach.

6. Pump House

The small white building at the day-use beach originally housed a diesel pump. It was a backup system, supplying water to houses and barns if Shorts Creek was too low.

7. Packinghouse

Fintry's fruit was graded and packed in the front (white) part of the building. The brick section in the rear was the cooler and fruit was stored here until one of the CPR sternwheelers picked it up.

Despite major renovations to this building in the 70's, when it was used as a nightclub, it still has great historic value. Once there were many such packinghouses along Okanagan Lake. This is the last one still standing.

For nearly 20 years, the huge CPR wharf attached to the Fintry packinghouse saw produce and supplies come and go. Sadly, for safety's sake, BC Parks had to remove the wharf several years ago.

On the Way to the Barns

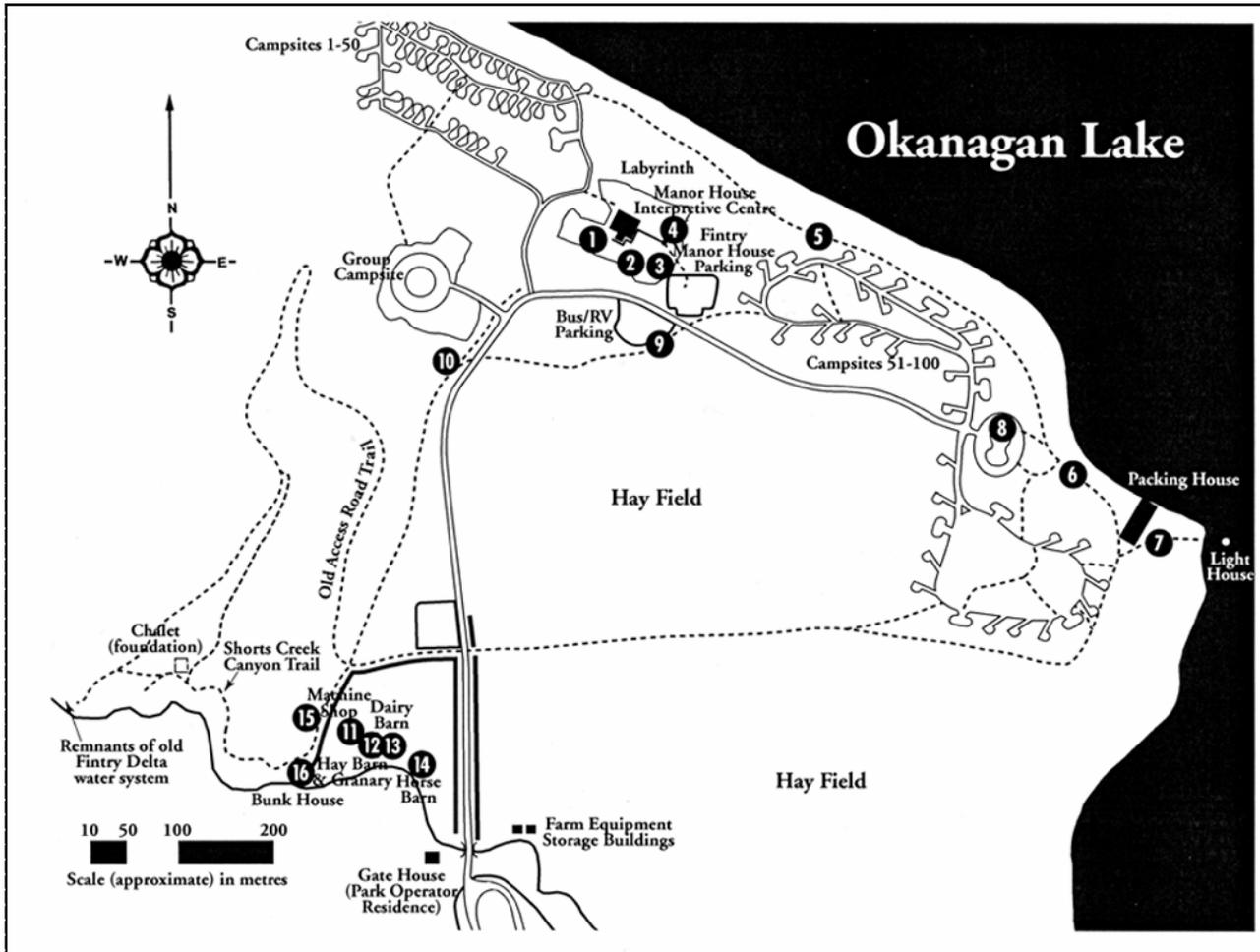
8. Heading West

Retrace your steps - past the pump house, but instead take the path to the paved circular road north of the bathhouse. Saunter past the stop sign and keep going west, toward the cliff. This whole area was covered with apple trees – part of Dun-Waters' 100 acre orchard.

9. Look for the Gravel Path

Continue on the paved road until you find the "Heritage Barn" and "Fintry Falls" signs. Angle left along the gravel path, past the magnificent Ponderosa Pine and Douglas-fir trees, to the BC Parks' big information signs.

The 1998 forest fire scarred the cliff in front of you – an unusual blaze because it burned "down" the hill, rather than just "up". BC Parks is letting nature heal itself.



10. Follow the Foot of the Cliff

Carefully cross the main road and continue along the gravel path running at the base of the cliff towards the heritage barn complex.

11. Concrete Fire Hose Storage Shelters

There are 3 of these small, structures in the barn area. They were used to store hoses for Dun-Waters' fire-fighting system.

12. Granary and Hayshed

Using waterpower to turn a grinding wheel inside the granary, Dun-Waters ground grain and mixed feed for his cows, horses, pigs and chickens.

Hay was harvested at his "High Farm" further back in the hills along Shorts Creek, then stored under this open-sided structure until it was needed

13. The Octagonal Dairy Barn

This architect-designed, 8-sided barn is the only multi-sided barn in B.C. With its central silo, ring of cattle stanchions, pens and running water, it was efficient and work saving but much more expensive to build. The roofed, concrete extension is a manure pit. It allowed wastes to be collected from the barn and used for fertilizer.

This was home for Dun-Waters' champion Ayrshire dairy cattle from 1924 until Fairbridge Farm School, the philanthropic group that inherited the estate, closed in 1948

14. The Horse Barn

Dun-Waters always had horses. He used draft animals for pulling wagons, sleighs and one of his unusual hobbies – pulling stumps. He also kept saddle and pack horses for pleasure riding and hunting trips.

On the Way to the Falls

15. Small Shed

The purpose of this building is unknown but it was undoubtedly built from wood sawn on site. Marks on the boards prove Dun-Waters had a good sawyer – a man who kept his saw blades very sharp.

16. Bunk House (for unmarried men)

This building must have been built in stages. The side near the trail is well constructed – the end near the creek was just slapped together. The men ate all meals at Gray's home, which has since burned down.

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Tour B – The Waterfalls

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**In hot weather, the climb up the stairs can be taxing. Please wear a hat and carry water.**  
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There are 3 separate falls in this gorge but only the lowest (and most spectacular) one is accessible. Climb the 156 steps to its foot for a wonderful view of the cascade.

You can make a U-turn here or trot up 50 steps to the observation platform. Here, you are looking at the middle of the falls and down into the churning water at its base. Awesome!

Another hundred steps (to #307) takes you to second viewing platform (with a bench)! Here you are looking down into the gorge the creek carved from the rock. The stairs climb onward to a third platform and another vantage point.

Two Ways Down...

You can scoot back down the stairs or go up ten more stairs and follow the boardwalk leading off to the right. This leads to a clearing where a log cabin called “The Chalet” stood. Dun-Waters built it for his first permanent gardener.

A number of people lived in The Chalet over the years and in 1992, it was burned by vandals. See pictures of The Chalet at the Fintry Interpretive Centre in the Manor House.

A fairly level and quite smooth path runs through the clearing and meets a gravel road. This is the one Dun-Waters’ originally carved out of the cliff to join the delta and Westside Road.

Harnessing the Creek

Dun-Waters tapped into Shorts Creek in an ingenious way; it was described by European engineers as “utterly impossible!”

Still, it worked – and he had running water in houses and barns while others in the area were using pumps or even pails.

Another amazing feat was latticing the delta with underground wire-wrapped wood stave pipes – and some cast iron ones – so he had spray irrigation for his orchards and gardens long before any one else. The standpipe on the Manor House front lawn is one of the last visible signs of his ingenuity.

He harnessed the water’s speed to operate his on-site sawmill.

With the help of a Pelton Wheel, the rushing stream’s strength was converted into power and he had electricity on the delta while his neighbors relied on coal oil lamps and candles.

Dun-Waters even had his own private telephone system, linking the 7 main buildings.

He was no ordinary man.

The Labyrinth

Fintry Provincial Park boasts something very special – a **Labyrinth**. It is carved into the land just north of the Manor House. Take advantage of experiencing this ancient adventure. More information about labyrinths is available at the Manor House.

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