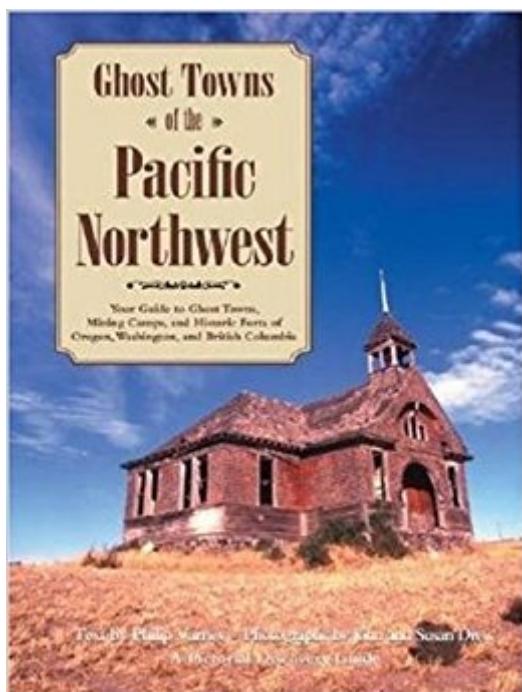


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Ghost Towns Of The Pacific Northwest: Your Guide To Ghost Towns, Mining Camps, And Historic Forts Of Oregon, Washington, And British Columbia



Synopsis

Get ready for adventure as ghost town expert Philip Varney takes you on a tour of the Pacific Northwest's most fascinating historic ghost towns, mining camps, fishing villages, lumber towns, and historic forts of Oregon, Washington, and southern British Columbia. With intriguing anecdotes, current travel information, maps, and outstanding color and historical photographs, this thoroughly practical book serves as both a fascinating history of the Northwest and British Columbia and a trustworthy travel guide to the region's ghost towns. If you're an armchair traveler, you'll appreciate the rich color photographs and descriptive text that bring the region to life. With chapters arranged geographically and featuring detailed maps, this pictorial guide makes traveling the area a breeze. About the Author and Photographers: Long-time ghost-town hunter Philip Varney is the author of Voyageur Press's "Ghost Towns of Colorado" and "Ghost Towns of Northern California." He regularly contributes to "Arizona Highways" magazine and frequently leads travel groups on ghost-town tours. John and Susan Drew's work has been published worldwide in calendars, magazines, and books, including Voyageur Press's "Ghost Towns of Colorado" and "Ghost Towns of Northern California."

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I have had an interest in western ghost towns since the late 1960s and have sought out and photographed many ghost towns over the years. To that end, I have about 30 or 40 ghost town books and I would have to say that this is not one of the best. In my opinion, it is one of the worst. In

fact, it's not as good as other books by Philip Varney in the same series. However, as a professional photographer myself, I can say that the photographs by John and Susan Drew are quite good. One problem with this book is that it lacks the depth of most other ghost town books. The information given just skims the surface. It's generally just raw facts such as when the town was founded, etc. Good ghost town books should go into the colorful stories that all these towns have. That's what's so fascinating about ghost towns. Another problem with the book is that it shows too many towns that are not really ghost towns at all but may only have a couple old historic buildings or they may be simply tourist towns. Many of the pictures are not of towns at all but rather dilapidated barns, etc., which can be seen anywhere in the country and are certainly not ghost towns. There is a classification system for ghost towns and not all ghost towns are classic "true" ghost towns, of course, but this book has very few ghost towns that will be of interest to a real ghost town enthusiast. In addition, the text doesn't always clearly specify the status of the towns so a reader may travel far to see a ghost town only to find that it's a bustling town with a couple historic buildings, a museum, or it may be just a tourist town. I would like to know the true condition of these towns but Varney is very vague about that.

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