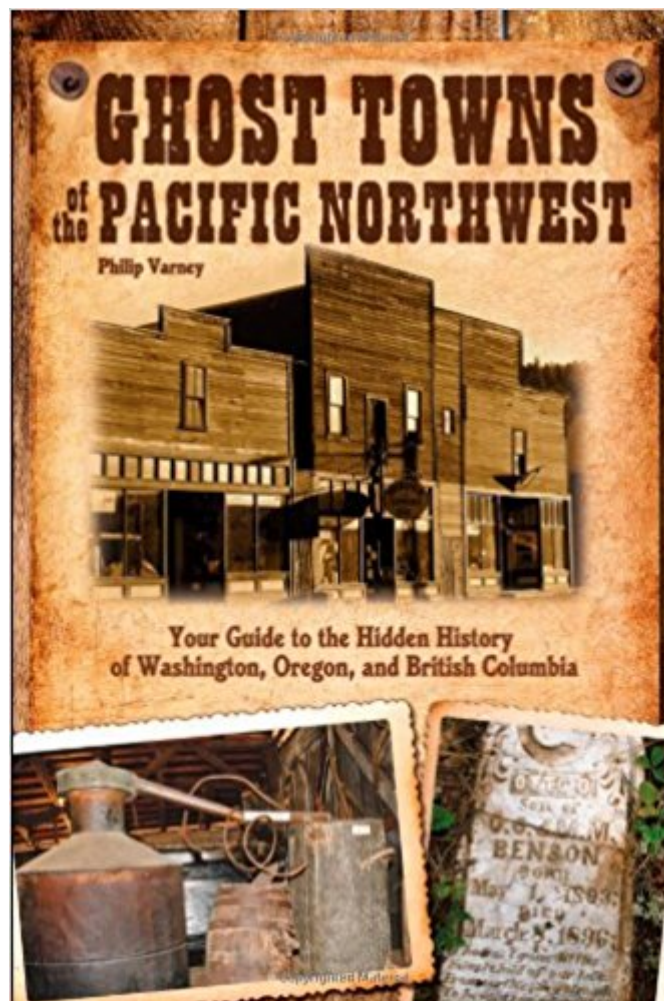




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Ghost Towns Of The Pacific Northwest: Your Guide To The Hidden History Of Washington, Oregon, And British Columbia



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Synopsis

Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest is a guidebook to the best boomtowns of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Once thriving centers for mining, fishing, logging, and national defense, these abandoned camps and pioneer villages still ring with history. Nowadays, these ghost towns are some of the best places to travel to, filled with fun things to do and see. Ghost town expert Philip Varney equips you with everything you need to know to explore these remnants of the past. Featuring color maps, driving and walking directions, town histories, touring recommendations, and stunning color photography, Ghost Towns of the Pacific Northwest details famous sites such as Port Gamble (Washington), Fort Steele (British Columbia), and Jacksonville (Oregon) — in addition to out-of-the-way gems like Holden (Washington), Sandon (British Columbia), and Flora (Oregon). Chasing down the ghost towns of the Pacific Northwest will take you from the seacoast high into the forests of the Cascade Range. You will view the magnificent Columbia River as it passes through Revelstoke, British Columbia, to its first entry into the United States in Northport, Washington, and to its dramatic meeting with the Pacific Ocean near Astoria, Oregon. See the region as you have never seen it before with this essential guidebook to the glory days of the Pacific Northwest!

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Customer Reviews

We bought this and have already done one "detour" trip based on information in this, primarily to look at a grave marker in Mayville. While the book is colorful and easy to read, it leaves out a lot of communities and selects some that are not ghost towns in any way. His general explanation is the presence of old buildings and heritage sites, but he omits anything that is truly ghostly, with few or

no inhabitants, or with minimal remains. A few classic ghost towns are in there, but there's a lot of "that's no ghost town," particularly in the case of Wasco, Moro, and Grass Valley, Oregon. It is a good exploration book for the paved road crowd. A lot of these locations are on primary roads, easily accessed, and have plenty of services available. We will continue to use it, as one thing it does offer is explanations of "what was that building used for?" Calling it a ghost town book was a misnomer, however. Maybe just "interesting places to visit" would have been a better choice. Even just calling it "Hidden History of Washington, Oregon and British Columbia" would have been more accurate. Yes, Shaniko is in here, one of Oregon's most classic ghost towns. The listings are relatively brief - perhaps more information and omitting B.C. from the book would have been a good move. The B.C. sites look interesting, but we're not getting there anytime soon. We've been to a large percentage of the ghost towns listed in this book in Oregon, and many more that aren't listed. There was some new information in this book, and overall, it was a good buy. We never would have taken note of that tombstone in Mayville - Poorly born, poorly lived, poorly died, and no one cried."

This book has places that have always fascinated me, I love the old west and all it had to offer. The places where Young Guns took place. The wild West. It's where we originated and on occasion, you can find an old relic left behind.

The northwest also includes the Willamette Valley. The great migration landed thousands of families to the fertile valley. 4 of my greatgrandparents arrived there on wagon trains. Bellfountain Oregon should have been on list!!! And there are other small places that should have been there too. I was disappointed.

My Step dad would take us to all these old Ghost Towns when I was a little girl. This Book has a lot of Memories that I can share with my grandchildren.

A great ghost town book. We have used this several of times and have found the information to be spot on. The only downside is that it shows some things that are not there anymore.

We found this book to be the most informative book we'd read about ghost towns in the Pacific North West.

I'm very interested in the history of the Pacific Northwest so this book is right up my alley.

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