

# Xá:ytem Longhouse Interpretive Centre



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Xá:ytem (pronounced "HAY-tum") is the Halq'emeylem name for a giant rock situated on an ancient river terrace overlooking the Fraser River, a 90 minute drive east of Vancouver. The oral tradition of the Sto:lo First Nations people have preserved their ancestor's stories about this extraordinary monolith and its great spiritual significance. In recent years, archaeologists have excavated evidence of a large 9000 year old village site and "BC's oldest house."

Xá:ytem Longhouse, constructed traditionally with massive cedar timbers and planking, welcomes visitors year round as well as group and school tours. The site also features two pithouses (underground circular dwellings) and offers fully-guided hands-on interactive cultural programs and workshops as well as overnight experiences. As a special attraction the site houses a premier art and gift gallery.