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### Christ Church Anglican

Christ Church was originally built in the late 1850s and operated as Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1885, the Anglican Church of Canada bought the building and turned it into Christ Church Anglican. The building was then moved to its present location and has undergone several renovations over the twentieth century, including the addition of a bell tower.



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### Canada Lime Co.

The Canada Lime Company operated a limestone quarry and kiln on the east side of the village. Their quarry was larger than the Toronto Brick Company's quarry on the west side of town, but, unlike the Toronto Brick Company, the Canada Lime Company kilns no longer exist.



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### Queen's Hotel

The Queen's Hotel was built in 1873 and had 14 or 15 guest rooms. It rivaled the Pattie House Hotel until 1916, when the Pattie House owners bought the Queen's Hotel to serve as visitor overflow. In the early 1920s the lower northern half of the main floor was used by Home Bank and, after its failure, by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. It was converted into a residential-commercial space in the 1950s.



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### Moore's Garage

Moore's Garage operated in Coboconk from 1921 until 1970. It quickly grew in popularity because of its convenient location, delicious snack bar, and business-savvy owner, Olive Moore.

Legends & Lore is a series of self-guided walking tours provided by the City of Kawartha Lakes. These tours present both visitors and residents with the opportunity to walk through Kawartha Lakes' unique communities and experience the area's heritage firsthand.

We hope that you enjoyed this walking tour of historic Coboconk.

### How to Access the Full Tour

The stories and the map for the historic Coboconk Walking Tour can be accessed at [artsandheritagetrail.com](http://artsandheritagetrail.com). Click on the Coboconk Legends and Lore icon on the opening page to the left of the map.

It is also accessible on the TOUREKA! app, available for both Android and Apple through the App store.

Follow the Walking Tour map on the [artsandheritagetrail.com](http://artsandheritagetrail.com) website or TOUREKA! app. Click on the Audio Story button for each story when you reach the destination and are ready to listen.

Travel to the next Legend & Lore location and follow the above instructions to hear the next story as you move along the tour.

An accessible version of the Coboconk Legends & Lore brochure is available on request.



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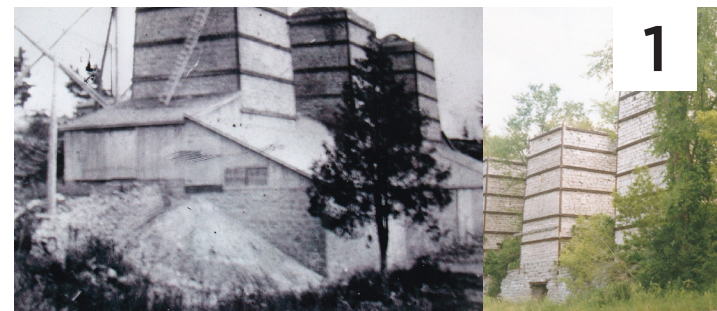


## A Walking Tour of Historic Coboconk

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Welcome to this historic walking tour of Coboconk. As you walk through the village of Coboconk, we hope you will get an idea of what life was like for those who travelled by horse and wagon, canoe, steamship, or train to settle and visit the area. From stores, garages, and lime companies, to hotels, lodges, and jails, these buildings tell the story of a growing community built on commerce, industry, and tourism.

Many of the landmarks built during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century can still be seen today. They remind visitors and residents about Coboconk's bustling past and add a unique historic charm to the village. Listen to the full audio tour to learn more about the people, places, and events that shaped historic Coboconk.



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### Toronto Brick Company

Quarrying and firing limestone to create mortar was one of the most important and prosperous industries in Coboconk. The three brick towers that stand by the highway are old limestone kilns that were once owned by the Toronto Brick Company at the turn of the twentieth century.

### Millyard's Drug Store

Millyard's Drug Store was built in 1918 by Dr. Wiley Millyard as both a doctor's office and a drug store. Following Wiley's death in 1942, his wife, Harriet, took over the business. Not only was Harriet an excellent business owner and shopkeeper, she was also very involved in the community.



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### Knox United Church

Built in 1912, Knox United Church began as a Methodist church. It was a Methodist church until the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925. Shortly after, the church was named Knox United Church and continued services until 2015.



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### Allendeau

The Allendeau Tourist Home was once a bustling marina and lodge, making it a 'must-see' tourist destination in Coboconk. The main building was first used as a carpentry shop, and then an ice cream parlour, before becoming a marina in the second half of the twentieth century.

### Ye Olde Jailhouse

Built in 1884, the old jailhouse is considered one of the smallest jails in Canada measuring 4.57m by 8.84m. It was built using limestone blocks mined from local quarries and featured two cells, a woodstove, and a desk for the constable, Joseph Wakelin.



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**Adam Carl's Farmhouse**

Adam Carl built the farmhouse in 1878, making it one of Coboconk's oldest structures! Carl lived in the building until an American fishing club bought the property in 1919 and transformed it into a fishing lodge. The building was then sold to Bertha Caton in 1927 and was transformed into a holiday resort.



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**The Coboconk Railroad Station**

The Coboconk Railroad Station quickly became a hub of commerce, tourism, and industry after the railroad came to Coboconk in 1872. It was an important economic and cultural development since the train served residents and local businessmen and brought tourists into town.



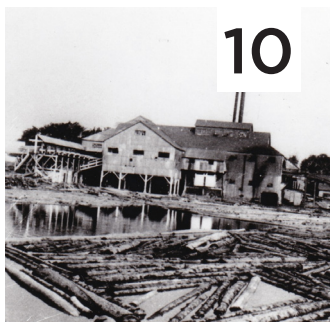
**Shields' General Store**



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Shields' General Store has had a longstanding history in Coboconk. Built in 1889 at the corner of North Water Street and Highway 35, the store provided new settlers with grocery staples they couldn't grow or make at home. As the decades wore on, the store offered a wider selection of more modern products.

**Gull River Lumber Company**



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Gull River Lumber Company owned a sawmill along the shores of Gull River. Lumbering was a key industry in Coboconk because of its prime location in northern Victoria County. When lumbering became less popular in the mid-1900s, the factory turned to basket-making, and then plywood manufacturing, before burning down in the 1980s.

**Pattie House Hotel**



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Built in 1853 by John Keyes, the building was originally known as the Keyes Hotel. It officially became Pattie House Hotel in the 1880s when John Keyes' widowed wife, Sarah Anne, married John Pattie. Over the years, Pattie House Hotel has served as a popular community hotspot for both residents and visitors.

**Post Office**



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For many decades, the post office was located inside Ham's General Store. While mail was being delivered to Coboconk as early as 1859, the official post office was established at the turn of the twentieth century. John Ham acted as postmaster while the post office was in his store.



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**Ham's General Store**

Ham's General Store was first built in 1892 by John Ham and sold all sorts of groceries and provisions. In the 1940s, John Ham's son, James, took over his father's store and partnered with Mel Cook who kept the business afloat for many more years.



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**Bryant's Garage and Gas Pump**

Bert Bryant bought the building in 1924 and opened Bryant's Garage and Gas Pumps, complete with a pair of gas pumps out front. In 1928, Bryant expanded his operation and ran a funeral home out of the second storey, all the while maintaining garage and gas services downstairs.



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**Kawartha Tea Room**

Built in 1910, the building was originally built as a dry goods store. In 1921, the building was transformed into Levida's Ice Cream Parlour which lasted a couple decades until it was bought by Mazie Kelly in the 1950s. During Kelly's ownership, the building was officially renamed the Kawartha Tea Room.

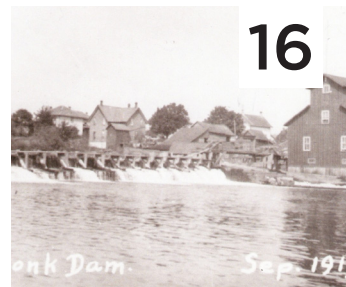


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**The Tannery**

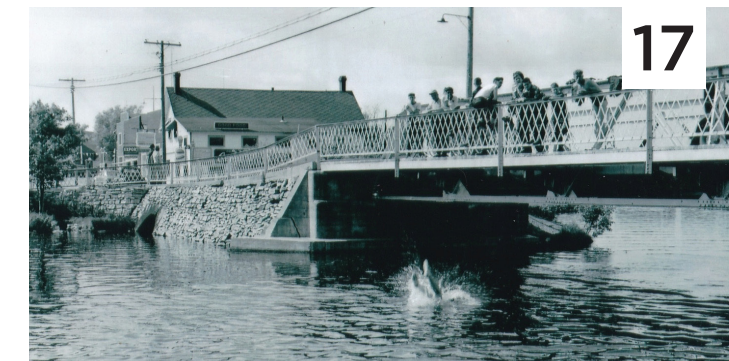
The Tannery was originally built as a sawmill, but became a tannery in 1906 when the Halliday family took over ownership of the building. In the 1950s, the building housed the Sunset Dye Factory which burned down a of couple decades later and was replaced with a private residence.

**The Red Mill and Dam**



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The Coboconk Dam was built to provide power for the various mills that sprung up nearby. On the east side of the dam, a long flume helped guide logs past the dam to continue further downstream. The Red Mill was also on the east side of the dam and processed grains for animal feed.



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**Gull River Bridge**

Gull River was once, and still is, one of the most popular river systems in the area. It was once a key transport route for logs from the Haliburton Highlands to sawmills in Victoria County. The bridge, built as part of the Cameron Settlement Road, helped open the area by allowing easier northern expansion.



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**Chateau Riviera/Schae-Lee Lodge**

Chateau Riviera, later known as Schae-Lee Lodge, was a popular tourist destination for summer visitors. After the success of the lumber industry and the arrival of the railroad, Coboconk quickly developed into a busy tourist center and the need for accommodations and lodges grew significantly.