

## LEAVING GRANITE, HEADED FOR THE HILLS . . .

The Sno-Isle Library system is conducting a program to collect images from throughout the County to document local history. Granite Falls Historical Society provided 130+ photos, and we are pleased to share some of them here with our readers. You can browse pictures from Granite Falls and other communities at: <http://www.sno-isle.org/catalog/photos>. In this issue, we're looking at some of the attractions you could "motor" to (i.e. didn't require the train).



Not far out of town were "the falls", of course. To cross the river there, early pioneers used a large log, capable of carrying multiple horses at one time. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, a steel bridge was built to cross at essentially the same spot. Although modern for its day, the load limit on the bridge was 7 tons, not nearly enough to carry some of the heavy logs being harvested. So, in 1934, the "new" (current) falls bridge was

built, opening the forests to logging trucks and the outdoor areas to automobile tourists.

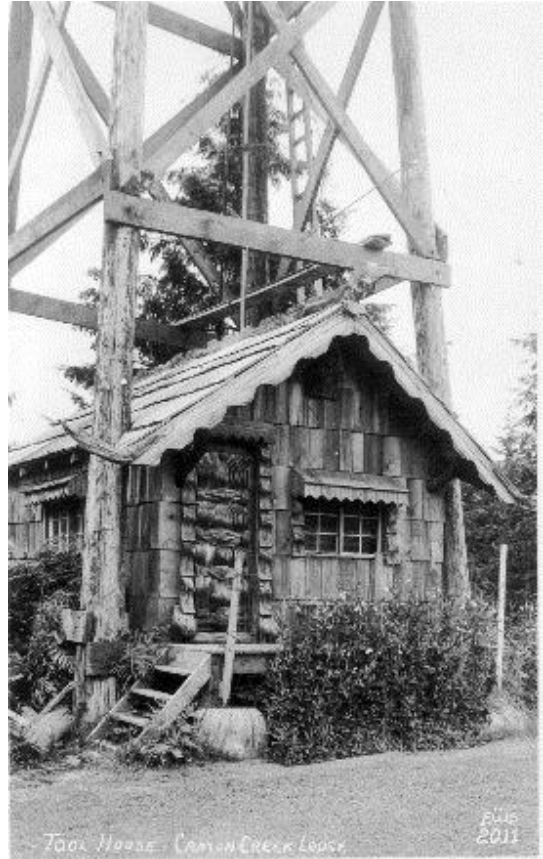


Perhaps the most famous attraction, only a couple miles from town, was Canyon Creek Lodge, built on the original Noble homestead. Joe Mueller operated the Pilchuck Market in Granite Falls, and his wife managed the Lodge..

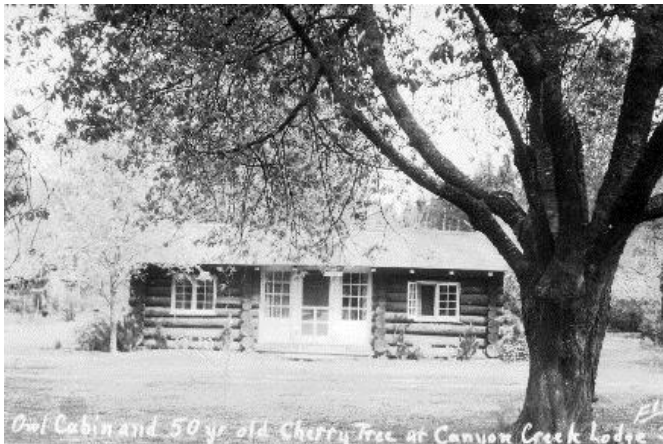
While the Noble house served as the main lodge, a number of “character” cabins were built and available for rent. Canyon Creek Lodge became a well-known destination for vacationers, weddings, and local celebrations (including the big celebration for the 1934 Falls Bridge!).



The Boat Cabin at Canyon Creek Lodge



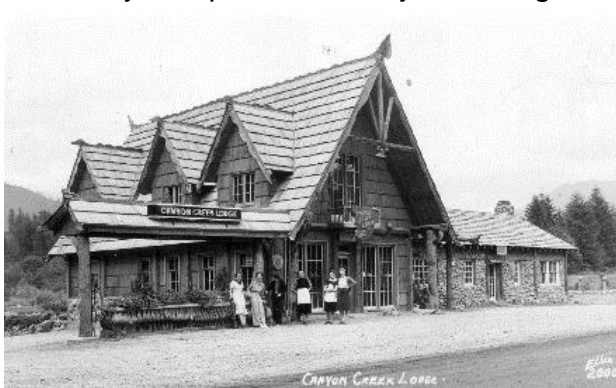
Took House Canyon Creek Lodge



Old Cabin and 50 yr old Cherry Tree at Canyon Creek Lodge

Certainly the most famous guest of the Lodge was Mrs. F.D. Roosevelt, whose daughter lived in Seattle and recommend Canyon Creek Lodge as a great place to visit. They came to Granite Falls for luncheon on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1937, and Mrs. Roosevelt wrote and spoke highly of the experience, taking special care to offer a personal greeting to the Granite Falls Senior Class, which was having a party at the Lodge later that evening.

Unfortunately, the lodge burned to the ground in Feb 1938, a single chair being the only piece of furniture saved. Given the encouragement of their many customers and the local community, and with all the cottages having been saved by the firefighters, the Muellers re-built. They used a small structure near the entrance as a starting point, and ultimately completed a totally new lodge that sat at the edge of Mt. Loop Hwy



CANYON CREEK LODGE

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THESE ARE MAIN PORCHES AND BACK PORCHES THIS WAS BY CANYON CREEK LODGE

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As fate would have it, the new lodge burned down as well, in the 1960s. Its location is now marked by a row of large rocks on the side of the road, 400 ft east of the intersection of 226<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and Mt Loop Hwy..

Next time, we'll wander farther east to explore some of the sights in Robe, Verlot, and beyond..