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A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned this Canada Day at the Royal BC Museum

VICTORIA, BC – This Canada Day join the Royal BC Museum for fun and games from the past and an education on the future.

Bring your pennies (you knew you were saving them for a good reason) and step right up to try your hand at an egg-and-spoon race, bean bag toss and other old-time games at the Royal BC Museum's [Canada Day Old-Time Penny Carnival](#).

The Penny Carnival runs from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on the grounds surrounding Helmcken House and St. Ann's Schoolhouse. Both of these historic buildings will also be opening for the season and welcome you inside to discover more about BC's past.

After you've played all your pennies, head over to the BC Legislative Assembly to flex your brain muscles at a special Canada Day presentation of the Royal BC Museum's [Species at Risk](#) travelling exhibition, located on the Menzies end of Belleville Street from noon until 5 p.m.

Join interpreters from the Royal BC Museum and the Robert Bateman Centre to learn more about what BC could lose if we don't make big changes to our relationship with the natural world. Over 50,000 plants and animals live in the province, making it the most diverse area of Canada. But human actions are causing the decline of 1,500 of those species putting them at risk of extinction.

This fun and illuminating pop-up museum is housed in an inventively repurposed trailer, with interactive tablets connected to the Royal BC Museum's learning portal, hands on activities, and more.

This is the last opportunity in Victoria to see the exhibition before it takes to the road to visit communities in the Kootenays region during July and August.

For more information on these and other events, or to purchase tickets, visit royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/events/calendar.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.



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