Mapping Historical Forest Fires in British Columbia

Follow these directions to use iMapBC to track historical wildfires in BC.

1. Go to iMapBC home page. (https://tinyurl.com/fnesc28).

2. Under the "applications" heading, select "Launch iMapBC."
You can scroll on the map or zoom in or out using the "+ -" (below the "I want to…" on the top left hand corner of the map).

3. Click on the "I want to" blue box and then click on "Add Provincial Layers"
   • An "Add/Remove Map information" box will appear.
   • Find Forest Grasslands and Wetlands and click on the "+" sign in front of it.
   • Click on the "+" sign beside BC Wildfire Service.
   • Click on the box beside BC Wildfire perimeters - Historical - Colour Hatched.
   • Select "OK" at the bottom of the window.
   • If nothing changes on the page, you will have to zoom in until you see hatched marks on the map (0:20km).

4. Now go to "Data Sources" tab (next to the home tab).
   • Click on "My Layers"
   • Below that, click on arrow next to "BC Wildfire Fire Perimeters"
   • Scroll down and Click on "Customize labels"
   • Click on "Customize"
   • Under the Field tab, Click on ""fire year"
   • Finally, click on "Apply."

5. You will see you have created a map that displays the historical fires that have occurred around the province.

6. Add one more layer….to do this:
   • Click on "Data Sources"
   • Click on "Add Provincial Layers"
   • Click on "Archeology and Culture"
   • Click on First Nations Community Locations
   • Click on (or check mark the box) next to First Nations Community
   • Click on "OK."

7. Find an area of the province to study. You can print the map or study it on the screen.

8. To print your map go to "export." Choose "print. Provide a title, your name and date.
   • There is a box at the bottom of the "print map" box that asks "Lock print preview with map." Make sure you do NOT have a check mark in the box.
   • Select "Print Map"