

# Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well

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**Location:** Kingzett Lake, Shawnigan Lake, BC

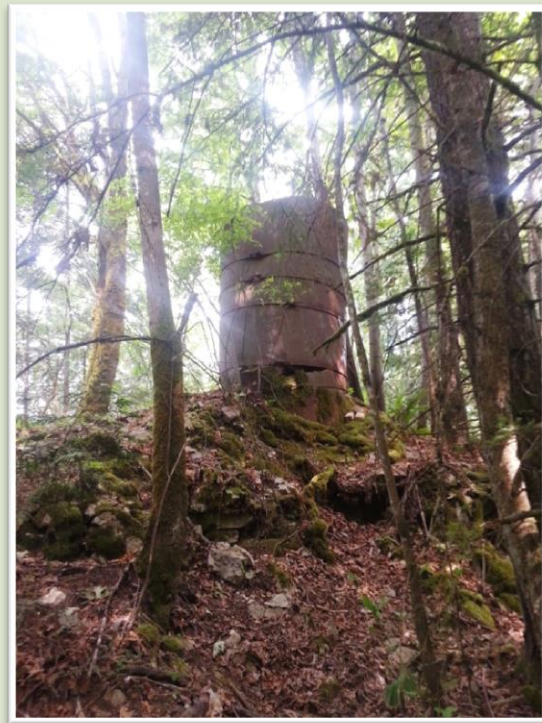
**Formally Recognized:** 2015/08/12

**Other Names:** Lime Kiln and Ceramic Brick-Lined Well

**Construction:** Circa 1886



*Front View of the Lime Kiln*



*View Behind the Lime Kiln*

## Statement of Significant for Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well

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### *Description of Historic Place*

The Kingzett Line Kiln and Ceramic Well are located directly off a wide trail near Kingzett Lake, in Shawnigan Lake, BC. This site contains the well-preserved remnants of a large vertical periodic kiln and a ceramic brick-lined well covered with a concrete slab, both claimed by forest growth. This historic place includes the lime kiln, ceramic well, and the surrounding site.

### *Heritage Value*

Significant heritage value can be found in the historical elements of the Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well. The well-preserved state and age of this site are of immense value. The representation of early limestone production has highly significant historic and cultural values to the community.

The Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well have provided the Cowichan Valley with supporting historic evidence of early limestone production at what is now Kingzett Lake in Shawnigan Lake, BC. These primitive structures are believed to have been in use from 1886 to 1896, when this area of the Cowichan Valley was first settled by European immigrants. There is significant value in this substantial evidence of early Cowichan Valley pioneers' usage of limestone.

The Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well are rare structures to be found on Vancouver Island and their well-preserved state make this historic site even more valuable. At over 130 years old, the lime kiln and ceramic well are two of the Cowichan Valley's earliest pioneer structures still intact.

The Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well are formally protected by Heritage Designation Bylaw No. 299 under the authority of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

### *Character-Defining Elements*

Key elements that define the heritage character of the Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well include:

- The stone walls of the lime kiln arranged in a circular pattern
- The vertical metal chute at the top of the lime kiln
- The well-preserved character and state of the lime kiln
- The ceramic brick-lined well remnants



*View of the Ceramic Well (covered by a cement slab)*

## Historical Information

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### *Timeline*

- 1886. When the Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well structures were believed to have been built.
- 1896. The last known date of use of these two structures.
- 1953. The BC Cement Company purchased what is now Kingzett Lake to mine for limestone.
- 1980. The BC Cement Company stopped work at Kingzett Lake.

## Current Information

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### *Function*

- The Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well structures are located on a large private property that also encompasses the private Kingzett Lake

### *Construction*

- No recent construction

### *Heritage Status*

- The Kingzett Lake Lime Kiln and Ceramic Well structures are formally protected under a 1977 Heritage Designation Bylaw
- Pending Provincial Recognition