

Barnes Lake Trail

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Nearest Ashcroft, BC
 Community: VOK 1A0
 Geocache
 Location: N 50°41.879'
 W 121°15.227'

Accuracy: 1 meter
 Geocache
 altitude: 694 m / 2,276 ft.

Overall difficulty: 1.5
 Terrain
 difficulty: 2

(1=easiest; 5=hardest)

Ownership: Crown Land

Access

Information and Shared Crown
 Restrictions: Land, close gate
 behind you.

Parking Advice: Pull off main road and
 park where it is safe-heavy truck
 traffic. Walk to Trailhead gate.

Note: trail runs beside main road-gate
 is at Pole #37.

Letterbox Clues:

From Trail head, follow trail 450
 meters. Turn right off trail and walk 33
 paces at bottom of small pine tree.
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For more information or to report a
 problem with this site please contact:

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It's a cold winter
 day and a school
 bus full of children
 crashes onto a
 frozen lake.
 Fourteen people are
 reported dead
 among the m 12
 school children...

A frozen Barnes
 Lake became the
 setting for this
 scene from *The
 Sweet Hereafter*.
 The Academy
 Award nominee
 (Best Original
 Screenplay)
 Canadian
 Director/Screenwrit
 er Atom Egoyan
 filmed the pivotal
 scene of the school
 bus sliding out of
 control off Barnes
 Lake Road and
 towards the ice
 covered lake on
 location. However,
 the sequence when
 the school bus stops
 on the ice covered
 lake and breaks

bus going into the
 lake was
 environmentally
 unsound. Also, it
 would be
 logistically too
 difficult to retrieve
 the bus.
 Ian Holm stars as
 Mitchel Stevens the
 lawyer who
 descends on the
 grieving community
 with promises of
 retribution. Stevens
 soon discovers that
 beneath the surface
 of the small town,
 all is not as it
 seems. Other cast
 members include;
 Sarah Polley and
 Bruce Greenwood.
 The school bus
 driver was
 portrayed by
 renowned Canadian
 actress Gabrielle
 Rose who was born
 and raised in
 Kamloops, BC.
 Other scenes from
The Sweet Hereafter

Flower & Garnet is a powerful story of a broken family. A father's inability to cope with the death of his wife during childbirth affects his relationship with his children, Flower and Garnet. Jane McGregor gives a solid performance in the role of Flower as she takes on the care of Garnet. When a teen-age Flower becomes pregnant and decides to keep her baby it creates more anguish in the family. The emergence of Ed's girlfriend and a BB gun he buys for Garnet add to the plot. Barnes Lake is where father Ed, portrayed by Canadian Callum Keith Rennie, gets frustrated fishing and throws the boat motor into the lake.

From the production stand point, it was vital that the boat motor be absolutely stripped of any fluids or residue in order to prevent pollution so they had a second motor especially prepared for the scene. In other words the boat motor had a 'stunt double'. The boat was situated very close to the shore, although the viewer couldn't tell, a cord was attached to the boat motor for easy retrieval. A safety diver was also present.

Flower & Garnet was written and directed by Vancouver's Keith Behrman. For this film Behrman was awarded the Claude Jutra Award for outstanding achievement by a Canadian director in a first theatrical feature. Ten year old Colin Roberts as Garnet also received a Genie nomination for Best Actor.

Scenes from *Flower & Garnet* were also shot in the nearby town of Ashcroft as well as Walhachin and Savona.

More information regarding the history of Barnes Lake can be found in GeoTourism Adventures Field Guide Volume 1- Barnes and Williard Lake Gravesite p. 17

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