



DRAFT Sunday, May 15

*This loop is a real delight. You walk beside a small creek in some old forest; wonder at the old rough dirt roads; walk a pristine section of the old Hepburn Tramway; follow a route likely used when First Nations would walk from Marsh Lake; pass stretches of the old telegraph line; have neat views overlooking the basalt walls at the start of Miles Canyon with Flat and Pilot mountains as a backdrop; look down on Canyon City and the Macauley Tramway; pass artifacts from when American Laundry was the largest camp on the wartime Alaska Highway building project; and cross the 135° meridian a few times.*

Park at the foot of the American Laundry road, right at the river. The road is in rough shape and is likely pretty sad if wet!

1: Start at the back of the large open expanse where Macrae Creek empties into the river. The first part of the hike is a gentle stretch up along the creek for about 700 metres.

2: Turn right at the T-junction. (Turning left takes you to a spot where you can jump the creek to get to trails in back of Macrae). Follow the track about .5 km until you intersect the American Laundry Road.

3: Turn right back to the river. Bypass a couple of dirt road-type of trails and look for the tramway crossing at a sharp angle. Looking along the tramway it will be an obvious raised bed.

4: Turn left onto the Hepburn Tramway and follow it for about 1.5 km. Every once in a while you'll see some of the old squared timbers used for rails. Needs a tramway story here.

5: Watch for a trail coming in from the right; turn right. If you find yourself walking downhill beside a steep slope, you've gone too far. (It's about 1 km to Miles Canyon from here. To be explored!)

Follow the edge of the escarpment for about 700 metres until the trail goes downhill and inland, becoming a dirt road.

6: Stop and check out the view looking up past Miles Canyon.

As you start down the slope, take the small trail that goes off to the left. The trail descends gently along the escarpment edge high above the river, with nice views of Canyon City and the high escarpment on the opposite side. The Yukon River Trail above Canyon City is beautiful, but strenuous; from this side you see why!

As you descend, also watch for pieces of the telegraph wire strung through the trees. After about 1.5 km the trail comes out at the American Laundry road and your vehicle. As you come to the river, various artifacts hint at untold stories of the use of this site as a laundry.

Near the end you'll lose the trail and must climb a short bank to the road.

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