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**MEDIA RELEASE**

How autos shaped Vancouver vacations

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There was a time when steamboats and the seaside resorts of Bowen Island marked summertime for the social Vancouverite. According to Simon Fraser University history professor Jack Little, this lifestyle transformation came to an end with the “rise of the automobile vacation” and differed from others cities at this time.

The [Simon Fraser University Department of History](#) is hosting a free public lecture as part of its year-long lecture series: “[Think You Know Vancouver, Think Again](#)”. The series investigates pieces of Vancouver’s history in honour of the city’s 125th anniversary.

The sixth lecture in the series, *Vancouver's Playground: Class and Leisure in Howe Sound, 1902-1962*, will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-7 p.m. Little will explore how the automobile boom coupled with improvements to the city’s road conditions created a shift in the Vancouver vacation experience.

What: Free public lecture on *Vancouver's Playground: Class and Leisure in Howe Sound, 1902-1962*

When: Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-7 p.m.

Where: Fletcher Challenge Theatre (Room 1900), Harbour Centre
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Registration: [Click here](#)

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