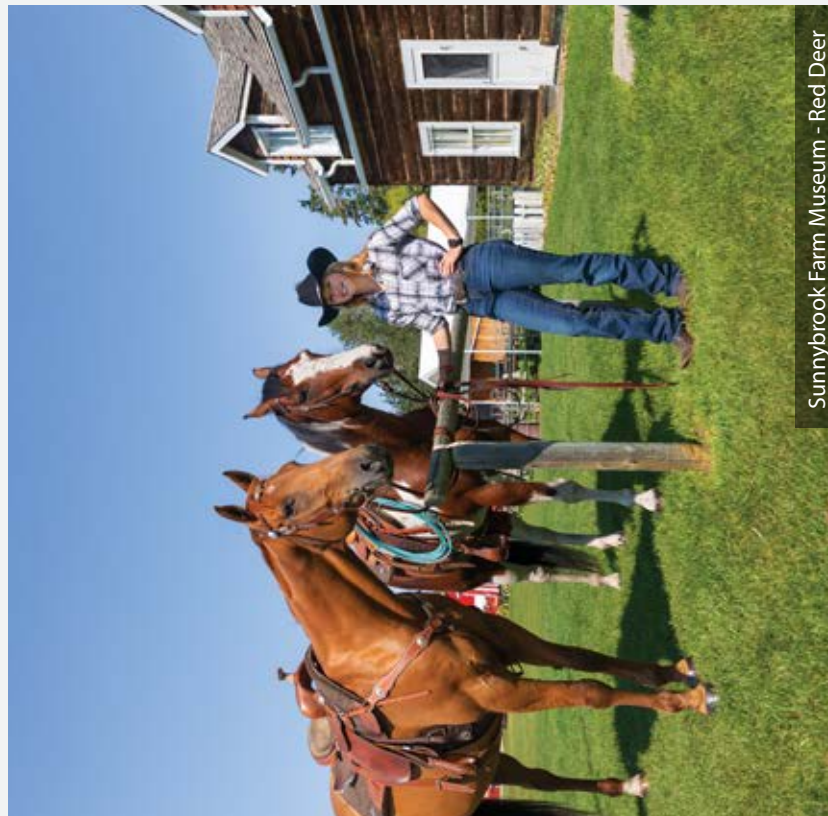


Central Alberta: ASPENLAND

Central Alberta is a picturesque parkland region covering over 50,000 square kilometres. The region's historic name, Aspenland, refers to the trembling aspen or poplar (populus tremuloides)—the dominant tree of the region.

For biologists, the aspen parkland is a transitional zone between the arid grasslands to the south, and the wetter, cooler boreal forest to the north. It marks the zone between foothills and prairie from west to east. It is a uniquely Canadian landscape, also found in parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and is a natural region as well as an ecosystem that has supported human life for up to 11,000 years.

Central Alberta is part of the North American Great Plains and home to the Blackfoot and Cree peoples. Both the Blackfoot and the Cree were hunter/gatherer nomadic peoples who followed the migration of the buffalo (bison), their main food source. Today, the museums of CARMN are located on Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory.



With respect to the settlement of the Province of Alberta, the aspen parkland shaped the kind of agricultural and other economic activity that took place in the region, and also gave a unique flavour to the settlement history.

Central Alberta is characterized by its rich nitrogen composite soils, with the topsoil averaging over 13 inches, and plentiful water. This made it a desirable location for settlement. This settlement, along with our rich mineral deposits, have shaped the economy of the region.

The Central Alberta region has strong rural roots and, as with other parts of the west, has experienced the movement of people from farms to towns. While Red Deer is the region's primary city, Central Alberta is home to a great number of cities, towns and villages with their own strong identities. This is evident through the number of community museums in the region and their role in preserving historic buildings and artifacts.

Discover this unique region of Alberta through an exploration of the museums of Central Alberta!





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MUSEUM MEMBERS

1. **Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum**
780-963-1234
Year-round
5120 41 Ave, Stony Plain
2. **Alberta Museums Association**
780-424-2626
Year-round
120 - 12420 104 Ave NW, Edmonton
3. **Canadian Energy Museum: Home of Leduc #1**
780-987-4323
Year-round
50339 Hwy 60, Leduc County
4. **Alberta Legacy Development Society: Leduc Heritage Grain Elevator**
780-980-2679
Year-round
5209 47 St, Leduc
5. **Holden Historical Society Museum**
780-688-3593 or 780-878-8072
Seasonal
4928 – 50 Avenue, Holden
6. **Drayton Valley & District Museum**
780-542-5482
Seasonal
6013 44 Ave, Drayton Valley
7. **Breton & District Historical Museum**
780-696-2551
Seasonal
4711 51 St, Breton
8. **Millet & District Museum & Archives & Visitor Services**
780-387-5558
Year-round
5120 50 St, Millet
9. **Wetaskiwin & District Heritage Museum**
780-352-0227
Year-round
5007 50 Ave, Wetaskiwin
10. **Camrose Heritage Railway Station and Park**
780-672-3099
Seasonal
4407 47 Ave, Camrose
9704 – 96 Avenue, Westlock
11. **Nordegg Discovery Centre & Brazeau Collieries Mine Site**
403-721-2625
Seasonal
4002 Stuart Street, Nordegg
12. **PasKaPoo Historical Village & Smithson International Truck Museum**
403-843-2004
Year-Round
5620 51 St, Rimbey
13. **Fort Ostell Museum**
403-783-5224
Seasonal
5320 – 54 Street, Ponoka
14. **Meeting Creek Railway & Linear Trails Historic Site**
780-672-3099 (Camrose Station)
Year-Round
5002 50 St, Meeting Creek
15. **Donalda & District Museum**
403-883-2100
Year-Round
5001 Main St, Donalda
16. **Rocky Mountain House Museum**
403-845-2332
Year-Round
5406 – 48 Street, Rocky Mountain House
17. **Bentley Museum**
403-748-3943
Seasonal
4929 51 Ave, Bentley
18. **The Lacombe Museums**
403-782-3933

Blacksmith Shop
Seasonal
5020 49 Street, Lacombe

Flatiron Building
Year-Round
5005 50 Avenue, Lacombe

Michener House
Seasonal
5036 51 Street, Lacombe
19. **Mirror & District Museum**
403-788-3828
Seasonal
4910 53 Street, Mirror
20. **Alix Wagon Wheel Museum**
403-358-9848
Seasonal
4912 – 50 Street, Alix
21. **Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and Museum**
403-341-8614
Year-Round
#102, 4200 Hwy #2 Red Deer
21. **Fort Normandeau**
403-347-7550
Seasonal
28054 B Township Road 283, Red Deer

Kerrywood Nature Centre
403-346-2010
Year-Round
6300 45 Ave, Red Deer

Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery
587-797-4040
Year-Round
4525 47A Ave, Red Deer

Sunnybrook Farm Museum
403-340-3511
Year-Round
2879 Botterill Crescent, Red Deer
22. **Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions**
403-742-2811 or 1-800-282-3994
Year-Round, excursions & selected dates
4611 – 47 Ave, Stettler

Stettler P & H Elevator Preservation Society
403-740-4799
Year-Round
4702 - 46 Street, Stettler

Stettler Town & Country Museum
403-742-4534
Seasonal
6502 44 Avenue, Stettler
23. **Anthony Heday Museum**
403-749-2711 or 403-749-2186
Seasonal
2503-20th Street (Main Street) Delburne
24. **Danish Canadian National Museum**
403-728-0019
Seasonal
35544 Range Rd 31, Dickson

Dickson Store Museum
403-728-3355
Seasonal
1928 2 Ave, Dickson
25. **Stephansson House**
403-728-3929 (summer)
Seasonal
2230 Township Road 371, Red Deer County

Markerville Creamery Museum
403-728-3006
Seasonal
114 Creamery Way, Markerville
26. **Innisfail & District Historical Village**
403-227-2906
Seasonal
5139 42 St, Innisfail
27. **Elnora Museum**
403-773-3990
Seasonal
119 Main St, Elnora
28. **Big Valley Historical Society Museum**
403-876-2242
Seasonal
57 Railway Ave S, Big Valley

Big Valley Historic Railway Station & Roundhouse Interpretive Park
780-672-3099 (Camrose Station)
Seasonal
56 Railway Ave N, Big Valley
29. **Sundre & District Museum**
403-638-3233
Year-Round
211 – 1st Avenue SW, Sundre
30. **Mountain View Museum & Archives**
403-556-8464
Year-Round
5038 50 St, Olds
31. **Trochu & District Museum**
403-442-2220
Seasonal
315 Arena Ave, Trochu
32. **Didsbury & District Museum**
403-335-9295
Year-Round
2110 - 21 Avenue, Didsbury
33. **Kneehill Historical Museum & VIC**
403-443-2092, 504-554-1221 (off season)
Seasonal
1301 2nd Street, Three Hills
34. **Carstairs Heritage Centre**
403-337-3710
Year-Round
1138 Nanton Street, Carstairs
35. **Nose Creek Valley Museum**
403-948-6685
Year-Round
1701 Main Street SW, Airdrie
36. **Pioneer Acres of Alberta**
403-935-4357
Seasonal
263178 Twp Rd 274, Irricana
37. **Rosebud & District Centennial Museum**
403-820-2870 (main) & 403-677-2601 (building)
Seasonal
117 Main St, Rosebud
38. **Canadian Tractor Museum**
780-349-3353
Year-Round
9704 – 96 Avenue, Westlock

CENTRAL ALBERTA REGIONAL MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1994, the Central Alberta Regional Museums Association (CARMN) is a cooperative of community-based museums that work together to share knowledge and resources, and to strengthen all member museums so that we can better serve our communities. CARMN invites you to take time to discover where we came from through the stories and treasures of Alberta's people. Explore the Museums of Central Alberta and uncover our rich and storied history and heritage. From open plains to the mountains, parkland through river valleys to the edge of the Palliser triangle, you'll find artifacts, stories, and experiences that reveal how and why people invested their time and energies here. Use CARMN's website for details on the many special events, programs, and live demonstrations happening throughout the year, at area museums and historical villages.

Front cover: National Indigenous People's Day June 21 at the Lacombe Mitchener House in 2023