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July 7 - 14, 2024



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TO THE 28th ANNUAL HISTORIC FESTIVAL AND DOORS OPEN

The Edmonton and District Historical Society is pleased to present the Historic Festival and Doors Open Edmonton from July 7 - 14, 2024 in the greater Edmonton region.

Innovation

In 1924, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) emerged as a pivotal force in Canada's military aviation history. Established to strengthen Canada's aerial defense capabilities and contribute to international peacekeeping efforts, the RCAF embodied the nation's commitment to advancing air power. Its formation marked a significant milestone in Canada's military evolution, providing a platform for innovation, training, and collaboration with allied forces. With a focus on aerial reconnaissance, combat readiness, and technological advancement, the RCAF played a crucial role in safeguarding Canadian airspace and supporting global security initiatives. Throughout its existence, the RCAF fostered a legacy of excellence, shaping the future of Canadian aviation and inspiring generations of pilots and aviation enthusiasts.

Additional events may have been added since the publication of this guide and will be listed on the website.

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THE EDMONTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS THE PROUD SPONSOR OF THE HISTORIC FESTIVAL AND DOORS OPEN 2024

EDHS extends congratulations to the partners who are making this celebration of our heritage a signature event in Edmonton's summer festival season.

THE SOCIETY ALSO SPONSORS

Speaker Series - Seven informative and entertaining talks about Edmonton's history are presented by local authors and historians from September to April each year.

Newsletter - Published four times a year and featuring articles about Northern Alberta's heritage.

Publications - Occasional publications about our region.

History in the Community - Shirley Lowe and Tom Long offer presentations to community groups.

Special Events - EDHS sponsors dinners, bus tours and workshops for members and the general public.

Grant Opportunities - For members through the Historical Society of Alberta.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EDHS AND ITS ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE VISIT

WWW.HISTORICEDMONTON.CA

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WWW.ALBERTAHISTORY.ORG





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FESTIVAL CONTEST





Bell Media

Tune into CTV Morning on July 4th
for your chance to win
1 of 2 Family Summer Passes
to Fort Edmonton Park!



1 of 2 Family Summer Passes for the 2024 Summer Season
1 Family Pass retail value: \$200.00 (+GST)







ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM: Aviation History Tour

11410 Kingsway NW, Edmonton 780-451-1175; info@albertaaviationmuseum.com https://albertaaviationmuseum.com/









Step into the fascinating world of aviation history with an interactive Object Handling Presentation at the Alberta Aviation Museum. Delve into the rich heritage of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), explore intricate details of historic uniforms through tactile engagement, and immerse yourself in the narratives behind each artifact, from daring missions to technological advancements. Join us as we uncover the legacy of RCAF, its pivotal role in shaping aviation history and how the museum cares for and researches our collection to keep this history in flight. Get a glimpse behind the scene of the museum as we explore the history of some of the many artifacts that are not on display at the museum.

Adults: \$15, Students/Seniors(60+): \$12, Youth(13-17): \$10.50, Children(6-12): \$9.50, Children(5 & under): Free, Family(2 adults & up to 4 children 17 & under): \$37.50. Donations also accepted.

Family friendly**Adult focused.

July 8 - 12, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



ALBERTA FOOD TOURS: Savoury and Sweet Strathcona Food

Walking Tour

MEAT restaurant

8216 - 104 Street NW in the Old Strathcona, Edmonton

1-888-211-2206; info@albertafoodtours.ca

https://albertafoodtours.ca/tours/savouryandsweetstrathcona/

Enjoy the behind-the-scenes stories of Strathcona's local food scene, history, art, and architecture as you stroll this historic neighbourhood with one of our local guides to do tastings at 5 local food businesses. Come hungry and leave satisfied.

Pre-registration is required at https://albertafoodtours.ca/tours/savouryandsweetstrathcona/. Per person \$110 + GST, Ages: 14+.

Sun. July 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



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ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — EDMONTON

BRANCH: Discover Your Family History







#162, 14315 - 118 Avenue NW, Edmonton 780-424-4429; library@edmontongenealogy.ca https://www.abgenealogy.ca/

Discover your family history with the Alberta Genealogical Society Edmonton Branch! We support and encourage accurate and diverse genealogical research from around the world to enhance family connections, records and stories. Whether you are just starting or have been researching your family tree for awhile, we invite you to visit our unique destination library, chat with a volunteer or join a meeting to learn more! All ages are welcome! July 9, 10 & 13, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thurs. July 11, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm



ALBERTA HISTORY TOURS: Historical Walking Tour —

Edmonton Cemetery

780-868-5673; albertahistorytours@gmail.com https://www.albertahistorytours.ca/



Join local history interpreter Tim Marriott, for a guided tour of one of Edmonton's largest and most important historical cemeteries. The tour will include St. Joachim's cemetery which is also on the same site. We will learn about the history of the cemetery, the differences in headstones, why this site was chosen and visit important grave sites of famous individuals. Tour is outdoors, held rain or shine.

Max. 30. Each individual must register at www.albertahistorytours.ca.

Starting point will be shared upon confirmed registration.

Pre-register by July 11. Per person \$15.

Fri. July 12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

ALBERTA HISTORY TOURS: Historical Walking Tour — West Downtown (Wîhkwêntôwin) — Into the West

780-868-5673; albertahistorytours@gmail.com https://www.albertahistorytours.ca/









Join local history interpreter, Tim Marriott for a guided tour of one of Edmonton's first suburbs of the 1900s. We will explore the historic buildings that have survived in the area between 109 St. to 121 St. including houses, businesses and institutions. As Edmonton saw an economic boom this neighbourhood quickly became the desirable place to live, work and play. Tour is outdoors, held rain or shine.

Max. 30. Each individual must register at www.albertahistorytours.ca.

Starting point will be shared via email when registration is confirmed.

Pre-register by July 9. Per person \$15.

Wed. July 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm





ALBERTA HISTORY TOURS: Historical Walking Tour —

Strathcona — Small City, Big Dreams

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780-868-5673; albertahistorytours@gmail.com https://www.albertahistorytours.ca/

Join local history interpreter Tim Marriott, for a guided tour of one of Edmonton's most important heritage districts. The tour will focus on the history of Strathcona. Why this "city" emerged, the importance of the railway and why Edmonton, and not Strathcona, remained the city of the future. We will focus on the bustling time period between 1891 and 1912, when Strathcona raced against Edmonton to become the major city of the North. Tour is outdoors, held rain or shine.

Max. 30. Each individual must register at www.albertahistorytours.ca. Starting point will be shared via email when registration is confirmed. Pre-register by July 7.

Per person \$15.

Mon. July 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

ALBERTA LEGACY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY/LEDUC HERITAGE GRAIN ELEVATOR: Grain Elevator Tour

5209 - 47 Street, Leduc 780-980-2679; grainbin@telus.net www.leducelevator.com







A tour of our single composite wood crib grain elevator. The elevator was constructed in 1978 using traditional methods and was one of the last built in the province. It is in last used condition as it ceased operation in 2000 and offers a wonderful glimpse into the grain handling practices of the past.

July 9 - 13, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



ALBERTA RAILWAY MUSEUM: History Tour and Train Rides

24215 - 34 Street NW, Edmonton 780-472-6229; albertarailwaymuseum@gmail.com https://albertarailwaymuseum.com/









Step into the heart of innovation at the Alberta Railway Museum! The pursuit of innovation in railway technology propelled Canada and Alberta forward into an era of unprecedented connectivity and economic prosperity. Come experience this pursuit through guided tours of our exhibits and equipment, a train ride on one of our diesel locomotives, and live telegraph demonstrations in our station. Immerse yourself in the rich history of railway innovation that continues to inspire us today. Regular admission: \$6 - \$15. \$6 per train ride.

July 13 & 14, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm







ARTS AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF ST. ALBERT — ART GALLERY OF ST. ALBERT: Fire in Her Hands Exhibition

19 Perron Street, St. Albert 780-460-4310; ahfgallery@artsandheritage.ca www.artsandheritage.ca

Join us for a fascinating look at the innovative pottery practice of raku. Explore the exhibition *Fire in Her Hands* at the Art Gallery of St. Albert highlighting work by the late St. Albert artist Elke Blodgett. Find out more about her creation process, inspirations and the science and art of raku in this FREE one-hour tour with Curator Emily Baker.

Thurs. July 11, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm





ARTS AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF ST. ALBERT:

Innovation on the Prairies

4 Meadowview Drive, St. Albert 780-419-7354; hspublicprograms@artsandheritage.ca www.artsandheritage.ca

Come experience agricultural innovation at St. Albert's Historic River Lots + Grain Elevators. Tour our beautifully restored 1906 & 1929 grain elevators to discover how these giant wooden machines innovated agricultural production across the prairies. Then, check out our historic tractor & farm equipment collections before visiting our replica Train Station for some hands-on activities.

Drop by for a tour and glass of lemonade, we would love to show you around! Free entry/donations happily accepted.

July 7 & 10 - 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

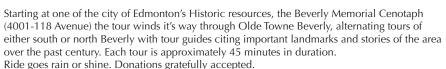


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BEVERLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: *Historic Tour of Olde Towne*

Beverly via Horse Drawn Carriage

4001 - 118 Avenue, Edmonton 780-413-6244; beverlyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com www.beverly-history.ca



Please register early as there are limited spots on the carriage! Pre-register by June 27.
**Please note: Children must be closely supervised and cell phones turned off during ride.

Tues. July 9, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (South Beverly) AND 6:00 pm (North Beverly) Wed. July 10, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (North Beverly) AND 6:00 pm (South Beverly)







BEVERLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: (Olde Towne Beverly)

Interpretive Center Tour









10906 - 40 Street, Edmonton 780-904-5530; beverlyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com www.beverly-history.ca

There are a number of coal mining artifacts on display as "Beverly was Built on Coal". As well a wedding dress from 1800, a fur coat; sports memorabilia, milk separator as well as many other interesting artifacts such as family history books. An interpreter is present to answer any questions or to act as your guide as you tour the center. If there is a special day or time that a group would like to visit, please call (780) 904-5530 as this can be arranged. A walking tour can also be arranged for a group of 4 or more by calling (780) 904-5530. Donations gratefully accepted for the continuance of our school programs.

July 9 & 10, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm July 13 & 14, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES: Behind the Scenes Tour

Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre 200, 10440 - 108 Avenue NW, Edmonton 780-496-8711; cms.archives@edmonton.ca









https://cityarchives.edmonton.ca/ https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/edmonton_archives/city-of-edmontonarchives

Located in the provincially and municipally designated Prince of Wales Armouries, the City of Edmonton Archives is dedicated to acquiring, preserving, and making accessible Edmonton's documentary heritage. We invite you to join us on a guided tour of the building. We will explore the history of this beautiful historic structure, and you'll get a behind the scenes look at our vaults, where you will learn

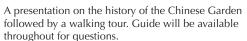


how our history is collected and preserved for future generations! Pre-register by July 5.

Tues. July 9, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

EDMONTON CHINESE GARDEN SOCIETY: Garden Tour

9999 Grierson Hill Road, Edmonton 780-908-2210; wycconsu@telus.net www.ecgs.ca



Sun. July 14, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm















EDMONTON HISTORICAL BOARD: Historic Plague

Presentation Ceremony







St. Luke's Anglican Church 8424 - 95 Avenue NW, Edmonton 780-914-1767; edmontonhistoricalboard@edmonton.ca

The Edmonton Historical Board is excited to present our 47th Annual Historic Plaque Presentation Ceremony! Each year, we gather to publicly recognize and celebrate the City's recently designated Historical Resources by presenting their owners with a historic plaque to be installed on their properties. The ceremony also includes a presentation by one of the designated owners highlighting their property's history and a talk to help demystify the process of having a building / property designated officially. Please join us for this family friendly event followed by a reception with refreshments! Pre-register by July 3.

Wed. July 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY — STRATHCONA BRANCH:

Library Tour

FREE 🔥 🐧





8331 - 104 Street NW, Edmonton 780-496-1828 www.epl.ca

The Edmonton Public Library's Strathcona Branch is the oldest purpose-built library that remains in our city. Opened in 1913, the grand brick building has faced its own demise more than once in its 111 years. But it still stands and welcomes all Edmontonians through its doors to access all the library has to offer, including a fascinating history. Come learn about the mystery of the missing statue, why there are no books stored on the second floor and gain an appreciation for how the building has been made to adapt to keep up in our digital world. Take yourself on a self-guided tour of the building during any of the library's regular opening hours by picking up a guide at the Customer Service desk.

July 8 - 11, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm July 12 & 13, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sun. July 14, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm







Profile GEORGE WILLIAM BARKER

Born: November 3, 1894

Library and Archives Canada / A-122516

George William Barker, known as G.W. Barker, born in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, began his aviation journey with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in 1914, transitioning to the Royal Flying Corps in 1916, igniting his illustrious career. During World War I, Barker's prowess as a pilot shone brightly, notably in October 1918 during the Battle of Cambrai, where he singlehandedly downed four German aircraft, earning the Victoria Cross. Post-war, Barker's influence extended into the formation and development of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), where his leadership shaped policies and training programs. Despite his tragic demise in a 1930 flying accident, Barker's legacy as a pioneer of Canadian aviation and a war hero lives on, inspiring generations of airmen and ensuring his memory remains entrenched in the annals of the RCAF's history.



EDMONTON QUEER HISTORY PROJECT: Walking Tour —

Bars & Baths









EdmontonQueerHistoryProject@gmail.com https://www.edmontonqueerhistoryproject.ca

The Edmonton Queer History Project presents a "Bars & Baths" walking tour in Edmonton's downtown. Join guide Rob Browatzke and guest at the Pisces Health Spa for a Wednesday evening stroll down memory lane, visiting the pubs, clubs, and tubs of yestergay! The tour begins at the infamous Pisces Spa location and circles through Edmonton's gay disco district before ending back at the Pisces!

Outdoor Attire — dress for weather. Tour will take place rain or shine!

Pre-register before July 10 at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baths-and-bars-tickets-868694367237?aff=odcleoeventsincollecti on&keep_tld=1

Adult only.

Wed. July 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

EDMONTON URBAN FARM: Tour of Edmonton Urban Farm

11312 - 79 Street, Edmonton 780-983-4010; urbanfarm@exploreedmonton.com https://edmontonurbanfarm.com/











Drop by the Edmonton Urban Farm to find out how innovations in horticulture have emerged in Alberta over the years. How did people know what would grow? Learn about the importance of medicine plants to First Nations cultures. Explore a garden modelled on a project from the 1963 Bon Accord 4-H Garden Club, Learn about how horticultural shows have contributed to innovations in horticulture! Let's talk about innovations in horticulture, agriculture, and urban agriculture! What place has had food production in the City of Edmonton over the years? Visitors can drop by throughout the day, and take a self-guided tour or a guided tour. Look for the talk schedule on the Edmonton Urban Farm's website.

Sat. July 13, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm







FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Guided Tour with a Musical

Demonstration







10025 - 105 Street NW, Edmonton 780-422-2937; info@firstpresbyterian.ca www.firstpresbyterian.ca

Once one enters the church building either by the elevator under the south east tower or by the staircase beside it, Edmonton's early history opens before you. This church building dates from 1912. Many of Edmonton's leading citizens, especially those of Scottish background, were members of this congregation. The first official state funeral in Alberta was held at this church. The tour includes a short organ talk and recital which features the upgraded Casavant organ originally bought in 1909 followed by a talk about the church structure and artifacts and a walkabout of the building including the museum on the second floor. Throughout the tour, guides will provide information about how the congregation has innovated in procedure and structure to better serve the people of Edmonton.

For those visitors who have difficulty walking or climbing stairs, there will be a virtual tour of the church building and Museum in the Arthur Newcombe Room behind the sanctuary. (Remember that an elevator gives access to the main floor of the building.)

Wed. July 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Celebrate First Presbyterian Church's unique architectural legacy

Wed. July 10 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Enter the church to the sound of the carillon in the south tower and learn about the history of the people who built and maintained this architectural gem in the heart of Edmonton. Enjoy a brief recital on the refurbished Casavant organ dating from 1909 before viewing other aspects of this historic building.

10025-105 Street Edmonton, AB T5J 1C8 www.firstpresbyterian.ca





HIGHLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Walking Tour of Historic

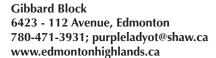
Highlands











The Highlands neighborhood is unique. Join us for a guided stroll through this living museum of Edmonton's Architectual History. We will see buildings from before WWI, ultra modern houses, beautiful Elm urban canopy and much more! The Saturday tour is south of 112 Avenue; the Tuesday tour is north of 112 Avenue. The tours are full of fascinating stories and facts about the buildings and the people who lived in the Highlands. Pre-register by July 8. Per person \$10.

Tues. July 9, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (North of 112 Ave) Sat. July 13, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (South of 112 Ave)

JASPER PLACE COMMUNITY HISTORY PROJECT / GROUND **ZERO PRODUCTIONS:** Orange Hub Doors Open

Orange Hub - 10045 - 156 Street, Edmonton 780-420-1400; jasperplacehistory@gmail.com https://jasperplacehistory.org/











The Orange Hub is the former Jasper Place campus of MacEwan University's School for the Arts. The province has designated the building as architecturally important, partly because its design drew inspiration from Indigenous concepts.

The city purchased the building in order to create a unique space which connected Wellness, Learning, the Arts and Recreation. Currently the Hub is home to 22 groups, including Ground Zero Productions. Ground Zero is currently working on the Jasper Place Community History Project. We have collected stories from the neighbourhood, hosted at https://historicedmonton.ca/events/historic-festival/. For Doors Open, we will set up an historical display in the Nurture Café. We will also have a walk, led by a community historian. Other Hub organizations will participate. Wheelchair access possible but not convenient.

Wed. July 10, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

IEWISH ARCHIVES AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF EDMONTON AND NORTHERN ALBERTA (JAHSENA): Jewish

Innovators Display

10052 - 117 Street, Edmonton 780-489-2809; jahsena@shaw.ca www.jahsena.ca

This year we will be teaming up with the Jewish Senior Citizens Centre, where we will curate a display of Jewish Innovators through the years available to view on Sunday July 7th and Monday July 8th between 11a.m. and 1p.m. The archivist will be available for questions about the display.

July 7 & 8, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm





JEWISH SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE: Lectures and Lunch

10052 - 117 Street, Edmonton 780-488-4241; programmer@jdicseniors.ca www.jdicseniors.ca









10:45 am - 12:00 pm Lecture # 1:

Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada Breaks Diabetes Speaker: Melanie Hibbard, Executive Director DRIFCan

The Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Canada (DRIFCan) mission is to directly fund cure based diabetes researcher Dr. James Shapiro and his team at the University of Alberta. Dr. Shapiro has a world renowned research lab at the Alberta Diabetes Institute at the University of Alberta, which is best known for the Edmonton Protocol and Islet transplantation. He is now moving the research into a new direction of stem cell transplantation using one's own cells.



We will take you on a diabetes research journey through the last 20 years.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch:

Gazpacho Soup, Roasted Veggie Couscous Salad, Olive Herb Focaccia, Fresh Berry Shortcake

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Lecture #2:

Technologies in XXI century and Artificial Intelligence. Speaker: Forrest Zeisler

Forrest is the CTO & Founder of Jobber, software for small home service businesses. He will share some of the key breakthroughs that have driven company success and the exciting new technologies. This talk will provide a glimpse into the future of tech in the home service industry. Jobber is now used by over 200K service pros in plumbing, landscaping, residential cleaning, & more, across 60+ countries.



Per person \$15 for one lecture & lunch included or \$20 for two lectures & lunch included. Sun. July 7, 10:45 am - 3:00 pm

JOHN WALTER MUSEUM: House Tours

FREE 🔥 🦄 🐧 9180 Walterdale Hill, Edmonton attractionsexperiences@edmonton.ca https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_events/john-walter-museum

Join us on Sunday afternoons for free tours of the Walter family's historic homes! Learn what life was like for early Edmontonians over 100 years ago in the bustling industrial community of Walterdale. Free family-friendly activities and a scavenger hunt provided.

Sun. July 14, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm







KNOX CHURCH: Introducing Knox

8403 - 104 Street, Edmonton 780-432-7220; connect@knoxefc.ca https://www.knoxefc.ca/

You are invited to step into the past and be inspired by the builders of what is now an Old Strathcona landmark. Since 1907, Knox Church has been a sacred place of worship. During our Saturday event, guides will offer multiple historic building tours, commencing with a talk entitled, "Innovation Past & Present". This Knox event will also include scheduled pipe organ demonstrations as well as Jazz on the corner.

Sat. July 13, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm





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MÉTIS CROSSING: General Admission at Métis Crossing

17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake 780-656-2229; metiscrossing@metis.org

https://metiscrossing.com/

Métis Crossing is pleased to offer daily experiences included in the price of general admission. These activities include seasonal activities, historical exhibits, art installations, and daily Métis spotlights. The daily experiences at Métis Crossing change with the seasons, reflecting Métis life on the land.

Summer Programming includes:

- Historical village
- · River lot Farmyard
- Hiking and trails
- · River lot playground
- Métis Cultural Exhibits
- Gift Shop

Indoor Event (part of the events may occur outdoors).

General Admission: Adults: \$15.75, Students, youth, seniors: \$10.50, Family: \$47.25 (2 adults and up to 4 children), MNA Citizens and Settlement Members: Free. *Prices include GST.

July 8 - 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

MÉTIS CROSSING: Métis Family Dance

17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake 780-656-2229; metiscrossing@metis.org https://metiscrossing.com/









Join us for the Métis Family Dance, a traditional gathering celebrating Métis culture with live entertainment. This event aims to recreate the spirit of a traditional Métis gathering, where families and friends come together to dance and celebrate. Enjoy live music on an outdoor stage, browse the artisan market, and indulge in delicious food from various food stations. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the rich heritage of the Métis community in a festive and welcoming setting.

Pre-register by July 12 at https://book.metiscrossing.com/English/Itinerary_Ticket.asp. Open to public – General Admission Fees apply.

Sat. July 13, 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm









MÉTIS CROSSING: Sunday Brunch at Métis Crossing

17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake 780-656-2229; metiscrossing@metis.org https://metiscrossing.com/







Join us for a delicious Sunday brunch at Métis Crossing! Enjoy a variety of traditional Métis-inspired dishes made with local ingredients in a beautiful riverside setting. Our brunch is perfect for special occasions or weekend outings with family and friends. Come experience Métis culture through food and create memorable moments with us! Pre-register by July 13 at https://book.metiscrossing.com/English/Itinerary_Ticket.asp.

Adults: \$39.00, Seniors and Youth: \$31.20, Children (0 - 6yrs): FREE.

*Gratuities & GST excluded.

Sun. July 14, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

MÉTIS CROSSING: Meet the Métis

17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake 780-656-2229; metiscrossing@metis.org https://metiscrossing.com/



Experience life on a traditional Métis River Lot in this one-of-a-kind Signature Experience! Led by one of our Métis interpretive guides, you'll visit featured locations around Métis Crossing for an inside look at Métis life, history, and traditions.

Your journey begins with an exploration of the rich history of the Métis Nation at our Veteran's Monument. Walk along the Old Victoria Trail, following in the footsteps of the Métis families who came west to settle here on the beautiful North Saskatchewan River, and travel back in time at our Historic Village. Here, you'll meet the animals in our traditional River Lot farmyard, learn about the iconic Métis Red River Cart, explore the original River Lot homes of the Sinclair and Cromarty families, and experience first-hand how Métis families lived on these very lands. Finally, get in touch with your artistic side and learn a traditional art project that you can take home as a reminder of your experience at Métis Crossing! This Signature Experience is a perfect introduction for guests of all ages to immerse themselves in the unique Indigenous story of the Métis people.

Pre-registration required, register at https://book.metiscrossing.com/English/Itinerary_Ticket.asp. Fee: \$30 - \$32.

July 8 - 14







MÉTIS CROSSING: Paddle Into the Past

17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake 780-656-2229; metiscrossing@metis.org https://metiscrossing.com/



Paddle Into the Past is a 4-hour immersive Indigenous experience linking two historic sites with an authentic Voyageur canoe trip along an historic fur trade route. Embark on this unforgettable adventure that offers a perfect blend of Métis history, culture, and the great outdoors! Learn about the fur trade and its importance to Métis history and ways of life. Then, get a taste for life on the river as you enlist as a Voyageur-in-training! Paddling in time with the beautiful North Saskatchewan River, you'll travel by Voyageur canoe along a traditional fur trade route, discovering important landmarks and local wildlife as you journey from Métis Crossing to Fort Victoria. Finally, you'll explore the Victoria Settlement Provincial Historic Site and learn more about how Métis people and settlers lived, worked, and traded together on these lands. Experience includes:

- A 4-hour guided experience
- Cultural experiences and tours
- Canoeing on the North Saskatchewan River
- Learning and practicing traditional Métis knowledge and skills

Pre-registration required, register at https://book.metiscrossing.com/English/Itinerary_Ticket.asp. Fee: \$82 - \$92.

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MÉTIS CROSSING: Through the Eyes of the Hunter

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Get in touch with the land and learn about Métis harvesting traditions in this invigorating Signature Experience. See through the eye of the hunter as your Métis interpreter leads you on a river-side trail walk. Discover the diverse plants of the boreal forest, learn about their traditional uses and seasonal cycles, and look for signs of the many animals that call Métis Crossing home. Learn of how Métis people survive on the land and how we relate to the plants and animals that help sustain our communities. In the second half of this exciting experience, you'll get to practice your bow hunting skills on our natural



archery course! These essential skills were passed down by Métis people, from generation to generation, so we could all learn to provide for our communities, practice sustainable harvesting, and show our respect and gratitude for the lands we call home. Pre-registration required, register at https://book.metiscrossing.com/English/Itinerary_Ticket.asp. Fee: \$65 - \$75.

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MÉTIS CROSSING: Visions, Hopes and Dreams at Métis

Crossing Wildlife Tour









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Visions, Hopes and Dreams at Métis Crossing Wildlife Park offers guests a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the beauty of Métis heritage species. The wildlife park is home to white bison, wood bison, plains bison, elk, and Percheron horses.

The bison, or "bufloo" in Michif, the language of the Métis, last roamed these hills in 1865. The historical relationship between the Métis people and bison stems from the bison hunt that brought thousands of Métis people together each spring and fall. Through the gathering of these large communities, the Métis Nation took shape with the development of their own laws, democratic, and judicial systems.

Experience includes:

- A 1.5 2 hour guided tour with transportation.
- An educational experience highlighting the significance of these heritage species to the
- The opportunity to enter the paddocks in a Metis Crossing vehicle alongside the animals for an intimate view of the animals.

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July 8 - 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm







SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉALOGIQUE DU NORD-OUEST (SGNO):

Tracing your French Canadian, Métis or other Ancestry

La Cité Francophone #102, 8627 - 91 Street NW, Edmonton, 780-424-2476; info@sgno.ca https://www.sgno.ca/





The SGNO is a non-profit organization that focuses on the history and ancestry of Canadian families and their genealogies, with a specialization in French Canadian and Métis ancestry, but can help with researching all lineages.

The society has 30 years of experience. Its research centre is located directly above Café bicyclette in La Cité francophone in the Bonnie Doon area. Although most of the library resources are focused on French-Canadian and Métis ancestry, the centre has resources to search family histories from other countries.

Volunteers are bilingual (French and English) and would be very happy to help you with researching and finding some of your ancestors and their stories during your visit at the centre. Come and find out about the new innovations in genealogical research and even experience first hand the use of Artificial Intelligence in finding your past relatives.

We also have a presentation about the services we offer as a genealogical society and a presentation on the history of francophone settlements in the province of Alberta.

July 8 - 13, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

ST. JOSEPH'S BASILICA: Church Tour

10044 - 113 Street NW. Edmonton 780-488-7295; Basilica.info@caedm.ca www.stjosephbasilica.com







Guided tour of St. Joseph's Basilica covering the significance of the building, the various areas and chapels within the Basilica, and the numerous religious icons. The stained glass windows as well as the Casavant Gallery Organ will be featured. This is sure to interest anyone interested in Edmonton's history.

July 8, 10 & 11, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY: First Streets of

Campbelltown

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Join us for a 2024 Historic Festival and Doors Open event. Back by popular demand, join us on a historical walk. Discover the original houses and fascinating stories of what once was Campbelltown and is now Sherwood Park. This program is a partnership with the Strathcona County Museum & Archives. Please dress for the conditions, with comfortable shoes, and bring water for this 2.5km walking tour.

Pre-registration required. Adults only.

Thurs. July 4, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm





STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY: The Lendrum Sisters

401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park 780-410-8600; info@sclibrary.ca www.sclibrary.ca









Join us for a 2024 Historic Festival and Doors Open event. Discover the Lendrum sisters' story in this walking tour. Storyteller Jennifer Kennedy will take us back in time, visiting the site of their homestead in Sherwood Park. Please dress for the conditions, with comfortable shoes, and bring water for this 5 km walking tour. Pre-registration required. Adults only.

Mon. July 8, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT MILITARY MUSEUM:

Gallery Tour









Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre 10440 - 108 Avenue, Edmonton 780-421-9943; lermus1@telus.net https://www.lermuseum.org/

Step in and explore Edmonton's military past with a visit to The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum. Follow in the footsteps of the regiment from its local beginnings with the city's mobilization for the First World War to the soldiers of the regiment who fought in Afghanistan. Wander through the galleries and discover the stories of the men and women who served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

July 8 - 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

WESTLOCK PIONEER MUSEUM: Lamps, Gramophones and Dolls D & &

10216 - 100 Street, Westlock 780-349-4849; westlockmuseum@yahoo.ca www.westlockmuseum.com

Step back in time and browse through our exhibits displaying the pioneer lifestyle. Discover our amazing collections of Aladdin lamps, dolls and vintage firearms. Also, explore our gramophone collection — the most comprehensive in Western Canada! Special events are scheduled throughout the summer season.

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Thanks to their efforts, we can enjoy the opportunity to explore the past with local historians as guides.

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