

Attractions in the Drumheller Area

Royal Tyrrell Museum

This world-class museum presents the evolution of dinosaurs and the story of the earth in an awesome series of exhibits involving the collection of dozens of skeletons and fossils. You can also watch the paleontologists working as they examine the remains of these prehistoric creatures. This is a wonderful exhibition, not to be missed. You should allow 2-3 hours viewing, and getting there early in the day is a definite advantage.

Directions: 6 kilometers northwest of Drumheller

Hours: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Senior Admission: \$14

Phone: In Alberta 1-403-823-7707; Outside Alberta 1-888-440-4240

Website: www.tyrrellmuseum.com/

Atlas Coal Mine

Back when coal was king, in the early 1900's, Drumheller was a boom area and there were over 130 coal mines and coal dust filled the air. The last of these to close was the Atlas Coal Mine. It is considered to be Canada's most complete historic coal mine and is home to the country's last standing wooden coal tipple. Guided tours take visitors into the past with a ride on the locomotive and a walk up the tipple. Since 2009, the Atlas has conducted tours of the 210 foot underground conveyor tunnel and the recently restored Blacksmith Shop. The Atlas Coal Mine is a National Historic Site.

Directions: located 20 minutes southeast of Drumheller, along Highway 10

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

General admission: \$10

Phone: 1-403-822-2220

Website: www.atlascoalmine.ab.ca/

Badlands (Descriptions from "Travel Drumheller")

The badlands, which sometimes resemble a moonscape can be approached in several ways. You can go on guided walking tours, bus tours, helicopter tours, or just do it yourself and see the area by vehicle or on foot. Keep your eye open for fossils along the way!

At Midland Park you can take a self-guided hiking and the past the vast Horse Thief Canyon and its picturesque views. Glide peacefully across the Red Deer River on the free, cable-operated Bleriot Ferry.

With 18 kilometres of pathways running alongside the Red Deer River, around downtown and to the doorstep of the Royal Tyrrell Museum, you can hit all the key sights by bike or on foot. Park your car at the Visitor Information Centre and walk, bike or splash your way through.

Heli-Tours operate every day.

Costs: Horsethief Canyon Tour – 6 minutes - \$55 per person; Badlands tour – 12 minutes - \$110 per person; Atlas Coal Mine Tour (comprehensive) – 30 minutes \$314 per person.

Website: www.alpinehelicopter.com/tour-category/drumheller-sightseeing-tours/

Hoodoos Trail

The Drumheller hoodoos are internationally recognized icons of the Alberta badlands. Composed of sand and clay from the Horseshoe Canyon Formation, the solid, strong capstones protect the softer, underlying base creating their unique mushroom-like shape.

Horseshoe Canyon

A glacier-carved “U” surrounded by golden prairie, the aptly named Horseshoe Canyon is a dramatic introduction to the badlands. The dry, rocky valley walls can be rough on clothing and skin, but after a rare prairie rain the mud on the canyon floor is thick and slick as yogurt.

Horsethief Canyon

Horsethief Canyon works as well today as a hiding place from humanity as it did for outlaws more than a century ago. Spend the afternoon admiring colourful layers of rock while picturing the thieves who gave the canyon its name hiding in the coulees and rebranding their stolen mares.

Midland Provincial Park

The Royal Tyrrell Museum stands on the southwest corner of the 280-hectare Midland Provincial Park. A trailhead a few hundred metres east of the museum marks a one-kilometre-long loop, where interpretive signs recount the glacial forces that sculpted the badlands.

Website: www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/midland-pp

Treketera Museum

For something a little different - Treketera Museum is home to authentic, original costumes, props and set pieces used on various Star Trek series and movies. There are also authentic costumes and props from other movies and TV shows.

Phone: 1-403-823-6339

Location: 802 Hwy 9 S, Drumheller

World's Tallest Dinosaur

Climb 106 steps inside this beast for a great view from inside its mouth!

Located next to the Visitor's Centre in downtown Drumheller,

Further information at the Travel Drumheller website: <https://traveldrumheller.com>

Pre/Post-Convention Attractions

Rosebud Theatre

The Rosebud Theatre is situated in the quaint little town of Rosebud. It is Alberta's largest rural professional theatre. Rosebud has been set up as a school for young people interested in learning the performing arts and the students apply their craft in live theatre productions, where they work alongside of professional artists. They also wait on the tables at the buffet and sing and play for people who are enjoying their meals. For Gyros making the trip to Drumheller, the Rosebud Theatre production along with a late morning buffet is a great idea. There are quaint little gift shops and the town is a fun walking experience. Why not take in the buffet, the live theatre, browse the town and stay at one of the local Bed and Breakfast establishments. **Note:** the live theatre/brunch is available **only on the Wednesday prior to the Convention.**

Directions: On Highway 840, one hour northeast of Calgary or 20 minutes southwest of Drumheller.

Further information, including ticketing: <https://www.rosebudtheatre.com>

Phone: 1-403-677-2001 or 1-800-267-7553.

Rosebud B & B's: www.rosebud.ca/accommodations.htm