

Gull Lake County

Lacombe Region VISITOR'S GUIDE

Alix · Bentley · Blackfalds · Clive · Eckville · Gull Lake · Mirror · Lacombe





MAPS & INFORMATION



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



EVENTS & FESTIVALS

LacombeTourism.com





Lacombe is a charming, picturesque city filled with unique shopping opportunities, fabulous farmer's markets, and an emerging foodie scene.

We are also known for our beautiful historic downtown, many festivals and events, and fantastic recreation opportunities. Come spend the day with us!

live a beautiful life.



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WELCOME

FIND YOUR WAY TO NEW **FAVOURITE MEMORIES**

We warmly invite you to discover and explore our region.

Tour the museums, browse for antiques, taste local food and beverages, attend a festival or event, and discover the sandy beaches, trails and attractions of the Lacombe Region. You will be charmed by this beautiful part of Alberta.



GRANT CREASEY City of Lacombe Mayor

"Welcome to Lacombe, located in the heart of central Alberta's Parkland District. We invite you to share in the warmth and hospitality our people have to offer. Take in the many festivals and

events hosted year-round. Explore unique shopping opportunities in our historic Edwardian-era downtown and enjoy the culinary offerings of our award-winning restaurants and breweries.

We hope you take advantage of the many sporting and recreational opportunities in and around Lacombe. There is so much to see and do!

Thank you for taking an interest in our beautiful little city. We know you'll enjoy your visit."



PAULA LAW **Lacombe County Reeve**

"Welcome to Lacombe County - A place where recreation opportunities are abundant, where farms and friendly people are all around. Come experience the taste of country and enjoy local food,

beautiful landscapes, and popular countryside attractions."



Lacombe is centrally located on the Hwy 2 corridor, the Lacombe Region is approx. 1.5 hour drive from Edmonton (120km) or Calgary (160km). The region stretches 100 km east to west along Hwy 12 from prairie fields to Boreal Forest and is home to many lakes large and small.













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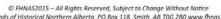






Download at www.historycheck.ca



























For day trip ideas, travel itineraries, and to plan your stay in the region we invite you to contact us directly!
Call, e-mail or stop in to visit us in person at the Lacombe Regional
Tourism Office or one of our Visitor
Information Centres.

Find your way to attractions, events, local food, shopping and accommodations in this guide and online at

lacombetourism.com

Lacombe Regional Tourism Office #100, 5005 50 Avenue, Lacombe

Located in the Flatiron Building (Main Street/Hwy 12) (403) 782-1046

lacombetourism.com info@lacombetourism.com

Lacombe & District Chamber and Visitor Information Centre

6005 - 50 Avenue, Lacombe (Main Street/Hwy 12) Located just off of Hwy 2 at Exit 422 (403) 782-4300

lacombechamber.ca

Alix Wagon Wheel Museum & Visitor Information

4912 50 Street, Alix (403)747-2584 or (403)788-2218

alixwagonwheelmuseum.wordpress.com

Bentley Museum & Visitor Information Centre

4929 51 Avenue, Bentley Located one block north of Main Street (403) 748-2455

townofbentley.ca

Blackfalds & District Chamber & Visitor Information Centre

4400 South Street, Blackfalds Located in the Wadey Centre (southeast corner of All-Star Park) east of Hwy 2 at Exit 412 (403) 885-0335

blackfalds.com







TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

#1 Gull Lake (free)

Sandy Beaches · Boat Launches · Day Use Areas

Lacombe County is home to Alberta's first provincial park. Aspen Beach Provincial Park was founded in 1932. Today, discover the sandy beaches that first made Gull Lake a popular vacation spot. Aspen Beach Day Use Area has everything you need with a concession, boat launch, change rooms, play area, fire pits and a scenic boardwalk. Sandy Point, Gull Lake's newest public beach also has a boat launch, change rooms, picnic tables, and a play area. The Lake is a popular boating and year-round fishing destination. Campgrounds, boat launches, public beaches and day-use areas are located around the lake. Stop by the Summer Village for a pancake breakfast on May 19, June 30, August 5, and September 1.



#2 Kraay Family Farm (\$)

Find Your Way in the Maze

The farm's corn maze is 15 acres in size and features a new design every year. It takes about an hour and a half to run the full corn maze – but if you have little ones, or need an ice cream break, there are a couple of exits at the beginning of each phase. Visit the petting zoo to meet goats, pigs, ducks, bunnies, chickens, sheep and a donkey. Root for your favourite little curly-tail during the farm's piggy races – twice a day in the summer. Aim and fire the corn blaster or the pumpkin cannon in the fall. All that playing is going to give you a good appetite, so luckily the farm sells ice cream, kettle popcorn, hot dogs, deep-fried pickles, mini-donuts, cotton candy and fresh roasted nuts. Or you can bring a picnic, cook out over a fire pit or rent a BBQ. Open: July 19 – October 19 For Summer and Fall Hours and current admission prices visit *kraayfamilyfarm.com*

#3 Ellis Bird Farm (free)

Birds, Ponds & Butterflies. Oh My!

Ellis Bird Farm has a great nature centre and hundreds of bird houses to see. Come out for an activity and build a birdhouse too! This is a great location to visit with both large and small groups. The Ellis Café is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a delicious lunch or afternoon tea. Food in the Ellis Café is made with fresh and locally sourced ingredients.

#4 Blacksmith Shop, **Murals & Museums (free)**

Discover the Heritage

Home to communities established by pioneers, homesteaders and farmers, the history of the Lacombe Region is intricately tied to its rural roots and agricultural heritage. In 1902, Lacombe was the first town established in the area and within the next twenty years the communities of Blackfalds, Alix, Clive, Mirror, Gull Lake, Bentley and Eckville were to follow. Today, you can visit 6 museums in the region including the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum, Bentley Museum, Mirror Museum, Wadey House (Blackfalds), the Michener House Museum, and the Lacombe Blacksmith Shop - the oldest blacksmith shop in Alberta!

#5 Up For Some Horsing Around (free; \$)

Track on 2 Horse Racing & Event Centre and the Flying Cross Ranch

The Track on 2 is a world class racetrack that offers live and international streaming horse races as well as VLTs. Admission and Parking are always free, and the atmosphere is family-friendly! Don't know anything about horse racing? Not to worry, the staff are very friendly and knowledgeable! Conveniently located adjacent to Hwy 2 west of Lacombe, The Track is also home to an amazing restaurant The Funky Monkey Kitchen + Bar featuring award-winning Chef Pete Sok's Western Gastro and Asian cuisine. Make sure to try



com.

#6 Taste **Local Food** and Drink (\$)

From Farm to Table

Farm fresh products can be purchased at local Farmers' Markets from May to October on Fridays in Lacombe: 9am – 1pm and Saturdays in Bentley: 1:30-3:30pm. Pick your own fruit at U picks like Billy Co Junction Gardens or buy ingredients directly from the farm at Brown Eggs and Lamb, Pik-N-Pak, Market on Twelve, and Rangeland Meats, Learn more about local food and farms during Alberta Open Farm Days: August 17-18.

Homemade lunches and delicious treats are a staple of local bakeries and cafés in Alix, Bentley, Blackfalds, and Lacombe. If you are searching for unique culinary creations be sure and try Cilantro & Chive, the Funky Monkey Kitchen, Ellis Café and more! Looking to sample a wide assortment of craft beer and spirits? Blindman **Brewing and Old Prairie Sentinel** Distillery located in Lacombe offer a wide selection of locally brewed and distilled products.

Blindman Brewing Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 1-7pm; Friday & Saturday 12-10pm, Sunday 12pm-5pm. Old Prairie Sentinel Distillery Hours: Friday 4-9pm; Saturday 1-9pm, Sunday 1pm-6pm.



#7 Get Outdoors (free; \$)

Trails, Golf & Geocaching

Walk or Bike the Trans Canada Trail from Lacombe to Blackfalds, start at the Federal Research Station in Lacombe and end at the Abbey Centre in Blackfalds! Stop for a picnic by the Gazebo at Lacombe Lake and take in the lush scenery. For a list of all the great trails in the region check out the Parks & Trails section in the visitor guide.

Located by Gull Lake, Summerland Leisure Park is a great place to practice your putting with an 18-hole Mini Golf Course! Golf courses abound in this area and serious golfers will want to research all the great courses including; Gull Lake Golf Course, Lacombe Golf and Country Club, and the Nursery Golf and Country Club.

For more info: gull-lake-golf.ca | golflacombe.com nurserygolf.com | summerlandleisurepark.com

#8 Small Town Country Charm

Uniquely Western

Bentley is a classic western town conveniently close to Gull Lake - connected by a 4km paved walking/biking trail to the lake. Bentley's Main Street is lined with quaint shops, restaurants, and the famous Monkey Top Saloon. On the east side of the region, experience the prairie charm of small towns like Alix, Clive and Mirror. Rodeos and Western events in the region include; Eckville Bullarena: May 11, Eckville Rodeo & Parade: June 7-9, Tees Rodeo: August 3-4, Bentley Fair and Rodeo: August 8-11, and Alix Days and Rodeo: August 10.

The festivities include events like; pancake breakfasts, parades, show and shines, sheep riding, bench show, face painting, family entertainment, and all the fun rodeo events like – racing, roping, riding, wild cow milking, a rodeo cabaret, and beer gardens.

#9 Music in the Park (free; \$)

Free Concerts & Community Market

Music in the Park is a series of free outdoor concerts that take place in conjunction with the Lacombe Community Market every Wednesday (June 5th through August 28th) at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. Hosted by the Lacombe Performing Arts Association, Music in the Park features a variety of performers each week from 6:30-8:00pm. Food trucks and market vendors line the street next to the park from 4:30-8:30pm.

#10 Summer Festivals & Events (free)

Join the festivities around the region this spring and summer; see parades, live performances and fireworks! Encore Arts Festival, Blackfalds Days, Canada Day, Lacombe Days, Bentley Fair & Rodeo, Alix Days, Eckville rodeos, Open Farm Days, Lacombe Culture & Harvest Festival, Light up the Night, and more. See the events listing in this publication or visit lacombetourism.com for a full calendar of events.



2019 FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Festivals and events showcase our lively arts & culture scene and celebrate the agricultural heritage of our region

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt April 13

blackfalds.com/events

Jump Into Spring Market

April 20 *lacombetourism.com*

Lacombe Trade Show

April 26 & 27 lacombechamber.ca

Encore: Lacombe Annual Art Exhibit & Sale

April 26 & 27 lacombetourism.com

Tees Annual Chili Cook-off & Community Bingo

April 27 northernhorse.com/tees

MAY Blues & Brews

May 4
lacombetourism.com

Alix Spring Market

May 4 villageofalix.ca

Eckville Bullarena

May 11 eckville.ca

Lacombe Farmers' Market

May 17, 24, 31 lacombefarmers market.ca

Bentley Farmers' Markets

May 18, 25

Pancake Breakfast Gull Lake Community Hall

May 19 villageofgulllake.com

Blackfalds Community Wide Garage Sale May 25

blackfalds.com/events

Alix Ice-Breaker Roughstock May 24

May 24 villageofalix.ca

JUNE Bentley Farmers' Markets

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lacombe Farmers' Markets

June 7, 14, 21, 28 lacombefarmers market.ca

Lacombe Fly-In/ Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

June 2
lacombeairport.com

Music in the Park & Lacombe Market LMC

June 5, 12, 19, 26 lacombetourism.com/music-in-the-park

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Blackfalds Community Market

June 6, 13, 20, 27 blackfalds.com/events

Eckville Rodeo & Parade

June 7-9 eckville.ca

Blackfalds Days

June 14-16 blackfalds.com/events

Clive Fun Fest

June 21-23 clive.ca

Vintage Tractor Pull Parade & Show

June 15 & 16 lacombetourism.ca

Tail Creek Mud & Music Festival

June 28-July 1 tailcreekraceway.ca

Pancake Breakfast Gull Lake Community Hall

June 30 summervillage ofgulllake.com

JULY Canada Day Celebrations

Alix, Bentley, Blackfalds, Gull Lake, Lacombe, Mirror, Ellis Bird Farm July 1 lacombetourism.com

Music in the Park & Lacombe Market LMC

July 3,10,17, 24, 31 lacombetourism.com/music-in-the-park

Blackfalds Community Market

July 4, 11, 18, 25
Blackfalds.com/events

Lacombe Farmer's Markets

July 5, 12, 19, 26 lacombefarmers market.ca

Bentley Farmers' Markets

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Super Kids Triathlon

July 6 blackfalds.com/events

Bluebird Festival

July 13 *ellisbirdfarm.ca*

Junior Golf Foundation Of Gull Lake (Pro AM)

July 12 & 13 gull-lake-golf.ca

Lacombe Days

July 25-28 lacombedays.ca

Art in the Garden

July 27 Lacombedays.ca

AUGUST Blackfalds Community Market

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 blackfalds.com/events

Lacombe Farmers'

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 lacombefarmers market.ca

Annual Tees Rodeo

August 2-4 northernhorse.com/tees

Bentley Farmers' Markets

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

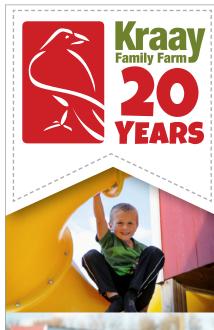
Pancake Breakfast Gull Lake Community Hall

August 4 villageofgulllake.com

6th Annual Meston Invitational Steer Riding & Barrel Racing Fundraiser for

Fundraiser for Alberta Children's Hospital Rotary Flames House

August 5 northernhorse.com/tees







Over 40 Attractions! A summer of Family Fun July 20 - End of August

Join us in the Fall too!

September - October

KRAAYFAMILYFARM.COM

Music in the Park & Lacombe Market LMC

August 7,14, 21, 28 lacombetourism.com/music-in-the-park

Bentley Fair and Rodeo Days

August 8-11 bentleyagsociety.com

Bug Jamboree

August 10 ellisbirdfarm.ca

Alix Days

August 10 villageofalix.ca

Tail Creek Ultra 4 North TCR 100

August 16 & 17 tailcreekraceway.ca

RCMP Musical Ride

August 16 blackfalds.com/events

FCA Rodeo in Alix

August 17-18 villageofalix.ca

Alberta Open Farm Days

August 17 & 18 albertafarmdays.ca

SEPTEMBER Gull Lake Show & Shine Pancake Breakfast

September 1 summervillageofgull lake com

Lacombe Farmers' Markets

September 6, 13, 20, 27 lacombefarmers market.ca

Clive Village-Wide Garage Sale

September 7 clive.ca

Family Funfest

September 28 blackfalds.com/events

Lacombe Culture & Harvest Festival In Celebration of Alberta Culture Days

September 27-29 lacombetourism.com

Blindman Brewing 4th Anniversary Party

September 28 lacombetourism.com

Mom2Mom Event

September 29 *lacombetourism.com*

OCTOBER Bill Nielsen Trail Run

October 5
billstrailrun.com

Lacombe Farmers' Market

October 4, 11 lacombefarmers market.ca

Old Fashioned Harvest & Threshing Bee

October 14 clive.ca

Blackfalds Fall Market

October 19 blackfalds.com/events

Monster Bash, Family Halloween party

October 26 blackfalds.com/events

Alix Haunted Hall

October 30 villageofalix.ca

NOVEMBER Bentley Christmas Craft & Gift Sale

November 2 lacombetourism.com

Remembrance Day Service-Blackfalds November 11

blackfalds.com/events

Remembrance Day Open House Alix Wagon Wheel Museum

November 11 alixwagonwheel museum.wordpress.com

Merry Market Trade Show & Craft Fair

November 16 & 17 blackfalds.com/events



Light Up Blackfalds

November 23 blackfalds.com/events

Breakfast & Lunch with Santa

November 30 blackfalds.com/events

Light Up the Night Festival in Lacombe

November 20 -November 24 *lacombetourism.com*

Lacombe Christmas Farmers' Market

November 22, 29 Moonlight Madness 28th lacombefarmers

lacombefarmers market.ca

Twinkle Tours, Lacombe Flying Club

November 28 -December 20 lacombeairport.ca Bookings will open of

Bookings will open on November 25

DECEMBER

Christmas Markets & Events Various locations around Lacombe County until Christmas

lacombetourism.com

Bentley Christmas Craft & Gift Sale

December 7 *lacombetourism.com*

Alix Christmas Market and Parade of Lights

December 7 *villageofalix.ca*

Blackfalds Christmas Market

December 7 & 8 *blackfalds.com/events*

Lacombe Christmas Farmers' Markets

December 6, 13, 20 *lacombefarmers market.ca*

Tees Community Christmas Concert

December 12 *northernhorse.com/tees*

JANUARY 76th Annual Farmers & Farmerettes Bonspiel

January 6-11, 2020 lacombecurling.com

FEBRUARY Summer Village of Gull Lake Family Day

Celebrations

February 17, 2020 summervillageofgull lake.com

Blackfalds Winterfest

February 17, 2020 (Family Day) blackfalds.com



COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION

Sunny Day

Take a scenic drive and make stops along the way to visit the communities of Alix, Mirror, Clive, Blackfalds, Lacombe, Bentley, and Eckville.

The Lacombe Region is a great day trip destination – both summer and winter. Though with so much to see and do during your stay, we recommend you plan an overnight!





Welcome to Lacombe

Stop into our Visitor Information Centre for

- · Local event information
- · Local and provincial attractions

We are an accredited visitor information provider.

Open from the May long weekend through to
Labor Day weekend, we're your local
destination for regional and provincial
tourist information!



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Blackfalds

Central Alberta's Playground

Only minutes from Lacombe and Red Deer, the Town of Blackfalds is vibrant and youthful with many family-friendly, award winning recreational amenities.

Check out the Abbey Centre, a cultural and recreational gem, where your whole family can have fun year-round:

- Play in the outdoor aquatic centre with pool, water-slides and splash park
- Explore the 3-story indoor play centre.
- Blow off steam with a fun court game in the field house.
- Experience the country's only indoor section of the Trans Canada Trail.
- Enjoy live performances in the outdoor amphitheater.

Your invitation to family fun has just begun! Be our guest:

- Give the new Bike Skills Park and Skateboard Plaza a spin.
- Skate at an indoor or outdoor rink or pond.
- Cool off at the Tayles Water Spray Park.
- Play ball or soccer at All-Star Park.
- Discover local history at the Wadey Visitor Centre.

Join in the fun of a local event: Winterfest (Family Day), Blackfalds Days (third weekend in June), Canada Day celebrations, Family Fun Fest (late September), and Light Up Blackfalds (late November).

With so much to do in Blackfalds and the surrounding area, including golfing, fishing, bird watching or a day at the spa, we hope you'll choose to stay a while! Experience "home away from home" during your visit at the Microtel Inn & Suites and enjoy the hospitality and exceptional service of local restaurants and merchants.

Stay up to date on what's happening in Blackfalds at **blackfalds.com** or on Facebook or Twitter.





Start planning your visit now!







"Village of Opportunity"

Village Office: 403-784-3366

Website: www.clive.ca

Our thriving community is located just north of Highway 12 about 15 minutes east of Lacombe. Clive's community of 715 residents is an affordable and ideal spot for an enjoyable country living atmosphere with quick access to all amenities.

Community Events:

Clive FunFest

June 21st-23rd

Clive Parade - Saturday

Lineup @ 10:00, Parade @ 11:00

Clive Soccer Camp

July 15th-19th

www.clivebaptist.ca/events

Village Wide Garage Sale

Sept 7th

Old Fashioned Harvest &

Threshing Bee - Oct 14th Starts at 1:00 pm.



Recreation:

- * Baseball Diamond
- * Picnic Area * Campground
- * Outdoor Fitness Gym
- * Playground * Soccer Field
- * Outdoor Multi-Season Rink
- * Skate Park * Self Guided Legacy Walking Trail
- * Indoor arena
- * Community Hall * Curling Rink *Library



Join us for our special annual events such as:

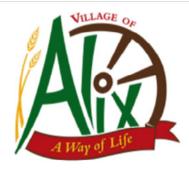
- Ice Carnival
- Municipal Breakfast
- Bullarena
- Eckville Rodeo & Parade
- Canada Day Celebrations

Be sure to check out the Town of Eckville website for more information!

Considered the "Community of Choice" in Central Alberta, Eckville is only a short drive to urban centres and the Rocky Mountains, but also has many local amenities. Along with a local Recreation Board that offers numerous programs and activities for families, a senior's facility, 2 private gyms, numerous parks and playgrounds, including an Elementary and High School are just a few reasons to visit or make Eckville your home.

Other recreational organizations include a children's playgroup, dance, minor baseball, figure skating programs, and organized hockey.

Address: Box 578, Eckville, AB, T0M0X0 Phone: 403-746-2171 Website: eckville.com Like us on facebook







Alix is a quaint Village located along the Highway 23 corridor, between Lacombe and Stettler. Nestled beside a beautiful lake and 6.5 kms of interpretive nature trails, this friendly and active community offers a wide variety of water sports, playgrounds, a serviced campground, arena, library, museum, skateboard park, restaurants, churches and a variety of retail businesses.

The warm hospitality and natural beauty of this thriving community will surely capture your heart, whether you decide to make Alix your home, or drop by to spend the day! Highlights include a Spring Market on May 4th, Canada Day Celebrations on July 1st, Alix Days August 10th, And the FCA Rodeo August 17-18th!

For these events and more see www.villageofalix.ca

Hamlet of Mirror

The Hamlet of Mirror is in Lacombe County and located at the junction of Hwys 50 and 21, approximately 42km east of Lacombe.

Amenities like the Curling Rink, Ball Diamonds, Community Hall, and Campground, make this a great place to visit or settle.

A new outdoor multiuse recreation facility constructed provides skateboarding, basketball and other activities in summer and an outdoor skating rink in the winter.

Stop by to check out the antique shop and other local businesses sure to welcome you!



BOOMTOWN TRAIL

Boomtown Trail is a tourism region in Alberta, east of the Queen Elizabeth II Highway. The road trip takes you down the Hwy 21, 56 & 9 corridors, and stretches from New Sarepta in the north to Bassano in the south. Get ready to travel down the crossroads of the past and the present, get ready for a place where history and culture come to life!

The trail is an area rich with stories of the First Nation peoples, buffalo hunts and settlements, railway expansion and newland promises, settlers and boomtowns, and coal mining and dinosaur digs. Not to mention cowboys and characters, farmers and ranchers, and most of all, country towns that are at the heart of everything.

Boomtown Trail wants to share the joy of discovery with you. One of the great charms of the trail is a capacity to provide you delightful surprises. Every step of the way, you will find yourself captivated by some new and perhaps little-known delight. There are also sights of absolute amazement that will shock you with natural beauty, historical significance, complete charm, or significant wonder.

BoomTownTrail.com

COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION











Overlooking the beautiful Blindman Valley and situated between Gull Lake & Sylvan Lake, Bentley has lots to offer visitors.

- ⊕ Our Farmers' Market, held every Saturday afternoon, from May 18 to August 31st, is one of the best and a favorite in Central Alberta.
- ⊕Gull Lake is a 5 minute drive or a short walk on the paved walking path that connects Bentley to Gull Lake and Sylvan Lake is a quick 15 minute drive away.
- ⊕Our quiet, picturesque and popular campground offers 34 (un-serviced) sites, a shower building, playground with water & RV dump site available.

Call the Town Office at (403) 748-4044 to reserve a site.

Bentley is a full-service community offering several excellent restaurants, grocery store, service station, antique shop and several other unique stores offering clothing, jewelry, housewares & decor you won't find anywhere else.

Join us for our Canada Day Celebration with birthday cake, barbecue and entertainment.

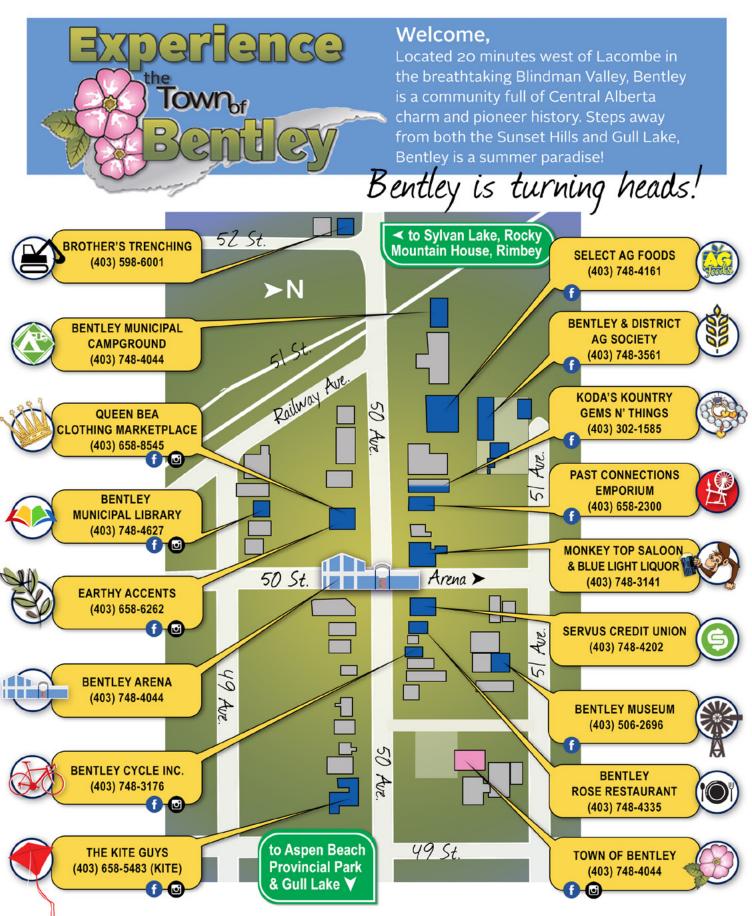
Don't miss the Bentley Fair and Rodeo

August 8-11th, with a ton of activities starting with a Parade on August 8th. A Rodeo, Show & Shine, pancake breakfasts, community supper, bench shows, fireworks & more. The weekend is guaranteed to be packed full of activities, entertainment, food & drinks. Check our Facebook page and website for information and updates.

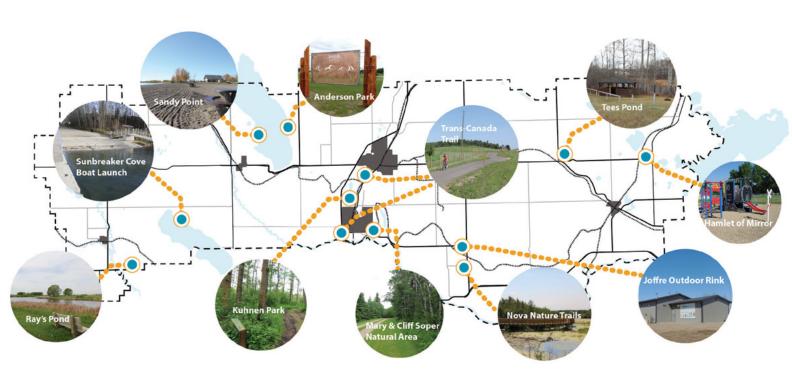
Enjoy your visit to our friendly and caring community. Explore the possibilities and what we're all about... you may decide you want to stay



Town of Bentley
Box 179 | 4918 50 Ave. | Bentley, AB, TOC 0J0
T: (403) 748-4044 | F: (403) 748-3213 | townofbentley.ca



There is something for everyone! Explore the many sides of Lacombe County.















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LACOMBE ART WALK & TOURS

Enjoy the Lacombe murals and art installations throughout the community as you engage in a self-guided walking or driving tour. Finish your tour at the Lacombe Memorial Centre where beautiful works of art adorn the halls and upper balcony showcasing local and visiting exhibits.

Take a guided walking tour – free during our summer festivals and by reservation for groups (\$50/10+ people). For reservations call (403) 782-3933. Guided tours are offered by interpreters from the Michener House Museum.

Visitors can pick up a Historic Walking Tour Book (\$10/each) or a self-guided brochure at one of the Museums. Lacombe's historic downtown boasts six Designated Provincial Historic Buildings and the most intact concentration of Edwardian Buildings in the Province. For more information about the walking tour visit the



CULTURE & HERITAGE

HISTORIC DOWNTOWNS

Discover the museums, murals, and charming historic downtowns of our communities.

The Lacombe region is centrally located at the crossroads of two historic trails - one connecting the eastern Buffalo Lake region to the western Rocky Mountain House area, and the other connecting southern Montana to the northern Edmonton area.

The region is part of the North American Great Plains, situated within the Treaty 6 boundaries



Edward Barnett and Elvie (née Green) Barnett

that extend across the central portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The area is home to the Cree people.

In 1880, the first survey team came to Lacombe and reported that the region had excellent soil with much open prairie broken by patches of willow and poplar. The first documented resident of Lacombe was Edward Barnett, a former North-West Mounted Police officer, who built a cabin



and a barn along the Calgary - Edmonton (C&E) Trail in 1883.

By 1893 the future village of Lacombe had a population of twenty-five and the lots and blocks of the downtown area were surveyed. Three years later, the settlement was granted village status. The community was named by CPR officials after Father Albert Lacombe, a French-Canadian Roman Catholic priest and an Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

In 1891 a railway was constructed from Calgary to Edmonton with a station building every 18 miles along the line, including one in Lacombe. The new railway gave the fledgling farming community a significant boost.





1900 • Two rival newspapers are established and the Lacombe Police Service is founded

1904 •

Boards of Trade are established to advertise the district and attract prospective settlers to the area



1906 °

The Village of Bentley is established





1907 •

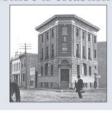
The Lacombe Experimental Farm (Federal Research Station) is founded



The arrival of the train enabled settlers to move to the area

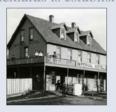


1902 The Town of Lacombe is established



° 1904

The Village of Blackfalds is established





CULTURE & HERITAGE



By 1907, Lacombe had a population of 1,100 people. The communities of Blackfalds (1904), Bentley (1906), Alix (1907), Clive (1912), Mirror (1912), Summer Village of Gull Lake (1913), and Eckville (1921) were all established shortly after the arrival of the railway. Additional rail lines were subsequently built going east through Alix (1904), and west to Gull Lake and Bentley (1917).

By 1930, Highway 12 was graveled and motor vehicles had become a common method of transportation in the region. This made it even easier for locals to go to the beach and enjoy the great outdoors at Gull Lake.



Irene Parlby, a well-known member of the Famous 5 is from Alix! A lifelong advocate for rural Canadian

women and children, Parlby became the first president of the United Farm Women of Alberta from 1916 to 1919. In 1921, she was elected to the legislative assembly, becoming the second woman in Canada to hold a provincial cabinet post. Parlby represented the Lacombe constituency for 14 years from 1921-1935. Discover more about Irene Parlby when visiting the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum.





~1912
The Village of
Mirror is
established

1921

The Village of Eckville is established



2010

The Town of Lacombe becomes a City



1907

Gull Lake, Circa 1920

The Village of Alix is established



The Village of Clive is established



The Summer Village of Gull Lake is established





1966
The Village
of Eckville
becomes a Town

~ 2001

The Village of Bentley becomes a Town



Lacombe Public Art Collection

Lacombe Memorial Centre 5214 50th Avenue

Walk the walls ...

Discover Lacombe's public art collection featuring artists from across Canada! Our collection continues to grows each year and many pieces can be seen on the main floor and second level of the Lacombe Memorial Centre.

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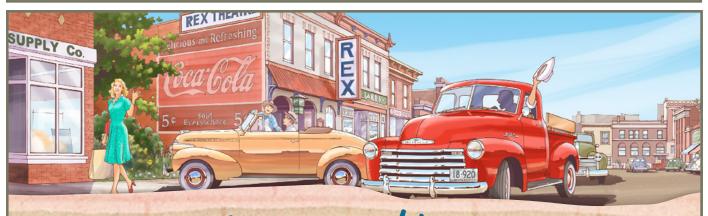


Artwork- Deb Weiers

For more information on the City of Lacombe's Public Art Collection, visit www.lacombe.ca/artcollection.



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Step back in time with a walking tour of Lacombe's historic downtown murals.

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For more information visit www.lacombe.ca/culture or call 403-782-1258.



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MUSEUMS

Michener House Museum & Archives

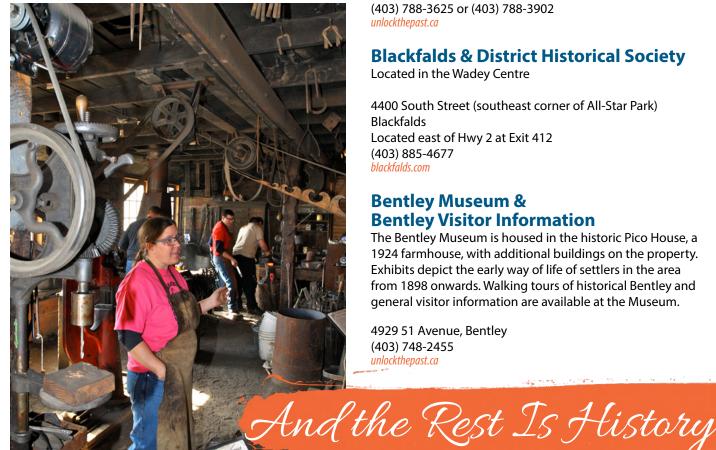
Built in 1894, the Michener House Museum is located in the oldest surviving home in Lacombe. It was the first Manse built in the community and was the birthplace of Roland Michener, Canada's 20th Governor General from 1967-1974. Visitors can card wool, learn to drop spindle and listen to old records as they tour the Museum. The Archives preserve the Michener legacy as well as documents, photographs, and artifacts significant to the Lacombe region.

5036 51 Street, Lacombe (403) 782-3933 lacombemuseum.com

Blacksmith Shop Museum

Built in 1902, the Blacksmith Shop Museum is the oldest operational Blacksmith Shop in Alberta today. The shop's original forge continues to be used in blacksmithing demonstrations taking place today. Watch the blacksmiths as they work in the shop and pick up a unique souvenir forged on-site to take home.

5020 49 Street, Lacombe (403) 782-3933 lacombemuseum.com



Alix Wagon Wheel Museum

When Joseph and Cynthia Todd left the U.S. in a Wagon Train in 1899, they little knew that stories of gold being panned in Tail Creek, where a Metis "hivernant" settlement was established, would lead them to homestead in the area of today's Village of Alix. You can see pictures of the white bullock they drove and the hub of their wagon wheel, along with their story and photos at the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum. The artifacts of several early settlers' families, including those of Walter and Irene Parlby, and of C.C. McDermand are on display along with a collection of taxidermy birds, tools, sport team memorabilia, a service room, pioneer kitchen, paintings from local artists and some First Nation artifacts.

4912 50 Street, Alix (403) 747-2584 or (403) 788-2218 alixwaqonwheelmuseum.wordpress.com

Mirror & District Museum

The Mirror & District Museum collection is comprised mainly of Pioneer settlers and Railway articles and photos. Visit the Museum then head out for a walk to discover St Monica's Church, and the old caboose.

4910 53 Street, Mirror (403) 788-3625 or (403) 788-3902 unlockthepast.ca

Blackfalds & District Historical Society

Located in the Wadey Centre

4400 South Street (southeast corner of All-Star Park) Blackfalds Located east of Hwy 2 at Exit 412 (403) 885-4677 blackfalds.com

Bentley Museum & Bentley Visitor Information

The Bentley Museum is housed in the historic Pico House, a 1924 farmhouse, with additional buildings on the property. Exhibits depict the early way of life of settlers in the area from 1898 onwards. Walking tours of historical Bentley and general visitor information are available at the Museum.

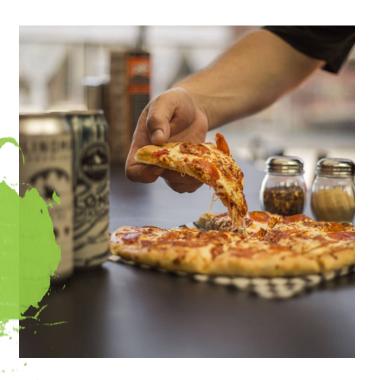
4929 51 Avenue, Bentley (403) 748-2455 unlockthepast.ca

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CULINARY



You Gotta Eat Here!







CULINARY CREATIONS

Enjoyed at the local cafés, bakeries and restaurants in the area. Local ingredients are featured and products are available at local farm stores year-round.

The region is filled with gastronomic delights certain to please any palate and have you coming back for more! Unique creations at Cilantro & Chive and the Funky Monkey Kitchen will tantalize taste buds, but if it's sushi or a gourmet pizza you crave, we've got you covered with Sushi Maru and Moe's Pizza! Are food lifestyles or sensitivities a challenge? Stop by the Totally Gluten Free Bakery for a delectable assortment of baked good or the Beet Top Café and check out their vegan menu! For more information on these and other local hotspots, stop by the Visitor Information Centre or Tourism office and get a brochure showcasing local eateries!

FARM STORE

Brown Eggs and Lamb

40323 Woody Nook Road (at Hwy 12) (403) 782-4095 browneggsandlamb.com Open 12-7pm daily: Mid-May to September

Mid-May to September Open 12-6pm Tuesday to Saturday: the rest of the year

RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS Cilantro & Chive

5021 50th Street, Lacombe (403) 782-2882 cilantroandchive.ca Open Monday-Sunday

Funky Monkey Kitchen & Bar

Track on 2, Lacombe County (403) 789-8244 Thetrackon2.com/eats.html Open Wednesday-Monday

Moe's Pizza

4914- 50th Avenue, Lacombe (403) 789-3400 *Moespizzaco.ca* Open Monday-Sunday 3pm-10pm





Morrison House Café

5331 – 51 Avenue, Lacombe (403) 789-1234 morrisonhouse.ca Open Tuesday to Saturday

11am to 3:30pm

Tollers Bistro 4801 63rd Street

Lacombe (403) 786-8400 facebook.com/tollersbistro/
Open Monday-Sunday

This year celebrate the Morrison House Café's 100th Anniversary

Built in 1919 for W. Norman and Bertha Morrison, the Morrison residence is (today) in near original condition. The house is beautifully maintained and is a key historic resource in the City of Lacombe.

This historic landmark is distinguishable by its symmetrical massing, high-pitched gambrel roof, prominent central eyebrow dormer, and central enclosed front entrance with balcony above.

In partnership with James Johnston, Morrison operated the community's first general store and subsequently opened M & J Hardware in 1906 located in Lacombe's commercial center on 50th Avenue downtown. Mr. Morrison was also active in political circles, serving as mayor of Lacombe between 1917 and 1920, and was a founding member of the Board of Trade.

Chuck and Cindy Bourn are the current residents, and they opened the Morrison House Cafe on the first floor in March of 2013. Stop by the café for lunch or tea and enjoy the home-cooked meals and pastries and learn more about this historic setting. Happy anniversary Morrison House Café!





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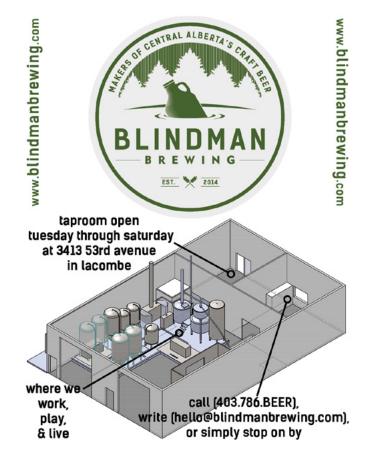


BREWERIES Blindman Brewing Bay F 3413 53 Ave, Lacombe (403) 786-2337 blindmanbrewing.com

Old Prairie Sentinel Distillery Bay C 3413 53 Ave, Lacombe (403) 877-7872 opsd.ca







MARKETS

LOCAL COMMUNITY & FARMERS' MARKETS

Our local markets are great places to discover the many different foods grown and raised in the Lacombe region. From May to October they feature locally grown produce, then year-round have available free-range organic and/or hormone free meats, natural honey, baked goods, artisan gifts, woodwork, and so much more!

Can't make it to the market? Go directly to the source at our Farm Stores, U-picks and local growers.

Outdoor markets run from mid-May to October, plus hold many special indoor events throughout the year.



FARMERS' MARKETS Lacombe Farmers' Market

Fridays 9:00am -1:00pm Michener Park, west of the Zig Zag on 50 Avenue 5429 -53 Street, Lacombe (403) 550-2308 lacombefarmersmarket.ca

Bentley Farmers' Market

Saturdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm Bentley Curling Rink & Parking Lot 5218 - 50 Street, Bentley

COMMUNITY MARKETS Lacombe Market

Wednesdays 4:30pm-8:30pm (summer) Various Special Event Days (year-round) LMC 5214 50 Avenue Lacombe (403)-848-1367 lacombecommunitymarket.ca

Blackfalds Community Market

Thursdays 4:00pm –
7:30pm (summer)
Various Special Event Dates
(Year-Round)
Multi-Plex Arena, 5302
Broadway Avenue
Blackfalds
blackfalds.com/events

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Music 6:30pm-8pm

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LACOMBE FARMERS' MARKET

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May 17 - Oct 11, 2019

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www.lacombefarmersmarket.ca











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Dutchess Flower Company 5113-50th Ave

Lacombe (403) 789-2018 Dutchessflower.ca Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm

Healthfitters

5015 50 Avenue Lacombe (403) 786-9688 healthfitters.ca Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm (10:00am-5:00pm on Saturdays)

Lacombe Medi-Spa & Laser Centre

4709-49C Avenue Lacombe (403) 789-7889 lacombetourism.com/ Lacombe-Medi-Spa

Reds Source for Sports

#4 5265 45 Street, Lacombe (403) 782-7357 facebook.com/ redssportslacombe Monday-Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm (10:00am-8:00pm on Thursdays)

Where the Wild Things Are

Children's Boutique 5109 51 Street Lacombe https://www. facebook.com/ wildoneswelcome/

CINEMA Lacombe City

Cinemas 4510 50 Avenue Lacombe (403) 782-7852 lacombecitycinemas.ca

EXCAVATION

DB Bobcat Services 5913 Len Thompson Dr (403) 782-3437 dbbobcat.com

INSURANCE Sims & Associates

Insurance Services 5020 51 Street Lacombe (403) 782-3049 simsinsurance.ca Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

REAL ESTATE Remax Central

Alberta #1, 5265 45 Street Lacombe (403) 782-4301 remaxlacombe.com

WEDDING VENUES

Aspen Springs Wedding, Conferences & Meetings 27223 TWP Rd 412 Lacombe County

Lacombe County (587) 998-7031 aspensprings.org May 15-October 15

The Track on 2 Wedding, Conferences & Meetings

40309 Range Road 272 Lacombe County thetrackon2.com

Wolf's Botanical Wedding Island

40231 - Range Road 260 (Prentiss Road) Lacombe County (403) 782-5729 wolfsbotanical.com Open 7 days a week May-August

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Bentley Ag Society 5201 51 Street, Bentley (403) 748-2336 or (403) 748-3561 bentleyagsociety.com

Bentley Community Van Society

Box 988, Bentley (587) 877-1002 facebook.com pgBCVS1993/

Bill Nielsen Trail Society

5521 49 Avenue Lacombe (403) 896-5314 *billstrailrun.com*

Lacombe Days Association

Box 9006 RPO Town Centre Lacombe (403) 357-7618 lacombedays.ca

Lacombe C4/ Performing Arts Assn.

Box 9007 Town Centre Lacombe (403) 782-2224 lacombetourism.com

Lacombe & District Historical Society

5036 51 Street Lacombe (403) 782-3933 lacombemuseum.com

BED & BREAKFAST Elizabeth View Bed

and Breakfast 37 Wildrose Street Lacombe (403) 782-3407 elizabethview.ca

HOTELS Best Western Plus Lacombe Inn & Suites

4751 63 Street, Lacombe (403) 782-3535 or 800-780-7234 bestwestern

Greenway Inn

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5402 Hwy 2A, Lacombe (403) 782-7826 or 877-889-8877 greenwayinn.ab.ca

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Burbank Park Campground

1 km S of Blackfalds on Hwy 2A, 1 km E on Hwy 597, S. on Burbank Rd 3 km (403) 885-5335

Bentley Campground Booking

(403) 748-4044

Eckville Lion's Campground

5211 52 Street, Eckville (403) 746-2171

Gilby Hall & Campground

23 km W of Bentley on Hwy 12 N on Range Road 3.4-5 Eckville (403) 746-3402

Michener Park Campground

Highway 12, Lacombe (403) 782-1250 lacombe.ca

The Narrows **Provincial** Campground & Park On Buffalo Lake

near Mirror (403) 742-4338 albertaparks.ca

Nursery Golf & RV

41101 RR 270 Lacombe County (403) 782-5400 nurserygolf.com

Sandy Point RV

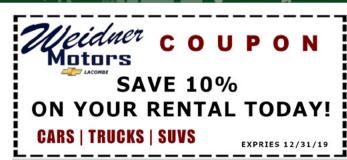
Hwy 12A to RR1-1 north 4kms Gull Lake (403) 318-4240 sandypointrv.ca/thecampground.aspx

Summerland **Leisure Park**

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GET ON TRACK

With a day at the races at the Track on 2! Get up close and personal as you rest on the rail and watch the horses come down the home stretch! Then just down the road is the Kraay Family Farm with 40+ attractions designed for all ages to enjoy! This fan favourite is another full day of activities for the adventurous!

SPLASH AROUND

The Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex has both a Spray Park (free admission) and Indoor swimming facility that includes a 25m six lane pool, a leisure pool, and large hot tub in a bright inviting atmosphere. For more outdoor water fun check out the Abbey Centre & Tayles Spray Park in Blackfalds and the Spray Park in Eckville.

MAP A COURSE

Summerland Leisure Park has an 18 hole Mini Golf which is fun challenge for young and old alike. Golf courses are plentiful in this area including the Lacombe Golf and Country Club, The Nursery Golf and Country Club, and the Gull Lake Golf course. Serious golfers will be pleasantly surprised with the quality of the greens.



BIRD WATCHING

Lacombe County provides many excellent bird-watching opportunities. Located in the Aspen Parkland region of the province, dotted with lakes and wetlands, and with pockets of both the prairie and boreal forest habitats, the County supports a rich and diverse variety of avifauna. The Red Deer River Naturalists have developed some excellent birding resources for Central Alberta and are invaluable for anyone wanting to bird in Lacombe County. The three largest lakes in Lacombe County—Buffalo Lake, Sylvan Lake and Gull Lake—all provide excellent birding opportunities. Smaller lakes, such as Alix Lake, Haunted Lakes, Bieglow Reservoir and Lacombe Lake are also good birding sites. The County is also dotted with many small wetlands that can be viewed from the roadside (take the necessary precautions). Lacombe County is also lucky to be bisected by part of the TransCanada Trail. This trail provides an excellent birding trail between Lacombe and Blackfalds. Access details are provided on a map by the Central Alberta Trails Society. Note that the southern section is the most productive for bird watching http://bit.ly/CentralABTrails.

GEOCACHING

A fun outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache hidden at that location. Once you find the geocache, you sign the logbook and switch an item with a treasure you pick from the geocache. This turns the game into the treasure hunt! Then you log all your findings online, whether you found the geocache or not. There are many geocaches just waiting to be found right here in the Lacombe Region. Over ten Geocaches are located on the Burman University campus alone! Log onto geocaching.com and let the fun begin.





TRAILS Bill Nielsen Trail Society

5521 49 Avenue, Lacombe (403) 896-5314 *billstrailrun.com*

Alix Lake Nature Trail

6km Trail around Alix Lake Begins at South end of Main Street in Alix.

Bentley to Gull Lake Trail

7km paved trail along Hwy 12 from Aspen Beach Provincial Park to the Town of Bentley. Watch for trail extension to Sandy Point.

City of Lacombe Walking Trails

A network of trails can be found throughout the city. Such as at Cranna Lake, Elizabeth Lake and Barnett Lake. Pick up a trail map at the visitor information centre. lacombetourism.com

TransCanada Trail Lacombe to Blackfalds

9km paved trail begins at the Research Station Grounds. Located at intersection of Hwy 2A and C&E Trail in Lacombe. Trail ends at the Abbey Centre, 4500 Womacks Road, Blackfalds.

lacombetourism.com

Eckville Walking Trail

1.2 km paved trail begins at the Town of Eckville Monument at the End of Main Street and ends at Emergency Services Bldg.

J.J. Collett Natural Area

Access from Hwy 2A at Twp Rd 420. Follow signs through Morningside. Once on RR 261 turn right onto Twp Rd 414 *ijcollett.org*

Nova Community Nature Trail

Located Southwest of the Hamlet of Joffre on Township Rd 39-0. Between Highway 815 and Freedom Road. Lacombetourism.com



COUNTRYSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Ellis Bird Farm

Range Road 260 (Prentiss Road) Lacombe County Located between Hwy 12 * and Hwy 597 Visitor Centre (403) 885-4477

(403) 885-4477 ellisbirdfarm.ca

Tuesday-Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm Holiday Mondays 11:00am-5:00pm Please note that Ellis Bird Farm is closed on Mondays

Kraay Family Farm Home of the Lacombe Corn Maze

West on Hwy 12, Turn left onto RR 273 (403) 302-1709 kraayfamilyfarm.com For summer schedule see website

The Track on 2 Horse Racing 40309 Range Road 272 Lacombe County

thetrackon2.com
For summer
racing schedule
see website

Tail Creek Raceways

39231 Range Road 223, Nevis 6km east of Alix on Hwy 12 South on AB-21 N (403) 872-9696 tailcreek.ca See website for 2019 event listings

NURSERY & GREENHOUSE

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Lacombe Cross Country Ski Club

For info on trails and membership skilacombe.com



ON THE ICE

Hockey fans have something to cheer about in Lacombe! Stop by the Gary Moe Sportsplex and take in AAA Senior Men's hockey at its finest! Home team Lacombe Generals are former Allan Cup Champions and vying for the cup once again in 2019!

Lace up your skates and check out the rec hockey leagues in the area or engage in some friendly stick time at your local arena or multiplex. Many of the regional lakes and ponds are cleared for winter use, but be sure to watch ice conditions; enjoy the outdoors!

ARENAS

Alix Arena 4931 52 Street Alix

(403) 747-2495

Bentley Arena & Curling Rink

5218 50 Street, Bentley (403) 748-4044 (Arena Rentals) (403) 748-4303 (Curling Rink)

Blackfalds Multi-Plex

5302 Broadway Avenue Blackfalds (403) 885-6246

Clive Arena

5104 51 Avenue Clive (403) 784-3580

Eckville Arena & Curling Rink

5312 51 Street Eckville (403) 746-2033

Lacombe Arena & Curling Rink at the Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex

5429 53 Street Lacombe (403) 782-1284 lacombecurling.com

SPORTING FACILITIES

Abbey Centre 4500 Womacks Road Blackfalds (403) 885-4039 blackfalds.com

Blackfalds Multi-Plex

5302 Broadway Avenue Blackfalds (403) 885-6246 blackfalds.com

Eckville Spray Park 4920 2 Avenue, Eckville

Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex 5429 53 St., Lacombe (403) 782-1278 Jacombe.ca

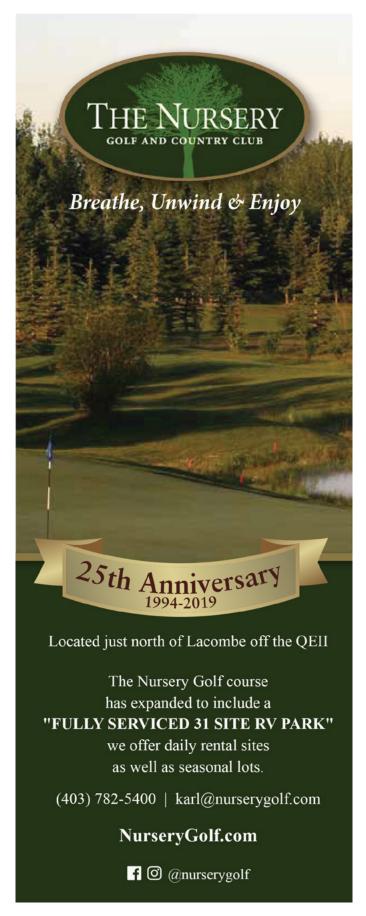
Burman University (formerly CUC) Physical Education Centre

5602 Maple Dr/ 5415 College Ave., Lacombe (403) 782-2822 cauc.ca/pecentre





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GOLFING IN LACOMBE

The Lacombe region offers distinct challenges for golfers of all abilities. A short drive from both Red Deer and Edmonton, the area is home to three very different golf experiences. Lacombe Golf and Country Club offers visitors a scenic journey through rolling hills and tree-lined fairways. The Nursery Golf Course presents challenges at every turn; including the par 6, 782 yard 11th hole. The executive par 3 Gull Lake Golf Course is ideal for those looking to get into the game as well as more experienced players wanting to hone their short game skills.



GOLFING Gull Lake Golf Course

2 Sunnyside Drive right off Highway 771 (403) 843-3322 gull-lake-golf.ca Open Daily April-October 8:00am-dusk

Lacombe Golf & Country Club #1, 6000 50 Avenue Lacombe

Lacombe (403) 782-3956 golflacombe.com Open Daily April-October

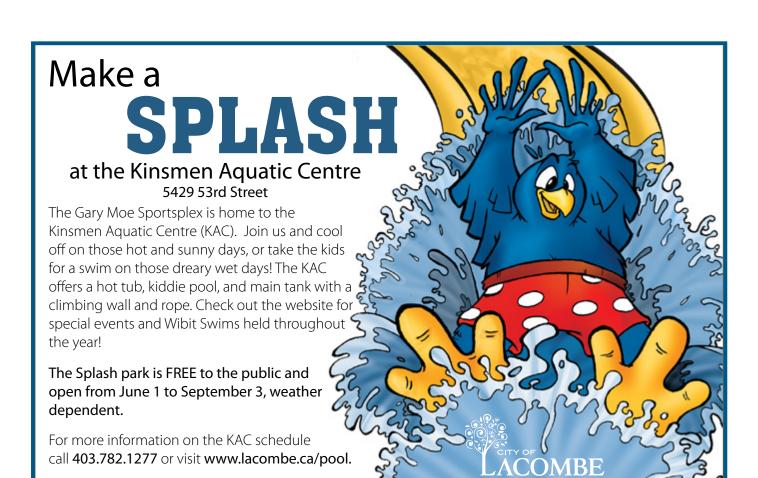
The Nursery Golf & Country Club

41101 Range Road 270 Lacombe County Located on the west side of Hwy 2 at Exit 431 (403) 782-5400 nurserygolf.com Open 7 days a week

Summerland Leisure Park 18 Hole Mini-Golf Course

40325 Range Road 282 Lacombe County (403) 748-4855 summerland leisurepark.com 10:00am-9:00pm Daily





Let's Talk Trails!



The City of Lacombe has an extensive trail system including natural, gravel and paved paths.

There are many ways to take advantage of the trails within the city including some of our major trail attractions:

- -Cranna Lake Paved Trail with fitness equipment
- Elizabeth Lake Natural Trail with fitness equipment
- Henner's Park Paved Trail
- Barnett Lake Natural Trail
- Downtown Mural Walking Tour
- Cross Country Ski Trails (Lacombe Golf & Country Club)

For more information on trails and how getting outdoors can enhance the quality of your life, visit www.lacombe.ca/trails or pick up a trails brochure from one of the many kiosks throughout Lacombe.

ACOMBE

NATURE & RECREATION

GULL LAKE

Homesteaders first settled the region south and west of Gull Lake in about 1895. The Summer Village of Gull Lake is located on the south shore and is the oldest Summer Village in Alberta. It was incorporated in March 1913. Traditionally, Summer Villages were formed from 'Summer Resort' areas. Their residents were predominately summer residents or "cottagers".

A number of today's cottagers in the Summer Village are descendants of the first owners. There are stories and memories from the early days of the Summer Village about the men and women who built the hotels, who managed the first stores, who provided the ice and the wood, and those who went up and down the back lane to sell milk, butter, vegetables, chickens, and home baking.



BEACHES

Aspen Beach **Provincial Park &** Day Use Area Hwy 12A at Gull Lake (403) 748-4066

albertaparks.ca

Sandy Point Beach, **Gull Lake**

Head west from Lacombe on AB-12 for 10 Minutes (14 km) right at RR284, to Hwy 12A to RR 11 north for 4km, at Sandy Point Resort. The public beach is at the end of the road on the left.

Parkland Beach at Gull Lake

From Hwy 12 go north on Hwy 771, East on Parkland Beach Road.

Rochon Sands Provincial Park at Buffalo Lake

From Alix go east on Hwy 601 for 21km. North on Hwy 835. 403) 742-4338

The Narrows Provincial Recreation Site at Buffalo Lake

From Mirror go south on Hwy 201, east on Twp Rd 402, and north on Twp Rd 221. (403) 742-4338

Wilson's Beach at **Gull Lake**

From Hwy 12 go north on Hwy 792, West on Twp Rd 412, right on RR 282. (403) 782-3202

PARKS

All-Star Park 4800 Leung Road Blackfalds

Eckville Skate Park

Two blocks west of 50th Ave & Hwy 766 (48 Street) in Eckville.

Kinsmen Ball Park

On Woodland Drive, Lacombe Located just off Highway 2A.

ME Global Athletic Park

5644 56 Ave., Lacombe (403) 782-2224 lacombeathleticpark.ca

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NATURE & RECREATION

PONDS, LAKES & RIVERS;

Fishing Spots near Lacombe

Len Thompson Pond is located within the City of Lacombe. It has recently been renovated to include a gazebo, improved parking, handicap access, fishing platforms, play area and toilets. Several hundred Rainbow Trout are stocked every year courtesy of the Lacombe Fish & Game Association, ACA and Thompson-Pallister Bait Co. Ltd. Fishing licenses are necessary for anglers over 16. Catch and Release fishing is encouraged.

Annually on the first Saturday in June, LFGA volunteers host Junior Fishing Day where children are welcomed to learn about the sport. Fish are released, fishing rods are available to borrow, and free hot dogs are provided by the Co-op.

Tees Pond, Mirror Pond, Hansen Pond (Eckville), Mitchell Pond (Heritage Ranch) and Ray's Pond (Benalto) are stocked annually with large quantities of Rainbow Trout.

For those anglers with access to a boat, there are several good lakes within an easy drive. Buffalo Lake is a large shallow lake that has very good Pike fishing. Pigeon Lake has large quantities of Walleye, which can only be harvested with a special tag through Alberta RELM.com. Sylvan Lake has some Pike and good numbers of Lake Whitefish and Walleye. Gull Lake is one of Alberta's busier ice fishing spots since it contains good quantities of large Whitefish and Burbot as well as an expanding Perch population. Summer anglers tend to try for the top predators, Pike and Walleye. It is a pleasant summer fishing lake since it is fairly easy to stay



companions fishing year-round on Gull Lake. From the summer's open water to a winter overnighter in a luxury ice fishing hut, these are the experiences memories are made of! Great for corporate retreats, family fun, or an unforgettable gift!

FISHING OUTFITTERS Adventure Ice **Fishing**

Gull Lake Hut and gear rentals (403) 885-2997

adventure icefishing.com

GULL LAKE FISHING CHARTERS

Gull Lake Year round, charters & Ice hut and gear rentals

(403) 358-9709 gulllakefishing charters.com

FISHING SPOTS IN THE REGION

Blindman River West of Bentley Pike

Buffalo Lake East of Mirror

Gull Lake

West of Lacombe **Pike and Walleye**

Len Thompson Trout Pond

Len Thompson Drive Lacombe

Medicine River East of Eckville Pike

Rav's Pond & Day-use area

5 Miles west of Sylvan Lake on Hwy 11. At Range Rd 3-0 Trout.

Tees Day-use area



TOWN OFFICES, COMMUNITY CENTRES & HALLS

ALIX Alix Agricultural Grounds

Bookings call Floyd Fair (403) 747-3434

Alix Community Hall 5008 49 Avenue Alix

5008 49 Avenue, Alix Bookings call Home Hardware (403) 747-2414

Alix Youth Centre

4803 50 Street, Alix (403) 747-2495

Village of Alix

4849 Main Street, Alix (403) 747-2495 villageofalix.ca

BENTLEY Bentley

Community Hall 4821 50 Street, Bentley Booking: Phil Walton (403) 748-3835

Blindman Valley Ag Centre

5201 51 Street, Bentley Hall: (403) 748-3066 Bookings: Bonnie Oliver (403) 598-1275 bentleyagsociety.com

Town of Bentley

4918 50 Avenue Bentley (403) 748-4044 townofbentley.ca

BLACKFALDS Blackfalds Community Centre

4810 Womacks Road Blackfalds (403) 885-6241

Town of Blackfalds

5018 Waghorn Street Blackfalds (403) 885-4677 or (403) 885-4039 blackfalds.com

CLIVE Sargent Community Centre

Corner of Lakeside Sargent Road & Haynes (403) 784-3654

Village of Clive

5115 50 Street, Clive (403) 784-3366 *clive.ca*

Westling Hall

Milton Road and RR 250 (403) 784-2574

ECKVILLE

Community Centre 5305 52 Street, Eckville

(403) 746-3212 Bookings: (403) 746-2171

Eckville Arena

5312 51 Street, Eckville (403) 746-2033

Town of Eckville

5023 51 Avenue Eckville (403) 746-2171 eckville.com

GULL LAKE Gull Lake Community Hall

27 Lakeview Avenue Gull Lake (403) 748-2966

Lincoln Hall Community Society

Lincoln Road/ Secondary Hwy 792 (403) 782-4194

Summer Village of Gull Lake

29 Lakeview Avenue Bentley (403) 748-2666 summervillageof qulllake.com

LACOMBE

Canadian University College Facilities

5415 College Avenue Lacombe (403) 782-3381 cauc.ca

Kozy Korner Community Center

5024 53 Street Lacombe (403) 784-3650

Lacombe City Hall

5432 56 Avenue Lacombe (403) 782-1250 lacombe.ca

Lacombe Memorial Centre

5214 50 Avenue Lacombe (403) 782-6668 *lacombe.ca*

Lacombe Performing Arts Centre

5227 C & E Trail Lacombe (403) 782-2224

lacombetourism.com

YU-Turn Youth Centre Central Alberta Youth Unlimited

5025 50 Street Lacombe (403) 789-2298 *cayu.ca*

LACOMBE COUNTY

Lacombe County Office

40403 RR 274 Lacombe County At Junction of Hwy 12 and RR 274, 2km west of Hwy 2 (403) 782-6601 lacombecounty.com

The Track on 2 Horse Racing

40309 RR 272 Lacombe County thetrackon2.com

Aspen Springs

27223 TWP Rd 412 Lacombe County (587) 998-7031

aspensprings.org May 15-October 15

MORNINGSIDE Morningside Community Society

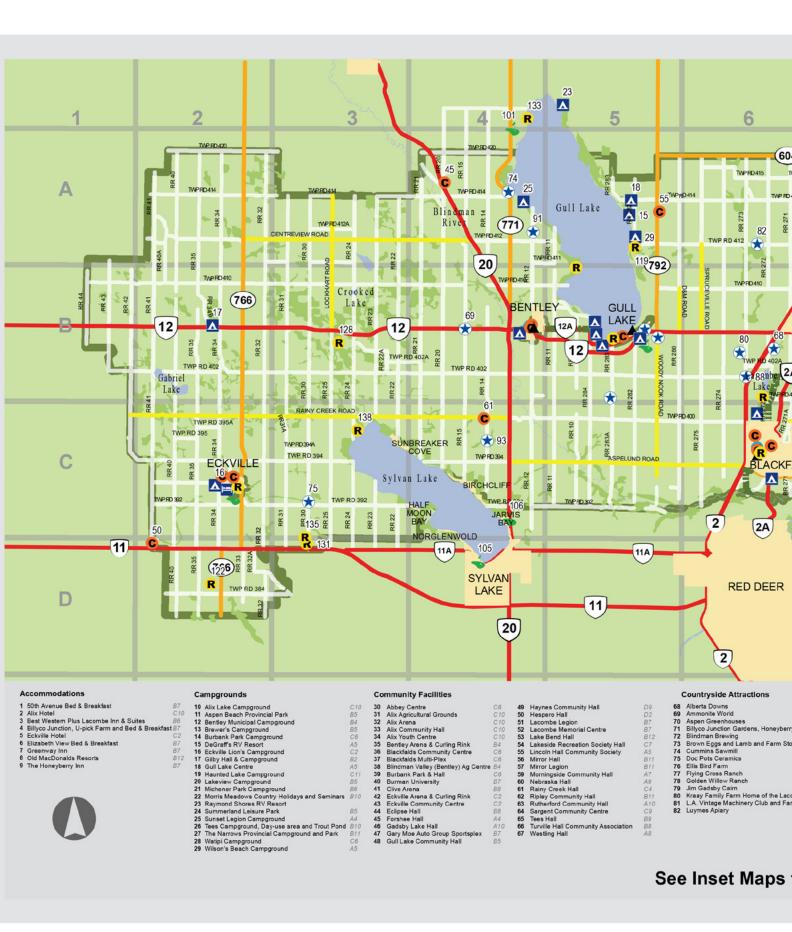
50 Street, Morningside Near Junction Hwy 2A and Twp Rd 420 (403) 786-0168

TEES Tees Hall

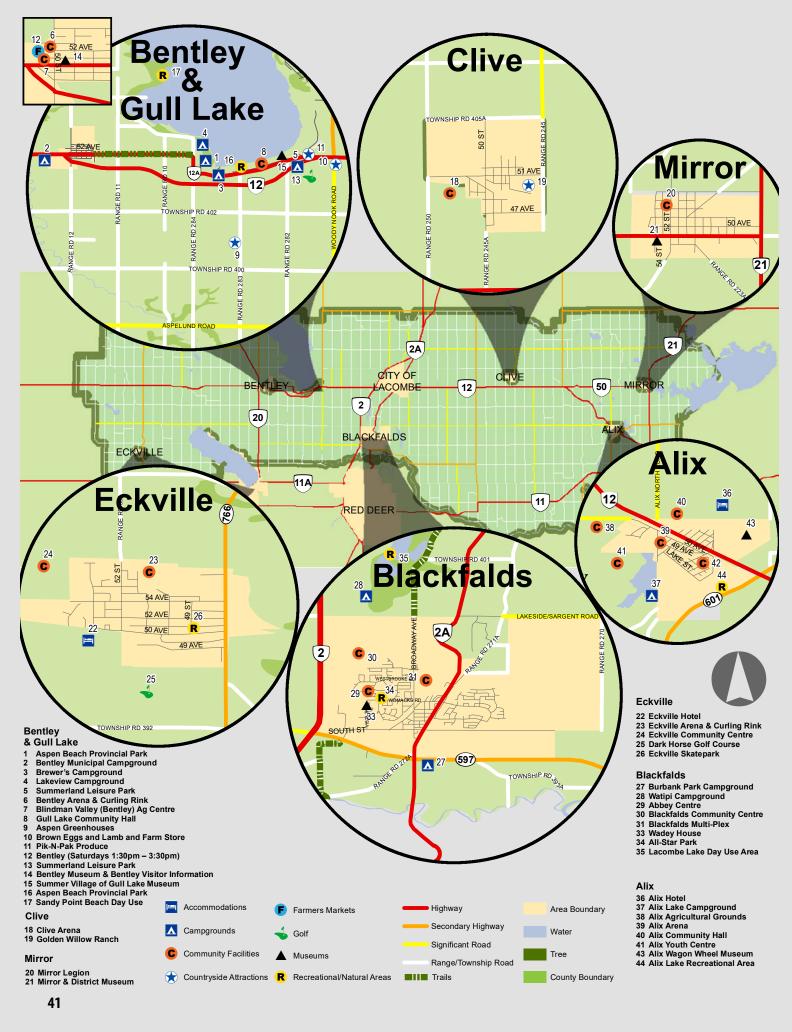
24 McNabb Street, Tees Junction of Hwy 12 and Hwy 821 Michelle Robinson (403) 754-5678

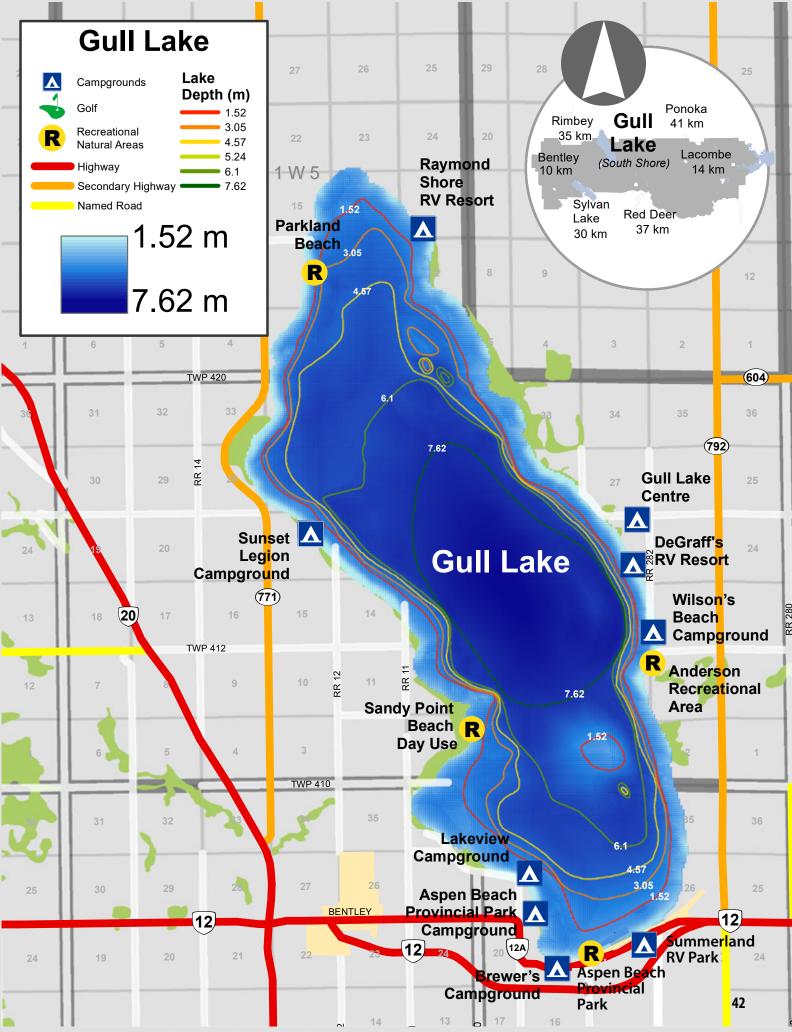


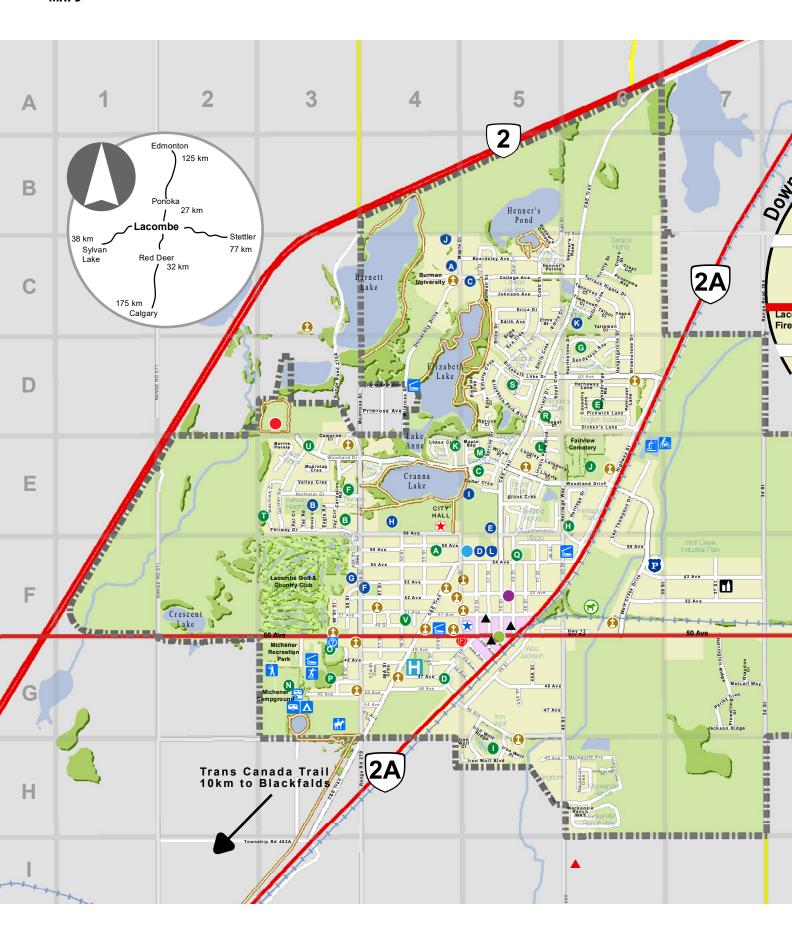
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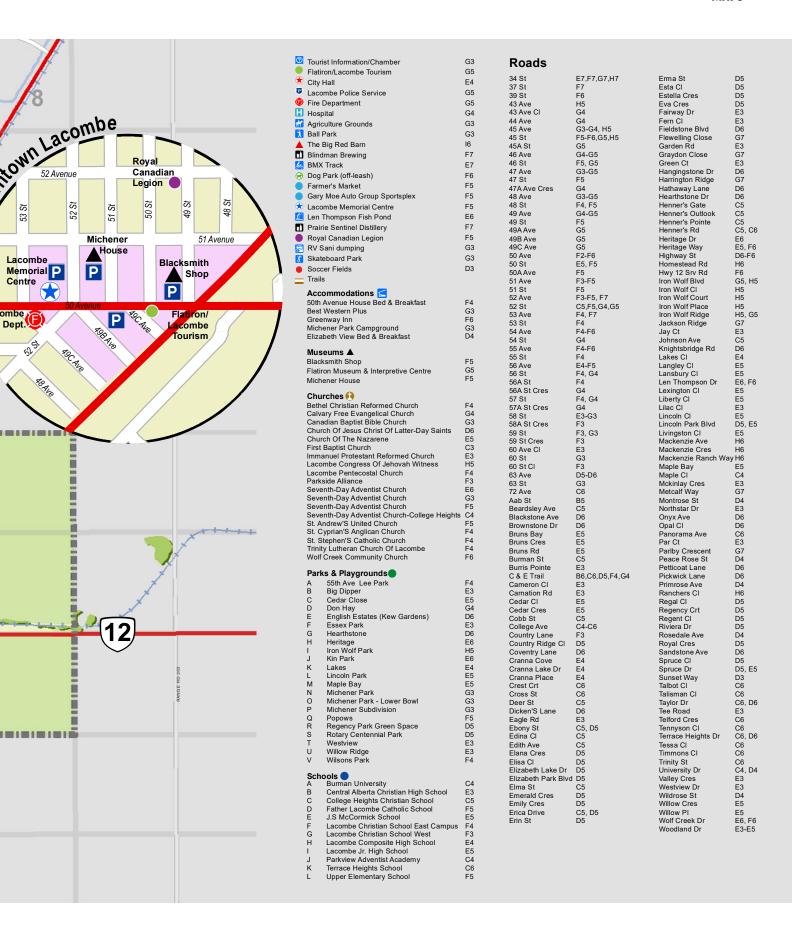








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