



GREENVIEW VISITOR GUIDE

Grande Cache | DeBolt | Fox Creek | Grovedale
Landry Heights | Little Smoky | New Fish Creek
Sunset House | Sweathouse | Ridgevalley | Valleyview



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Start planning your visit to Greenview, where the landscape is as diverse as the adventure that awaits.

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Welcome

Welcome to the MD of Greenview, the third-largest rural municipality in the province of Alberta. Our services combined with our unique landscape provide citizens and visitors with a wide range of business, cultural and recreational activities.

“Mountains to meadows” describes our unique Greenview landscape.

Whether you’re here for the night or a lifetime, you’ll find us friendly, hard-working and resourceful.

The MD of Greenview includes the hamlets of Little Smoky, Ridgevalley, DeBolt, Landry Heights, Grande Cache and Grovedale. Our borders encompass the Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and the towns of Fox Creek, and Valleyview, while Grande Prairie is our neighbour to the west. Serviced by Highways 40, 43 and 49, railways and a major airport in Grande Prairie, transportation is convenient and efficient.

With the spectacular panoramic vistas of the Canadian Rockies only two short hours south of Grande Prairie, Grande Cache offers endless tourism and recreation opportunities.

Greenview offers an array of rivers, brilliantly blue lakes, untouched prairie meadows, fertile farmland and endless peaks of the majestic Rocky Mountains. Untamed wilderness promises an abundance of outdoor activities. Modern indoor recreation facilities provide sports and recreation activities year-round.

Agriculture, forestry, oil and gas, coal and tourism are all mainstays of both the local and provincial economies.

Approximately one-quarter of the land within Greenview is suitable for agricultural development, with other natural resource development primarily in the foothills and green areas in the south and west of the municipality. Recreation and cultural facilities abound, with a variety of museums, arenas, golf courses, parks and community halls.

Quick Facts

- Population - approximately 9,615
- Approximately 32,000 square kilometres - the size of Belgium!
- Over 2,700 km of trails

Greenview Business Directory

A Greenview Business Directory is available at <https://mdgreenview.ab.ca/online-business-directory/> or scan QR code below:



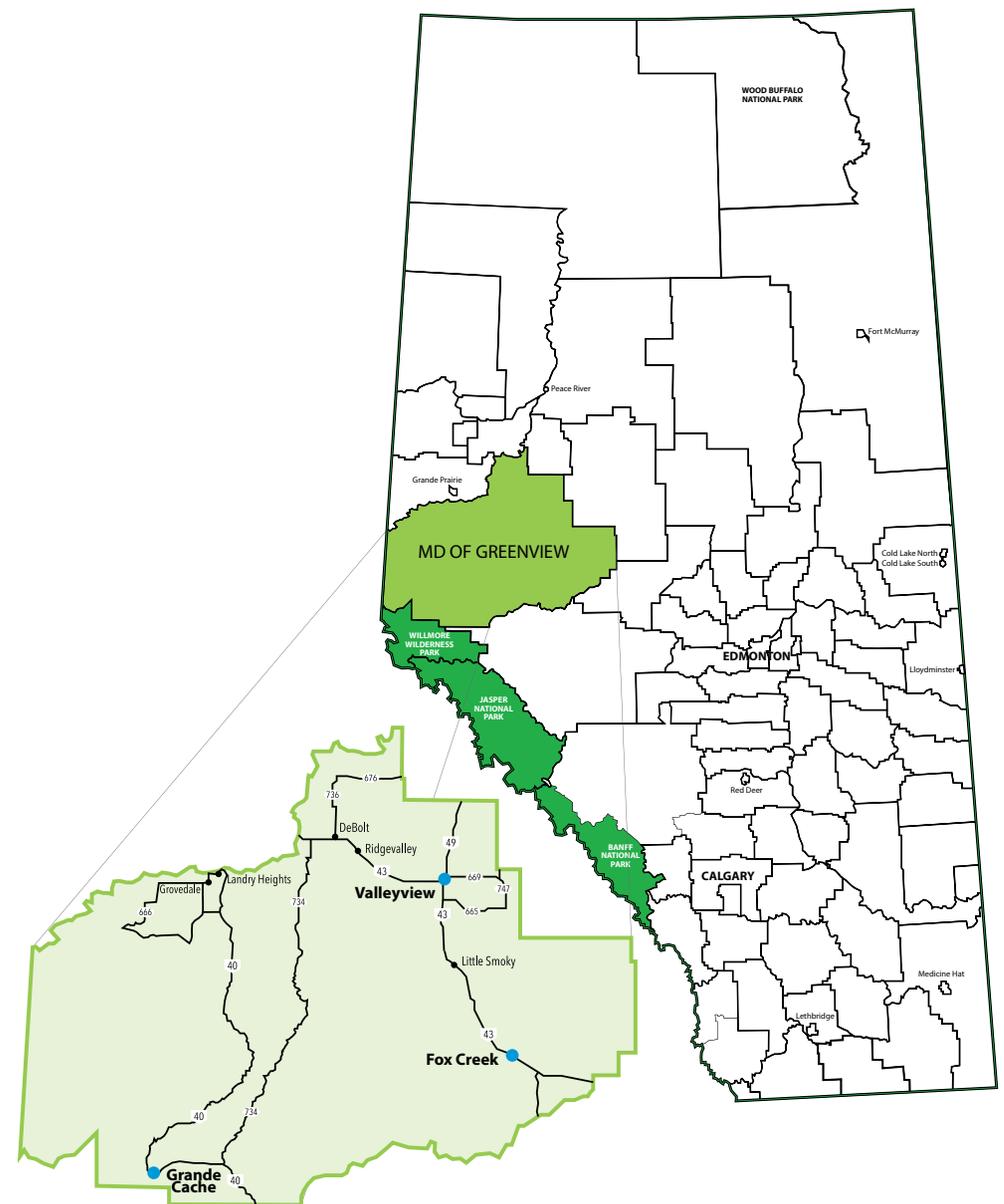
Getting here

Where is Greenview? Greenview is closer than you think:

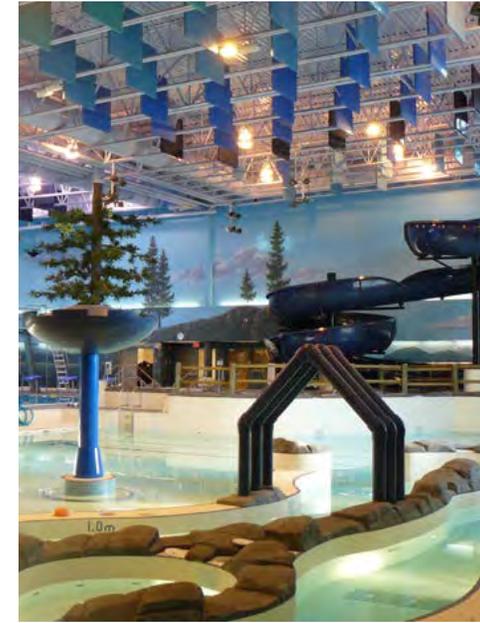
- 2.5 hours from Edmonton
- 5 hours from Calgary
- 2 hours away from Jasper National Park

With access through highways 40 and 43, as well as numerous winding roads that connect the communities, there’s no shortage of ways to visit Greenview.

Greenview is also accessible by flights through Alberta’s fourth-largest airport, the Grande Prairie Airport, which connects Greenview to destinations within Alberta and beyond with multiple flights available daily.



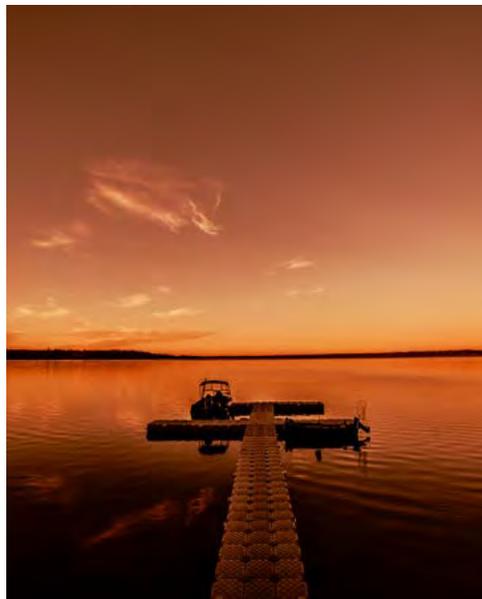
Things to do



Grande Cache Recreation Centre



Grande Cache Recreation Centre offers a first-class aquatic centre, hockey arena, curling rink, fitness centre, climbing cave, meeting and party rooms, and a variety of great sport, fitness and community programs for all ages. The facility also sits on the site of Central Park which features a spray park, picnic tables, paved walking paths, community outdoor library and an outdoor green gym.



Provincial Parks & Recreation Areas



Greenview's provincial parks and recreation areas offer unique experiences. From Musereau's spring-fed lake to sailing or fishing on Sturgeon Lake, to the breathtaking 30 metre Kakwa Falls, visitors and locals have a wide selection of wilderness experience and everything in between.



Greenview Regional Multiplex



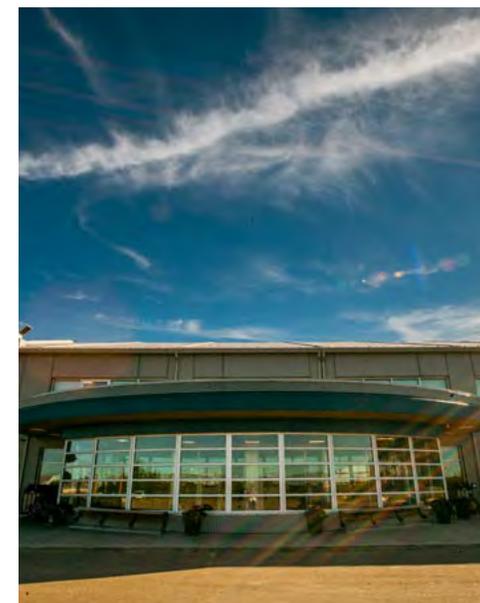
Valleyview offers a state-of-the-art family friendly facility – The Greenview Regional Multiplex, which houses a multi-pool aquatics area, indoor walking track, field-house, fitness centre, dance studio and Children's play area. The facility also offers a commercial kitchen and concession.



Outdoors



Just south and east of Grande Prairie, you will find a network of trails and wilderness perfect for hiking, all terrain vehicles, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, camping, down-hill skiing, hike through the Split Rock at Sulphur Gates or mountain biking along Griffith's Trail. Travel further down Hwy 43 and enjoy a diverse landscape ripe with agritourism, fishing, hunting, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiling, camping, and much more!



Fox Creek Multiplex



Fox Creek Greenview Multiplex is a world class recreation facility boasting leisure and lane pools, skating arena, mini stick rink, field-house and fitness centre. The complex also offers two restaurants on site for snacks and drinks, as well as the Fox Creek Community Resource Centre.

Hiking & Biking

Hiking & Biking Over 2,700 km of Trails



From hiking through the Crack of Doom to mountain biking along Griffiths Trail or any of the 2,700 km of trails ranging from short treks to multi-day backpacking, there's an action-packed day awaiting anyone willing to adventure to Greenview. For the thrill-seeking visitor, try Nitehawk Year- Round Adventure Park Bike Park. Enjoy a back country horseback excursion by heading to one of the staging areas in the region providing easy access into the Willmore Wilderness Park.

From twisted trails to rolling hills, the diverse range of terrain is ideal for any off-road enthusiasts.

Passport to the Peaks program celebrates the beauty of the area by identifying the ring of mountains that surround the hamlet of Grande Cache.

The 21-mountain peak hiking incentive program is divided into Bronze, Silver & Gold categories, depending on the level of difficulty to reach the summits. Purchase your Passport to the Peaks book at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre. There are cairns on each of the 21 mountain peaks to stamp your Passport once you reach each summit! When you complete each group of peaks, you will qualify for a distinctive pin.

Your accomplishment will be recognized in the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre.

Fishing & Hunting

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There are many fishing and hunting opportunities in Greenview's vast area. Try your luck at catching Walleye, Whitefish, Northern Pike or Rainbow Trout, as well as catch and release Bull Trout, Arctic Grayling, and Rocky Mountain Whitefish. Wherever you are, you are sure to find a great catch in our many lakes, rivers and creeks.

Hunting in Greenview is known as a sportsman's paradise. Greenview's hunting season is long, giving opportunity to hunt trophy big-game wildlife such as moose, elk, deer, bear and mountain sheep throughout the region. Alberta wildlife are often the largest of their kind with big racks/horns and lots of body mass.



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Golfing in Greenview



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 🌐 www.mdgreenview.ab.ca

Golf Courses in Greenview	Location	Phone	Description
Grande Cache Golf and Country Club 📍 Grande Cache Golf and Country Club	10405 Memorial Drive Grande Cache, AB	780-827-5151	Set against the slopes of the Rocky Mountains, this stunning nine-hole golf course, one of the most spectacular in the province, with breathtaking mountain views from every hole that has a driving range, practice green, Clubhouse, licensed dining lounge, banquet facility, power cart & club rentals, golfing supplies & souvenirs, BBQ Facilities & outdoor patio.
Grovedale Golf and Country Club 🌐 https://www.grovedalegolf.com/ 📍 https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100035392526423	7223 Township Rd., 701A Grovedale Alberta	780-539-9898	This challenging 18-hole course offers a dramatic, country, park-like setting, nestled in the picturesque hamlet of Grovedale, a 20 minutes drive from Grande Prairie with a licensed clubhouse & dining room.
Gunby Ranch Golf Course 🌐 https://www.deboltagsociety.com/gunby-ranch-golf-course.html 📍 https://www.facebook.com/golfgunby/	5 km north of Hwy 43 (range Road 13) east of Grande Prairie	780-957-2150	A 9 hole course with grass greens, camping & a Clubhouse with licensed dining and bar.
Greenview Golf Resort 📍 Greenview Golf Resort	A-70527 0Y0 Range Rd 244 Sturgeon Lake, AB	780-524-3673	9 hole golf course and 76 Stall campground, licensed bar & restaurant, laundry & showers, rental cabins, fishing supplies & bait, boat rentals & confectionery store.
Valleyview Riverside Golf Course 📍 https://www.facebook.com/riversidegolf	6 km off Hwy 43, 6km south of Valleyview, AB	780-524-2449	A challenging & picturesque public 9 hole golf course situated alongside the Little Smoky River. Amenities include a fully licensed clubhouse, pro shop, driving range, practice green & RV camping.
Silver Birch Golf Club 🌐 https://silverbirchgolf.ca/ 📍 https://www.facebook.com/SilverBirchGolf	308 Kaybob Drive Fox Creek, AB	780-622-3343	A beautiful 9 hole course offering tree lined fairways and a beautiful clubhouse with restaurant.

PHOTO CREDIT: Grizzly Falls Photography

Outdoor Recreation



More Outdoor Recreation



- Horseback Riding
- Kayaking
- Paddle Boarding
- Canoeing
- Swimming
- Fox Creek Biking Trails
- Canadian Death Race Trails
- Nitehawk Adventure Park
- Golf Course
- Water Fall Hikes
- Passport to Fun
- Parks, Playgrounds & Spray Parks
- Wildlife & Scenery Viewing
- Greenview Green Chairs
- Camping
- Biking
- Hiking
- Passport to the Peaks

Outdoor Recreation

Greenview's diverse geography offers adventure and thrill-seekers an experience to remember. Long winding rivers and endless lakes provide unlimited water activity opportunities. Mountain peaks and prairie meadows showcase impeccable views of the Rocky Mountains, and the untamed wilderness promises an abundance of outdoor activities.

Modern, indoor recreation facilities add to Greenview's potential to provide sport and recreation activities year-round.

Valleyview area offers beautiful scenery running along the **Little Smoky River** where fishing enthusiasts can catch Rainbow Trout, Burbot and Grayling. Along with many trails running along the rivers for all terrain vehicles, camping and so much more. Valleyview and area also offers many recreation and camping areas including **Young's Point Provincial Park**

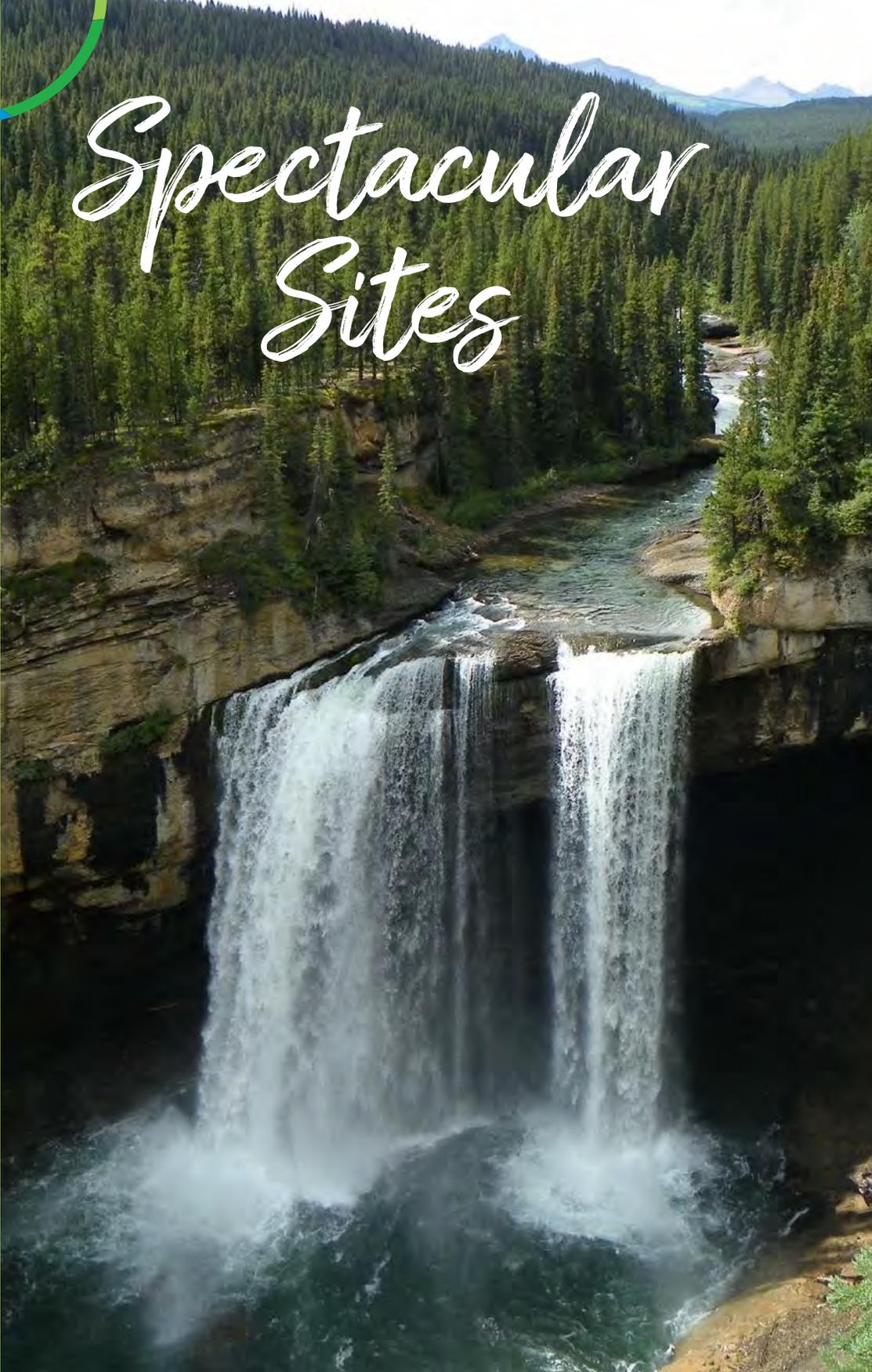
and **Williamson Provincial Park**. These parks are located on Sturgeon Lake, west of Valleyview which offer **fishing, swimming and golfing** in the summer months and ice fishing in the winter.

Just Southeast of Valleyview, situated on the corner of Highway 665 and the Little Smoky Road, you will find the scenic **Johnson Park** with **walking trails** bordering the **Goose River** and **day-use** sites that include fire-pits and picnic tables along with a camping loop of 20 stalls. **Johnson Park** is open year-round,

offering opportunity to cross country ski or snowshoe through staff-maintained trails throughout the winter months.

For those looking for a quiet adventure, the region features **golf courses**, located in Fox Creek, Valleyview, DeBolt, Grovedale and Grande Cache. Each course gives you an experience of a variety of elevations, scenery and levels of difficulty. Grande Cache also offers a unique walking meditation park at **Labyrinth Park** with a 360-degree mountain view – guaranteed to quiet your mind.

Spectacular Sites



Kakwa Falls

Within the Kakwa Wildland Provincial Park, the Kakwa River cascades 30 metres over Kakwa Falls, rushes through a 4 km canyon, then plunges over the second set of falls, making this the tallest waterfall in Alberta. Smaller waterfalls, including the popular Eaton Falls, Muskeg Falls, and Twin Falls are located in the Grande Cache area.



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Sulphur Gates

A popular attraction and must-see spot in the region is Sulphur Gates. This spectacular viewpoint overlooks the confluence of the Smoky and Sulphur Rivers, showcasing dramatic cliff edges and amazing mountain views. Located a short drive and easy hike from Grande Cache.

Water Adventures



PHOTO CREDIT: Wild Blue Yonder Rafting

Water Adventures



Abundant lakes, rivers, and creeks wind their way through Greenview. You can find over 20 boat launches giving you access to many of the lakes within the region to enjoy boating, water sports, fishing and swimming. If you're feeling extra adventurous, boat or canoe to the island across the Grande Cache Lake for a truly remote experience or raft the white waters on the crazy rivers in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains on a guided river tour.

- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Paddle Boarding
- Canoeing
- White Water Rafting
- Swimming



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Winter Fun



Winter Fun



Greenview's varying terrain and snow provide a haven for snowmobiling, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and tobogganing, or try your luck at ice fishing on one of the many lakes. If you are feeling adventurous (and experienced), there are even opportunities north of Grande Cache for ice climbing.

Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park has an impressive ski and snowboard hill, luge track and tube park for the whole family to enjoy. <https://gonitehawk.com/>

The Little Smoky Ski Hill located on the beautiful river banks of the Little Smoky River, 47 km north of Valleyview on Highway 49. It includes a ski hill, tube park, skating rink, Hill Top Cafe, rental shop and more. <https://www.littlesmokyski.ca/>

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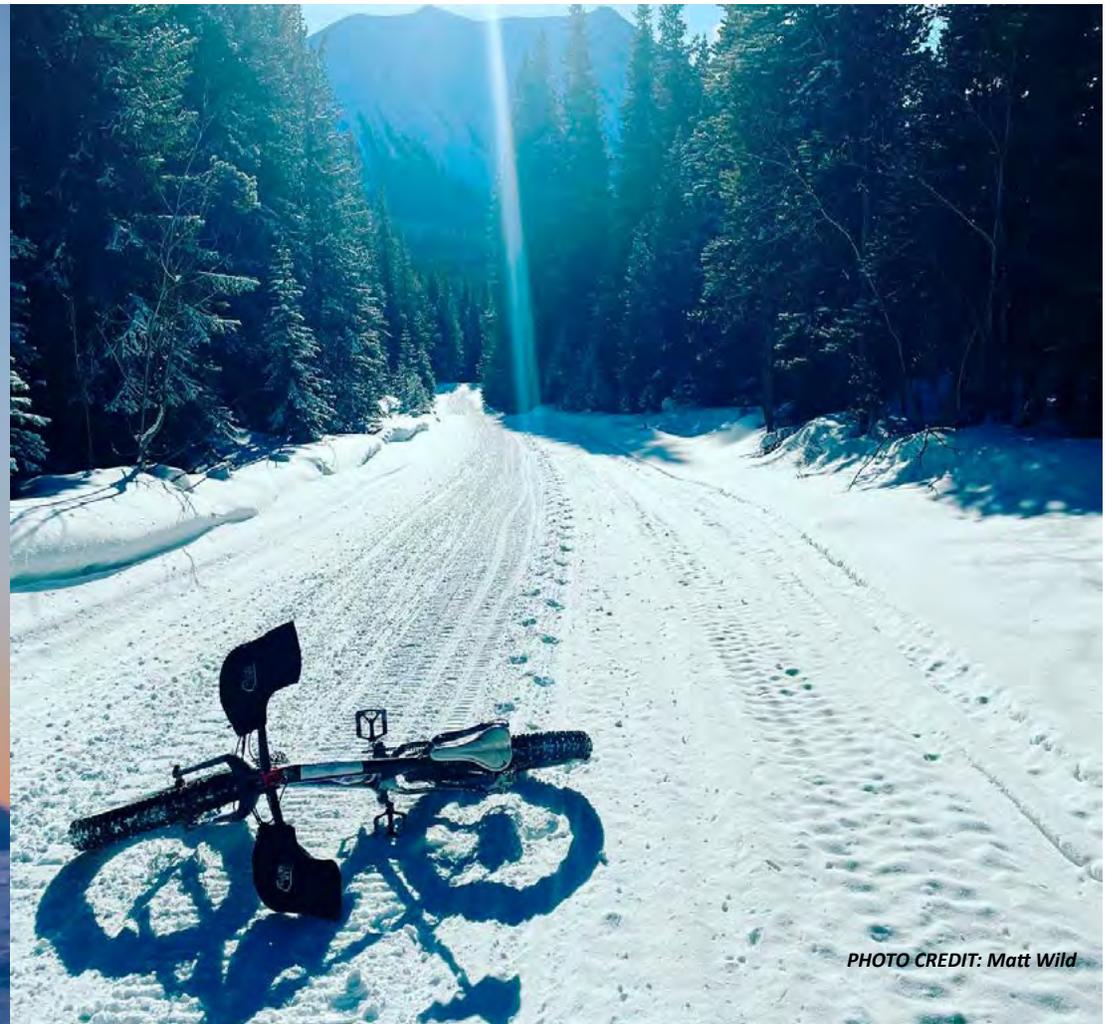


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Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre

Surrounded by magnificent panoramic views of the Canadian Rockies and located on Hwy 40, the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre has plenty to offer travellers, newcomers, and residents alike.

In addition to tourism information, you will find exhibits showcasing local history, including ice-age artifacts, dinosaur tracks, Indigenous heritage, fur trading, local wildlife mounts, and geological and industry information.

Inside, you will also find the Bighorn Gallery Gift Shop, Esson Gale Art Gallery, a fully functioning Art Studio, and space available for meetings, events, and conferences. Outside you will discover the Birds' Eye View Interpretive Park featuring walking trails, picnic areas, gazebos, historical buildings, locally painted art murals and a large replica of a 'Cache.'

The Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre is happy to fulfill all your tourism information requirements, and the cordial staff encourages you to explore the local history and culture.

Indoor Amenities:

- Information
- Maps
- Retail Shop
- Museum
- Art Gallery
- Wildlife & History and Industry Displays
- Meeting Room spaces
- Free Wi-Fi

Outdoor Amenities:

- Bird's Eye View Interpretive Park
- Historical buildings & picnic area
- Large, drive through parking lot suitable for large RV's & fifth wheels
- A large cache for furs built by fur trader Ignace Giasson around the winters of 1818 to 1821
- Murals
- Cross country ski & snowshoes

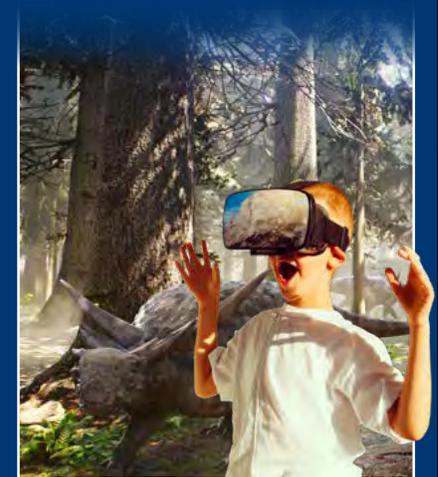


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- 780.827.3300
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- 📍 Grande Cache Outdoor Rentals



Grande Cache

Welcome to Grande Cache

Grande Cache is a hamlet located on the northern eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains along Hwy 40 (Bighorn Highway/Scenic Route to Alaska).

This picturesque community is situated on a mountain plateau facing the continental divide and borders the pristine Willmore Wilderness Park to the south. At an elevation of 4200 feet above sea level, Grande Cache is known for its breathtaking panoramic views of 21 mountain peaks and two river valleys encompassing the area.

Here you will find something for everyone, from hikers, bikers and horseback riders to photographers, fishermen, hunters and camping enthusiasts. Experience one of Grande Cache's unique adventures such as running in the Canadian Death Race, completing the Passport to the Peaks, backpacking into the Willmore Wilderness, or take a relaxing stroll through the Labyrinth Park. Grande Cache is the place for outdoor adventure and a relaxed lifestyle within Greenview, making it the perfect place to stop, live or explore.

Nearby

- 183 km north to Grande Prairie
- 143 km south to Hinton
- 210 km south to Jasper
- 450 km east to Edmonton

Do & See

- Climb a mountain
- Cool off at the Spray Park
- Discover a Waterfall
- Explore the area with a historical driving tour
- Explore Willmore Wilderness Park by horse or by foot
- Go fishing
- Go Camping at the Grande Cache Campground
- Go for a run or walk on a Canadian Death Race trail
- Hike & Bike
- Make a splash at the Grande Cache Recreation Centre
- Paddle Board, kayak, swim or fish at Grande Cache Lake
- Quad & snowmobile
- Quite your mind & walk the Labyrinth
- Ride a horse
- See a "cache" at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre
- Snowshoe, cross country ski or toboggan
- Stamp your Passport to the Peaks
- Swing a club
- Tour Sulphur Gates
- Camp Hide Away
- Grande Cache Farmers' Market



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Wildlife & Scenery - A Photographer's Paradise

Grande Cache is a photographer's paradise with beautiful waterfalls, panoramic mountain views, and majestic flora and fauna. Here, you will find three different eco-systems, each with unique vegetation and backdrops. With luck and patience, you can also capture amazing wildlife photos.



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Things To Do & See

Tour Sulphur Gates



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Sulphur Gates is one of the most popular natural attractions around Grande Cache due to its impressive views and accessibility. Here you will experience the cliff-edged confluence of two rivers, the Smoky and the Sulphur from four different lookout platforms. The dramatic rock formations clearly define the two rivers as they connect in stark contrast. You will follow the parking area along a short trail that leads to the platforms providing a majestic view of the area. **CAUTION:** Please stay behind the protective guardrails and wear proper footwear, as some areas can become quite slippery at times.

In addition to the amazing views, Sulphur Gates also offers a fantastic equestrian staging area and campsites with access to the Willmore Wilderness Park for horseback riders, day hiking and backpackers looking for an authentic backcountry experience. Located at the commercial staging area, just before the public staging area, you will discover a short trail to the right of the first corral that leads to the Split Rock (refer to photo on the left).

Refer to the Grande Cache & Area Trails Map for directions to Sulphur Gates and experience this must-see location!



Go Fishing

Grande Cache is known for its remote mountain fishing experiences. Check out Grande Cache Lake, Victor Lake, or Pierre Grey's Lakes. The creeks are also provincially renowned for their fly-fishing opportunities. Cast a line and decide for yourself!



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Swing a Club

The Grande Cache Golf & Country Club is a nine-hole golf course, one of the most stunning in the province and has beautiful mountain views from each hole.

Grande Cache Golf & Country Club
 10405 Memorial Drive
 1.780.827.5151
 gcgolfandcountryclub@telus.net
 Grande Cache Golf and Country Club



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Hike & Bike

Grande Cache has hundreds of kilometres of trails for hikers and bikers of various abilities. A trail network around the community offers easy access to those looking for a challenge. For those seeking an adrenalin rush, Grande Cache offers great backcountry biking. Beautiful alpine meadows, twisty single tracks and heart-thumping downhills await.

See Grande Cache & Area Trails Map for more information.



Walk the Labyrinth

A walking meditation park. Enjoy the 360 degree mountain view, quiet your mind, and "Take the Journey".

 Grande Cache Labyrinth Park



Ride a Horse, or a River

Canoe, kayak or white water raft down one of the mild to wild rivers.

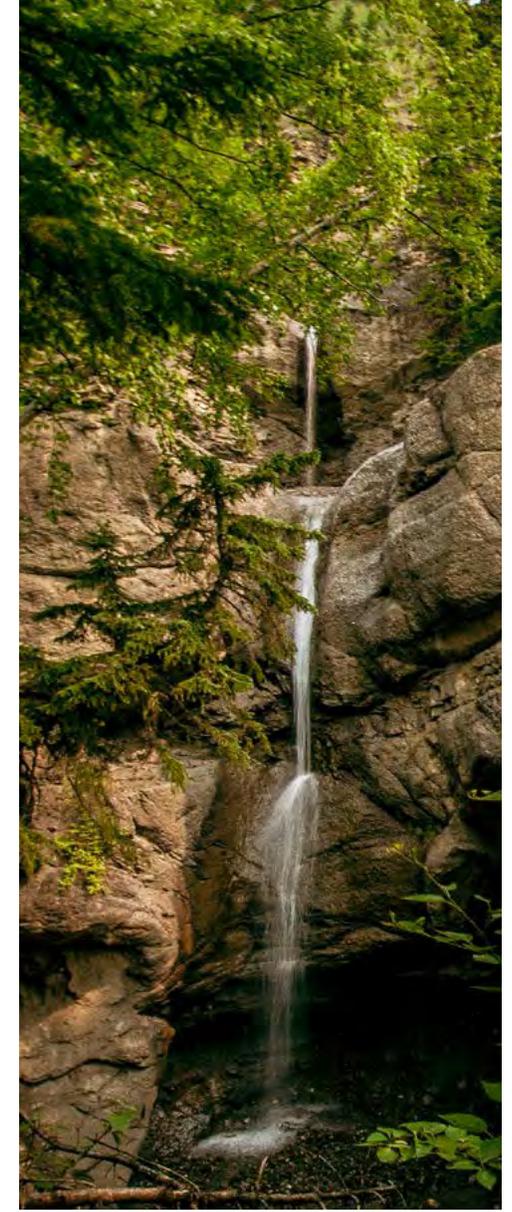
Book a fun and exciting whitewater trip with local **Wild Blue Yonder White Water Rafting** company or book a horse-back adventure - a leisurely one-day ride to a fourteen-day excursion deep into **Willmore Wilderness Park** with a professional guide or outfitter.

We have something for everyone!



PHOTO CREDIT: Wild Blue Yonder Rafting

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 11113 Hoppe Avenue, Grande Cache, AB
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 fun@wildblueyonder.ca
 Wild Blue Yonder Grande Cache Rafting
<https://www.wildblueyonder.ca/>



Discover a Waterfall

EATON FALLS

EATON FALLS: 3.5 km one way

This is usually the first spot that people head to in Willmore Wilderness Park. It is mostly a moderate hike on a clearly defined trail through lightly forested areas, but there are some challenging hills at the start! The trail extends for about 2 km over hills and gullies. A trail will then branch off the main trail to the right and is marked by an old moose antler with the words "Eaton Falls" inscribed on it. (This trail marker is very easy to miss and the trail itself is rather narrow). Walk about another 500 meters and you will see and hear Eaton Falls.

The falls flow over an enormous rock face from jagged cliffs high above the treetops. A refreshing, cool breeze will greet you as you approach the falls. Many large rocks line the final few meters towards the base of the falls, making for slippery conditions. Use caution.

Location: Drive to the Sulphur Gates Staging Area. Park and proceed to the large trailhead (southwest corner) at the far end of the parking area. Follow the downhill trail that goes to the right.

MUSKEG FALLS

Muskeg Falls is our most stunning waterfall, and the hike is fairly short. Most of the trail is an easy walk through spruce forests, but the trail then descends sharply to the falls, with tricky footing. Use extreme caution: much of the cliff edges are very unstable, and the rocks are slippery. The upper trail to the right will take you along the top ridge of the riverbank, directly above the falls. The fork to the left goes to the bottom edge of the falls. Both are very steep.

Location: Drive 16 km south on Highway 40 and turn into the first rest stop on the left hand side (north side) of the road. There's a small trail, usually flagged, off to the north.

TWIN FALLS

A popular short hike that's great for families or those seeking something less challenging. A small set of falls, it's an interesting hike as the surrounding terrain changes frequently, so you may be doing a bit of route-finding!

The trailhead is about 11 km north of town, then a short drive off the highway to where the hike begins. The ground around the falls and creek can be quite unstable, so use caution!

Location: To reach the trailhead, drive 11.3 km north of Grande Cache on HWY 40 and turn left onto the dirt road. Follow this about 0.7 km to where it reaches a power line and dead ends at Hells Creek. The trail leads up the south side of the creek to a signed viewpoint of the Falls.

Lakes



PIERRE GREY'S LAKES

Fish: Brook, Bull & Rainbow Trout

This popular location was named after local fur trader/ trapper Pierre Grey, who ran a trading post at the series of small lakes bearing his name today. The remnants of his trading post from the late 1800s can still be seen today. Located 33 km south on Highway 40, Pierre Grey's Lakes is a string of 5 lakes full of Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout and Bull Trout. Excellent for canoeing, kayaking or boating (electric motors only), Pierre Grey's Lakes offer a quiet escape for one to also enjoy camping and hiking or winter activities such as snowshoeing or cross country skiing.



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VICTOR LAKE

Fish: Rainbow Trout

This serene little lake is two kms outside of the Hamlet of Grande Cache. Scenic and abounding with local wildlife, no motorized boats are permitted on this lake making it ideal for kayaking, canoeing and fishing for Rainbow Trout. Victor Lake can be accessed by turning onto a dirt road on the right side of Highway 40 heading south 2 km out of Grande Cache.



GRANDE CACHE LAKE

Fish: Brook & Rainbow Trout

Located 5 km south of Town on Highway 40. A popular destination in the summer heat! Great for enjoying water sports, mountain views, year round fishing for Brook and Rainbow Trout. The lake features a natural beach, day use picnic areas with fire pits, boat launch & dock and the Rotary Playground. You can also enjoy a picnic on the island across the lake.

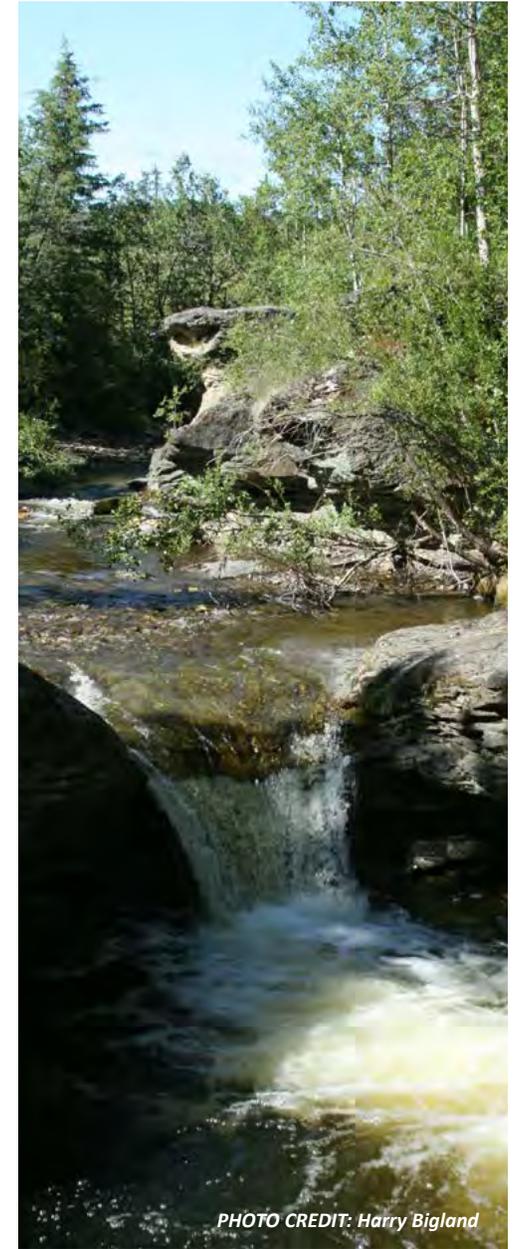


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MASON CREEK

Located approximately 20 km south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40, you will find the Mason Creek Provincial Recreation Area. Mason Creek begins at A La Peche Lake and flows into the Muskeg River.

Ten most popular fishing spots

The Grande Cache area is known for its excellent fishing. Several area lakes are stocked, but Grande Cache's creeks are the real secret with provincially-renowned fly-fishing opportunities. August and September offer the best fishing. Be sure to review all of the fishing regulations in Alberta before heading out.

More information on Alberta Fishing Regulations is available at www.mywildalberta.com, www.aep.alberta.ca or visit www.albertaregulations.ca

LAKES

Victor Lake: (2 km south)

- Rainbow Trout

Grande Cache Lake: (5 km south)

- Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout

Pierre Grey's Lakes: (33 km south)

- Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, Brook Trout

RIVERS

Smoky River: (4 km north)

- Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout

Muskeg River: (22 km south)

- Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, Arctic Grayling, Whitefish

Berland River: (62 km south)

- Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, Whitefish

CREEKS

Sheep Creek:

(22 km north on Beaverdam Road)

- Bull Trout, Whitefish

Lone Teepee Creek: (26 km south)

- Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout, Brook Trout, Whitefish

Copton Creek:

(40 km north Beaverdam Road)

- Bull Trout, Arctic Grayling, Whitefish

Cabin Creek:

(60 km south of Grande Cache)

- Rainbow Trout, Whitefish



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Arctic Grayling and Bull Trout

Arctic Grayling

Arctic Grayling have colourful and very large dorsal fins. Their scales are large with brown or black spots on their body behind the head and is listed as a species of special concern and Bull Trout as Threatened. Because of their vulnerability, Alberta Environment and Parks has implemented a zero possession limit on these species. Please use care and release these species immediately.

www.srd.alberta.ca.



Arctic Grayling

Bull Trout

Bull Trout are long and slim with a big head in proportion to their bodies. Their backs are olive-green to grey and the sides are silvery and marked with pale yellow to red spots. There are no black spots on the dorsal fin. Bull Trout are listed as threatened. For more information on how to identify these fish please visit www.srd.alberta.ca.



Bull Trout



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Willmore Wilderness Park

Grande Cache is the gateway to Willmore Wilderness Park which comprises 4,597 square kilometres of pure, unspoiled mountain wilderness. Willmore Wilderness Park is a pristine mountainous area with rugged forest and alpine expanses. The rivers and creeks are crystal clear, and fast moving streams are a good source of drinking water. The park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The only mode of transportation allowed in the mountain Park is by foot, horseback or bicycle. Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park.

Care should be taken when venturing into the backcountry. Safety is the first consideration when travelling in Willmore Wilderness Park. Travellers in this remote area should have extensive outdoor experience or hire an experienced guide or outfitter for their expedition.

One can choose to hike, take horseback riding trips or mountain bike. The trails consist of historical routes used by the outfitters and fur trappers dating back to the early 1800s. Some of these are as follows: Indian Trail, Mountain Trail, Sheep Creek Trail, Pope Thoreau Trail

and Big Grave Flats to name a few. If you wish to traverse the Continental Divide, several passes are: Casket, Forget-Me-Not, Fetherstonhaugh and Morkill.

For more information on Willmore Wilderness Park, visit www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/willmore/.

For more information on trips and trails in Willmore, contact the Willmore Wilderness Foundation at www.willmorewilderness.com.

Maps are available to purchase at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre.

WILLMORE WILDERNESS PARK STAGING AREAS

Willmore Wilderness Park has four major staging areas for both hikers and horseback riders, all reached off of Highway 40 (to the park's east). From south to north, they are Rock Lake Provincial Park, Big Berland Provincial Recreation Area, Cowlick Staging Area and Sulphur Gates Provincial Area, the last two are just outside Grande Cache.

WILLMORE WILDERNESS FOUNDATION

The Willmore Wilderness Foundation has acquired an extensive digital and physical database that details the history of the Canadian Rockies over the past 250 years. The historical information is housed in the main office, which is located in downtown Grande Cache. The Foundation's office offers books and DVDs for sale, which includes the 13-part one-hour Canadian Rockies Series. This Series has been nominated for twenty-two (22) Alberta Film and Television Rosie Awards.

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 Facebook: Facebook.com/WillmoreWilderness/
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PEOPLE & PEAKS PRODUCTIONS

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The company has four valid drone pilots who are certified by Canada Transport. People & Peaks Production Ltd. is owned and operated by the Willmore Wilderness Foundation.

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Horseback Riding

The Grande Cache area has an abundance of horseback trails that have been established over the past 225 years by the voyagers and travellers of the Canadian fur trade.

Many of these historical trails go back further to the indigenous people who lived in the Rocky Mountain region, and these trails are still used today by horseback riders both commercially and recreationally.

Many outfitters still operate within the Willmore Wilderness Park; offering guided horseback pack trips and hunting opportunities to those seeking an authentic horseback experience. An overnight pack trip on horseback is a one-of-a-kind experience, sure to create lasting memories.



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Equestrian Staging Areas

SULPHUR GATES STAGING AREA

Sulphur Gates provides holding corrals and camping facilities to act as your base camp. Visitors may take a day trip to Kvas Flats to view the beautiful meadows, or climb **Mt. Stearn** to see spectacular mountain vistas. The more adventurous can explore the back-country with a week's trip to the **Sheep Creek Forestry cabin**. A day's travel west will take travellers to **Casket Lake** and the **Continental Divide Trail to Jackpine Pass** and the BC border, or **Bess Pass Trail**.

COWLICK CREEK STAGING AREA

Allows visitors access to the Willmore Wilderness Park's eastern borders. From **Cowlick Creek Staging Area**, you can head to **Big Grave Flats** where many trails branch off to **Rocky Pass, Snow Creek Trail, A La Peche Lake, Whistler Trail, Glacier Pass, Eagle's Nest Pass** or the **Rock Lake Staging Area**.



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Horseback Riding

HIGH COUNTRY VACATIONS

Traditional pack horse trips for families, groups and exploratory expeditions. Trail ride and horseback through history to experience Canada's Rocky Mountains. See Alberta's pristine wilderness, wildlife and wildflowers through the eyes of Indigenous people, cowboys, trappers and mountain men.

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INDIAN TRAILS ADVENTURES

Horseback riding, summer pack trips & resident-only hunting. Named after one of the first trails in the Willmore Wilderness Park, Indian Trail Adventures offers a unique "once in a lifetime" experience in the Alberta Rocky Mountains.

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A family owned & operated business with 40+ years of outfitting experience. Summer pack trips into Willmore Wilderness Park start at the Sulphur Gates Staging Area. Experience a hunting trip of a lifetime, with exceptional scenery, hospitality, meals & tent lodging.

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Located at UBAR Ranch, 6.5 KM south of Grande Cache
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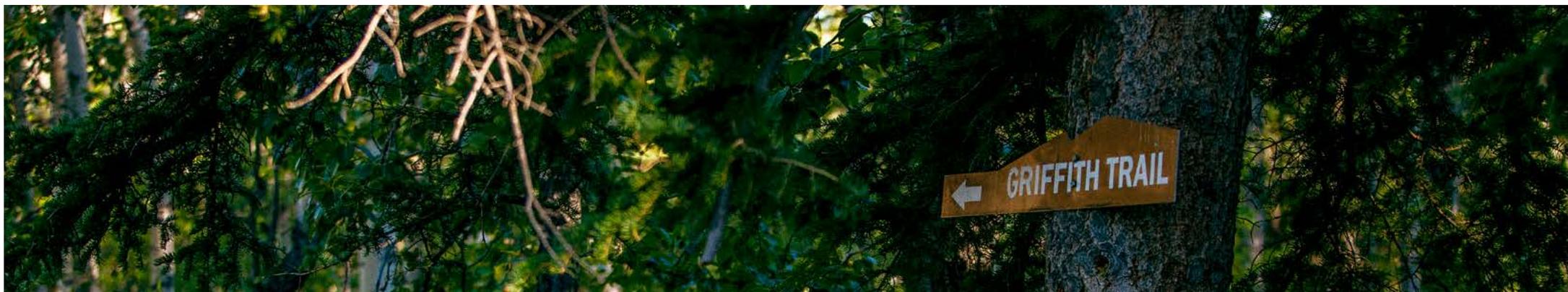
Trails: Hike, Bike & Geo-Cache!

There are hundreds of kilometres of trails around Grande Cache for the adventurous hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders to explore. Enjoy a short day-hike or a multi-day trek into the backcountry. Some of the more popular short hiking trails are listed here; however, you will find many more trails and descriptions listed in the Grande Cache Trails Map.

GEO-CACHING

A geo-cache is a hidden object, place, or feature that you can locate by using a GPS Receiver. It's a fun and rewarding activity that is available across the globe. Grande Cache has several geocaches. The locations and coordinates of each can be found by accessing Geocaching.com. Enjoy the hunt!

Trails close to Grande Cache	Difficulty	Length	Description
A-La-Peche	Moderate	21.9 km one way	Highest elevation 1493m, lowest elevation 1353m. Access Point #1 - South on Hwy 40 to Cowlick Creek staging area. Follow Cowlick Creek trail first. Access point #2 - Drive to the east end of the Foothills Mill site and follow the Haul Road to the Muskeg Main (just before the railway crossing). Watch for a large gas well site on your left and the Muskeg River valley to the south. There is a gate across the road and this is your start point. Obtain permission from the Mill beforehand.
Broken Spoke	Easy	0.5 km	Highest elevation 1142m, lowest elevation 1129m. Narrow and single track. Access - Along the north east branch of the Sulphur Rim trail or south side of Fireman's Pit Upper Connector.
Fireman Pit Upper Connector	Easy	1 km one way	Dirt / gravel surface. Highest elevation 1140m, lowest elevation 1130m. Access - As you move in a south west direction on the Sulphur Rim Trail you will intersect the Fireman's Pit Upper Connector which heads northwest.
Grande Mountain Loop	Advanced	20 km loop	Technically advanced. Lowest elevation 1035m, highest elevation 1990m. Competent downhill skills are necessary for this ride or walking. Access south of town roughly 6km on the north side of Hwy 40 and stay on road to the right that follows Carconte Creek.
Griffith Trail (Upper)	Easy/Moderate	4.3 km one way	Highest elevation 1247m, lowest elevation 1135m. Some of the climbs are rated moderate. Popular trail for walking, hiking, and jogging. Access to the Griffith Trail - This trail circles our town so there are many access points from behind homes that border on the bush side with lanes behind them.
Sulphur Rim Trail	Easy	7.5 km loop	This trail may be muddy in spots. Highest elevation 1173m, lowest elevation 1092m. Trailhead is at the bottom of Hoppe Ave located west of Grande Cache across from Water Treatment Plant Road.
Town to Sulphur Gates	Moderate	25 km (out and back)	Technically moderate, physically difficult (uphill return). Lowest elevation 945m, highest elevation 1220m. Access from Water Treatment Plant Rd at the bottom of Hoppe Ave. Head along for 1.5km until a multi-trail crosses the road. Take the trail in front of you on your left. Continue taking trails leading down until you come to the Smoky River.



SULPHUR RIM TRAIL

7.5 km circuit

This is a well-used trail enjoyed by hikers and runners. Keep note of the directional markers along the way as several trail junctions can become confusing if not paying attention. This forested trail follows along the Sulphur River Canyon, which provides an opportunity to enjoy some spectacular views. This trail is also a portion of the Canadian Death Race Leg 5, and its trailhead is located on Hoppe Avenue before the entrance leading to the Grande Cache Institution.

SULPHUR GATES

0.2 km one way

This is one of the most travelled trails in the area due to its accessibility to magnificent views! The trail is in the Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreational Area, the main staging area to access Willmore Wilderness Park. A short hike will lead you to the first of four platforms built on the cliff edge overlooking the confluence of the Smoky and Sulphur Rivers. The upper two platforms provide the best views of all, but may be challenging for some. Footing can be difficult in some areas due to erosion; please ensure to take care and utilize the handrails and guardrails in place to ensure your safety, especially in wet conditions.

GRIFFITHS TRAIL

1.5 - 15 km

This trail is popular for walking, running, and biking and has many access points situated along the perimeter of Grande Cache. You can enjoy this trail in segments or in its entirety; the adventure is yours. Follow the directional markers in place to ensure that you remain on the main trail, as there are several junctions along the way. You will find the main trailhead sign located north of Hoppe Avenue in the southwest corner of the hamlet.

LAKES TRAIL

5 km one way

This short trail begins in Grande Cache, leads you down to Victor Lake, and proceeds until you reach Grande Cache Lake. The trail starts with a downhill portion close to the south entrance of town, across from the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre. Once you reach Victor Lake, you can proceed along the canal and into a forested area that eventually leads to the beach and day-use area located at Grande Cache Lake.

Multi-Use Trails

GRANDE MOUNTAIN 1,988 m 5.3 km one way

The steep trail leading up the cutline of Grande Mountain can be seen from the hamlet, and it encourages many locals and travellers to hike to its summit. Access can be gained by climbing along the steep power-line trail (by the Cemetery) or by accessing the back of the mountain (which does add distance but significantly decreases difficulty). ATV enthusiasts enjoy accessing the back trail, but it also makes for a wonderful day hike with amazing views from the top. Grande Mountain trail also covers a portion of Leg 2 in the Canadian Death Race.

MOUNT LOUIE 1,844 m 5.5 km one way

Mount Louie has a well-marked trail and has the smallest elevation gain of all the summits in the area, but do not take this for granted. Views present themselves early along the trail that meanders through a combination of forest and exposed rock along the northwest ridge. The trail ends with a challenging steep ascend as you approach the summit. Access to this trail can be found at the Cowlick Creek Staging Area.

MOUNT STEARN 2,013 m 7.6 km one way

This mountain overlooks Grande Cache to the west and can be distinguished by its knobby summit. The trail is considered a challenging day hike but gives plenty of opportunities to rest along alpine meadows before ascending to the summit. The views of Grande Cache, Willmore Wilderness Park and Lightning Ridge make this trek well worth the effort.

Access to the trailhead can be found on Sulphur Gates Road with its blue trailhead sign located on the right with parking located on the opposite side of the gravel road.

AMBLER MOUNTAIN 1,905 m 3.8 km one way

This moderate trail leads through fields of wild alpine flora, making this trail a favourite day hike for many. The trailhead is accessible by driving approximately 6.5 km up Beaverdam Road, around 8 km north of Grande Cache on Hwy 40. There is a signed crossroad with Hamel to the right and the Ambler Loop Trail to the left.

MOUNT HAMELL 1,988 m 4.6 - 9.8 km

Mount Hamell is the dramatic mountain to the north of Grande Cache and is well known for its incredible strata and for being the toughest and highest elevation summit in the Canadian Death Race. One can take several routes to the top depending on skill level and comfort. The south access is more moderate but adds quite a bit of distance to the summit, while the northeast ridge is much shorter and steeper. Refer to the Grande Cache Trails Map for more detailed routes and descriptions.

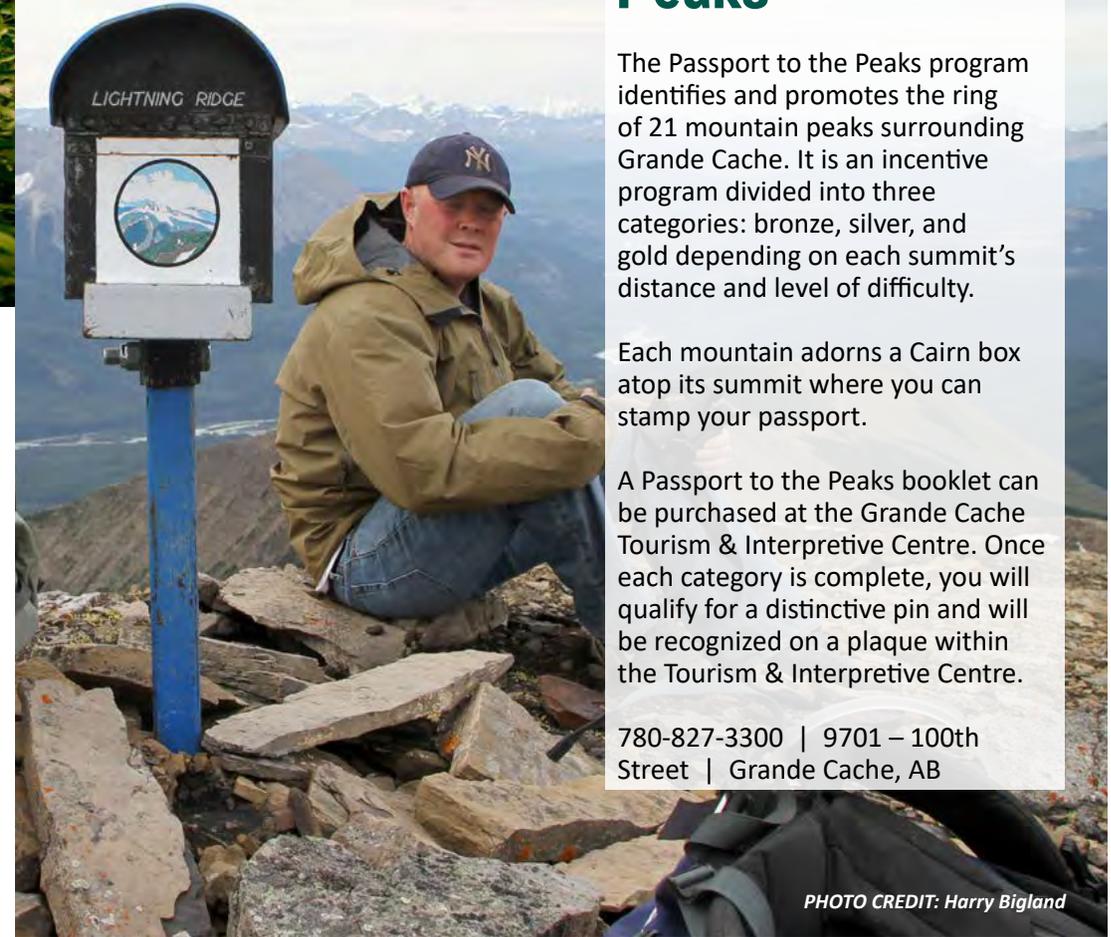


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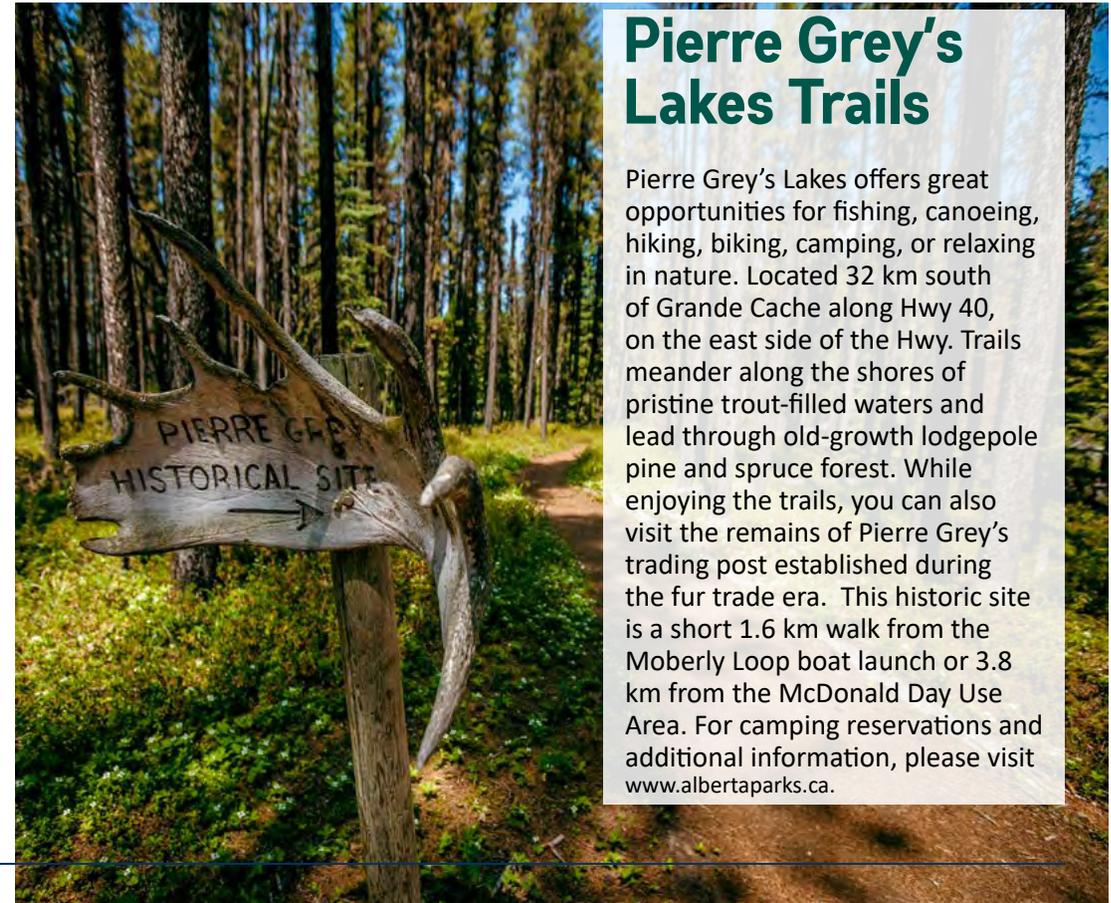
Passport to the Peaks

The Passport to the Peaks program identifies and promotes the ring of 21 mountain peaks surrounding Grande Cache. It is an incentive program divided into three categories: bronze, silver, and gold depending on each summit's distance and level of difficulty.

Each mountain adorns a Cairn box atop its summit where you can stamp your passport.

A Passport to the Peaks booklet can be purchased at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre. Once each category is complete, you will qualify for a distinctive pin and will be recognized on a plaque within the Tourism & Interpretive Centre.

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Pierre Grey's Lakes Trails

Pierre Grey's Lakes offers great opportunities for fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, camping, or relaxing in nature. Located 32 km south of Grande Cache along Hwy 40, on the east side of the Hwy. Trails meander along the shores of pristine trout-filled waters and lead through old-growth lodgepole pine and spruce forest. While enjoying the trails, you can also visit the remains of Pierre Grey's trading post established during the fur trade era. This historic site is a short 1.6 km walk from the Moberly Loop boat launch or 3.8 km from the McDonald Day Use Area. For camping reservations and additional information, please visit www.albertaparks.ca.

Canadian Death Race Trails

118 km • 41 km • Relay

Since the start of the millennium, racers have come to Grande Cache to cheat death in one of the world's toughest ultra-marathons. The 118 km course begins and ends on a 4200-foot plateau, passes over three mountain summits, and not only includes over 17,000 feet of elevation change, but also a major river crossing at the spectacular Hell's Gate canyon at the confluence of the Smoky and Sulphur Rivers. Each August long-weekend, extreme athletes push themselves to the limits of their endurance against the breathtaking background of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Canadian Death Race combines some of the best trails in the area with viewpoints and scenery that only a few people ever get to enjoy.

Total Distance: 41.1km/25.53mi (Marathon) | 118km/73.32mi (Ultra)

Total Elev. Gain: 1,700m/5,577' (Marathon) | 4,543m/14,905' (Ultra)

Duration: 9.5 (Marathon) – 24h (Ultra)

www.canadiandeathrace.com

CDR LEG 1:

The Downtown Jaunt

Distance: 14.2km

Elevation: +244m / -287m

New start route for 2022!

CDR LEG 2:

Flood & Grande Mountain Slugfest

Distance: 29.6km (~25.7 Marathon)

Elevation: +1,624m / -1,526m

CDR LEG 3:

Old Mine Road (AKA "City Slicker Valley")

Distance: 20.5km

Elevation: +345m / -632m

CDR LEG 4:

Hamell Assault

Distance: 35.2km

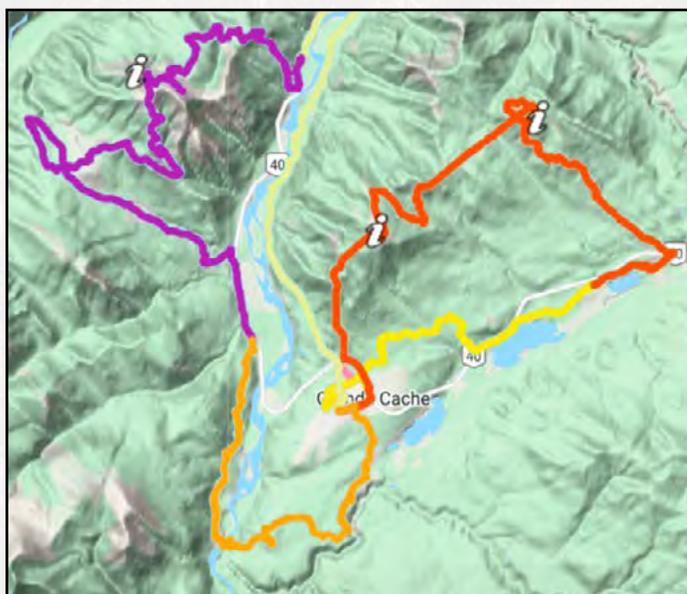
Elevation: +1,576m / -1,549m

CDR LEG 5:

The River Crossing

Distance: 18.5km

Elevation: +749m / -476m



For detailed trail descriptions, visit

<https://www.sinistersports.ca/deathrace/course.php>



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Quadding & Snowmobile Trails

Another great way to explore Grande Cache's countryside is by ATV or snowmobile. There are many options to explore cutlines, old logging roads, and alpine trails outside the Willmore Wilderness Park borders. Terrain is varied throughout the region's remote areas from easy to extremely challenging. Due to the nature of the activity and secluded locations, it is wise to carry extra supplies, including first aid in the event of an emergency. For additional information, visit aep.alberta.ca OR albertatrailnet.com.

Motorized vehicles are **NOT permitted** within the Willmore Wilderness Park boundaries, Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area, or any provincial campgrounds.



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GRANDE MOUNTAIN

Drive south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40 for approximately 6 km. The access road is located on the left side of the Hwy opposite to the sign that reads "Caronte Creek." Parking is permitted just off the Hwy or continue approximately 100 m up the road (if you are equipped with a high wheel-based vehicle), where you will find a large clearing up the right branch ideal for parking.

FLOOD MOUNTAIN

Look for a narrow dirt road on the left approximately 10 km south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40, just before the railway line overpass by Susa Creek settlement. Exercise extreme caution when turning off the Hwy.

HUCKLEBERRY TOWER

Turn left onto Goodwin Road approximately 42 km south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40. Head 35 km up the road until you reach the tower. Alternatively, you can explore the numerous cutlines along this old Forestry Trunk Road.

HOFF SIDING

Head south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40 for approximately 42 km. Turn right, opposite the Goodwin Road and continue approximately 5 km to the main cutline. This will lead you about 18 km to the Willmore Wilderness Park boundary. Alternatively, you can explore the numerous cutlines along the way. No motorized vehicles are permitted within the park; **PLEASE BE SURE NOT TO CROSS THE BOUNDARY.**

A-LA-PECHE LAKE

Turn right approximately 32 km south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40, opposite of Pierre Grey's Lakes Provincial Area and then turn off to the left. This trail will lead you approximately 24 km over varying terrain and a river crossing before approaching the Forestry cabin. The lake is located 1 km further up from the cabin. There are many cutlines to explore in the area that borders the Willmore Wilderness boundary. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PARK BOUNDARY** as motorized vehicles are prohibited.

BEAVERDAM ROAD

Drive approximately 8.1 km north of Grande Cache on Hwy 40 and turn left onto Beaverdam Road. The road crosses coal mine property so ensure that you are staying on the Beaverdam Road. Along the road you will find several routes to explore.

Mt Hamell:

This route is for experienced riders only! An incredibly steep, narrow trail with many sharp drop-off sections. Riding up to the Mount Hamell lookout is not recommended.

Caw Ridge:

Head approximately 30 km to the Caw Ridge turn on the left. This old road will lead you approximately 8 km up the mountainside until you reach the top. Please stay on the trail and respect the fragile surrounding alpine environment.

Copton or Porcupine Airstrip:

40 km up the Beaverdam Road will lead you to the Copton area. Continue an additional 40 km to reach the Porcupine Airstrip.

BRINKERHOFF

Head north on Hwy 40 from Grande Cache, approximately 30 km, slightly past Sheep Creek. Access the route from the gravel pit located off the Hwy. Continue for approximately 37 km. You can access Prairie Creek Meadows from here or explore the numerous cutlines in the area. This area borders private coal mine property so please ensure that you stay outside the mine boundaries.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR QUADS & DIRT BIKES

Any ATV over 50 cc's must be licensed and registered for use in Alberta. Use is permitted within the boundaries of the hamlet only to gain access to trails located outside of the hamlet boundaries. The shortest route available must be taken using back lanes and periphery trails.

Maximum speed within the hamlet boundaries must not exceed 20 km/hr. Use a gas can and fuel your ATV at home before starting your route.



PHOTO CREDIT: Rafting in Sulphur River - Wild Blue Yonder Rafting

White Water Rivers

From calm to down-right crazy, Grande Cache has a wide selection of whitewater, and rafting is one of the main reasons tourists come to town. For recreational paddlers, the Sulphur and Smoky Rivers are the most popular runs. In particular, the Sulphur River is a shuttle dream-come-true; the put-in and take-out are both only 4 km from town, yet there are 17 kms of spectacular mountain scenery and two rivers of paddling in between. Rivers range from class 1 to 5, with a couple of good play spots. You can paddle for just an hour, a half day, a full day or even overnight.



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SMOKY RIVER

Class 1/2

12 ft/mile, 16 km

Put-in: Smoky River Blue Bridge. Mostly a gentle class 1 run, one significant rapid above train bridge. Great play spot, also accessible from Hwy 40. Take-out: Sheep Creek Campground or at play spot.

SULPHUR RIVER

Class 2/3

55 ft/mile, 17 km

Put-in: downstream of Firemen's Park: turn right just before fenced area onto small road, take 2nd left. Park at 1st clearing. Technical run with some hazards that should be scouted. Take-out: Blue Bridge.

SHEEP CREEK

Class 4/5

80 ft/mile, 30 km

Put-in: Beaverdam Road. Very technical run, with frequent log jams & undercuts. One class 6 to portage. Scouting required. Solid class 4+ paddle skills required. Take-out: Sheep Creek Camp Ground.

MUSKEG RIVER

Class 2/3

31.5 ft/mile, 2 km

Put-in: Muskeg River bridge, also a great playspot here. Don't miss take-out as a class 5+ and class 6 falls is next. Take-out: Mason Creek day use area.

KAKWA RIVER

Class 3/4

50 ft/mile 100 km

Put-in: bridge crossing Kakwa on HWY 40. Significant series of ledges about 2 hours in, scouting required! Also, where the Cutbank River feeds in can be too big in high water. Take-out: Canfor Flats Campground.

Winter Adventures



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SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing in and around Grande Cache is weather dependent. When heading out on any trails or following along creeks in the winter, exercise extreme caution and ensure that risk of thin ice and avalanche conditions are not evident before heading out. If conditions turn or are not ideal at any point, turn back as your safety is more important. If conditions are safe, feel free to explore the area. Winter in and around Grande Cache is magical, and you won't be disappointed.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Groomed trails are set regularly by the dedicated volunteers of the Smoky River Nordic Ski Club in three different locations: the Grande Cache Municipal Campground, the

Grande Cache Golf Course and Pierre Grey's Lakes. Cross country skis can be rented from the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre.

The trails connect the Grande Cache Municipal Campground and the Grande Cache Golf Course. In addition, a 1 km track at the Grande Cache Golf Course is lit to offer night skiing for those who wish to do so. Exercise caution when out on the trails as unsafe conditions and unexpected wildlife can present themselves.

Part of the campground is lit to provide 1 km of night skiing. The total combined distance for the campground and golf course trails is about 10 km. Watch for signs of elk or deer, which sometimes bed down

on the golf course. See Grande Cache Trails Map or TrailForks.

PIERRE GREY'S LAKES RECREATION AREA

Approximately 15 km of classic skiing tracks are set throughout the forested loops of Pierre Grey's Lakes. Trails range from beginner to advanced, ideal for any skill level. There is a warm-up shack, picnic tables, and a small toboggan hill located in the McDonald Day Use Area for those looking for alternative activities. Pierre Grey's Lakes is located 32 km south of Grande Cache on Hwy 40.

TOBOGGANING

There are two favourite toboggan hills in Grande Cache: Anty's Hill and Toboggan Hill. Anty's Hill is located

at the intersection of 97 Avenue and Hoppe Avenue and is the smaller of the two hills. Toboggan Hill is located at 105 Street and 105 Avenue and is the larger of the two toboggan hills within the hamlet.

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

Weather dependent, there are several options for outdoor ice skating. You will find an outdoor rink in phase 5 residential area, the Power Pond (located across from Victor Lake Turn off) and at Grande Cache Lake. Use extreme caution and consider conditions and ice thickness before heading out on any bodies of water during the winter months.

Historical Driving Tour

Start at the Grande Cache Tourism and Interpretive Centre and pick up the "One Day Driving Tour" brochure. There is also an excellent historical display in the Centre, featuring pre-contact Aboriginal exhibits, fur trade information, local industry, natural history and more. You might even want to stretch your legs on the Bird's Eye View Interpretive Trail, located at the Centre.



Stop #1: The Mine Prep Plant and ATCO Electric Plant (presently CST Coal)

McIntyre Porcupine Mines started the mine in 1969. People had known about the high quality metallurgical coal for years, but it was not until 1969 that a road and a railroad were constructed, so that the coal could be exploited.

Stop #2: Sulphur Gates

The Sulphur Gates are part of a geological formation known as the Cadomin Formation. This formation is important to geologists because it indicates the presence of coal.

Across the Smoky River, you will notice a river flowing into the Smoky. The Sulphur River got its name from the sulphur springs, located upstream. It is these springs that give the Sulphur its distinctive colour. The Aboriginal people gave the Smoky River its name because lightning would sometimes start the exposed coal seams on the banks on fire, so they would smoke.

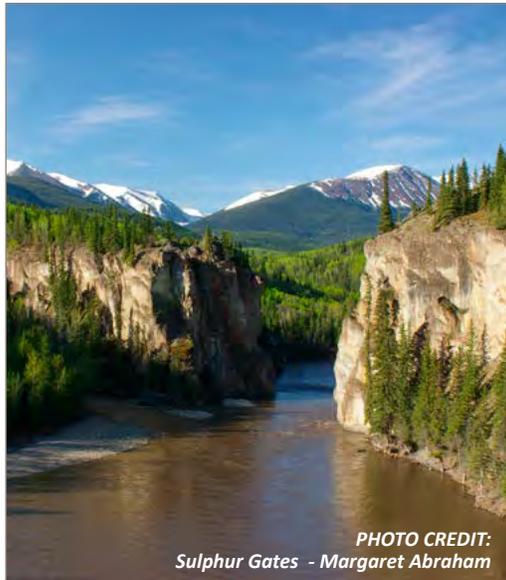


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Sulphur Gates - Margaret Abraham



Stop #3: Grande Cache

Grande Cache got its name from an Iroquois fur trader named Ignace Giasson who cached a large supply of fur in the area during one of the winters between 1818 and 1821.

Stop #4: Victor Lake

The old airstrip, that was used by Forestry for years to fight fires in the region before there was a road. It was also used by McIntyre Mines when they were exploring for the mine site in the late 1960s and by the Town until our new airport (now closed) was constructed.



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Victor Lake - Harry Bigland



Stop #5: Grande Cache Lake

This is the site of the ancient Aboriginal camp. In the 1960s, there was extensive archaeological work done on the site. The Aboriginal people have inhabited the local area for about 10,000 years. Many artifacts were found on the site.

Stop #6: Susa Creek

You will see the Susa Creek graveyard. It is typical of the local Aboriginal graveyards in that there are spirit houses in it. You will also notice two churches. Both are named Our Lady of the Rockies. The old log church was built in 1964. It is now used for storage. The newer, white church was built to serve the Muskeg Co-op in 1958 and moved to Susa Creek in 1975. Please remember that this Co-op is private property.



Stop #7: Muskeg River Graveyard

This tiny graveyard is there because this was a popular stopping spot for the local Aboriginal people going between the communities of Susa Creek and Muskeg. Please be respectful of the site and neighbouring community.

Stop #8: Muskeg

It is not known exactly when the Muskeg trading post was first constructed, but we know that Emma Nickerson of Hinton ran it in 1929. It went through a number of owners before being closed down in the late 1970s. Eventually the buildings were torn down. Just up the road is the Muskeg Co-op, which of course, is private land.



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Stop #9: The Pierre Grey Post

Pierre Grey, whose real name was Pierre Gris, was a Metis from Isle Lake. He ran a fur trade post at this site in the 1800s. He did very well here, as he was married to a Delorme from the area, so the people trusted him and traded with him. You can spend the rest of your day at Pierre Grey enjoying a picnic, hiking the many trails, fishing for rainbows and brookies (yes, they can be caught from the shore), watching the wildlife, or just relaxing.

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MD OF GREENVIEW

Explore the tourism and heritage centres and museums across Greenview.

Open seasonally, the **Valleyview Visitor & Information Centre** is a great stop to learn more about your visit along Highway 43 and area. Valleyview hosts an annual fair and rodeo every summer featuring great entertainment for all who attend.

The DeBolt and District Pioneer Museum offers a collection of heritage buildings. They hold an annual Heritage Festival each August featuring a parade, fair, and activities. Make sure to stop at the Crooked Creek General Store along the way. They offer local products, and are famous for the best donuts and cinnamon buns around!

The Pioneers of Grovedale Area Museum promotes the history of the area and celebrates the perseverance and hard work of its pioneers through its homemaking, farming, ranching, forestry and rural living displays.

The Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre showcases the history of the area through exhibits and displays featuring ice age artifacts, dinosaur tracks, Aboriginal heritage and fur trading. Open year-round, the centre also has an outdoor interpretive park. Grande Cache hosts the annual Canadian Death Race every August long weekend, bringing in racers and visitors from all over the world, as elite runners tackle 118 km of rugged mountain terrain within 24 hours.

The Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, Aseniwuche Winewak Nation, and Mountain Metis are all within Greenview's borders, contributing to our strong cultural background.

MODERN HISTORY, GRANDE CACHE, ALBERTA

Alexander Mackenzie and David Thompson are heroes in Canada's history. These men were guided by Métis and Indian guides in the early 1800s, many from Kahnawake, Quebec. Northwest Company and Hudson Bay managers came from Scotland, and travelled with Métis guides risking everything to push westward. In 1819 the Hudson's Bay Company built St. Mary's House at the confluence of the Smoky and Peace Rivers. In December 1819, **Ignace Giasson** took charge of a push up the Smoky River, and hired **Tête Jaune**, a freeman by the name of **Pierre Bostonnais**. He was a Métis with blonde hair, earning him the nickname **'Yellowhead.'** **Tête Jaune** guided the packtrain of horses up the Smoky River in 1820, in search of a new route through the Rockies. They left a large cache of furs on the Smoky River, where Grande Cache gets its name—french for "large cache."

In the 1950's, geological exploration discovered high-grade metallurgical "coking coal" in the area. In 1969, **McIntyre-Porcupine** started a coal mine, which fostered the construction of the "New Town of Grande Cache" in response to resource development. In 1980, a sawmill was constructed by **British Columbia Forest Products Ltd.**, which was sold to **Procter and Gable Cellulose Ltd.** in 1990. A Provincial Correctional Centre was built in 1984 to handle medium security inmates in Grande Cache. In 1988, the Alberta Government opened Highway 40 from Grande Cache to Grande Prairie.

On January 1, 2019, the Town of Grande Cache officially became a hamlet in the MD of Greenview.



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The Aseniwuche Winewak, or Rocky Mountain People, are a Cree-speaking Indigenous community long tied to the Grande Cache and surrounding area. In 1907, Indigenous families living in the Jasper Valley were forced out following the establishment of the National Park. Some of these families made the long journey to the present-day Grande Cache area to join relatives already settled there. The Aseniwuche Winewak are unique in that they continued to live *nehiyaw pimâtisiwin* ᓂᓕᓐᓂᓐ ᓂᓕᓐᓂᓐ, the Cree traditional way of life, largely undisturbed up until the 1960s. Families lived by seasonal rounds, living in cabins and teepees, hunting, fishing, trapping and harvesting medicinal plants. The People cared for each other and the land. The discovery of coal triggered a chain of new developments that led to the establishment of the Town of Grande Cache in 1969. New Euro-Canadian ways challenged the Aseniwuche Winewak traditional way of life, and the social, environmental and economic impacts continue to be felt today.

In 1994, the nonprofit society Aseniwuche Winewak Nation was formed as the representative body for individual members, providing services and programs for youth, adults and Elders. Considered non-status Indians in the eyes of the federal government, AWN members do not have the same rights or recognitions afforded to other nations across Canada. Despite this, the Aseniwuche Winewak continue to work for the preservation of language, land and culture for generations to come.

For more information, please contact:
Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada
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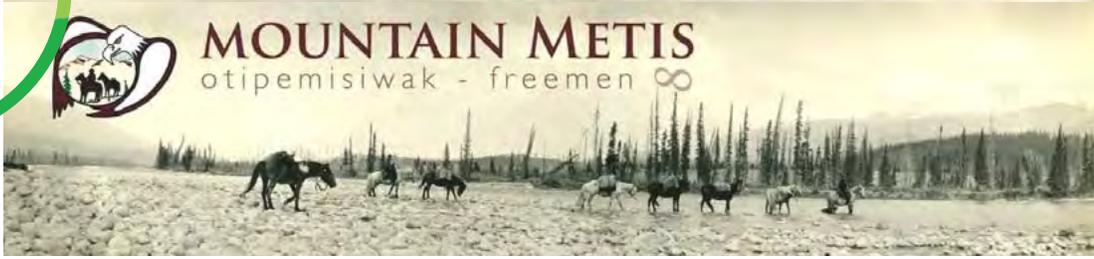


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Mountain Metis

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The Mountain Metis are descendants of predominantly Iroquois and European fur traders who traveled west with the Northwest Company and Hudson's Bay Company during the mid-18th century. Mountain Metis families were integral to the opening of the Canadian Rockies. The men were voyageurs and guides for famous early explorers. The women were the backbone of the mountain way of life, proficient in gathering food and medicines, beading, and tanning hides.

These fur trader families settled in the Athabasca Valley and homesteaded the region for over a century until the Jasper Exodus. In the early 1900's, an Order in Council was passed by the Federal government to create Jasper National Park. These families were forcefully evicted from their homes by government officials who sealed their guns, leaving them with no means of survival. They eventually resettled in other areas including Edson, Robb, Hinton, and Grande Cache.

THE MOUNTAIN METIS NATION ASSOCIATION

Today, Mountain Metis members continue their close connection with the land and follow traditional practices such as hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering of plant medicines and berries. They are known as the horseback people who guide and outfit in the Canadian Rockies, as did their ancestors.

Established in 1994, the Mountain Metis Nation Association (MMNA) is a non-for-profit community organization, serving historically connected descendants who previously resided in what is now Jasper National Park in the 19th century. It also supports Metis Nation of Alberta card holders residing in Grande Cache. The Mountain Metis Nation Association's mission is to enhance the cultural, social, and economic well-being of their community. The MMNA works to improve the quality of life for Mountain Metis members by providing youth programs, access to historical and cultural information, land, and resource consultation, and hosting cultural events. Programs and activities are also available to non-members and the non-Indigenous community. The Mountain Metis Nation's values consist of preserving and honoring their historical and traditional sites, serving their community, integrity and accountability in their work, and protection and conservation of the environment and their traditional lands.

For more information, please contact:

Mountain Metis
780-827-2002 | Grande Cache, AB | www.mountainmetis.com | mna1994@telus.net



Pioneer History



DEBOLT & DISTRICT PIONEER MUSEUM

Explore the rich history through a variety of displays with pioneer themes (homemaking, farming, ranching, forestry, and rural living). Unique exhibits include:

- The 'Bickell Fossil Collection'
- 'Indigenous Room'
- 'Ridgevalley Co-op Cheese Factory' - a one of a kind exhibit



PIONEERS OF GROVEDALE AREA MUSEUM

The museum preserves the history of the area, educates and records stories of a way of life, and celebrates the perseverance, hard work, and stamina of the pioneers.

DeBolt

Welcome to DeBolt

The Hamlet of DeBolt is located along Highway 43, and is named after the DeBolt family, who settled the area in 1919.

DeBolt has all the amenities Greenview residents have come to expect, such as an active fire station, a hotel, and various areas to enjoy time with friends and family. A place to perfect your swing at the golf course, swing a bat at the ball-diamonds, enjoy a good read at the public library, or learn more about the history at the local museum.

Nearby

- 12 km to Ridgevalley
- 53 km to Valleyview
- 61 km to Grande Prairie
- Simonette River Provincial Park
- 20 km west of DeBolt, on HWY 43, visit Moody's Crossing on the Smoky River to camp or for day-use

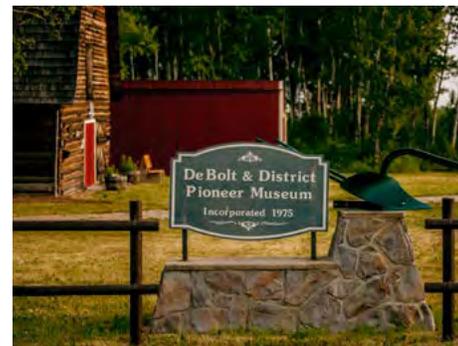
Amenities

- DeBolt & District Pioneer Museum
- Hubert Memorial Park
- DeBolt Sport Field
 - Ball Diamonds & Soccer
- The Gunby Ranch Golf Course
- Rodeo Grounds
- DeBolt Community Centre
 - Includes a fitness centre, indoor playground, curling rink, full service kitchen & meeting rooms.
- DeBolt General Store & Feedlot Cafe
- DeBolt Public Library
- DeBolt Service Station
- DeBolt Hotel
- Fire Station
- Ridgevalley School - Grades K to 12

Events

- **Cranberry Lake Rodeo**
Held annually in June at the rodeo grounds south of DeBolt
- **The Heritage Festival**
This is one of the biggest events of the area held in mid August

Things to do



DeBolt & District Pioneer Museum at Hubert Memorial Park

This rural community is home to a museum of eight heritage buildings and two sheds - each of these buildings presents a variety of displays with pioneer themes, (homemaking, farming, ranching, forestry, and rural living). Unique exhibits include:

- The 'Bickell Fossil Collection'
- 'Indigenous Room'
- 'Ridgevalley Co-op Cheese Factory' a one-of-a-kind exhibit

To book a tour and find out hours:

☎ 780.957.3955

✉ deboltmuseum@gmail.com



DeBolt Walking Trails

Approximately 1.5 km of trails within the Hamlet of DeBolt. Primarily located around the Sports Field.



The Gunby Ranch Golf Course

A beautiful 9 hole golf course located near the Hamlet of DeBolt, 5 km north of Highway 43 (Range Road 13), east of Grande Prairie. Par 36. Great greens, camping spots and licensed clubhouse.

☎ 780.957.2150



DeBolt Sports Field

A great spot for fastball, slow-pitch & soccer.



Playground

The playground is located at the Hubert Memorial Park and includes a basketball court.



Grovedale

Welcome to Grovedale

The Hamlet of Grovedale is located just south of Grande Prairie on Highway 666 and is home to local attractions like the Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park, Pioneers of the Grovedale Area Museum, an arena, a community hall, rodeo grounds, and a golf course. The Grovedale Community and Agricultural Society play an active role in the community facilities and events.

Grovedale is south of the Wapiti River valley, amidst farmland and ranch-land at the northern limits of the boreal forests and aspen parkland in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Nearby

- 23 km to Grande Prairie
- 115 km Nose Creek
- 7 km O'Brien Provincial Park
- 132 km Two Lakes (offers overnight camping & fishing)

Amenities

- Pioneers of the Grovedale Area Museum & Post Office
- Grovedale General Store
- Jayelle's Convenience Store & Gas Bar
- Grovedale Fish Pond
- Grovedale Golf and Country Club
- Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park
- Grovedale Daycare
- Big Mountain Creek Provincial Recreation Area (group use & staging area for the Swan City Snowmobile Club with groomed trail system)
- Grovedale Community Centre & Arena
- Grovedale Fair Grounds
- Fire Station
- Schools
 - Peace Wapiti Public School District
 - Penson School (Grades K - 8)
 - Peace Wapiti High School - Grande Prairie (Grades 9 - 12)

Events

- **Annual Picnic and Fair**
Held in mid August at the Grovedale Fair Grounds
- **Old Time Music Festival**
Held in early June at the Pioneers of the Grovedale Area Museum

Things to do



Grovedale Fish Pond

Grovedale Fish Pond is located 30 km south of Grande Prairie on Highway 40. Stocked with trout, it includes 10 day-use sites with picnic tables & fire pits, an accessible outhouse facility, fish cleaning station, and 2 fishing docks. To top off this beautiful location, there is a large cookhouse equipped with grills and picnic tables for your special occasions.



Pioneers of the Grovedale Area Museum

The museum is located in the heart of Grovedale across from the General Store, on Highway 666 and Township Road 700. The museum preserves the history of the area, educates and records stories of a way of life, and celebrates the perseverance, hard work, and stamina of the pioneers.

☎ 780.814.4626



PHOTO CREDITS: Grovedale Community Centre

Grovedale Community Centre

- Arena & Community Hall
 - Campground available with hall rental (approximately 12 stalls with no hookups)
 - Grounds include a baseball diamond, horseshoe pits & outdoor riding arena (suitable for team penning or Gymkhana).
- 🌐 <https://grovedalecenter.ca/>



Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park

Located just 10 minutes (17 km) south of Grande Prairie.

- Skiing & snowboarding
- Aquatera Tube Zone
- Terrain Park
- Trail Races

☎ 780.532.6637

🌐 <https://gonitehawk.com/>



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Fox Creek

Welcome to Fox Creek

Known mainly for its bountiful wilderness, Fox Creek showcases the very best of the surrounding forests, lakes and wildlife, making it the perfect location for enjoying the outdoors. Fox Creek combines a serene wilderness experience, with small-town hospitality, first-class amenities, and a reliable service centre for the active oil and gas industry surrounding the community. Fox Creek is a great place to call home. Fox Creek offers a pro-business climate that supports innovation and development. Serving some of the biggest global players in the resource industry, the area is home to a thriving oil and gas industry, forestry and lumber industry, tourism industry, as well as a strong service sector.

Nearby

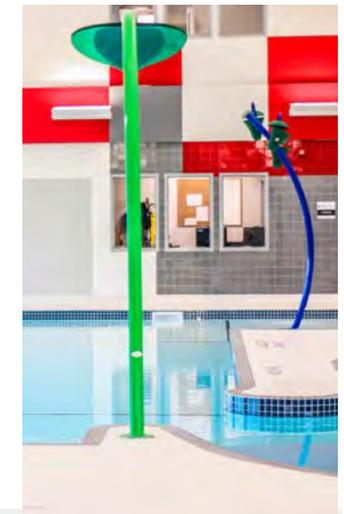
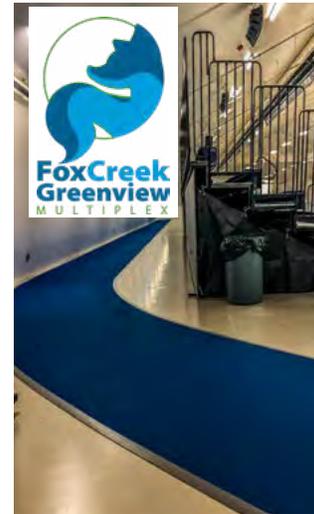
- 88 km to Valleyview
- 197 km to Grande Prairie
- 262 km to Edmonton

Amenities

- Hotels, restaurants, gas & grocery
- Fox Creek Greenview Multiplex
- Parks & playgrounds
 - Fox Creek Bike Park
 - Lions Park/Splash Park
 - Marnevic Memorial Park
 - COPS Playground
- Campgrounds
 - Smoke Lake Campground
 - Iosegun Lake Campground
 - RV Campground
 - Simonette River Area
 - Waskahigan River Recreation Area
- Fox Creek Nordic and Trail Club
 - Terra Gravity Bike Park
 - Multi-use trails
- Northland Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club
- Fox Creek School, operated by Northern Gateway Public Schools, serving students from K - 12
- Silver Birch Golf Club
- Fox Creek Library
- Fox Creek Museum
- Fox Creek Visitor Information Centre
- Don Nicholson Nature Trail
- Hard Luck Canyon



Things to do



Fox Creek Greenview Multiplex

Come on in, we'd love to show you around! The Fox Creek Greenview Multiplex is a world-class recreation facility boasting Leisure and Lane Pools, Arena, Mini-Stick rink, Field-house, and Fitness centre. The complex also has 2 restaurants on site for delicious snacks and drinks, as well as our Fox Creek Community Resource Centre, which is located on the second floor.



Fox Creek Nordic Trail: Terra Gravity Bike Park

The bike park offers a range of progressive ride components, including start/return drop zone, pump track, jump lines, skills zone, wall ride,

technical balance features and a mini flow trail. The park is located at our Trail House (behind Marnevic park).



Multi-use Trails

A variety of trails for all season use are located in Fox Creek. The trails wind playfully through the woods and meander along the creek. Our trails provide something for all level of users. The Trails can be accessed from multiple locations. Download the Trail Forks App for detailed maps.



Nordic Trails

Get out and give cross country skiing or snow shoeing a try! In fact, the trails are created in such a way that there is packed snow to the side of the ski trails, so people can walk on the trails too (we just ask that you please not walk directly on the ski tracks).



Don Nicholson Nature Trail

A scenic trail following Fox Creek between the RV campground and the Tourist Information Centre. There are two-foot bridges that cross over Fox Creek. You can mountain bike or hike this trail.



Fox Creek Nordic & Trail Club

Landry Heights



Welcome to Landry Heights

A quick 4 km northeast from Grovedale, off Highway 666 is Landry Heights. Landry Heights is a countryside residential subdivision with large self-serviced lots along the banks of the Wapiti River. This subdivision is allocated as a Hamlet due to its size of approximately 50 acreages. The community of Landry Heights provides people working in Grande Prairie the advantage of a short commute while enjoying the wide-open spaces of country living.

Nearby

- 5.3 km to Grovedale
- 18 km to Grande Prairie
- 3 km to O'Brien Provincial Park

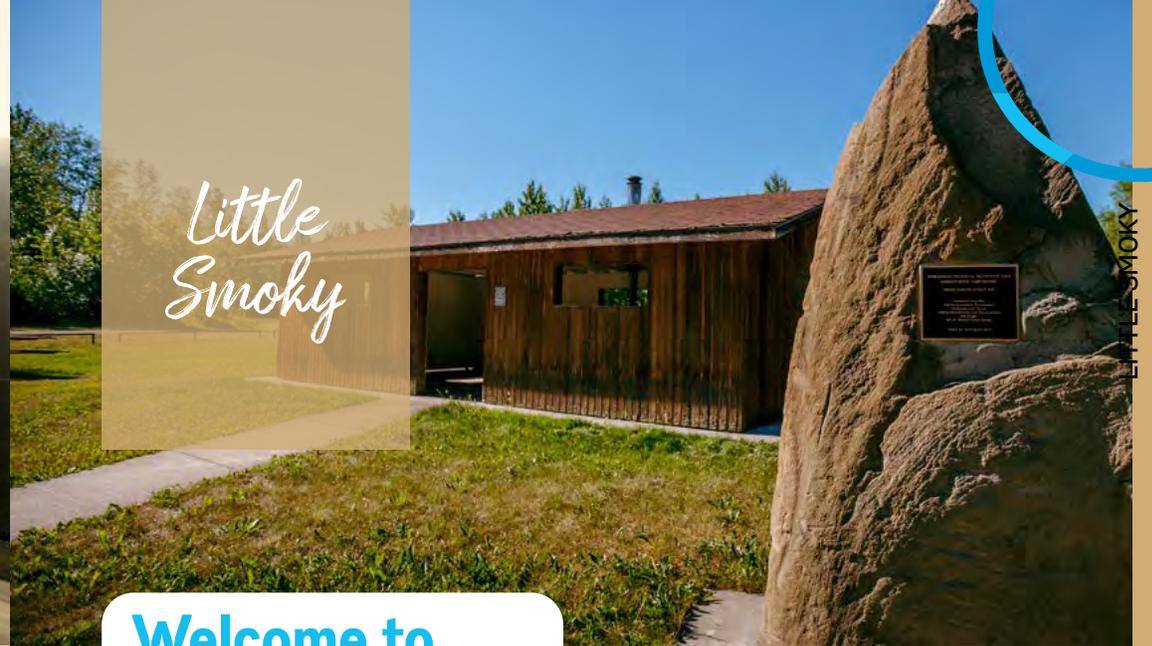


Amenities

- Grovedale Area Museum & Post Office
- Grovedale General Store
- Grovedale Fish Pond
- Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park
- Grovedale Daycare
- Grovedale Community Centre
- Grovedale Golf & Country Club Course
- Grovedale Fair Grounds
- Gas & Grocery
- Fire Station



Little Smoky



Welcome to Little Smoky

Between the towns of Fox Creek and Valleyview on Highway 43, lies the Hamlet of Little Smoky.

Little Smoky Riverbend Park is a new day-use site located in the Hamlet of Little Smoky.

The trailhead for the Edson Historic Society Cabin on the Waskahigan River is close by.

Nearby

- 40 km to Valleyview
- 48 km to Fox Creek
- 130 km to Whitecourt
- 149 km to Grande Prairie
- The Waskahigan River Provincial Recreation Area

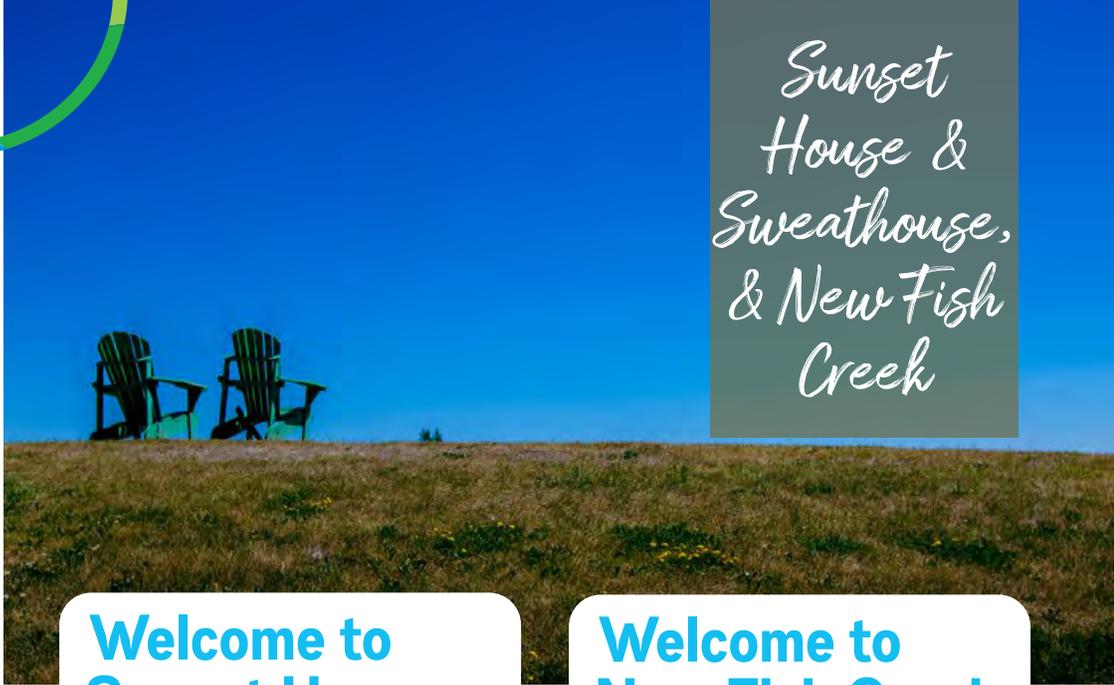


Amenities

- Wheelers Restaurant & Campground
- RV Camping & Motel
- Little Smoky Store & Gas Station
- Outdoor rink
- Community Hall
- Pink Petunia's Patchworks
- Little Smoky River Provincial Recreation Area is located across Highway 43



Sunset House & Sweathouse, & New Fish Creek



Welcome to Sunset House & Sweathouse

Sunset House

Sunset House is a community located in Greenview, 121 kms east of Grande Prairie or 30 kms east of Valleyview on Highways 49 and 669.

The Sunset House Community Centre is located north of the intersection of Highways 669 & 747 and has an outdoor skating rink and a playground.



Sweathouse

Sweathouse is a community located in Greenview, 145 km east of Grande Prairie, on Highway 747. The Sweathouse Community Centre is located south at the intersection of Highways 669 & 747, and there is also a playground on site.

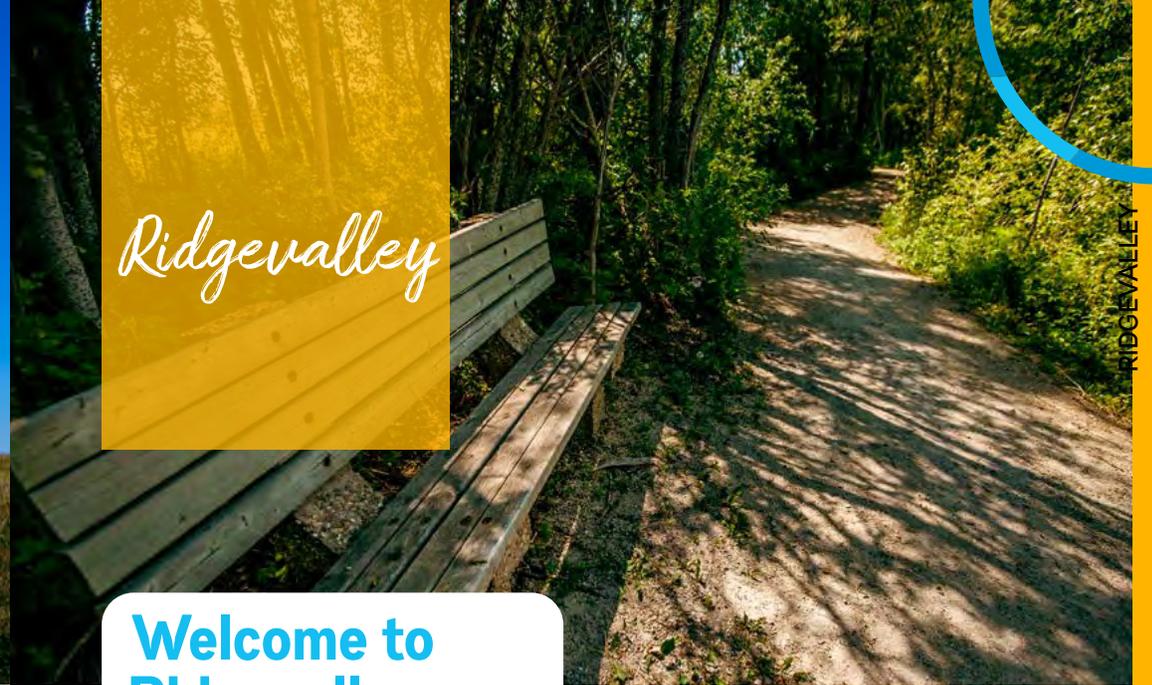


Welcome to New Fish Creek

New Fish Creek is a community located in Greenview, 30 kms north of Valleyview off of Highway 49. New Fish Creek has an active Community Hall, outdoor arena, playground and a ball diamond. Close by is East Dollar Lake, a great place to fish!



Ridgevalley



Welcome to Ridgevalley

The Hamlet of Ridgevalley is located approximately 57 km east of Grande Prairie, on Highway 43 and 3 km south on Ridgevalley Road.

The main industry of the Ridgevalley area is Agriculture. There is an arena, a senior centre, a walking trail (pictured above), and Ridgevalley School (K-12). Ridgevalley has multiple home-based businesses.

The Crooked Creek General Store is located nearby on Highway 43 and is known locally for their famous fresh donuts.

Close by, stop and enjoy a visit to Swan Lake (photo right) and Sturgeon Lake. At Swan Lake you will find campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, day use areas, fishing docks and a boat launch (no gas powered boats allowed).



Valleyview

Welcome to Valleyview

Valleyview is located 350 kms north of Edmonton and 115 kms east of the Grande Prairie, with a population of approximately 1,863 (2016 census). The Town of Valleyview is strategically located at important crossroads that lead travelers to northern adventures via **Highway 49**; to Peace River and the Mackenzie Highway to the Northwest Territories, and **Highway 43**; to Dawson Creek, the Alaska Highway and to British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska.

An abundance of recreational opportunities exist within the immediate surrounding area and it is easy to find excellent camping, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, golfing, boating and for the naturalists, an abundance of birds, flowers and wildlife and cross country skiing, downhill skiing and great snowmobile trails.

Two provincial parks, **Williamson and Young's Point** are a major attraction to the region. **Sturgeon Lake and the Parks** are used in summer and winter for fishing. Perch, Walleye and Whitefish are plentiful with many well-treed campsites.

Visit **Johnson Park**, which is 18 km east of Valleyview on Highway 43. Johnson Park has 20 unserviced campsites, a day-use area and a walking path leads to the rivers edge, where you can fish & enjoy a picnic along the Goose River.

Nearby:

- 115 km to Grande Prairie
- 350 km to Edmonton
- Williamson & Young's Point Provincial Parks
- Sturgeon Lake

Amenities:

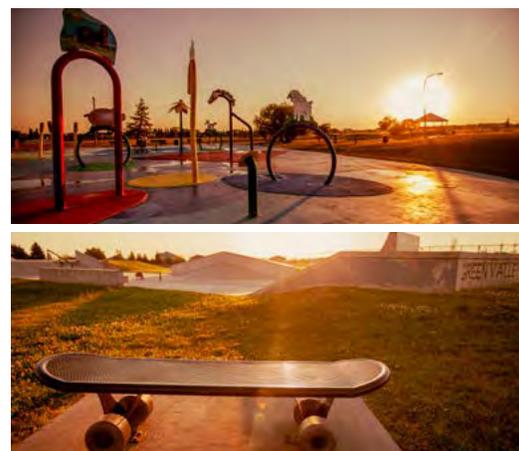
- Greenview Regional Multiplex
- Polar Palace Arena
- Memorial Hall
- House Concert
- Valleyview Visitor Information Centre & Rest Area
- Red Willow Curling Club
- Town of Valleyview Municipal Campground
- Greenview Golf Resort
- Valleyview Municipal Library
- Red Willow Players Theatre
- Valleyview Riverside Golf Course
- Skateboard Park & Water Splash Park
- Off-Leash Dog Park
- Shot Shell Sporting Clays Course
- Trout Pond
- Ball diamonds & outdoor volleyball play area
- The Crabbie Goat Distillery is 3 minutes from Valleyview off Highway 49
- Hotels, restaurants, gas & grocery
- Schools
 - Harry Gray Elementary School
 - Hillside Jr/Sr High School
 - Oscar Adolphson Primary School
 - St. Stephen's Catholic School
 - Post Secondary - Northern Lakes College - Valleyview Campus



Greenview Regional Multiplex

This state-of-the-art family-friendly facility houses a Multi-Pool Aquatic Centre, Fitness Centre, Walking Track, Field-house, Indoor Play Centre, Dance Studio, Party Room, Boardrooms, Commercial Kitchen, & Concession

- 📍 4803 - 56 Avenue, Valleyview, AB
- ☎ 780-524-4097
- 📘 Greenview Regional Multiplex
- 🌐 www.mdgreenview.ab.ca



Water Splash Park & Skateboard Park

Located at 4429-52 Avenue in Valleyview, on your next trip through the region, stop in, cool off at the Splash Park or experience the action of the Skateboard Park, which features a broad cross section of custom street elements and a unique spined mini ramp complex set within a vibrant community recreation landscape.



Valleyview Visitor & Information Centre

Our facility will accommodate any traveller's essential needs- accredited AVIP information centre, bathrooms 24/7 all year round, free Wi-Fi, souvenir shop, picnic area, sani-dump station & potable water for RV's.



Trout Pond

Located north of 50th Street, the pond is stocked with Rainbow Trout and is the perfect place to hang out with family. Bring a picnic, walk your dog, watch your kids play in the playground, and fish for trout in the pond!



Young's Point

Campground, hiking trails, fishing, and playground.

Williamson Park

Campground, hiking trails, fishing, and playground.

Grande Cache & Area Campgrounds

	KM from Grande Cache	Power &/or Water	Unserviced	Tenting	Group Use	Equestrian	Bathroom	Firewood	Playground	Fishing	Walking Trails	Day Use Area	Fee	Boat launch	Other
Grande Cache Campground 780.827.2404	0 km	56 PW	21 partial	•			•	\$	•		•	•	\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • Cookhouse, laundry \$ & shower • Wi-Fi
Grande Cache Campground online reservations @ www.campreservations.ca/sites/site-details/673 or call 780-827-2404 Info @ www.mdgreenview.ab.ca/residents/campgrounds-day-use-areas															
Elk Ridge Quarter Horses 780.605.3711	6.5 km S	8		•							•		\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open year round RV sites • Washrooms & showers • Available for tenting • Wall-tents • elkridgehorses@gmail.com
Provincial Recreation Areas Online reservations @ www.reserve.albertaparks.ca 1.877.537.2757. Information @ www.albertaparks.ca															
Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area	4 km N		22				•					•		•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • Day use area, hand launch
Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area	12 km NW		6	11	16	•					•	•	\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willmore Wilderness Staging Area • Open year round, first come, first served
Sheep Creek Provincial Recreation Area	25 km N		6				•			•			\$	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • First come/first served, hand launch
Big Berland Provincial Recreation Area	70 km S		18				•	•					\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • Willmore Wilderness Staging Area • Reservable 780.865.2154 & first come, first served
Kakwa River Provincial Recreation Area	80 km N		4				•	•					\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • First come/first served
Musreau Lake Provincial Recreation Area	113 km N		69				•	•					\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • First come/first served
Provincial Parks															
Rock Lake Provincial Park	128 km S		108		11	18	•	•	•	•	•	•	\$	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • Reservable call 780.865.2154
Pierre Grey's Lakes Provincial Park	30 km S	61 P	22				•	\$	•	•	•	•	\$	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Oct • Reservable & first come/first served
William A. Switzer Provincial Park															
Gregg Lake	112 km S	83 P 11 PW	69				•	\$	•	•	•	•	\$	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open year round, reservable (summer), first come/first served (winter) • Amphitheatre
Jarvis Lake	125 km S	25 P					•		•	•		•	\$	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open year round • Reservable (summer), first come/first served (winter) • Beach
Cache Lake	118 km S		14				•	•					\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • Reservable
Graveyard	118 km S		7				•								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open year round • First come/first served
Halfway	118 km S		4				•								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • First come/first served
Beaver Ranch (Group)	118 km S				18		•								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • 2 night minimum stay
Pine Bay (Group)	120 km S				18		•							•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open May - Sept • 2 night minimum stay • Hand boat launch, small beach
Crown Land Camping: Camping Pass Required @ https://www.alberta.ca/public-lands-camping-pass.aspx															
Muskeg River	24 km S												\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South side of highway
Lone Teepee	32 km S												\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North side of highway
Gustav Flats	8 km N												\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sides of highway
Sheep Creek Area	25 km N												\$		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sides of highway

MD of Greenview Campgrounds & Day-Use Areas		Fire Pits	Day-Use Sites	Beach	Dock/Boat Launch	Fish cleaning station	River access	Playground	Shelter	Bathroom	Visitor Centre	Viewpoint	Open year round	Walking Trails
1. Grande Cache Lake 5.5 km south of Grande Cache		•	•	•	•	•		•		•			•	
2. Grande Cache Campground 10401 Memorial Drive, Grande Cache		•						•	•	•				•
3. Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area 5 km north of Grande Cache off HWY 40		•	•				•			•				
4. Sheep Creek Provincial Recreation Area 30 km north of Grande Cache, right on Sheep Creek Road		•			•		•			•				
5. Southview Provincial Recreation Area 95 km north of Grande Cache		•	•							•		•	•	
6. Kakwa River Provincial Rec Area 90 km south of Grande Prairie on HWY 40		•					•			•			•	•
7. Shuttler Flats Group Use Area From Grovedale, follow AB-666 W for 32 kms. Continue onto Two Lakes Road for 31 kms		•					•		•	•				•
8. Grovedale Fish Pond 30 km south of Grande Prairie on HWY 40, turn @ Townships Road 692		•	•		•	•			•	•			•	
9. Moody's Crossing On the east side of the Smoky River at HWY 43 Bridge. From Grande Prairie, go east on HWY 42 for 41 km, then turn right onto Township Road 721A, keep right at the forks to Township Road 722A		•	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	
10. DeBolt Walking Trails Near the Sports Field and Museum grounds, the walking trails span approximately 1.5 kms													•	•
11. Ridgevalley Walking Trails Approximately 2 km of beautiful trails located adjacent to the Hamlet of Ridgevalley		•	•							•			•	•
12. Swan Lake Southeast of Crooked Creek on Range Road 260		•	•		•	•	•		•	•			•	
13. Smoky Sunset Landing North of Valleyview on HWY 669, right onto HWY 669, proceed 7.5 kms		•	•				•			•			•	
14. Johnson Park Southeast of Valleyview, situated on the corner of HWY 665 & Little Smoky Road		•	•	•			•	•		•			•	•
15. Little Smoky Riverside Park This is a new Recreation Area located in the Hamlet of Little Smoky		•	•				•			•				•

• Available
• Coming soon



Southview Provincial Recreation Area, MD of Greenview





GREENVIEW'S GREEN CHAIRS

Visiting a Greenview Park this summer? Keep your eyes open for Green Chairs!

Take a selfie and show us how much you enjoy #greenviewparks!
Hashtag #PassporttoFunGreenview to win prizes.

Greenview's Passport to Fun encourages individuals to explore different outdoor areas around the MD of Greenview. Discover the "Green Chairs" located at each site and mark your passport with each different location. Grab yourself a passport and see all that Greenview has to offer! Pick up your Passport to Fun at the Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre, Centre 2000 (Grande Prairie) & Valleyview Visitor Information Centre.

Don't forget to hashtag #PassporttoFunGreenview
Please refer to Greenview Map for chair locations.



NITEHAWK
 YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE PARK

Skiing & Snowboarding

- Nitehawk offers 9 exciting runs for skiers and snowboarders of all abilities, a mogul patch, Inked Energy Pipeline, and a Terrain Park. To make your trip back to the top easy, there is a NEW Summit T-Bar Lift, a Platter Lift, and two Conveyor Lifts; including a 100 ft & a 600 ft. All runs are fully lit for night skiing.
- Equipment rentals and lessons and programs for all ages & abilities.

Snow Tubing in the Aquatera Tube Zone

- 4 lane tube slide, 150 tubes available.
- 600 ft Wonder Carpet lift.
- GLOW Tubing .

Mountain Bike Park

- Diverse terrain with beginner, intermediate & advanced trails!
- Shuttle service on operating days.
- Summer Bike Camps.
- Bike rentals, guided bike programs for all ages & abilities and shuttle service.

RV Camping Year-Round

- 90 RV sites.
- Hiking trails, newly renovated restrooms, showers, laundry & sani-dump station.
- Group campsites great for reunions.
- 30 amp & 50 amp electrical service.

Trail Running Race Series

- Featuring: First Tracks New Year's Fun Run, Chilly Willy Winter Run, Slush Rush Fun Run, Tuffest 10 Foot Race, Off-the-Grid Adventure Race, Roots & Ruts Run/Walk, and Trick or Trot Fun Run.



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 Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park

780-532-6637 | info@gonitehawk.com | GONITEHAWK.COM
 Located 10 minutes south of Grande Prairie on Highway 40
 Facility rentals & on-site food & beverages services!

Events



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There are dozens of festivals and events throughout the year in Greenview, celebrating our active communities with athletic events, music festivals, rodeos, fairs, and more. Our well-connected Indigenous communities continue to celebrate and share their extended heritage within Greenview with various events throughout the year.

The Canadian Death Race, one of the world's toughest ultra-marathons held annually in Grande Cache on August long weekend. The 118 km course begins and ends on a 4200-foot plateau, passes over three mountain summits, and includes over 17,000 feet of elevation change and a major river crossing. Each year, extreme athletes push themselves to the limits of their endurance against the breathtaking background of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

Growing the North Conference, the largest economic development conference in the Peace Region and one of the largest in Alberta.

Cranberry Lake Rodeo, held annually in June at the rodeo grounds south of DeBolt.

The Heritage Festival, held in mid August, this is one of the biggest events of the DeBolt area.

Crocus Hill Stampede, presented by Valleyview & District Agricultural Society.

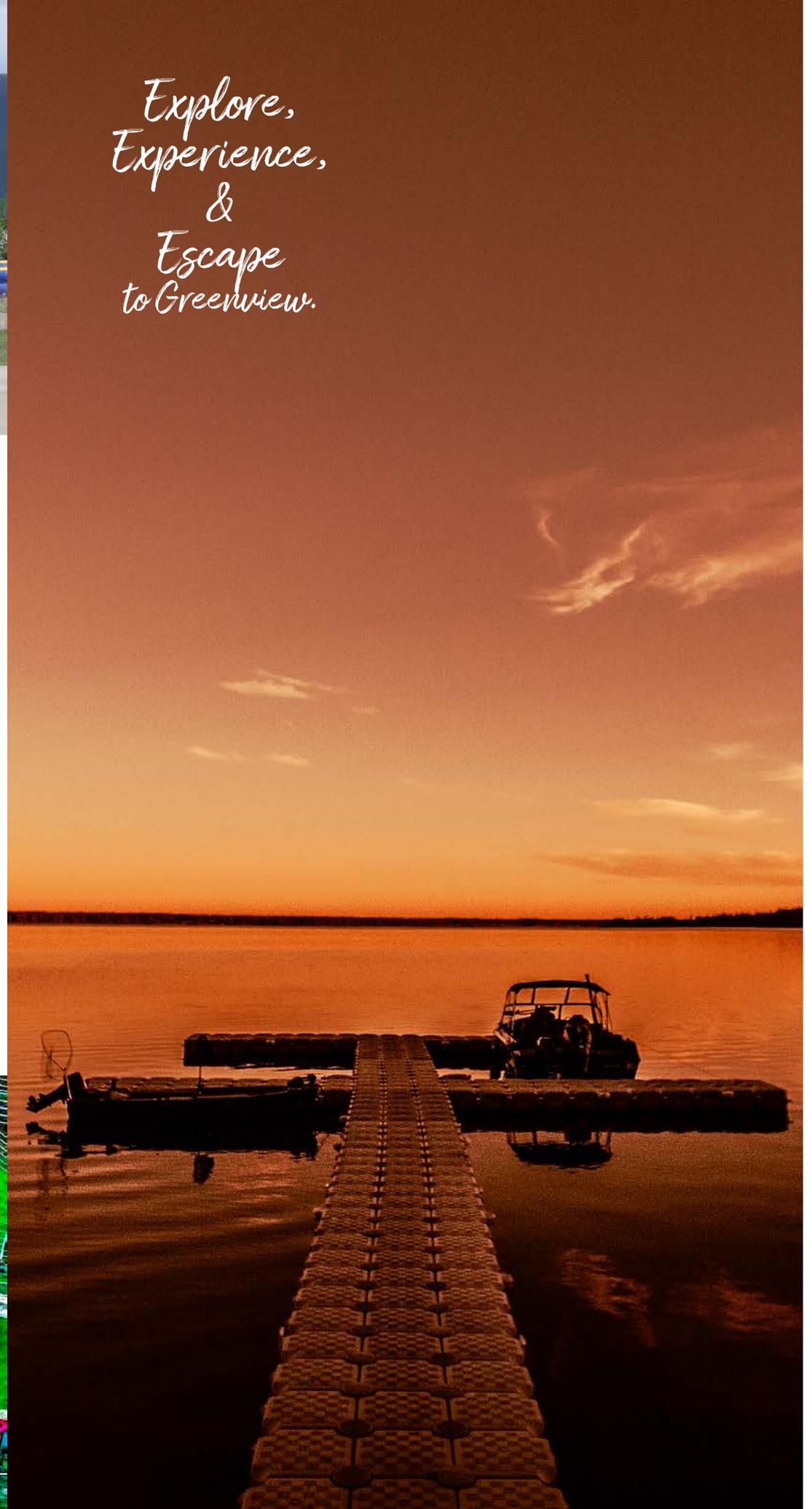
Big Iron Day, presented by Fox Creek Chamber of Commerce.
<https://bigirondayca/>

The Annual Old-Time Music Festival, takes place at the Pioneers of Grovedale Area Museum.



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*Explore,
Experience,
&
Escape
to Greenview.*





Pick up your "Passport to Fun" booklet & explore the sites listed & post your photos on social media. Adventure is waiting for you in Greenview!
Don't forget to hashtag #PassporttoFunGreenview.

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