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#1 The World's Largest Dinosaur

Location: 60-1st Avenue West in Drumheller, just next to the downtown core

Standing 86 feet tall, the World's Largest Dinosaur is the best place to start your tour of the Drumheller Valley (and not just because she's hard to miss). Firstly, the aerial view of the river valley from inside her toothy smile is a definite must-see and secondly, the Drumheller Visitor Information Centre is located just next to her giant feet. There you can pick up maps and get free travel information from the friendly VIC staff.

Side trip: Downtown Drumheller

After admiring the view from the dinosaur's mouth, walk two blocks up Centre Street to 3rd Avenue and you'll find yourself in downtown Drumheller. There you can visit life-sized dinosaur statues on the street corners (great for photos) as well as many local shops and cafés. For a listing of places to eat and shop while in Drumheller, see www.traveldrumheller.com/restaurants-and-shopping.html.

Nearby Attractions: Reptile World, Badlands Historical Centre, Aquaplex, Rotary Spray Park, Canadian Badlands Passion Play Site.

#2 The Royal Tyrrell Museum

Location: 6 km from the World's Largest Dinosaur on North Dinosaur Trail (Hwy 838)

The world-famous Royal Tyrrell Museum has more dinosaur skeletons than any other attraction in the world. For a glimpse at some of the exhibits at the museum, visit www.traveldrumheller.com/royal-tyrrell-exhibits.html.

Tip for the Tyrrell: Plan to spend at least an hour or two in the exhibit galleries – even longer if you're traveling with children. Also, be sure to check out the programs and activities available at the museum before you arrive so that you can register beforehand (space is limited and the popular programs fill up fast).

Side trip: Little Church and Midland Provincial Park

Just after the turn for the Tyrrell Museum, be sure to stop for a photo at Little Church – famous for seating thousands (so long as it's six at a time). And for outdoor enthusiasts, en route to the Tyrrell is Midland Provincial Park. There you will find great trails for biking and walking, and the park's McMullan Island is the perfect spot for a picnic.

Nearby Attractions: Homestead Museum, Dinosaur Trail Golf & Country Club, Badlands Go Kart Park, Funland Amusement Park.

#3 Horsethief Canyon

Location: 10 km from the Royal Tyrrell Museum on North Dinosaur Trail (Hwy 838)

Horsethief Canyon offers some of the best Badlands scenery in Canada. Looking into the canyon you'll see lunar-like coulees, ancient bone beds, and various Badlands wildlife species. Surrounding the canyon are brilliant yellow canola fields spotted with giant rocking pump jacks (scenery just doesn't get more Albertan than that). Admire the scenery from the viewpoint or hike into the canyon basin for a closer look – just be careful, there are no interpretive signs and it is easy to lose your bearings on the canyon floor.

Side trip: Bleriot Ferry and Orkney Viewpoint

Continue 14 km past Horsethief Canyon to the Bleriot Ferry where you and your vehicle can cross the Red Deer River on one of the last remaining cable-operated ferries in Alberta. Once on the other side, drive south on South Dinosaur Trail (Hwy 837) to the Orkney Viewpoint for a breathtaking view of the Drumheller river valley. From there, you can travel back to the town of Drumheller along South Dinosaur Trail.

#4 Hoodoos

Location: 16 km east of Drumheller on the Hoodoo Trail (Hwy 10)

Standing 5 to 7 metres tall, Hoodoos take millions of years to form. They are sandstone pillars that stand on a thick base of shale and are capped by a large stone. While you can't climb them (they're too fragile) they do make a good spot for photographs.

Side trip: The Rosedale Suspension Bridge

En route to the Hoodoos site, stop in the community of Rosedale for a trip across the Rosedale Suspension Bridge. The bridge was once used by miners to access the Star Mine on the other side of the Red Deer River but is now a favourite among locals and visitors for fishing, sight-seeing, and as an access point to great Badlands terrain.

Nearby Attractions: Last Chance Saloon, Echo Coulee Guest Ranch.

#5 Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site

Location: 8 km east of the Hoodoos site on Hoodoo Trail (Hwy 10)

The Atlas Coal Mine is home to Canada's last-remaining wooden tippie mine and whether you take part in a guided tour or explore the grounds on your own, you can climb up inside the giant tippie for a close-up look at its miles of conveyor belts and massive machinery. After the Atlas Coal Mine, head on back to Drumheller on the Hoodoo Trail.

Side trip: The East Coulee School Museum

En route to the Atlas Coal Mine, be sure to stop in the community of East Coulee to visit the East Coulee School Museum to see what life was like for the children of the valley's first coal miners.

#6 Horseshoe Canyon

Location: 19 km west of Drumheller on Highway 9

Horseshoe Canyon is yet another amazing Badlands canyon. There you can sightsee and – for the more adventurous – hike into the canyon basin. Horseshoe Canyon is the busier of the two canyons in Drumheller so in the summer, you can expect a crowd and a couple of services including helicopter rides over the canyon provided by Mountain View Helicopter Tours.

#7 Rosebud Theatre

Location: 16 km west of Horseshoe Canyon on Hwy 9 (with a left turn on Hwy 840)

Located in the picturesque river valley community of Rosebud, the Rosebud Theatre is an award-winning professional theatre company that produces shows year-round. Your Rosebud Theatre ticket also includes dinner and live music at the historic Mercantile Dinning Hall.

Nearby Attractions: Akokiniskway Golf Course, Rosebud Centennial Museum, Akokiniskway Art Gallery.





DINOSAUR TRAIL

Begin the tour at the bridge, leading to North Dinosaur Trail. There are many attractions, services and facilities along the 48 km trail including (with distances from the Tourist Information Centre):

- Drumheller District Health Services - 1.5 km
- Hornstead Antique Museum - 2 km
- Fossilbed Amusement Park - 2 km
- Madison Provincial Park
- Interpretive Centre - 4 km
- Makulien Island Fossil Site - 5 km
- Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology 6 km
- The Little Church - 7 km
- Dinosaur Trail Golf Course - 8 km
- Baldwins Go-Kart Park - 10 km
- Hornsheld Canyon Viewpoint - 16 km
- Brents Ferry the halfway point on the Dinosaur Trail - 24 km
- Osprey Hill Viewpoint - 18.5 km
- Drumheller Valley Ski Hill - 35 km
- Canadian Badlands Fossil Play Site 35 km
- Newcastle Beach Recreation Area - 2 km

To Calgary

Distances from Drumheller to:

Brooks	139 km
Calgary	138 km
Edmonton	279 km
Lethbridge	282 km
Medicine Hat	247 km
Red Deer	165 km

HOODOO TRAIL

Much of the famous, yet eerie landscape of the Canadian Badlands can be seen within the communities of Drumheller, East Coulee, Lethigh, Cambrria, Rosedale, Wayne and Nacominne. Distances are from the Tourist Information Centre:

- Rosedale Suspension Bridge & Fossil Area - 8.5 km
- Last Chance Saloon - Wayne - 11 km
- The Hoodoos - 16 km
- East Coulee School Museum - 23 km
- Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site - 24 km

Drumheller Valley

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Horseshoe Canyon

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Nacominne

- Drumheller Valley Ski Hill
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- Canadian Badlands Fossil Play Site

Rosedale

- Rosedale Suspension Bridge
- Kookaburra Golf Course

East Coulee

- East Coulee Fossil Site
- Coulee City Zoo
- East Coulee School Museum

Wayne

- Wayne
- Last Chance Saloon
- Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site