



2022



Summer Fun Booklet

Free/Low Cost Activity Guide

Red Deer/Central Alberta

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Red Deer Public Libraries

More than just books, libraries are places for information, offering people free access to a wealth of information that they often can't find elsewhere, whether online, in print or in person. The Red Deer Public Library has an abundance of programs and services to keep your mind engaged.

Open: Monday-Thursday 10:00am-8:00pm, Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm

Library cards are free for residents of the City of Red Deer, to receive one all you need is a piece of identification



1. *Dawe Branch* *56 Holt Street*
2. *Timberlands Branch* *300 Timothy Drive*
3. *Downtown Branch* *4818 49 Street*



Red Deer Museum Mag + Art Gallery

4525 47a Ave, Red Deer- By Donation – Open: Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00am – 4:30pm

Daily admission by donation to the Museum includes the Remarkable Red Deer exhibition plus all travelling exhibits.

The MAG inspires greater understanding of the art, history and heritage of Red Deer and Central Alberta. Working with the community we will tell the stories that are meaningful to Central Alberta. Using our expertise in studying and learning from objects we will present enriched, enjoyable, and informative learning experiences for community members of all ages and abilities.



Heritage Lanes Bowling (Kids Bowl Free Program)

6200 67a Ave, Red Deer



www.kidsbowlfree.com – you must register your littles, and they can bowl up to 2 free games EVERYDAY in the summer! (Shoe rental not included, standard shoe rental rates apply. An unlimited shoe rental pass is available at the bowling center); Family Passes are available.

Family Services of Central Alberta

Main Office - 5409 - 50th Ave, Red Deer

Parkland Mall Kinsmen Family Play Space- Parkland Mall: 4747 - 67th Street,

Red Deer Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday

9:30am – 3:00pm

Family Services of Central Alberta is a non-profit organization offering a variety of courses, programs, and activities.

www.fsca.ca – for up-to-date activities and programs



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



SUNNYBROOK FARM MUSEM

*2879 Botterill Crescent, Red Deer- Admission by Donation –
Open: July 1 - August 26, Seven Days a Week: 9:00am - 5:00pm*

Sunnybrook Farm Museum celebrates the early days of Alberta farming. Find your rural roots as you explore Red Deer's oldest farm! Imagine the lives of pioneer farm families - working in the field, milking the family cow in the dairy barn, repairing a plow in the blacksmith shop, or baking bread in the summer kitchen.

WASKASOO/KERRY WOOD NATURE CENTER

*6300 45 Ave, Red Deer- Admission by Donation - Open: Seven Days a Week: 10:00am- 8:00pm –
Kerry Wood Nature Centre opens at 1:00 pm on holidays.*

Central Alberta's year-round destination for environmental education. Visit the Nature Centre for hands-on natural history interpretation, interactive exhibits, unique books, or gift ideas, and so much more.

The Nature Centre is the hub of Red Deer's Waskasoo Park Trail System; a starting point for anyone looking to delve into their natural surroundings and local wild spaces.

HISTORICAL FORT NORMANDEU

*28054 B Range Road 382, Red Deer - Admission by Donation – Opens for the season, May long weekend –
Open: Seven Days a Week 11:00am – 6:00pm*

Fort Normandeau, Interpretive Centre and Stopping House is a great place to explore Red Deer's rich cultural history.

BOWER PONDS RECREATION

4715 Fountain Drive, Red Deer –Free, Costs vary for rentals - Open: Seven Days a Week: 11:00am- 7:00pm

A gorgeous park full of attractions: wildlife, playground, Cronquist House, patio, pavilion, fishing dock, fountains, trails and so much more!

Rentals include paddle boats, canoes, kayaks, water balls and surrey bikes.

CENTRAL SPRAY & PLAY (BLUE GRASS SOD FARM)

48 St, Red Deer – Free - Open: Seven Days a Week: 11:00am- 7:00pm

Excellent spray park! Clean, safe, and easy to access! Has bathrooms, changing room, outside shower, lots of shade and picnic tables.

DISCOVERY CANYON

3800 River Bend Drive, Red Deer - Admission is Free, tubes can be rented for \$6.00, or you can bring your own that does not have a bottom - Open: Seven Days a Week: 11:00am- 7:00pm

Discovery Canyon Park features a unique lazy river, a beach area, a large nature-themed playground, concession with a full menu, picnic tables, and washrooms. Cruise down the gently sloped canyon, perfect for young kids, through bubbling pools of water and into a river-fed pool surrounded by a sandy beach.

9 HOLE FRISBEE/DISC GOLF

Disc Golf is played like traditional golf, but with disc golf discs instead of balls and clubs. One throw (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown and when a penalty is incurred. The goal is to play each hole in the fewest strokes possible

– Free – Open 24/7

1. Victoria Park - 212 324 Allan Street

2. Eastview – 3907 2W5, 3929 39 Street

3. Kentwood – 168 Kendrew Drive



COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROGRAM

All fruits and nuts grown on parkland are fair game to the public. Please harvest respectfully, being sure to leave some for others. Public access and harvest do not extend to other gardening sites, including garden plots and community gardens.

– Free – Open 24/7

1. Parkside Community Food Forest – 14 Nash St.

2. Lancaster Green Community Orchard – 11 Lancaster Dr, SE corner of Lancaster Dr. and 30 Ave. intersection

3. Mountview/Sunnybrook Community Orchard – 4613 32 St, East of Station #3

4. Waskasoo Community Orchard – 4409 58 St, corner of 45 Ave and 58 St.

5. Central Community Food Forest – West end of sports field at Central Middle School

6. Twin Spruce Community Food Forest – S.W. of Highway 595 and RR 272 intersection, across from the County Fire Hall

7. Oriel Park Food Forest - 38 Odstone Gr.

8. G.H Dawe Cricket Pitch Community Orchard –56 Holt St.

9. Fort Normandeu Community Orchard – 28054 Township Rd 382

10. Kerry Wood Nature Center Forage Garden - 6300 45 Ave.

11. Sunnybrook Farm Community Orchard – 2879 Botterill Cres.

Great Chief Park par-three Pitch'n Putt

*4707 Fountain Drive, Red Deer - Admission by Donation – Open: Seven days a week, while sun is up.
Access to the course is on foot between baseball #1 and Setters Place field fences, just past the
Great Chief Park Field House.*

First come, First Served basis. Bring your own clubs. Pitch and putt is a sport very similar to, and derived from, golf, where the hole length is typically up to 90 metres and just 2-3 clubs are typically used. Fun for all ages.

Maskepetoon Park

*Red Deer – Free – Open Seven Days a Week
Parking is located where Kerry Wood Drive becomes Oak Drive, just north of the Red Deer Golf and Country Club.
Access to Maskepetoon is available from the parking lot.*

Maskepetoon Park is an ecological gem tucked away in the west end of Red Deer. Visitors can access the park via Kerry Wood Drive or Oak Drive and once there, can stroll along paths and trails that wind through the forest and marshland.

Kin Canyon

3217 47 Ave, Red Deer – Free – Open Seven Days a Week

Kin Canyon Park is beautiful and well-maintained grass lawns ideal for group activities and play time. The wide-open spaces and the park amenities make this park a popular gathering spot in Red Deer for fun and events.

Some of the amenities on site to enhance your time spent in the Kin Canyon Park include picnic tables, washrooms, playground, water spray park, fire pits and sitting benches.

Off Leash Dog Parks

The Oxbows Off Leash Dog Park, located at the corner of 19 Street and 40 Avenue, is a 16-hectare site designed exclusively for dogs and their owners.

Three Mile Bend Recreation Area is a 55-hectare natural area that caters to a variety of outdoor activities. It is located on the North Bank Trail near the Red Deer River.

– Free – Open 24/7

- 1. Three Mile Bend 76 Street, Red Deer*
- 2. Oxbows Off Leash Dog Park 40 Ave, Red Deer*



City Hall Park

4914 48ave, Red Deer – Free – Open Seven Days a Week



Every year Parks employees fill the flower beds in City Hall Park with annuals of many different varieties and colors. Fun for all ages, a great place for some family pictures!

Christmas lights are on the trees in City Hall Park in the winter months.

Heritage Ranch

6300 Conquist Drive, Red Deer, AB – Free – Open Seven Days a Week: 10:00am- 9:00pm

A variety of activities are available at Heritage Ranch including playgrounds, a trout pond, and a picnic shelter. Many kilometres of paved and gravel trails also wind through the forest to the Red Deer River providing a perfect location for walking, biking, and cross-country skiing.

McKenzie Trails Recreation Area

Located at the end of 55th street, Red Deer, AB – Free – Open Seven Days a Week: 7:00am- 11:00pm

McKenzie Trails Recreation Area is a natural oasis in our city. The area, which features some of the oldest trees in Waskasoo Park, offers many outdoor opportunities and is a great place to have fun surrounded by nature. A playground, paved walking trails, picnic shelters and washrooms! A canoe launch, with access to the Red Deer River is also available.

Outdoor Fitness Gyms

Each outdoor gym contains 12 double fitness machines selected to give a broad-based general workout. Fun for all ages.

– Free – Open 24/7

- 1. Victoria Park / Anders corner of Allan Street and Ayers Drive*
- 2. Oriole Park 5204 Kerrywood Drive*
- 3. Barrett Park 4725 43 Street (next to Kinex)*
- 4. Glendale Park corner of Glendale Boulevard and Greig Drive*
- 5. Primary Care Network Office 5136 47 Street*
- 6. Bower Place 460 Barrett Drive*
- 7. Mountview 4316 32 Street*
- 8. Riverside Meadows 5616 Kerry Wood Drive*
- 9. Rosedale 2 Rowland Street*
- 10. Johnstone Crossing 105 Jenner Crescent*



City of Red Deer Playgrounds

– Free – Open Seven Days a Week

There are over 150 city parks around the city of Red Deer! Every time you visit a park write the address or name of the park on your calendar! Try and visit a different park each day!

Red Deer Public and Catholic School Playgrounds

– Free – Open Seven Days a Week

























There are 30 different locations of school playgrounds around the city of Red Deer! Every time you visit a park write the address or name of the park on your calendar! Try and visit a different park each day!

Nature Scavenger Hunt Bingo

(Use a different color and put small marks on each picture, so you can play over and over!)

Scavenger Hunt BINGO

Get Five in a Row Up, Down, Across or Diagonal to Win

 Leaf	 Nut	 Cloud	 Flower	 Animal
 Nest	 Fern	 Mushroom	 Dead Tree	 Crawling Insect
 Water	 Dirt	Free	 Stump	 Butterfly
 Live Tree	 Rock	 Spider	 Bird	 Stick
 Grass	 Web	 Flying Insect	 Tracks	 Pinecone

City/Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Pick any area of the city and have some fun finding these items! Check them off the list when you see them! You can do this fun scavenger hunt walking in different areas of the city, or you can visit the communities around Red Deer and have fun to! (Use a different color marker each time you play!)

Flowers

Out of province license plate

License plate that spells a word

Christmas lights

Outside porch light that is turned on

Open garage door

Fire hydrant

House with a #30 in the number

Plant in a window

House with a black railing

Welcome sign

For sale/sold sign

A person walking a dog

Motorcycle

A person riding a pedal bike

A camping trailer

Something Blue

Something Green

Something Pink

OUT OF TOWN ACTIVITIES



Elis Bird Farm

39502 Range Rd 260, Alberta (Approximately 25 minutes north of Red Deer)– Admission by Donation – Open to the Public from May-September; Tuesday-Sunday -11:00-5:00. October -December; Tuesday-Thursday – 10:00-3:00

Elis Bird Farm is dedicated to sharing their love of birds through research, education, conservation, and co-existence with the wildlife! Come yonder on their network of trails connected by butterflies, orchards, native wildflowers, hummingbirds, and water gardens.



Kirks Alpaca Farm – Three Hills

*Range Rd 255, Torrington, AB (Approximately 60 minutes south of Red Deer) – Admission by Donation-
For current hours, please check their website (<https://www.kirksalpaca.com/>)*

Currently they have 61 alpacas that you can enjoy while walking in the pasture and feeding the ones that will allow you. There is also a playground area with trampolines, a basketball court, plasma cars, swings, slides and more! You are welcome to bring your lunch and enjoy the beautiful views from the picnic tables, grass or even eat out in the pasture.

Beach Day! – Ebeling Day Use - Aspen Beach Provincial Park

Lacombe County, Alberta (Approximately 35 minutes north of Red Deer)

Ebeling Day Use has one of the most popular beaches in central Alberta. Its large sandy beach on the clean waters of Gull Lake. Clean washrooms, ample space for setting up, sand or grass to choose from.

Aspen Beach Provincial Park is a provincial park located in Alberta, Canada. The parkland reserve and recreational area contains sand beaches on the southern shores of Gull Lake, which is suitable for swimming and paddling due to its warm shallow waters, a playground, concession, and a boat launch.

Make your own calendar to keep track of all the fun places you have visited!

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

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All information was gathered from community websites as listed below:

Indoor:

<https://rdpl.org/>

<https://www.reddeermuseum.com/>

https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=6252

<https://fsca.ca/>

Outdoor:

<http://www.sunnybrookfarmmuseum.ca/>

<https://www.waskasopark.ca/>

<https://www.reddeer.ca/>

<https://www.rbgra.ca/>

<https://www.heritageranch.ca/>

<https://craftingcheerfully.com/23-free-printable-bingo-games/>

Out of Town:

<https://www.ellisbirdfarm.ca/>

<https://www.kirksalpacaafarm.ca/>

<https://www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/aspen-beach-pp/>

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