



Alberta A to Z



Communities, places and events across Alberta



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Photos—Travel Alberta: Echo Dale Regional Park, Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden, Peace River, Reynolds-Alberta Museum, Blackfoot Crossing and Historical Park; Bev Burke: QE2 sign, all Siksika; Suncor: oil sands plant; Syncrude: oil sand, bitumen • Art: Guy Parsons

M Medicine Hat

About 61,000 people live in Medicine Hat. The city has many parks. There is lots to do downtown. Visit the art gallery and museum.



People love to swim and canoe at Echo Dale Park.

N Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden

The Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden is in Lethbridge. Walk near the pond. Listen to the waterfall. Look at the trees and rocks.



“Nikka Yuko” means “Japan—Canada friendship.”

O Oil Sands

Fort McMurray is in the middle of the Athabasca Oil Sands. The oil sands cover a huge area.

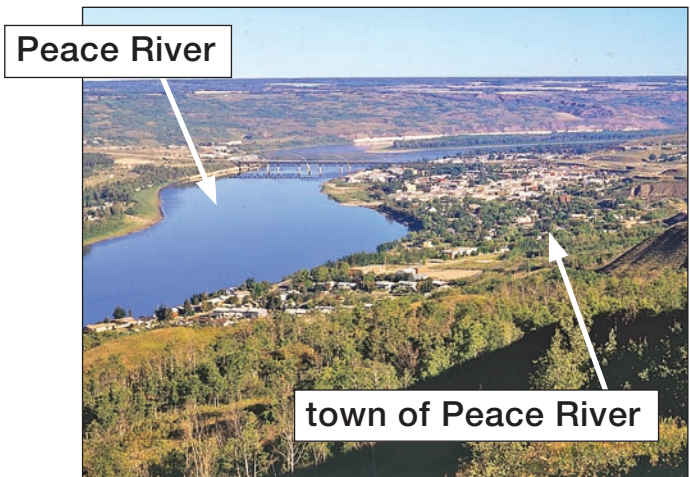
Companies mine the sand. Then they take a heavy oil out of the sand.



P Peace River

About 6,300 people live in Peace River. The town has a beautiful river valley.

PeaceFest is a popular music festival in the summer.



Q

Queen Elizabeth II Highway

Many people travel on the Queen Elizabeth II Highway. It is between Calgary and Edmonton.

The QE2 (say: Q-E-2) is part of Highway 2.



R

Reynolds-Alberta Museum

The Reynolds-Alberta Museum is near Wetaskiwin. You can see old cars, bikes, trucks, tractors, motorcycles and planes.



S Siksika Nation

The Siksika Nation is east of Calgary. The land is called a reserve. It is the second largest reserve in Canada.

You can visit the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park.

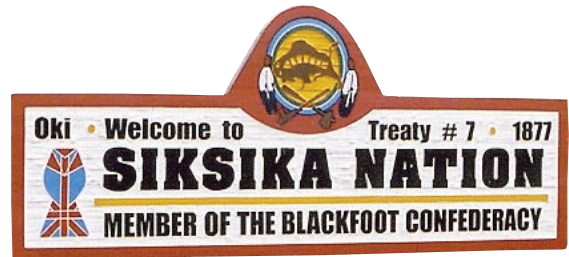
There is a powwow, fair and rodeo in August. Everyone is welcome.



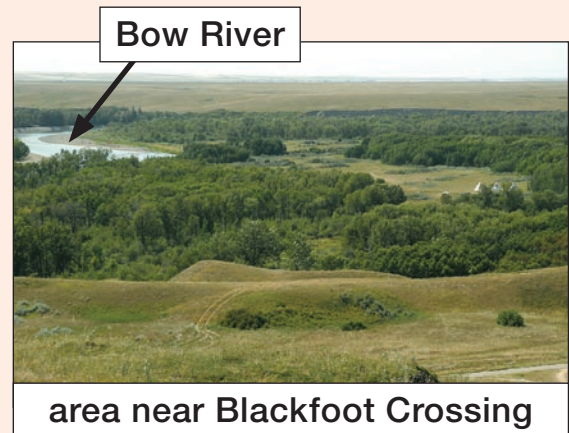
drummers



dancer



Blackfoot Crossing



area near Blackfoot Crossing

Blackfoot Crossing has been an important area for First Nations people for thousands of years. This area was a meeting place. People also crossed the Bow River here.



Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park