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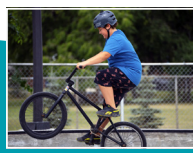


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WHAT TO DO

ANNUAL EVENTS

Virден Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze August 17 – 20, 2023

Come and join us for an exciting, action-packed weekend at the 33rd Annual Virден Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze August 17 to 20, 2023.

A **free stakeholder and community barbecue** in Victoria Park, sponsored by COREX Resources, kicks things off over the noon hour on Thursday. In the evening, **Downtown Daze**, organized and hosted by the Virден Community Chamber of Commerce, takes over the town's main business district. It's a fun atmosphere with live entertainment, a variety of food and activities for all ages to enjoy. In the **kids' zone**, you'll find inflatables, carnival games and face painting. There's a mechanical bull, local vendors and displays, and much more. Take a trip back in time and check out the vintage rides at the Westman on Wheels **Show & Shine** located at the Virден Farmers Market area (weather permitting).

Three **semi-pro rodeo** performances, held in the Tundra Oil & Gas Place arena, attract top-caliber competitors from across the prairie provinces as well as the northern U.S.A., New Zealand and Australia. On **Shootout Sunday**, the best in each of the nine events, as well as the slack, return to compete for an added purse of prize money, championship jackets and saddles. Sunday is also **Family Day**, with rodeo fans 15 and under admitted free of charge. Virден Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze is dual sanctioned by the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association (MRCA) and the Canadian Cowboys Association (CCA). It is known as a make-or-break event for cowboys and cowgirls wanting to earn points towards the MRCA and CCA Finals in the fall.

Voted "Rodeo of the Year" in 2022 as well as numerous other times over the past decade by the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Voted "Event of the Year" by Tourism Westman and Travel Manitoba in 2015.







WHAT TO DO

On Friday, youth from throughout the province take part in the **Manitoba High School Rodeo Competition**, vying for the coveted titles of High Point Junior or High School Cowboy or Cowgirl. A **pancake and sausage breakfast**, prepared and served by members of the Virden Lions Club, starts off Saturday, followed by a **town-wide parade**. In the afternoon, a **tailgate party**, including barbecued bison burgers, a beer garden, live music, carnival games and inflatables leads up to the **evening rodeo performance**.

In the arena on Sunday it's the Manitoba Calf Ropers Unlimited **Tie-Down and Breakaway Roping Finals**. Outdoors, a **3D Barrel Racing Jackpot**, sanctioned by the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association, takes place on the fairgrounds both Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

On the social side, relax with friends in the **Barn Bar** on Friday evening. The following night, kick up your heels at one of Virden's biggest social events of the year – the **Daze Dance** in the Virden Curling Club, complete with a live band.

-  virdenindoorrodeo.ca
-  Thomas Hagan, President – 204-748-1179 or 204-851-2554
-  info@virdenindoorrodeo.ca
-  Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze






Virden Demolition Derby

August 20, 2023

The Virden Demolition Derby, featuring a variety of car and truck heats, door prizes and a 50/50 draw, is held on Sunday afternoon. The track is located

on Provincial Road 257, 1/8 of a mile west of the Trans-Canada Highway. It is the largest annual fundraiser for the Virden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

-  Derby Pit is located on PR257, 1/8 mile west of the Trans-Canada Highway, Virden
-  vdndemoderby@outlook.com
-  Virden Demolition Derby

WHAT TO DO

Wolverine Days

June 24 & 25, 2023

This family-friendly event provides a taste of what shooting sport is all about. Everyone is welcome to attend—all ages, and all experience levels.

Range staff will work one on one with each individual to provide proper instruction for safe operation of each firearm. You are not required to have a firearms license to participate!

To thank their customers for their continued support, Wolverine Supplies holds an Annual Customer Appreciation and Range Event weekend featuring exclusive in-store only deals, free giveaways, food trucks, and a range event with a wide variety of different firearms to try out!

- **Manufacturer Reps on Site**
- **1000+ people over 2 days**
- **Annual Patch Promo with goal to raise \$10,000.00 each for STARS Air Ambulance and the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights**



- 📍 #1 River Valley Road North, Virden.
From Hwy #1 at Virden, take Commonwealth Drive north to PR259; turn right (east) for approx. 3 miles; turn left (north) for approx. 1.5 miles on River Valley Road. See map marker #6 on page 44.

📞 204-748-2454

✉️ sales@wolverinesupplies.com

🌐 For more information, please visit wolverinesupplies.com/wolverine-days

📱 @wolv_supplies



WHAT TO DO

Madesa MX Motocross

Madesa MX Motocross Track is located within the scenic Assiniboine Valley and was built with spectators in mind. This new track on the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Motocross circuits hosts a number of events throughout the summer, including the **Saskatchewan Provincial Championship, July 29-30**, and the **Manitoba Provincial Championship race (round 5), July 8-9, 2023**. Riders enjoy the only track in Canada with a mesh starting gate during competitions while spectators are able to see 95% of the track from the built-up grandstand, making this track an ideal stop this summer. Smoked & Sauced Food Truck will be on site and Broken Bone Entertainment will be the announcer.

The track is open to prep tracked ride days for competitors to practice, but you can also contact the track owner about experiencing Motocross for yourself.



With over 300 riders, this exciting new sport in our area is one to experience.

- 📍 Located six miles northeast of Virden. From Hwy #1 at Virden, take Commonwealth Drive north to PR259; turn right (east) for 1 mile; turn left (north) for 3 miles; turn right (east) for 1 mile.
- 📞 Mark Cosgrove, 204-851-5229
- 🌐 204gmoto.com/madesa-mx
- 📘 @madesmx

Canada Day

Celebrated in Virden, Elkhorn and Kenton annually, the Canada Celebrations are unique to each community. Barbeques, parades, fireworks, kids' carnival and family entertainment are some of the highlights of this long-lasting tradition.



WHAT TO DO



Elkhorn Fair Grounds

- Barrel Racing Jackpots every second Monday through July & August
- August 4th – Outdoor Movie
- August 6th – Horse Show

- ✉ elkhornagsociety@gmail.com
- f [@elkhornagriculturalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/elkhornagriculturalsociety)



Harding Fair July 21, 2023

The first Harding Fair was held in 1904 and with its great history has continued relatively unchanged to this day. It is an exquisite showcase of "rural Manitoba living" on display. Classes and entries include Pony and Light Horse, Heavy Horse, Miniature Horse, Cattle, and Home Living.

- 🌐 hardingfair.wixsite.com
- ✉ hardingfair@inethome.ca
- f [@hardingfair](https://www.facebook.com/hardingfair)



Elkhorn Elks Western Weekend

The second major summer event in Elkhorn is the highly anticipated Elks Western Weekend. This two-day event features chariot racing, chuckwagon racing, barrel racing, Slo-Pitch tournament, beach volleyball tournament, Elks Saloon, Saturday night social and live entertainment!

- ✉ elkhornelks381@mts.net
- f [@westernweekend](https://www.facebook.com/westernweekend)

WHAT TO DO

Elkhorn Homecoming 2023 August 4 – 7, 2023



THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Registration Open for Elkhorn Residents | 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Located under tent on Main Street

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Registration Open | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Located under tent on Main Street

Street Carnival | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Hosted by the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce
Located on Main Street

Gossip in the Graveyard | 7:00 pm
Hosted by Lisa Bartley
Located at Elkhorn Cemetery

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Pancake Breakfast | 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Hosted by WDFD #2
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Registration Open | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Located under tent on Main Street

Opening Ceremonies | 11:00 am
Hosted by Homecoming Committee
Located at stage on Main Street (rain location: EDCC)

Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony | 12:30 pm
Elkhorn Memorial Park

Tour of Elkhorn School and Box Lunch | 12:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn School Parent Committee

Old Time Music and Tea | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hosted by the Legion
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Chariot Races | 1:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Teddy Bear Picnic | 1:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce
Elkhorn Memorial Park

Gossip in the Graveyard | 1:00 pm
Hosted by Lisa Bartley
Located at Elkhorn Cemetery

Strawberry Social | 2:30 pm
Hosted by SALL, Leisure Centre & Elkwood Manor Health Auxiliary
Located at Elkhorn Legion

Chuckwagon Races | 3:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Cold Plate Supper | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Grad Class 2024
Located at EDCC

Kendra Kay Concert & Dance | 9:00 pm - 1:00am
Hosted by EDCC
Located at EDCC

Slo-Pitch Tournament | ALL DAY
Hosted by EDCC
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Food Booths, Beer Gardens, Kids Entertainment | ALL DAY
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Pancake Breakfast | 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Hosted by WDFD #2
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Church Service | 10:00 am
Hosted by Cheryl Sisson
Elkhorn Memorial Park

Parade | 11:30 am
Hosted by Elkhorn Homecoming Committee
Family Floats Welcome - Parade Marshall Lynn Tutthill

Chariot Races | 1:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Kids Zone | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce
Elkhorn Memorial Park

Show & Shine | 2:00 pm
Manitoba Antique Automobile Museum

Strawberry Social | 2:30 pm
Hosted by SALL, Leisure Centre & Elkwood Manor Health Auxiliary
Located at Elkhorn Legion

Chuckwagon Races | 3:00 pm
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Merv's Pitchfork Fondue Steak Supper | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Hosted by Homecoming Committee
Located at EDCC

Street Dance & Closing Ceremonies | 8:00 pm - 1:00 am
Hosted by Homecoming Committee
Main Street

Fireworks | Dusk
Hosted by Homecoming Committee
Main Street

Slo-Pitch Tournament | ALL DAY
Hosted by EDCC
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

Food Booths, Beer Gardens, Kids Entertainment | ALL DAY
Hosted by Elkhorn Elks
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Pancake Breakfast | 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Hosted by Elkhorn Ag Society
Elkhorn Ag Society Fairgrounds

RECREATION

Virden Swimming Pool

The Virden Swimming Pool is open from June to the end of August. Change room facilities are located within adjacent Tundra Oil & Gas Place. The pool has a children's area with a toddler lions slide, and a large double loop waterside. Swimming lessons, lap swim, aqua fit classes, public swim and private rentals are available throughout the season.

- 📍 900-5th Avenue, Virden, with the entrance in the Curling Rink parking lot. See map marker #37 on page 46.
- ☎ 204-748-2736 ext. 3
- ✉ pool@virden.ca
- 📱 @virdenparksandrec



Elkhorn Spray Park

A new spray park opened in Elkhorn in June 2017. This modern recreation facility, located in Elkhorn Memorial Park, accommodates all ages. It's safe, wheelchair accessible, and free of charge! The design consists of a touch pod sensor and operates seven days a week during the summer months. The spray park is a great addition to the other park amenities which include a play structure, basketball court, picnic area, and modern public washroom facility. Be sure to make this a stop on your travels this summer!


- 📍 Richhill Avenue East, Elkhorn




WHAT TO DO

Virден Skate Park

After delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, construction of the Virден Skate Park took place in the fall of 2021. With approximately 6,500 square feet of concrete riding area, the skate park boasts unique features like a half-pipe and pump track. It is a multi-use park suitable for riders of skateboards, BMX bikes, scooters, and inline skates. Riders are asked to wear proper safety equipment and abide by posted notices. As the park is suitable for beginner and experienced riders, we ask that participants respect each other's riding abilities. This is an exciting new recreational facility to safely house the growing popularity of the sport.

 virdenskatparkcommittee@gmail.com

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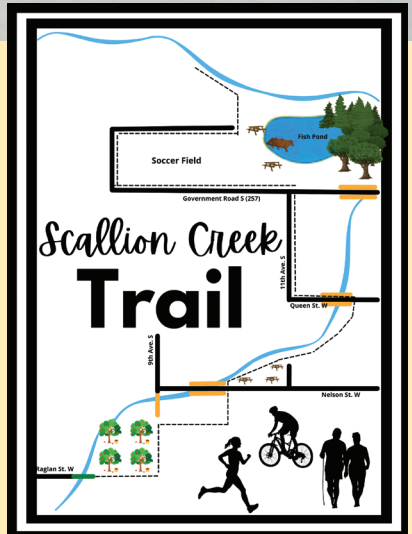
Scallion Creek Trail

Scallion Creek runs through the Town of Virден and is being rejuvenated by a group of local volunteers.

Scallion Creek Trail committee's vision is to restore the natural trail along the Scallion Creek where possible and to continue a walking path throughout the community. Their goal is to provide this recreation trail to enhance outdoor activity for all ages, and also to promote education and healthy living for all.

 scallioncreektrail@gmail.com

 [@scallioncreektrail](https://www.facebook.com/scallioncreektrail)



WHAT TO DO

Salt Lake

This popular swimming hole is located near Lenore, Manitoba in the Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth. Set off the beaten track within the beautiful prairie landscape is a refreshing swimming hole and maintained beach area.

- 📍 4 miles south of Lenore on PR259 (or 1 mile north of the junction of PR259 and PR463 on PR259), then 2½ miles east on Salt Lake Road. See map marker #7 on page 44.



Kenworth Dam

The site of the Kenworth Dam has been developed for camping, swimming and fishing, and makes an ideal location for Kenton's annual Canada Day celebrations.

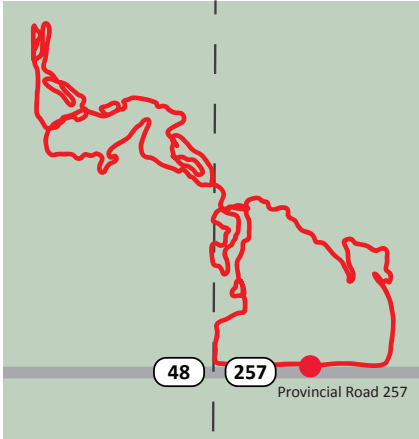
Seven serviced and three un-serviced sites for camping can be found near the large, sandy beach. Swim in the clear water of the lake or take a boat or canoe out to test your fishing skills. There is also a cookhouse, shower and washroom facility. Pickerel can be had here year-round. It's an ideal spot for travellers to slow down and enjoy the scenery.

- 📍 One mile south of Kenton on PTH21, then ½ mile west. See map marker #9 on page 44.
- 🏕️ Lonesome Oak Campground



WHAT TO DO


Kola Mountain Bike Trails



Explore this 10.8-km loop trail near Wallace-Woodworth, Manitoba. Generally considered a moderately challenging route. This trail is great for mountain biking, and it's unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are May through September.

Located on the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border, this local trail is perfect for conditioning and practicing mountain bike skills. This trail is full of amazing viewpoints of the valley and creek, and although the route is available for hikers, it was built for mountain-bike riding so it twists and turns to get as much trail into a small area as possible. It has a lot of steep short climbs and drops.

This trail is located near/on an active pasture: Please respect all gates, fences and animals.

 Trail information available at alltrails.com/trail/canada/manitoba/kola-mtb-loop



Virден Spray Park

The new Virден Spray Park (opened in summer 2022) is open daily from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and is located adjacent to the ball diamonds and playground behind Tundra Oil & Gas Place.



FISHING

Virden Fish Pond



The Virden Fish Pond might just be one of the best-kept secrets in the town.

Maintained by volunteers, the Fish Pond is stocked, and has been since 1990. The fish pond was stocked with 200 Steelhead trout fingerlings (which are essentially the same as rainbow trout)

last summer on June 18th, 2022. The new dock was added in the summer of 2021. You don't have to have a license to fish here and you can catch as many as you want. An aerator ensures there is no winter kill, and the pond can be enjoyed year-round.

- 📍 Galt Street West, south of PR257, Virden.
See map marker #44 on page 46.

Eternal Springs

Eternal Springs, maintained by local volunteers, features two small stocked trout ponds, hiking trails, barbeque pits, a 66-foot swinging bridge and picnic tables. It's an ideal place to head out for a walk and explore some new hiking trails.

- 📍 Approximately 8 miles east of Virden.
Latitude: 49°50'8.2"N (49.8356°N)
Longitude: 100°43'15.2"W (100.7209°W)
See map marker #8 on page 44.

- 📍 Eternal Springs-VAWA



GOLFING



Virden Wellview Golf Club

Manitoba golf was born in Virden in 1892. As the first golf course in the province, the Virden Wellview Golf Club 9-hole course is classically designed with wide fairways and deep, windswept grassy roughs, sand bunkers and water. Several updates throughout the years to the course have included new greens and tee boxes, practice area, driving range, and brand new clubhouse that opened in 2020. The clubhouse is open year-round. A Golf Simulator that was added in 2022 is open from November until April.

The course offers a licensed clubhouse, full restaurant menu, and cart and club rentals.

- 📍 Junction of PTH83 and PR257, Virden. See map marker #48 on page 46.
- 🌐 wellviewgolfsuper.wixsite.com/virdenwellviewgolf
- 📞 To book a tee time or for more information: 204-748-1721
- 📱 @virdenwellviewgolfcourse

Elkhorn Golf & Country Club

Bring your clubs and enjoy this 9-hole, 2530-yard golf course conveniently located south of Elkhorn. For more information about this hidden gem, give the club a call.

- 📍 Immediately south of Elkhorn on PR256
- 📞 204-845-2161

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts Mosaic Gallery and Mosaic Market



Nestled in the beautiful CPR Historic Centre is the Arts Mosaic Gallery and Mosaic Market.

Named one of the top 10 galleries in the province by Travel Manitoba, this gallery offers visitors a welcome break from a weary day of travel. Hosting a different artist or group of artists each month, the gallery offers one-of-a-kind works for sale. The gallery is open year-round, and always welcomes visitors to view the talent on display.

The Mosaic Market features handmade works from local and regional artists. Items are painstakingly created with great love and care, and are sure to be welcome additions to any home or collection. From puzzles to greeting cards to pottery to one-of-a-kind art—travellers are sure to find treasures a plenty in this market! Why not take a piece of southwestern Manitoba or southeastern Saskatchewan home with you? You can also purchase the one-of-a-kind Arts Mosaic colouring book to help you pass the time as you continue on your journey. The Art Gallery and Mosaic Market are open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

📍 425-6th Avenue South, Virden

☎ 204-748-3014

📘 @mbartsmosaic

📷 @artsmosaic



The Caboose


While you are visiting the CPR Historic Centre why not request a tour of the caboose that stands guard over the building? Before the caboose was brought to its final destination, it was lovingly restored to reflect how it would look to those who saw our country from within its walls. How many of us remember waiting for the end of a train so we could wave at the men or women in the caboose?

WHAT TO DO

The Costume Closet

The Costume Closet has been deemed a one-of-a-kind collection—like no other in Canada! With over 30,000 items it's no wonder! Housed within its 4,000 square foot building are pieces of Manitoba and Canada's history. Some examples are a cape that was bought in the Eatons store in Montreal before one was built in Winnipeg, a man's black wool bathing suit that was bought in England before 1910, and authentic military uniforms worn in WW2. Costumes from this collection have been used in several movie productions, the most recent being *A Dog's Purpose*.

Tours are available upon request, and the opportunity to view this collection is one not to be missed! The Costume Closet is open Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

 204-748-6108



Multi-Cultural Street Festival

On the first Sunday in October, downtown Virden opens its heart to celebrate the cultural diversity that makes our town a community. This event is free to the public, and is a joint partnership between Arts Mosaic and the Westman Immigrant Services Virden Branch. Join us for art, dance, activities and good food.



Kenton Bandstand

Located on Kenton's main street, across from our local Dodge dealership, this venue is used for many events, from Canada Day celebrations, concerts, fundraisers, and evenings out on the Legion patio, to personal events such as weddings and funerals.


The bandstand is nestled in the centre of town, surrounded by beautiful trees and gardens. The stage itself is decorated with murals done by Kenton's very own artists, Erica and Mary Lowe, and built by the volunteer hands of many wonderful people in the community. Kenton is very lucky to have this venue maintained again by their "green thumb" volunteer gardeners. The bandstand itself is open to both the Legion patio and the large green space. This gives lots of opportunity for enjoying the shows from any vantage point.

The idea to construct this venue came about when some mothers in the community who

attend the local playgroup thought a natural playground would be a nice addition to the town. The idea took roots and the community has not looked back. New additions to the park have included benches, balance beam logs for play, gardens, and a memorial garden.

The memorial garden has been a nice addition to the space, giving everyone a spot in town to remember loved ones lost. It is a work in progress and the community hopes to continue to create this space into an area that can grow over time for all to enjoy.

You can find our page on Facebook under Kenton Community Park Project. Look it up and stay tuned for summer events...or just come and enjoy the green space next time you find yourself in Kenton!

 Kenton Community Park Project



AT THE BANDSTAND 2023

- Canada Day Celebration – July 1st
- Fudge Cancer Benefit Concert – July 15th

PROUD HERITAGE

MUSEUMS

Manitoba Antique Auto Museum



Along the Trans-Canada Highway at Elkhorn is a collection of rare, antique automobiles, vintage agricultural equipment and quirky memorabilia so unique that you'll cease second-guessing the sanity of your decision to drive across the Prairies in the heat of the summer to check it out.

A red 1930 American Austin miniature car greets you in the lobby along with a taxidermy two-headed calf, and vintage photos of local curling and baseball teams, 4-H clubs and threshing bees.

Through a second set of doors is where the automotive-history experience begins: An exotic collection of 80 vehicles awaits, including a 1902 Holsman, a 1909 Hupmobile, and one of the largest collections of original McLaughlin Motor Cars in Canada. You'll also find a horse-drawn

hearse on skis for the winter, a 1955 Packard, and plenty more.

This museum owes its existence to founder Isaac (Ike) Clarkson, a local farmer who passionately wanted to preserve a mechanical record of his times. With more than 120 antique automobiles, pioneer tools and a steam engine, this museum is one of a kind.

The museum is open daily from May to September, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information about the museum, rates, tours and events, visit the museum's Facebook page.

 Trans-Canada Highway #1, Elkhorn

 204-845-2604

 @manitobaantiqueautomobilemuseum

PROUD HERITAGE



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Pioneer Home Museum

A visit to the Virden Pioneer Home Museum acquaints guests with the way of life of an established Victorian family in the Canadian West. The large brick-veneer home, which houses the majority of the museum's collection, was built in 1888 on "Quality Hill," which represented one of the wealthiest districts in early Virden. Each room has been re-furnished to reflect the charm of the era, with numerous period items and furniture, giving it a homey, almost lived-in feeling.

What started out 50 years ago with 300 artifacts has grown to over 11,000 on display here. The museum's annexes house post office, general store, and schoolhouse displays, as well as other memorabilia of pioneer life. First World War artifacts and uniforms, and a folk-art gallery, are also featured. The museum



Pioneer Home Museum

has one of the most extensive and complete museum collections in rural Manitoba.

Open seven days a week from May to the end of August. For more information about the museum, rates, tours and events:

📍 390 King Street West, Virden

📞 204-748-1659

🌐 virdepioneerhome.wixsite.com/museum

📘 @virdepioneers

PROUD HERITAGE



Pioneer Home Museum

Woodworth Millennium Museum



This two-storey wooden residence in the village of Kenton was built in the early 20th century by local businessman Leander Lawlor. It is one of the few well-preserved buildings remaining from the village's Establishment-era history. Lawlor was a longstanding Kenton businessman and built many local residential and commercial buildings including his own house. The six modest bedrooms on the second-floor help tell the story of its time as a boarding house. This type of house was important to the development of early 20th century prairie towns, where a boarding house provided temporary or longer-term residence for those newly-arrived or in transition. The house is now a community museum, tours of which are by appointment only.



204-838-2018, 204-838-2028, or
204-838-2261 to arrange a tour

HISTORIC SITES

Breadalbane Church

The Presbyterian congregation of the Breadalbane district in western Manitoba was established in 1883. This impressive stone church in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, a municipally-designated historic site, was constructed by stonemason C. B. Murphy in 1898. Next to it is a stone monument listing the names of pioneers to the Breadalbane district and their year of arrival between 1880 and 1900.



- 📍 3 miles south of Lenore on PR259 (or 2 miles north of the junction of PR259 and PR463 on PR259), then 1 mile west

River Valley Historical Society

River Valley School District No. 879 was formally established in February 1896 with a stone school building. Named for its position in the Assiniboine River Valley northeast of Virden, the school opened with 33 students taught by Mr. Brokenshire, the minister at Breadalbane Church.

The school was the educational and social centre of the area until it closed in 1955; the district was dissolved in July 1966. Renovations to the building since its closure have included the replacement of stones in its southwest corner with concrete, and the bricking over of several window openings.

The former school, along with a picnic area and campsite, are operated as a tourist site by volunteers of the River Valley Historical Society. A plaque mounted on the building door in 1995 commemorates Agnes Anderson for her years of service to the facility. A plaque on the building exterior, dedicated on August 3, 1996, commemorates the students, teachers, and families of the River Valley School District.

- 📍 5 miles northeast of Virden on PR259
- ☎️ Tours: 204-748-3920 or 204-748-1461
- 📘 @rivervalleysschool



CPR Historic Centre

During the summer of 1883, the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) main line crossed Gopher Creek about 45 kilometres from the present Saskatchewan border. The siding, with a bridge, small station and water tower, was named Virden, after the country estate of The Duke of Manchester, a major CPR shareholder. Within a few years, a thriving community had established itself on the townsite surveyed by the CPR.

By 1899 Virden had grown to such an extent that plans were made to replace the original station with a larger, more modern, facility. Built in 1900, the picturesque design for the new depot

was a product of R.B. Pratt, a notable station designer, first with the CPR and then for their rival, Canadian Northern. The Virden station was from a standardized set of plans, used on several other Manitoba stations. The design was distinguished by its remarkable roof, an impressive and complicated composition with dormers and beak-like canopies. The Virden Station is the only one in Manitoba constructed of fieldstone.

Nearby, a railway underpass built in 1917 allows pedestrians to cross the tracks safely.

 425-6th Avenue South, Virden



PROUD HERITAGE

The Aud Theatre

In 1911 Viriden was Manitoba's ninth largest centre. After being incorporated as a town in 1904, the existing local government offices were felt to be inadequate for a population of 1500. In May 1911, Viriden's town council decided to construct municipal and civic offices, a court room and a large opera house on a site adjacent to the existing fire hall on Wellington Street.

The Auditorium (as the complex came to be known) was designed by W.A. Elliott, an architect responsible for many designs in southwestern Manitoba including the Brandon Central Fire Hall and the Brandon Mental Hospital. The contractor for the Auditorium was W.T. Manser, Viriden's foremost builder at that time.





When it was erected in 1911-12, it was one of the last opera houses of its type to be built in Manitoba. With its outstanding acoustics and classical style, it has been recognized as one of the best concert halls of its size in Western Canada.

During the past 30 years the Aud Board has undertaken numerous projects with the aim of improving the theatre. The Viriden Auditorium



will continue to be the entertainment centre for future generations of Viriden and area residents. Whether it is the Music and Arts Festival, a dramatic production, a musical or a school Christmas concert, young and old alike will have the opportunity to "trod the boards" or be an enthusiastic spectator in The Aud Theatre. Either way it will be a treat.

The Auditorium Theatre is a testament to those who fought to preserve it, a privilege to those who have the opportunity to perform in it, and a treasure to the people of Viriden and all who attend performances in it.

-  228 Wellington Street West, Viriden
-  204-748-1982
-  theviridenaud.com
-  @audtheatre



Cairns & Monuments

The R.M. of Wallace-Woodworth has created an interactive map with the locations for all cairns, monuments, cemeteries and historical sites in the municipality. There are 105 sites detailed on the map. Scan the QR code to explore.



Click on "Interactive Map" on the link below
www.wallace-woodworth.com/p/municipal-map

KENTON SCHOOL

Lat: 49.98787°N • Long: 100.61915°W

KOLA SCHOOL

Lat: 49.85782°N • Long: 101.36318°W

LENORE WAR MEMORIAL

Lat: 49.95872°N • Long: 100.74731°W

MOSSGIEL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lat: 49.97566°N • Long: 101.37888°W

PARKLAND SCHOOL

Lat: 49.88851°N • Long: 101.166929°W

ST. JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH (KIRKELLA)

Lat: 50.02249°N • Long: 101.36413°W

SCALLION HOUSE & GRANARY

Lat: 49.89062°N • Long: 100.94849°W

WALLACE UNITED CHURCH

Lat: 49.94543°N • Long: 100.96616°W



Hargrave Cairn & Hall



Springvale School Cairn



Wallace United Church

VIRDEN HERITAGE SITES

Numbers indicate each site's position on the map on page 29.



H.C. Simpson House 1

410 King Street West

Mr. Simpson operated a large horse buying business. The Simpson brothers supplied mounts for the British Army during the Boer War. Mr. Simpson represented the Virden constituency in the Provincial Legislature in 1909.



Pioneer Home Museum 2

390 King Street West

The M.J.W Madge family donated over 700 historical artifacts from their pioneer ancestors in 1882, thus forming the Pioneer Home Museum. Open seven days a week from May to September.



McLachlan Home 3

289 Raglan Street West

Formerly the Carmel Presbyterian Church from 1883-1900 until the property was sold to the Methodist Church. To make room for the new Methodist Church on this site, this house was moved across the lane to become the residence of J.A. McLachlan, co-founder of the *Virden Empire-Advance*.



Clingan Home 4

330-8th Avenue South

This three-storey brick home was built by Marshall Bros in 1906 for Dr. George Clingan, a graduate of Toronto Medical College who practiced medicine in Virden for 46 years.



Scott Block 5

236 Nelson Street West

This structure was built by W.T. Manser in 1914. It is constructed of bricks from the local Virden Brickyard and the floors were laid by local labour. The clock in the tower of the building was given by Sir James Aken and the bell weighs approximately 800lbs. The building now called Scott Block was the second post-office built in Virden and is now an apartment building.

PROUD HERITAGE



C.P. Station 6

425-6th Avenue South

This railway station was designed by Ralph B. Pratt and opened in 1900. Featuring 22-inch thick fieldstone walls and a full basement, the building is only one of two in the province of similar construction. The station now serves as a centre for the arts in Viriden.



The Aud Theatre 7

228 Wellington Street West

Built in 1911, this 500-seat structure is the oldest opera house in Western Canada. Incorporated in The Aud Theatre is a gallery, dressing rooms, a proscenium arch, and very good acoustics. The Viriden Auditorium became the finest opera house in Manitoba. A special feature of The Aud Theatre is the hand-painted curtain made from Russian linen. The theatre has allowed the local population to enjoy entertainment and cultural events in a superb, culturally unique facility for nearly 100 years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.



The Terrace 8

302-332 Queen Street West

This row house-type structure built from Viriden brick in about 1890 is similar to those found in the United Kingdom and is certainly a rare sight for a prairie town.



Dr. F. J. Goulding House 9

677-9th Avenue South

This heritage fieldstone home was constructed in 1893 by Dr. F.J. Goulding. The home bears features of the Italian Villa Style. These elements include brackets beneath the eaves of a lox pitched roof, small frontal tower, and a tiny entry porch.



St. Mary's Anglican Church 10

633-9th Avenue South

This structure is a great example of fieldstone construction. Much of the stone for the fieldstone construction came from along the top of the Assiniboine River Valley. The church features two stained glass windows created by famous artist and sculptor, Leo Mol.

PROUD HERITAGE

MAP LEGEND

1. H.C. Simpson House
2. Pioneer Home Museum
3. McLachlan Home
4. Clingan Home
5. Scott Block
6. C.P. Station
7. The Aud Theatre
8. The Terrace
9. Dr. F.J. Goulding House
10. St. Mary's Anglican Church



DOWNTOWN VIRDEN

See full Virden Map on page 44.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES


EXPLORE & DISCOVER

Westwood Ranch Garden Centre



Come for a stroll through the Westwood Ranch Garden Centre and Greenhouses. With 10 greenhouses, the Garden Centre is a wholesaler of plants to many communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Westwood Ranch specialises in new varieties and colours of plants at an affordable price. Offering annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees and vegetable plants, Westwood Ranch is the place to go for all your gardening needs.

An exciting addition to the 2023 season will be a craft vendors market and flea markets on Saturday and Sundays.

 10 Miles south of Hwy #1 near Kirkella on PR542, then one mile west or find us on Google Maps

 204-845-2002

 westwoodranchgardencentre.com

 @westwoodranchgardencentre





The Garden Shoppe Farm Experience

This tranquil experience includes wandering through the garden and selecting the bouquet that is perfect for you. You may want all flowers or you may want to add in some lemongrass or chamomile. The choice is yours.

Immerse yourself in the rows and boxes of blooms as you lose your worries of the day and find a place of tranquility. Relax in the greenhouse and enjoy the energy of this 100+ year-old building that was given a new lease on life. The hammock isn't usually in the greenhouse, but it hangs outside and you're welcome to give it a try. Make your own tea

blend or purchase one of the packaged teas made from the plants grown in the garden. Watch for special events at the Garden Shoppe. You can book a spiritual reading in this peaceful setting. The only way to enjoy this more is to bring a friend.

- 📍 59099 PR257
(5.5 miles west of the golf course)
- ☎ 204-851-6194
- ✉ rhondawalker@live.ca
- 🌐 thegardenshoppe.ca
- 🌐 rhondawalkercoaching.com

Virden Farmers' Market

The very successful Virden Farmers' Market was launched in 1989 and has maintained a very solid nucleus of vendors since its inception. There is a wide variety of items available including baking, fresh produce, honey, meat, jewelry, wood furniture, and cleaning products.

The market operates on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm during the summer.

- 📍 565-6th Avenue South, Virden
- ✉ virdenmarket@gmail.com
- 📱 @virdenfarmersmarket

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UNIQUE EXPERIENCES



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Applejacks Orchard

Over 40 varieties of apples developed by the University of Saskatchewan, as well as eight varieties of cherries, are grown at this orchard. They also have plumbs, raspberries, hascap, saskatoon, cranberry, chokecherry, gooseberry, grapes and a pear tree. They also sell fresh unpasteurized honey. A U-pick operation is located onsite. Individual or group tours of the orchard can be arranged by telephone or email.

- 📍 169109 Road 63N; 7 miles south of Hwy #1 at Kirkella on PR542, then 1½ miles east
- ☎ 204-851-2054 or 204-851-0367
- ✉ tallcedarfarm@hotmail.com
- 📌 @ApplejacksOrchard

Fort La Bosse Wildlife Association

Fort La Bosse Wildlife Association offers both an indoor and outdoor range. The indoor range is located in Virden. Guests are welcome accompanied by a local member. The outdoor range is located in the beautiful Assiniboine Valley northeast of Virden. The scenic location, along with excellent ranges and facilities, make the shooting experience all that it can be. For bona fide members and guests, the

gun club holds a handful of matches per year. Visit the association's Facebook page for more information about events and membership.

- 📍 Outdoor Range: PR259 near Wolverine Supplies
Indoor Range: 250 Thomas Drive, Virden
- 📌 @flbwa

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Historical Walking Tour

The Town of Virden prides itself on trees, bushes and flowers, a far cry from what it started out as—flat, empty prairie. Virden today is the hub of the cattle, agriculture and oil industries.

Virden Historical Tours gives you a good background of the town and the story before the coming of the first Canadians. We go back as far as the Great Inland Sea...and the sea monsters that went with it.

Tours deal with the stern-wheelers on the Assiniboine River and famous Fort La Bosse. The tour usually takes a little more than two hours of walking. For a young frontier town, Virden has a wealth of stories to be told.

The price is right. The guide is theatrical and knowledgeable. The adventure starts at the CPR Historic Centre Station, a story in itself.

Access to the Aud Theatre and Costume Closet can be arranged with an expected donation to each organisation.

To arrange your walking tour, please contact Kel at kelvonsmith@wcgwave.ca



Oil & Gas / Agriculture

Dubbed the *Oil Capital of Manitoba*, oil was first discovered in the Virden area in 1951 and since then over 80,000 wells have been drilled. New technology and innovation have provided the area enormous economic opportunity. It truly is something to see in our area. Oil wells and rigs are nestled against the agricultural landscape.

Although oil and gas are prominent, agriculture is the top economic driver. Over 340 farms produce cereal grain, oil seeds, pulse crops and forages. The area is well adapted to mixed farming with a large volume of cattle and hogs also being produced. These two industries make up much of the economic activity, and mould the identity of the area.

Virden Oil Capitals Junior A Hockey

In 2011, a group of local investors purchased the Winnipeg Saints Junior A Franchise and relocated the team to play at the newly built Tundra Oil & Gas Place. Their inaugural season was held in 2012. Since inception of the club in Virden, the team has made the playoffs every year, with their best record in the 2017-2018 season, losing in the Turnbull Championship Final.

The Virden Oil Capitals have become a part of Virden's culture. The club is an integral part of

the community and offers great entertainment throughout the winter months. For more information about the 2023-2024 season check out the team's website.

oilcapshockey.com
[@virdenoilcapitals](https://www.facebook.com/virdenoilcapitals)



WHERE TO STAY

HOTELS

Comfort Inn & Suites

Guests at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Virden will enjoy an indoor heated pool, whirlpool and waterslide. Other amenities include a full free hot breakfast, wireless high-speed Internet, spacious rooms with cable, refrigerator, microwave, hair dryer, coffee maker, pillow top mattress and some rooms feature a sofa sleeper, whirlpool and robes.

- 📍 380 Frontage Road West, Virden
- 📞 204-707-6020
- 🌐 choicehotels.com/manitoba/virden/comfort-inn-hotels

Jays Inn & Suites

This premier hotel offers friendly service, a casual atmosphere and a convenient location. Competitive rates and a reputation for quality accommodation ensure an enjoyable stay. This 40-unit hotel features a variety of rooms with LG flat screen TVs, fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. Enjoy complimentary continental breakfast, wireless high-speed Internet, fitness centre, coin-operated laundry, and outdoor patio with barbecue.

- 📍 20 Frontage Road West, Virden
- 📞 204-748-2223
- 🌐 jaysinn.ca



WHERE TO STAY

MOTELS

Alexandra Hotel

The Alexandra Hotel features 10 newly renovated suites. This historic building also houses the Black Gold Saloon beverage room. Vendor off-sale is also available.

- 📍 114 Nelson Street West, Virden
- ☎ 204-748-2677
- ✉ Halow12@mymts.net

Elkhorn Motor Hotel

Modern rooms with queen beds, air-conditioning, cable TV, wireless Internet, and phones. ATM on site, steak pit, vendor, bar, and VLTs.

- 📍 202 Richhill Avenue West, Elkhorn
- ☎ 204-845-2505

Countryside Inn

This upgraded 36-unit motel comes complete with flat-screen TVs and high-speed wireless Internet. Guests receive a complimentary hot breakfast and can also enjoy a BBQ meal in the outside patio area.

- 📍 561 Wellington Street, Virden
- ☎ 204-748-1244
- 🌐 countrysideinn.ca

Virden Central Hotel

The Central Hotel offers a 60-seat dining room and family restaurant, 250-seat beverage room and patio, 80-seat banquet facilities, off-sale beer vendor, and 15 newly renovated guest rooms.

- 📍 444-6th Avenue South, Virden
- ☎ 204-748-1118
- 🌐 virdencentralhotel.com



Alexandra Hotel



Virden Central Hotel

Virden Motel

Each room is equipped with a flat screen TV. Some units have a seating area to relax in after a busy day. Each room comes with a private bathroom fitted with a bath or shower. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the property.




- 📍 585 Nelson Street East, Virden
- ☎ 204-748-2424
- 🌐 virdenmotel.com/en-us

BED & BREAKFASTS



Huggybears Bed & Breakfast




Located on Highway #1, 10 minutes west of Virden. Guests will enjoy a stay in a century-old home that includes two guest rooms, three bathrooms with shower only, and a full hot breakfast.

-  NE 11-11-27 W, Hargrave.
See map marker #5 on page 44.
-  204-748-6996
-  huggybears@rfnw.com

Prairie Sky Cabins

This family-operated cabin rental business is located on a bison farm just minutes from Virden and Elkhorn.




Five unique and rustic modern cabins are available for rent in the heart of Manitoba's Oil Country. Cabins are equipped with new furnishings, kitchenettes, high-speed wireless Internet and satellite television.

-  9 miles south of Elkhorn on PR256, then 2 miles west on PR257; turn right (north) on Road 168 for two miles, then left (west) for ½ mile.
Lat: 49.872709°N Long: -101.2967514°W.
See map marker #4 on page 44.
-  204-845-2130
-  prairieskycabins.com



Kimcainr Bed & Breakfast




Located in Virden, this B&B features three rooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, screened-in veranda and a full breakfast.

-  328 Lyons Street, Virden. See map marker #40 on page 46.
-  204-748-1231
-  imunchinsky@yahoo.ca



Roseberry Inn Bed & Breakfast

This turn-of-the-century "hotel style" B&B is host to four bedrooms with air-conditioning, Internet and televisions. Guests enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast.

-  Hwy #1, Elkhorn. See Elkhorn map marker #7 on page 48.
-  204-845-2388
-  wbickert@mts.net

WHERE TO STAY

CAMPGROUNDS

Elkhorn Campground

The campground contains 16 full-service sites, along with un-serviced sites and a large grassy tenting area. Serviced sites are large and open, bordered by grass and young trees, and feature gravel strips for parking. Washroom and shower facilities are located onsite, and large fire pits and firewood are available. Monthly rates available.

- 📍 202 Cavendish Street, Elkhorn.
See Elkhorn map marker #2 on page 48.
- 📞 204-845-2161
- ✉️ info@elkhorn.mb.ca

Lonesome Oak Campground

Lonesome Oak Campground is situated at Kenworth Dam (Kenton Reservoir). Many volunteer hours have been spent developing a beach and swimming area, barbecue area, washroom and shower facilities, change rooms and full-service campground with tenting area. There are seven serviced and three un-serviced sites for camping.

- 📍 From Kenton, proceed ½ mile east on PR259 to PTH21; turn right (south) and proceed 1 mile. Turn right (west) for ½ mile. See Kenton map marker #9 on page 44.
- 📞 204-838-2326
- 🌐 lonesomeoakcampgrounds.webs.com



WHERE TO STAY

Virden Lions Campground

With 80 sites available, the Virden Lions Campground contains 10 spacious tenting sites as well as 15 sites with water and 15-amp electrical service. The remainder of the sites are 30-amp with the majority full service (i.e. 30-amp, water and sewer).

The campground offers clean and well-maintained shower and facilities, ample picnic tables, playground structures and Wi-Fi. Firepits are available throughout the campground and wood is available from the office at a very reasonable price. The campground is located within minutes of the ice rink, swimming pool, golf course, shopping facilities, laundromat, and the community trout pond.

📍 121 - PR257, Virden. See map marker #41 on page 46.

☎ 204-851-1371



EAT & SHOP

EAT

Holding the distinction as the first Manitoba restaurant for eastbound travellers on the Trans Canada Highway #1, **The Gardens Diner** located in Elkhorn, Manitoba is a small-town diners with a home-style menu. The Gardens Diner is most famous for its signature "Best Damn Denver Sandwich" which has received worldwide endorsement.

Also in Elkhorn you can dine at the **Elkhorn Motor Inn**, the **Elkhorn Esso** or **K & T's Kitchen**.

Southwest of Elkhorn you can find the hidden jewel of Kola. **Traci's Place** serves up classic diner food with daily specials. The coffee is always hot at Traci's Place.

In Virden, **Ice Cream Island** can hook you up with your burgers, fries and milkshake fix! Home of the best ice cream on #1 highway, this local favourite is worth the turn into Virden. Enjoy a full meal or a sweet treat on the bright and fun patio. A great stop for the family.

Virden has some locally owned food stops that are not to be missed. Get a cup of coffee and lunch at **MJ's Coffee Bar & Bistro**. Freshly renovated and ready to serve.

Try some delectable baking from the **Sweet Spot Bakery**, known for their beautiful cakes, cupcakes and specials.

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EAT & SHOP



Cinnamon Buns from
The Brierwood Creek
Café & Grill

The **Alec Hotel** and the **Wellview Golf Club** both offer full service sit-down dining and **W & L Restaurant** offers take out Chinese cuisine.

Virden has a great selection of National favourites too. You can get your timmies fix at **Tim Hortons**, mama burger at **A&W**, footlong at **Subway**, Boston Royal at **Boston Pizza**, stuffed crust from **Pizza Hut Express**, and a bucket of chicken from **Chicken Chef**.

Named for the little creek that runs by Kenton, the **Brierwood Creek Café and Grill** is worth the trip. This licensed restaurant serves up generous portions with homemade touches and friendly service.

Dining Experiences in the Area

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE
A&W	360 Frontage Road West, Virden	204-748-2008
Boston Pizza	290 Frontage Road West, Virden	204-748-6500
Brierwood Creek Café & Grill	300 Woodworth Avenue, Kenton	204-838-2213
Chicken Chef	175 Wellington Street West, Virden	204-748-3200
Elkhorn Esso	Trans-Canada Highway #1, Elkhorn	204-845-2001
Elkhorn Motor Hotel	202 Richhill Avenue West, Elkhorn	204-845-2505
Ice Cream Island <i>(seasonal)</i>	272 King Street East, Virden	204-748-2557
K&T's Kitchen	112 Richhill Avenue East, Elkhorn	431-895-9555
MJ's Coffee Bar and Bistro	143 Nelson Street West, Virden	204-995-7966
Pizza Hut Express (White Owl Esso)	1770 Anderson Street, Virden	204-748-6622
Subway	340 Frontage Road West, Virden	204-748-6698
The Gardens Diner	673 Maharg Avenue East, Elkhorn	204-845-2552
The Sweet Spot Bakery	445-7th Avenue South, Virden	431-763-6483
Tim Hortons	400 Frontage Road, Virden	204-748-1912
Traci's Place	First Avenue, Kola	204-556-2653
Virden Grand Central Hotel	444-6th Avenue South, Virden	204-748-2444
Virden Wellview Golf Club	PTH83 & PR257, Virden	204-748-1721
W&L Chinese Restaurant	239 Nelson Street West, Virden	204-748-3812

EAT & SHOP

SHOP

A variety of unique shops and services are available at your fingertips! You will find all the amenities with a splash of rural charm in our stores. Explore beyond the shop windows and see for yourself!

ART GALLERY

Arts Mosaic

425-6th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-3018

Luc's Hair & Glass Studio

219 Nelson Street West, Virden
204-748-6972

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Garb & Guise

447 7th Avenue South
833-694-2634

Samantha's Boutique

102 Richhill Avenue, Elkhorn
204-845-2530

SLF Menswear

454-7th Avenue South, Virden

Shari Lyn Fashions

405-7th Avenue, Virden
204-748-1011

Virden Footwear

220 Nelson Street West, Virden
204-748-2382

Victoria Jewellers

405-7th Avenue, Virden
204-748-2883

Virden Sport & Fashion

480-7th Avenue, Virden
204-748-2143

THRIFT STORES

It's All Good

525 Nelson Street East, Virden
204-707-9473

New To You

267 Nelson Street West, Virden
204-748-2120

Rosa's Second Time Around

585-7th Avenue South, Virden
204-851-7016

FLORAL & GIFTWARE

Custom Creations

479-7th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-3541

Flower Attic & Gifts

261-7th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-1869

DEPARTMENT STORES

Dollar Store

340 King Street East, Virden
204-748-3409

Kullberg's Home Furnishing

346 King Street East, Virden
204-748-3331

Penner Lumber 2019 LTD.

401 1st Avenue, Kola
204-556-2672

The Red Apple

135 Wellington Street West, Virden
204-748-2850

Virden Home Hardware Building Center

298-6th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-2011



EAT & SHOP



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GROCERY STORES

Twin Valley Co-op Food Store

203 Richhill Avenue West, Elkhorn
204-845-2428

Valleyview Co-op/Food Store/ Home Centre/Gas Bar

415 Woodworth Avenue, Kenton
204-838-2358

Virden Co-op Food Store

250 Princess Street West, Virden
204-748-2520

Virden Drugs /

Virden Fine Foods

310 King Street East, Virden
204-748-2211

CONVENIENCE & FUEL

Elkhorn Esso

Trans-Canada Hwy #1, Elkhorn
204-845-2001

Petro-Canada/Subway

340 Frontage Road West, Virden
204-748-3108

Sooper Dave's Country Convenience Store

223 Government Road
Allowance, Virden
204-748-2660

Twin Valley Home Centre & Gas Bar

103 Richhill Avenue West, Elkhorn
204-845-2145

Valleyview CO-OP Gas

114-7th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-1317

Virden Hi-Way Grocery

512 King Street East, Virden
204-748-2061

White Owl Esso/

Pizza Hut Express

1770 Anderson Street, Virden
204-748-2112

LIQUOR STORES & VENDORS

Alexander Hotel

114 Nelson Street West, Virden
204-748-2677

The Creek Vendor

300 Woodworth Avenue, Kenton
204-838-2213

Elkhorn Motor Hotel

202 Richhill Avenue West,
Elkhorn
204-845-2505

Twin Valley CO-OP Food Store (Liquor)

203 Richhill Avenue East, Elkhorn
204-845-2428

Virden Central Hotel

444-6th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-2444

Virden Liquor Mart

197-3rd Avenue south, Virden
204-748-2361

PHARMACY

Super Thrifty Drugs

333-7th Avenue South, Virden
204-748-1666

Virden Drugs /

Virden Fine Foods

310 King Street East, Virden
204-748-2211

AUTOMOBILE & SPORT

Bick's Auto Repair

602 Richhill Avenue West,
Elkhorn
204-845-1003

Four Seasons Sales RV

350 Trans-Canada Hwy #1, Virden
888-934-4444

Fountain Tire

Trans-Canada Hwy #1, Virden
204-748-2466

Integra Tire Auto Centre

337 King Street, Virden
204-748-2894

Sparwood Service Centre

568-6th Avenue, Virden
204-748-2434

Stillwater Adventures

269 King Street East, Virden
204-748-8047

Virden Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram

300 Frontage Road, Virden
204-748-3396

Virden Ford

173 King Street East, Virden
204-748-1775

Virden Mainline Motors

1 Trans-Canada Hwy #1, Virden
204-748-3811

Virden Recreation & Water Sports

210 Frontage Road East, Virden
204-748-2060




Woodworth Dodge Chrysler

206 Woodworth Avenue, Kenton
877-877-9317

VIRDEN & ELKHORN CHAMBERS

Virден Chamber of Commerce

The Virден Community Chamber of Commerce is committed to serving the business community. We provide a forum for the local commerce and contribute to the social, economic and physical quality of life in Virден and surrounding areas. We look forward to serving you!



-  425-6th Avenue South
-  204-851-1551
-  virdencc@mymts.net



Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce

The Elkhorn & District Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to our area! Elkhorn is located on the number one highway and although the phrase "blink and you might miss it" seems fitting, it is one town you do not want to miss! It offers unique dining, boutique shopping, a relaxing salon and more. Be sure to check out the famous Elkhorn Auto Museum and the ball diamonds in the summer! And then continue

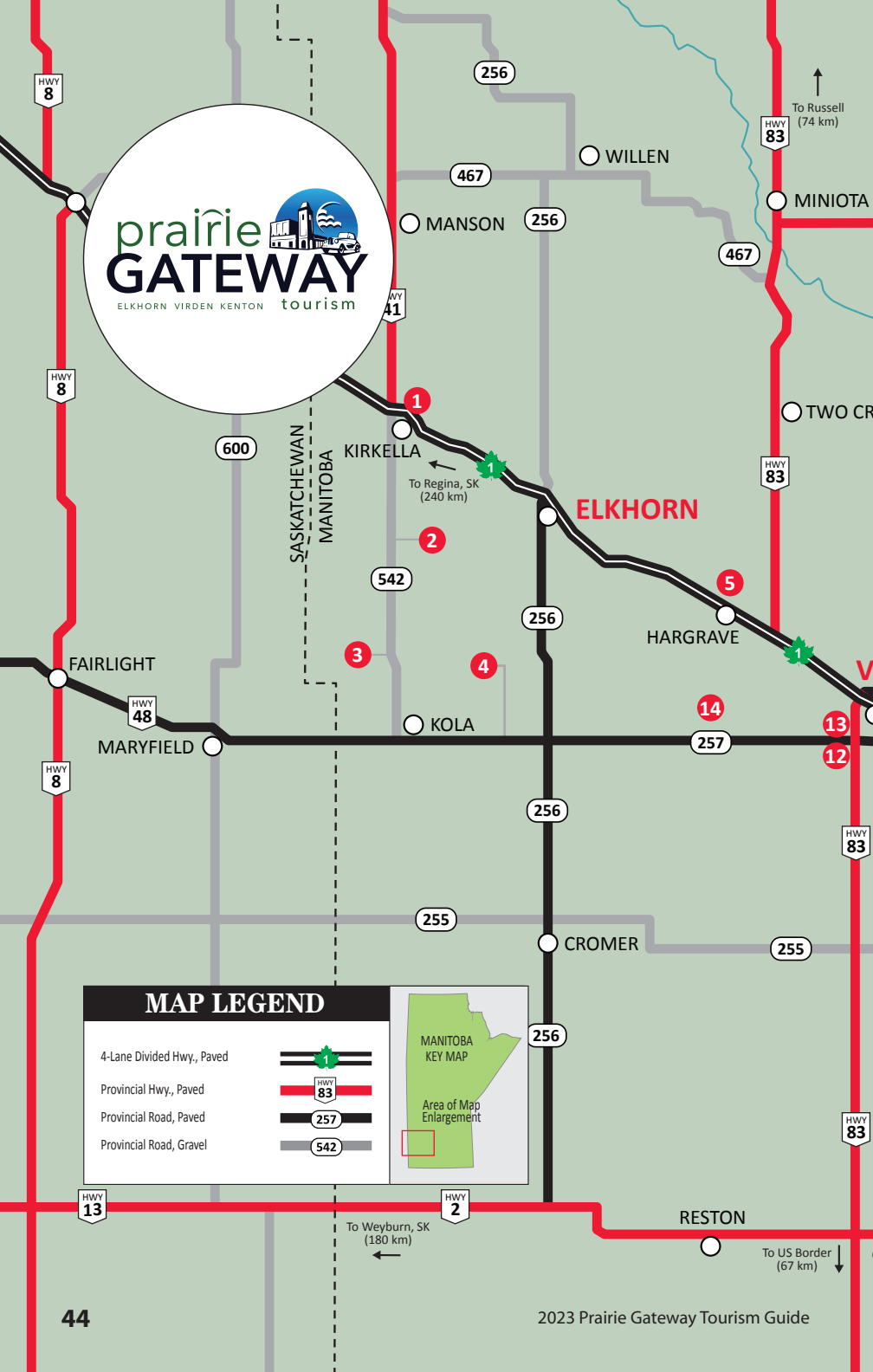
on to another local attraction, Westwood Ranch. The Elkhorn District Community Centre is where you'll find most of the town in the winter, cheering on the many hockey teams and figure skaters. We hope to see you soon.

-  elkhornchamberofcommerce.ca
-  Facebook - @ElkhornChamber



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ELKHORN VIRDEN KENTON tourism



MAP LEGEND

4-Lane Divided Hwy, Paved



Provincial Hwy, Paved



Provincial Road, Paved



Provincial Road, Gravel



MANITOBA
KEY MAP







Area of Map
Enlargement



RURAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Applejacks Orchard (2)
- Eternal Springs (8)
- Huggybears Bed & Breakfast (5)
- Kenton Dam & Lonesome
- Oak Campground (9)
- Madesa MX Track (10)
- Manitoba Visitor information Centre (1)
- Prairie Sky Cabins (4)
- Salt Lake (7)
- RM of Wallace Woodworth (13)
- The Garden Shoppe Farm Experience (14)
- Virden Trap Club (11)
- Virden Welview Golf Course (12)
- Westwood Ranch Garden Centre (3)
- Wolverine Supplies (6)

MAP LEGEND

- 4-Lane Divided Hwy. 
- Provincial Hwy., Paved 
- Provincial Road, Paved 
- Park/Greenspace 
- Playground 
- ATM 

ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Alexandra Hotel (22)
- Comfort Inn & Suites (2)
- Countryside Inn (9)
- Jays Inn & Suites (5)
- Kimcairn Bed & Breakfast (40)
- Lions Campground (41)
- Viridn Central Hotel (26)
- Viridn Motel (8)

DINING

- A&W (3)
- The Alexandra Hotel, Bar & Vendor (22)
- Boston Pizza (6)
- Chicken Chef (32)
- Ice Cream Island (13)
- MJ's Coffee Bar & Bistro (25)
- Pizza Hut Express (46)
- Subway (4)
- Tim Hortons (1)
- Viridn Central Hotel Bar & Restaurant (26)
- W&L Chinese Restaurant (23)

GASOLINE

- Petro Canada/7-Eleven (4)
- Valleyview Co-op Gas (14)
- White Owl Gas (46)

HISTORICAL/MUSEUMS

- The Aud Theatre (27)
- CPR Historic Centre (35)
- Pioneer Home Museum (16)
- Viridn Cemetery (45)

GOVERNMENT

- Wallace-Woodworth or Viridn Office (47)
- Town Office (27)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Border Regional Library (20)
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #8 (31)
- EV Charger Stations (54)

RECREATION

- Ball Diamonds (39)
- Curling Rink (36)
- Fairgrounds (38)
- Fish Pond (44)
- Lions Campground & Football Field (41)
- Scallion Creek Trail (59)
- Soccer Field (43)
- Swimming Pool (37)
- Viridn Skate Park (58)
- Viridn Wellview Golf Course (48)
- Tundra Oil & Gas Place (55)

SHOPPING

- 204 Cannabis (50)
- The Sweet Spot Bakery (29)
- The Costume Closet (34)
- Custom Creations (30)
- Dollar Store (10)
- Flower Gift & Attic (17)
- Hi-way Grocery & Convenience Store (7)
- Home Hardware (18)
- It's All Good (49)
- Liquor Store (12)
- New To You (52)
- The Purple Haze (51)
- The Red Apple (33)
- Rosa's Second Time Around (53)
- Shari Lyn Fashions (24)
- Sooper Dave's Convenience (42)
- Stillwater Adventures (57)
- Super Thrifty Drugs (21)
- Valleyview Co-op Grocery (15)
- Viridn Drugs (11)
- Viridn Footwear (19)
- Viridn Sport & Fashion (28)
- SLF Menswear (56)

To Russell (117 km)

To US Border (98 km)

For a complete list of Business & Services in the Prairie Gateway Region please visit prairiegatewaytourism.ca (Business Directory)

↑
To Kenton
(35 km)



Trans-Canada Highway
To Elkhorn (27 km) / Regina, SK (280 km)

Commonwealth Dr.

Gabrielle Rd.

Goodridge Rd.

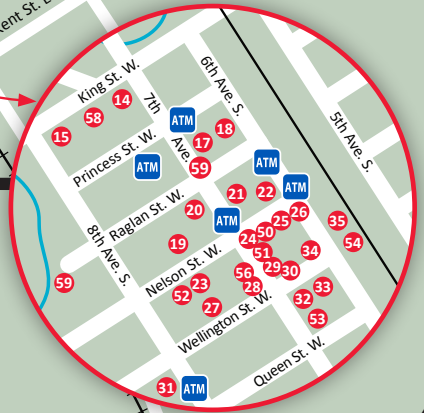


To Brandon (76 km) & Winnipeg (275 km)

TUNDRA OIL & GAS PLACE

- Arena
- Sunrise Credit Union Banquet Hall
- Fitness Centre
- Walking Track

Downtown









COUPONS



STILL WATER ADVENTURES

10% off In-Stock Fishing Tackle – In-Store Only

Expires Dec 31, 2023




-  269 King Street East, Virden
-  204-748-8047
-  stillwateradventures.ca
-  StillWater Adventures



ICE CREAM ISLAND

10% off Ice Cream Products
(Excluding Ice Cream Cakes)

Expires October 1, 2023




-  272 King Street East, Virden
-  204-748-2557
-  iccreamisland.ca



MANITOBA ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

\$2.00 off Admission in the 2023 Season

(Sponsored by Prairie Gateway Tourism)

-  Trans-Canada Highway #1, Elkhorn
-  204-845-2604
-  @manitobaantiqueautomobilemuseum







Virden Pioneer Home Museum

PIONEER HOME MUSEUM

\$2.00 off Admission in the 2023 Season

(Sponsored by Prairie Gateway Tourism)

-  390 King Street West, Virden
-  204-748-1659
-  virdenpioneerhome.wixsite.com/museum
-  @virdenpioneers

EXPLORE OUR REGION

Tips for Your First Time Kayaking

A favourite local flat, calm place to paddle is **Kenton Dam**. Great fishing opportunities, great washroom, camping and cooking facilities, plus lots of places to get away from the crowds!

For the more adventurous amongst us, the **Assiniboine River** offers a great opportunity for leisurely moving water. The river is a great place to paddle, but not the best place to cut your teeth in the paddling world.

If you don't mind combining portage/hiking with your kayaking tours, try the **Pipestone Creek**. This beautiful creek and valley system gives you a new perspective of the most prominent industry in our area – oil production.

For a shot at seeing wildlife from the water, check out **Eternal Springs**. Take a paddle in the upper or

lower pond. This is a great spot to try out paddling since they have awesome docks too!

There is a wealth of great paddling spots within our Prairie Gateway Tourism catchment! Plus rentals in Virden!

1. **Choose a small, calm body of water. Lakes or ponds with little or no powerboat traffic are ideal**
2. **Find a gently sloping sandy beach to launch**
3. **Go on a sunny, windless day**
4. **If it's breezy, start out by paddling into the wind**
5. **Plan an outing, not an expedition**





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