



# EAST CENTRAL ALBERTA trains & trestles

“Just the ticket”  
to a train extravaganza

Trains, and their tracks and trestles, unified regions across Alberta by supplying work, connecting people and allowing for easier and cheaper exchange of goods and services.

But trains were also fascinating – they could haul things no other equipment could. And, like their namesakes, these Iron Horses could be hooked together to conquer mountains or speed across prairies to carry their valuable cargo to its final destination.

Today, East Central Alberta offers a “first class” experience to train enthusiasts of all ages with all shapes and sizes of railway memorabilia.

Train enthusiasts can experience East Central Alberta train history on day trips or multi day tours and for those overnight trips; the region offers a good selection of accommodation choices from full service hotels to cozy Bed & Breakfasts. Please refer to the Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association web site [www.ahla.com](http://www.ahla.com) or to the East Central community websites.



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[www.braedalberta.ca](http://www.braedalberta.ca)

explore!  
Battle River Country



## On your East Central Alberta trains and trestle tour, you can....

Marvel at the full size authentic locomotive the “6861”, the only one of its kind in Canada... Examine the intricacies of the “Cisco Bridge Diorama”...Get up close to the rare double decker livestock car or enjoy a wonderful dining experience in a retired coach.

### 1 Camrose Railway Station Museum, Archives & Tearoom

4407 - 47 Avenue  
CAMROSE  
780-672-3099

*The 1911 Canadian Northern Railway depot, located in the heart of Camrose's heritage district, forms the centerpiece for the Camrose Railway Park.*

*The depot houses unique displays of local railway heritage, as well as the Canadian Northern Society's archives and library, which safeguards items like Canadian National Railway & Canadian Pacific books and articles, railway regulation manuals, railway station books, historical educational manuals for railway employees, and train and model magazines. The Morgan Garden Railway has historic buildings depicting the Canadian Northern Society's communities. Heritage and native plants can be seen in the garden and throughout the park.*



### 2 Jeppa Train

5402 - 48 Avenue  
CAMROSE  
780-672-4217

*Jeppa Danielson spent over 14,000 hours handcrafting the 94-foot train and his dream was to give children of all ages (yes – and adults, too) rides around Mirror Lake. This lovingly crafted train has eight cars including the engine and caboose and holds 24-30 passengers. It operates from the Camrose Visitor Center starting the May long weekend to the September long weekend. This is “a must do” for adults and children alike.*

### 3 Meeting Creek Railway Station & Grain Elevator

MEETING CREEK – Hwy 56  
780.672.3099  
www.canadiannorthern.ca

*The Canadian Northern Railway built the Meeting Creek Railway Station in 1913 and today it represents one of the few remaining examples of this design, and is unique in Canada. The station has been preserved on its original site with both a portion of the original railway and a classic prairie grain elevator. The station is furnished like a CNR Depot of the 1940s and houses photographs and artifacts pertaining to life in the prairie railway depot. The grain elevator is also one of the best examples of an early elevator – complete with an original hydraulic engine. The station grounds have picnic tables and washroom facilities and it's a great place for an outdoor lunch.*



### 4 Castor & District Museum

CASTOR  
403-882-3271

*The museum is a former CPR station housing many artifacts pertaining to early mining and agriculture. The museum displays are complemented by several authentic railway cars including a fully restored caboose, a rare double decker livestock car with slatted sides, a wooden grain box car and more recent tank car, all repainted to their original colors.*

### 5 Alliance Museum Site – CNR House

ALLIANCE  
780-879-3911

*The museum site is home to an original CNR Section Foreman's home. The Section Foreman was responsible for railway safety and the house displays many historic items relating to the period.*

### 6 Edgerton Museum

894 – 49 Avenue  
EDGERTON  
780-755-3933

*The museum is housed in the old Grand Trunk Pacific, then Canadian National Railway, station, which was built in 1911. The station was moved to its present site in the early 1980s. The museum site is also home to a retired CN caboose, which is prominently displayed.*

### 7 Wainwright Rail Park

Southside WAINWRIGHT on Canola Road  
780-842-3138  
www.railpark.org

*The Wainwright Railway Preservation Society collects and preserves artifacts reflecting the history of Canadian National Railways and its predecessor, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Step aboard antique railcars, see for yourself how the settlers traveled, and examine the extensive collection of authentic rail artifacts in the passenger car. Hear stories from the conductor of the adventures of bringing buffalo to the area from Montana, as you climb in into the cattle car. And don't forget to explore the uniquely Canadian collection of railcars including two snowplows, a cab-less locomotive and a Road Switcher.*

*Situated on a nine-acre site adjacent to CN's main line, Wainwright Rail Park captures a glimpse of Canada's railway tradition through the real life depiction of a working rail yard where modelers and enthusiasts can picture the shape of things railroad from the near and distant past.*

### 8 Wainwright & District Museum

1001 - 1 Avenue  
WAINWRIGHT  
780.842.3115  
www.mdwainwright.ca

*The museum is located in an old CNR station and while it features many displays of pioneer life, it boasts an excellent collection of various CNR artifacts. On site is an authentic, however now extinct, caboose.*

*When in Wainwright, don't forget to stop by the town clock, the only freestanding clock tower in Canada and listen as the clock chimes the hour.*

### 9 Battle River Trestle

5 km NW of WAINWRIGHT on Hwy 14 / 5 km west on Twp Rd 45-2  
780-842-4910

*At 2775 feet long and 195 feet high, this historic railway trestle overlooks the Battle River. Built in 1908 the trestle was the longest freestanding trestle in Canada during wartime, and remains the second longest today. A man was required to walk across it before the train. Then and now, it serves as a main rail crossing through the Battle River Valley. A rest area and look-off site allow visitors to enjoy the magnificent vista of the Battle River Valley and if you time it right, you will see the trestle “in action”.*

### 10 Viking Station Gallery & Arts Guild Center

VIKING  
780-336-4846

*This gallery exists in a converted, but very authentic looking CN station. It houses a tearoom and a gallery featuring many local artists' work on display. It is perfect stop for an artistic break and afternoon tea!*



### 11 Ryley

*Did you know that the town of Ryley was named after George U. Ryley, the land commissioner for the Grand Trunk Railway? Of note this year is that the Village of Ryley is celebrating their centennial on July 16-18, 2010 and information can be obtained from the village office at 780-663-3653.*

### 12 Footloose Caboose

20324 Twp Rd 502 SW of TOFIELD  
1-888-308-6776

*The unique dining experience is housed in a meticulously restored railroad coach, the “Mount Lefroy” Dining Car and is surrounded by several authentic cabooses, two of which have been converted into overnight accommodations. This is just the ticket for a great weekend experience!*

**So don't be “de-railed”, get “on-track” for an East Central Alberta nostalgic train tour today.**