



# Voyageur Days!



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the sum of five Shillings  
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HUDSONS BAY HOUSE  
Under the Warrant of  
the King of England*

**August 25, 26, 27 2017**

**Event Admission:**  
Adult/10\$ Kids/5\$ Car/25\$

**Guided Canoe Tours:**  
Adult/20\$ Kids/10\$

# Victoria Settlement & Métis Crossing

*Take a journey into history along  
the North Saskatchewan River and  
the Victoria Trail...*

~ Music by Rockin Fiddle  
~ Concession  
~ Camping (additional fee)



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# 2017 Voyageur Days Celebration

**Admission:** Adult – \$10.00, Youth under 16 – \$5.00, Carload – \$25.00

**House Band:** Rockin' Fiddle

## **Music Schedule:**

August 25<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm-11:00pm Dance

August 26<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm- 5:00pm Jam, 7:00pm-11:00pm Dance

August 27<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm-5:00pm Jam

## **Voyageur Canoe Experience Pricing:**

– **Immersive 5 hrs:** \$30.00/adult and \$15.00/youth

Admission fees waived for Immersive Experience

– **Fort Victoria Trail 3 hrs:** \$20.00/adult and \$10.00/youth

– **North Voyageur 1.5 hrs:** \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/youth

**Interpretive Tour:** Rose Nichols lead interpreter, and John Ritchie.

**Genealogical & Veteran's Display:** Laura and Bailey.

**Horse Shoe Tournament:** 11:00am to 4:00pm. \$25.00 entry fee for a team of 2. Winners takes all.

**Métis Voyageur Games:** 11:00am - 4:00pm. Demonstrations and crowd participation.

**Concession Stands:** Bannock bison burgers, regular bannock burgers, and bannock chili dogs.

**Children's Program:** Face painting, bouncy castle, and a three legged race.

**Crafters:** In the main tent.

# Voyageur Canoe Tours

## August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

### Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – 7:15pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

7:30pm – 8:45pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

### Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 11:30am

Fort Victoria Fur Trader Experience

10:00am – 2:00pm

Victoria Trail Voyageur Experience

10:15am – 11:30am

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

1:00pm – 2:30pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Victoria Trail Voyageur Experience

4:00pm – 5:15pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

7:00pm – 8:15pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

### Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 11:30am

Fort Victoria Fur Trader Experience

10:00am – 2:00pm

Victoria Trail Voyageur Experience

10:15am – 11:30am

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Competition Registration

1:00pm

Jigging and Fiddling Competition

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Cash payout

Male and Female: No age restriction

\$25.00 entry fee

1:00pm – 2:30pm

North Voyageur Canoe Trip

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Victoria Trail Voyageur Experience

# Interpretive Program

## August 26<sup>th</sup>

Become a part of this exciting culture!

Métis Crossing is composed of six river lots on the Victoria Trail, and is a neighbour to acres of bison pastures. You will see how and where some of the first settlers in Alberta put down Métis roots in a way that can be further traced back to the days of the Red River Settlement, in Manitoba.

A guided tour of the historic barn/museum space will reveal key elements that define the Métis way of life, both spirituality and culturally, and who they are today. Then, stroll into a Métis fur trapping camp where you will learn about the fur trade and how the Métis were entwined with the fur trade, both as origin and as livelihood. The Métis acted as guides, interpreters, clerks, canoe man, and fur packers. At the Sinclair house glimpse into the daily life of this pioneer family. Partake in the "Infinity Sash" weaving project. The infinity sash is an ongoing interactive weaving experience where visitors to Métis Crossing gain a deeper understanding of the history, symbolism and meaning of the Métis Sash. Allowing visitors to try their hand at the age old craft of weaving, the project progresses a sash woven by all the visitors to Métis Crossing.

At the trading post learn how work life and home life were intertwined, and that success on the frontier meant being resourceful, self-sufficient and living in harmony with the environment.

Further on, take a walk into the river valley to learn about local wildlife, and medicinal plants and trees. Arriving at the river's edge, board a Voyageur Canoe to make the journey to the nearby Fort Victoria.