



JUNE 21-22 ∞ **MÉTIS CROSSING**

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Before you head out to Métis Crossing
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ALBERTA MÉTIS FEST 2024

Alberta Métis Fest takes place on June 21-22nd at Métis Crossing, Alberta's first and only Métis cultural interpretive centre which is located 1.5 hours northeast of Edmonton and 10 minutes South of Smoky Lake on the Victoria Trail.

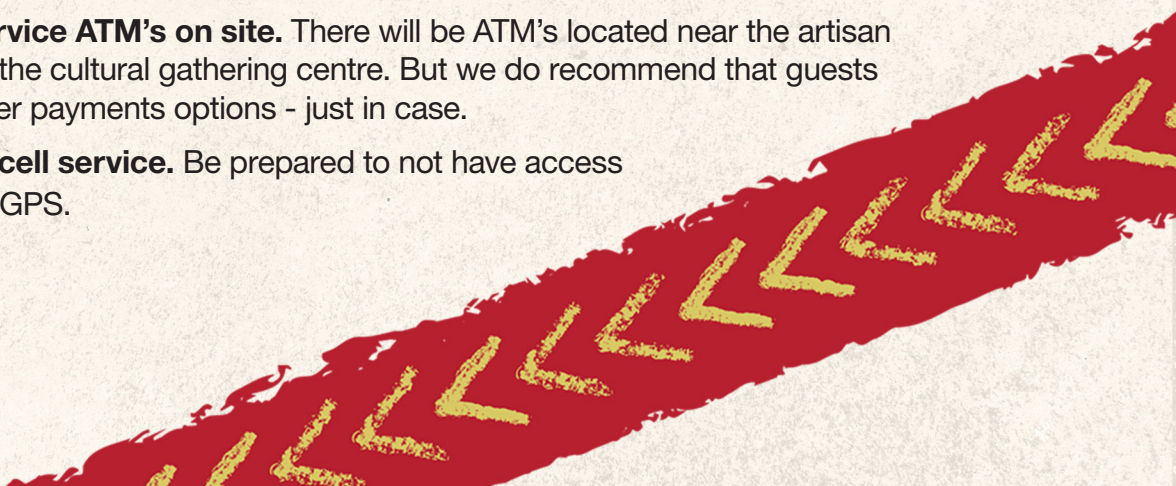
Métis Crossing: 17339 Victoria Trail, Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

What to expect?

Join us for two thrilling days filled with Métis culture and celebration including music performances such as the Métis Jamboree and the Living Fiddle Legends, Jigging Competitions, an Artisan Market, a 50/50 raffle in support of the Métis Education Foundation, and much more!

- This is an all-ages event and everyone is welcome to attend!
- There will be no alcohol permitted on the festival grounds.
- Designated smoking areas will be marked throughout the grounds, please stay in the designated areas.
- For ease of access of seniors and those with mobility issues, golf carts with multiple stop locations are set up around the festival grounds. Please reach out to festival volunteers if you require assistance.
- Dinner will be provided free-of-charge for both days (please see schedule), if you require additional food or drink, there will be also food trucks on location, on Saturday, June 22nd only.

What to bring?

- **Please dress for the weather.** Feel free to bring a water bottle, sunscreen, hat, and any additional apparel you require.
 - **Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets!** When available please offer seating to seniors and those with mobility issues.
 - **We recommend bringing your own food, snacks, and refreshments.** Though food trucks will be on site, we recommend bringing your own snacks for your convenience, and if you have any dietary restrictions.
 - **There will be service ATM's on site.** There will be ATM's located near the artisan market, and also the cultural gathering centre. But we do recommend that guests bring cash or other payments options - just in case.
 - **There is limited cell service.** Be prepared to not have access to your phone or GPS.
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SCHEDULE

JOIN US FOR 2 DAYS OF
MÉTIS MUSIC AND CULTURE

FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST

4:00 – 6:00 PM BINGO

5:00 – 7:00 PM Fish Fry and Burgers

7:00 – 10:00 PM Open Mic Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

10:00 – 10:15 AM Grand Entry

10:15 – 11:00 AM Opening Ceremonies

11:00 – 3:30 PM Métis Jamboree Performances

3:30 – 4:30 PM Jigging Contest

4:30 – 6:00 PM Bison Dinner

6:00 – 7:00 PM Kikino Northern Lites

7:00 – 8:00 PM Living Fiddle Legends Showcase

8:00 – 11:00 PM Métis Jamboree Dance

Look for our Alberta Métis Fest Programs for more event info!



SITE MAP



For more information visit albertametis.com/events/AlbertaMetisFest



FAQ & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

When is the event?

The 6th Annual Alberta Métis Fest will take place from June 21st – 22nd, 2024.

What is happening on Friday, June 21st, 2024?

Our first event on Friday will start at 4:00 pm, and is nothing other than bingo! Please join us for dinner, which will be a wonderful fish fry! After dinner, we will spend the evening enjoying our Open Mic Night! Be sure to sign up! Please see the agenda for more information.

What is happening on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024?

Starting at 10:00 am, guests will be entertained by Métis Performers! Guests can also participate in cultural activities, children and youth activities, door prizes and visit the Artisan Market. Be sure to enter the jigging competition to win some cash prizes! After the FREE bison dinner, the evening will include a jigging performance, Living Fiddle Legends showcase, and live music! Please see the agenda for more information.

Where is Alberta Métis Fest taking place?

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Can I come for one day?

Absolutely, please join us whenever works for you!

When is the jigging competition and what are the age groups?

The jigging competition will take place on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, from 3:30-4:30PM. The age groups for the jigging competition are as follows: 0-6, 7-12, 13-17, 18-59, 60+

Will there be children's activities available?

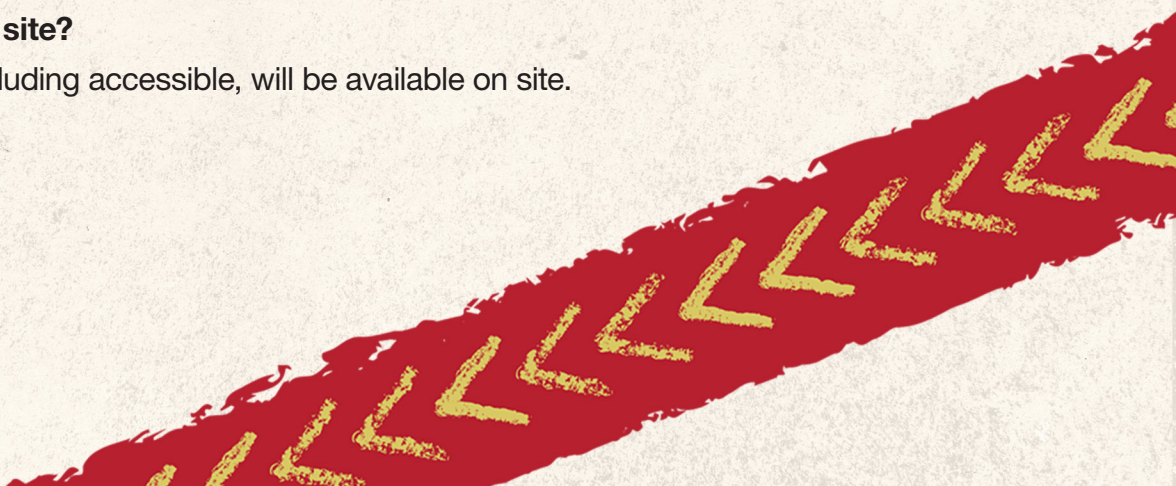
Yes! Family activities include face painting, balloon artist, art table, spoon jam, bubble party, and so much more! Children must always be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Will there be youth activities available?

Yes! Youth activities will include dot art, embroidery, lawn games, finger weaving, and more! All activities will be drop in, and don't require prior sign up.

Are washrooms on site?

Yes, washrooms, including accessible, will be available on site.



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Are there ATMs available?

There will be service ATM's on site. There will be ATM's located near the artisan market, and also the cultural gathering centre. But we do recommend that guests bring cash or other payments options - just in case.

Will the 6th Annual Alberta Métis Fest go ahead if it is raining?

Yes, rain or shine the 6th Annual Alberta Métis Fest will take place.

Where can I park?

Parking will be available in the overflow field across from Métis Crossing. Parking is free for all guests.

Is the event indoors or outdoors?

Weather permitting the 6th Annual Alberta Métis Fest will take place entirely outdoors. If the weather does not allow the event to go ahead outdoors, everything will be moved inside the Gathering Centre at Métis Crossing.

What should I bring?

Please dress for the weather. Feel free to bring a lawn chair, water bottle, sunscreen, hat, and any additional apparel you require.

Where can I stay?

There will be camping available at Métis Crossing, please contact Métis Crossing directly to book a spot. Camping spots at Métis Crossing will become open to the public on May 31st, 2024. Accommodations within Smoky Lake are limited; therefore, it is recommended to reach out to hotels within Fort Saskatchewan, Edmonton, and surrounding areas to book accommodations.

Do I need to be a Citizen of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government to attend Alberta Métis Fest?

All are welcome! You are not required to be a citizen to attend. This year's Alberta Métis Fest will allow for both Métis and non-Métis alike to gather, share stories, and experience all that Métis Crossing has to offer. We would love for you to attend and experience this amazing event with us.



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Will citizens receive mileage if they attend the 6th Annual Alberta Métis Fest?

Unfortunately, citizens will not receive mileage for attending this event.

What are my food options?

Food Trucks and food services will be on site for guests to purchase their own meals and refreshments. Please join us on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, at 5:00pm for a FREE bison dinner. It is recommended to bring your own snacks and refreshments as well.

Is this a pet friendly event?

As we look to protect the permaculture at Métis Crossing, please adhere to the following rules related to pets:

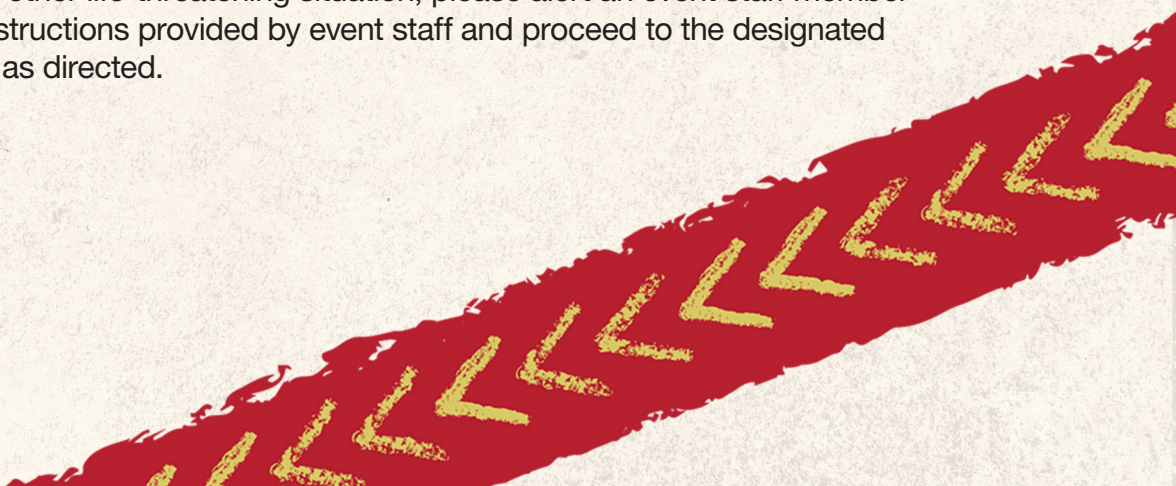
- No animals are permitted in the Métis Crossing Cultural Interpretive Centre, Deck, or all lands east of the Campsite entry access road.
- Pets are welcome and permitted only within the Campsite of Métis Crossing.
- Pets are not permitted near or within the Comfort Camping Trapper tent sites.
- Pets are not permitted at Métis Crossing canoe launch beach.
- Pets must always be kept on a leash no more than 2M in length.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan

The safety and well-being of all attendees at Alberta Métis Fest is our top priority. In the event of an emergency, our dedicated team is prepared to respond swiftly and effectively to ensure the safety of everyone on-site.

Emergency Procedures:

- In case of a medical emergency, please locate the nearest First Aid station or notify a staff member immediately for assistance. There are two dedicated First Aid stations on site. One located next to the food trucks, which can be found near to the area by the Cultural Gathering Center. The other by the Artisan Market near the Campground. You can also speak to any staff member, and they will find a first aid supplier for you.
- If there is a fire or other life-threatening situation, please alert an event staff member and follow the instructions provided by event staff and proceed to the designated evacuation areas as directed.



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- Stay calm and assist others as needed, especially those who may require assistance, such as children, elderly individuals, or individuals with disabilities.

Evacuation Plan:

- In the event of an evacuation, announcements will be made over the public address system and via other communication channels, providing instructions on the evacuation routes and assembly points.
- Follow the designated evacuation routes to the nearest safe assembly point, where attendance will be taken to ensure everyone is accounted for.
- Event staff and emergency personnel will be on hand to provide assistance and guidance throughout the evacuation process.

Communication:

- Stay informed by paying attention to announcements, signage, and instructions from event staff.
- Additional information and updates will be provided via the Alberta Metis Fest website, social media channels, and other communication channels as necessary.

Your Cooperation is Essential:

We kindly ask all attendees to familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures and evacuation routes outlined above and to cooperate fully with event staff and emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

Your safety is our priority, and together, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone at Alberta Metis Fest.



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