Voyageur Days!

August 25, 26, 27 2017

Victoria Settlement & Métis Crossing

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

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

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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Métis Crossing
2017 Voyageur Days Celebration

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

**House Band:** Rockin’ Fiddle

**Music Schedule:**
- August 25th: 7:00pm-11:00pm Dance
- August 26th: 1:00pm- 5:00pm Jam, 7:00pm-11:00pm Dance
- August 27th: 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 25th-27th

Friday, August 25th

6:00pm – 7:15pm       North Voyageur Canoe Trip
7:30pm – 8:45pm       North Voyageur Canoe Trip

Saturday, August 26th

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 27th

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
                        1st, 2nd and 3rd 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
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.