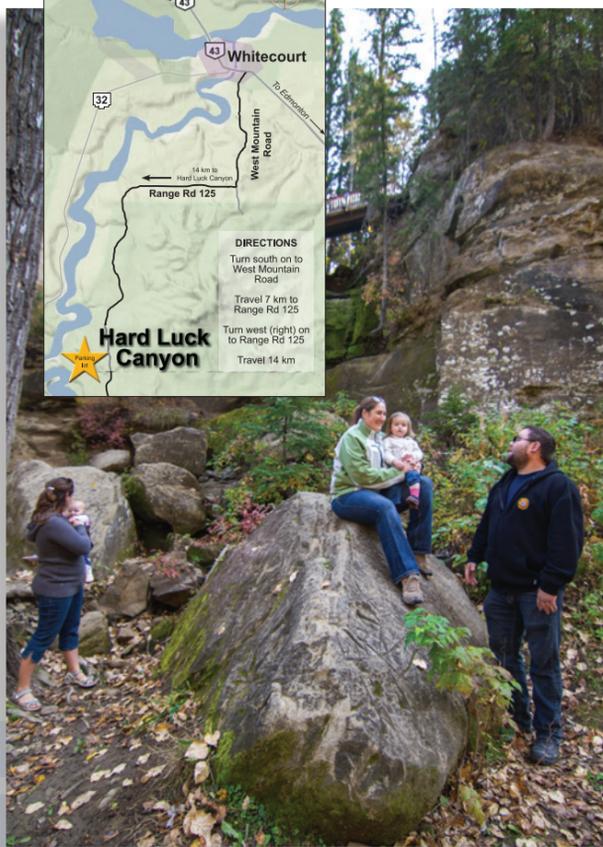


Hard Luck Canyon

No matter what motivates you to connect with Mother Nature, let Hard Luck Canyon inspire you! Carved by Hard Luck Creek through the sandstone layers of the Paskapoo Formation, Hard Luck Canyon is a unique geological feature within Woodlands County. Follow the hiking trail to the bridge located at the canyon's edge for the best view. The bridge spans the falls, which are fed from a beaver pond that typically overflows in the spring. Venture down the series of stairs and paths to the canyon floor to get a closer look at Hard Luck Creek and the canyon walls.

No matter if you are an avid hiker or a leisurely stroller; you will find what you are looking for at Hard Luck Canyon. Just park your car and take to the trails, you won't be disappointed. The picnic areas provide the perfect spot for you to take a break from exploring and eat outdoors. Take an adventure and come visit this spectacular site just a short drive off Highway 43.



World's Largest Wagon Wheel & Pick



Perhaps one of the best photo opportunities in Woodlands County is the World's Largest Wagon Wheel and Pick. The grand wagon wheel stands an impressive seven metres in height, while the pick reaches just over six metres. Not only does the site provide a great backdrop to mark

your travels, but it is also a reflection of Fort Assiniboine's rich cultural history, as the hamlet was a major trade and supply point during the Hudson's Bay era and was also an important location during the Klondike Gold Rush in the 1800s.

The monument is located next to the Fort Assiniboine Museum in the heart of the hamlet, making it an ideal location for an insightful afternoon to discover some of the key historic movements that helped shape the Woodlands County region and Western Canada.



2014 Events

Drumming in Hard Luck Canyon	June 7
Yoga in Hard Luck Canyon	June 21- July 3
Whitecourt Rodeo	July 11-13
Blue Ridge Family Fun day	July 26
Hometown Hero's Air Show	July 26-27
Riverboat Races	August 8-10
Fort Assiniboine Hamlet Hoedown	August 15-17
Party in the Park	August 30 & 31

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Woodlands County is a scenic and vibrant area located just 90 minutes northwest of Edmonton. This natural wonderland offers a variety of great outdoor activities where you can

experience incredible wildlife sightings, amazing landscapes, an intriguing history and most of all, loads of fun!

Tubing On the McLeod



You haven't truly experienced the Woodlands County area until you've gone tubing on the McLeod River – a local recreational favourite.

Tubing is a great way to witness the natural and serene beauty of the area, while at the same time cooling off during a hot summer's day. This is a great relaxing group activity. It's economical, requiring only a tube, water shoes, a paddle and some rope. There is no charge to ride the waves of the gorgeous McLeod River!

Set sail at the Woodlands County tubing-access launch site located along West Mountain Road just outside of Whitecourt (follow the signs). From the tubing-access area, your trip should take approximately two to two-and-a-half hours. So sit back, relax and see what all the fuss is about.



Blue Ridge Recreation Area

How often can you find everything you need in one place? The Blue Ridge Recreation area in Woodlands County has it all for you nature lovers. You can go hiking, biking, bird watching, fishing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. This site is for non-motorized activities only! The 3 km of trails provide the perfect path for you to release your energy and be the power behind what you want to do.

Fishing enthusiasts will be intrigued to know that in 2011 the south lake was stocked with 2,100 15-20 cm long trout from the Cold Lake fishing hatchery and it is now managed as a "quality stocked trout fishery".



Blue Ridge Access Map



Schuman Lake

Located 24 km west of Fort Assiniboine on Secondary Highway 658 is charming Schuman Lake – a great place to spend the day fishing for Rainbow Trout. A full day-use area exists at the site with free access to picnic and barbecue areas. So pack a lunch, grab the fishing rods and head out for a relaxing day in the midst of nature under the warmth of the sun.

Blue Ridge Spray Park



Looking for a fun way to beat the heat during the summer months? Take a trip to the Blue Ridge Spray Park – a great afternoon outing for the whole family! The Berry Nice Spray Park is free to visit, with picnic tables, and portable washroom facilities on site.

Located just 20 km from Whitecourt along Secondary Highway 658 in the quaint hamlet of Blue Ridge, the spray park facility features 13 splash-ready water features. Parents will enjoy the relaxing outdoor atmosphere of the park, while children marvel at the assortment of enticing water-play activities.