



Cowboy Trail Loop

At 700 km long, the full Cowboy Trail is an iconic road trip! The complete Cowboy Trail runs (north to south) from Mayerthorpe to Waterton Lakes National Park and ends in Cardston.

While it is highly recommended to do the trail in full to understand the breadth of history and see the dynamic landscape, those on a tighter timeline can enjoy the Cowboy Trail in smaller bites with quick day trips. This guide works as a way to see part of the Cowboy Trail while using Fort Macleod as a homebase.

1. Fort Macleod

Wake up excited and ready for adventure? Don't forget to grab some breakfast at one of the great breakfast spots in Fort Macleod to get the day started!

2. Lundbreck

Head west to the Crowsnest Pass and take in Lundbreck Falls; could even go a little bit further to see Frank Slide, Canada's deadliest rock slide. Also get a photo op with the iconic Burmis Tree.

3. Pincher Creek

One can spend a couple days driving around the Pincher Creek area. The landscape is beautiful with a mix of cattle grazing in fields among giant bales of hay, endless rows of windmills set on rolling foothills, all with a Rocky Mountain backdrop.

4. Twin Butte

It may be surprising to taste some of the best Mexican food in Alberta in a general store in Twin Butte, but that's the truth! Stop at the Twin Butte Country General Store for a delicious lunch and continue on the trail.

5. Waterton

Waterton Lakes is where the prairies meet the Rocky Mountains creating dramatic landscapes. It's a destination in itself and a longer pit stop here is a must! You can stay overnight in the park at one of the many inns, camp at the centrally located campground, or celebrate in grand style at the Prince of Wales hotel.

6. Cardston

The town is set in the classic rigid-grid plan which is a staple of Mormon town design. The location of one of the Mormon Church's oldest temples, Cardston is a majority Latter-day Saint community with the most remarkable sight to see being the Cardston Temple.

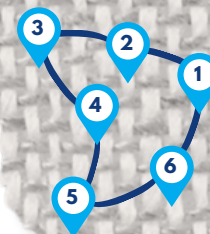


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Fun Fact

The Cardston, Alberta Temple was the first temple built outside of the United States and the first built in Canada!



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Waterton was Canada's fourth national park and is the smallest in the Canadian Rockies.