

Badlands Loop 313 KMs



Description:

You are in the country within minutes of Calgary Harley-Davidson. Ride through prairie farm land and watch the landscape change into the badlands. Cross the Red River on the Bleriot Ferry (toll free) and continue on the Dinosaur Trail. Stop at Horsethief Canyon, given this name due to the illegal horse trade that occurred here. Legend says that horses were smuggled between the USA and Canada were hidden in this canyon. This part of Alberta was once covered by the sea and then a tropical rainforest. Drumheller is known as the Dinosaur Capital of the World due to the large deposits of dinosaur bones. Be sure to stop at the information centre in the heart of the down. You can't miss it as you'll see the huge dinosaur. You'll continue out of town toward the village of Rosedale and then across the Eleven Bridges road to the Last Chance Saloon in the old coal mining town of Wayne. A ride back through the prairies will bring you round trip to Calgary.

Points of Interest:

Last Chance Saloon in Wayne – old 1800's saloon

Atlas Coal Mine – 1930's coal mine offering tours - south east of Drumheller off Hwy 10

Star Mine Suspension Bridge – 117 metre long pedestrian bridge across the Red River -south east of Drumheller off Hwy 56

Royal Tyrell Museum – world renowned Paleontology museum – North of Drumheller off of N. Dinosaur trail

Hoodoos – sandstone rock formations- south east of Drumheller off Hwy 10

Directions:

Right out of Calgary Harley-Davidson Driveway

First **Right** on Barlow Trail and then move Left as soon as possible.

Left on McKnight Blvd.

North on Stoney Trail (201)

Take Exit 68 - East/Right on Country Hills Blvd (AB-564)

Left on 9 toward Beiseker

Continue straight on 806 toward Acme

Right on 575 toward Carbon

Left on **837**

Right on 838 (N Dinosaur Trail)

Cross the **Bleriot Ferry** (no charge)

Continue following signs for 838 (N Dinosaur Trail)

Stop at HorseThief Canyon on the Right

Return to 838 (N Dinosaur Trail) and turn Right to go into Drumheller

Right on 56 to go into Drumheller

*** Stop for Fuel in Drumheller ***

Follow signs for 56 out of town

In Rosedale turn Right on 10X (Eleven Bridges Road) toward Wayne

Last Chance Saloon is on the right between bridges 9 and 10

Return to **Hwy 56** back the way you came on the 11 Bridges road

Right on 56

Right on Trans Canada Hwy 1 to Strathmore

Continue on Trans Canada Hwy 1 back to Calgary

North on Barlow Trail

Left on Pegasus Dr to Calgary Harley-Davidson