



# It's worth a visit to Fort Qu'Appelle

## FQ Historic Points of Interest

Fort Qu'Appelle is rich in historic points of interest. Located throughout the town site are historic buildings and statues.

Commemorate your stay in Fort Qu'Appelle with a tour of the historical sites.

- Old Hudson's Bay Company Building (1864) and Museum (1962) - Bay and Third Street.
- Monument marking signing of Treaty Four in 1874 - Company Avenue and Fifth Street.
- Cairn at the site of North West Mounted Police barracks (1876) erected in 1965 - Echo Ridge Golf Course.
- St. John's Anglican Church (1885) - Bay Avenue and Fourth Street.
- Hudson's Bay Company stone general store (1897) - Company Avenue and Broadway Street.
- Statue commissioned by the Touchwood Qu'Appelle File Hills Tribal Council marking the spot as a memorial cemetery for those believed to have died during treaty negotiation between 1874 and 1890 - on Segwun Avenue between the RCMP detachment and the courthouse.

## FQ Farmers Market

Come rain, hail or shine, one thing you can be sure of finding in downtown Fort Qu'Appelle is the Farmers Market.

Situated on a site opposite the Prairie Co-op Marketplace on Broadway Street, the location offers ample free parking for visitors to browse an abundance of hand-crafted items, baking, fresh fruit and garden vegetables, jams, jellies, cabbage rolls and perogies every Saturday from May through September from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Each year the number of vendors grows, as does the crowds.

Whatever you need this fast growing farmers market will never leave you disappointed.

In addition to the regular weekly markets, special markets are planned to coincide with the town's open house in November and the weeks running up to Christmas which offers a comprehensive selection of seasonal fare and gift ideas.

Mary Hanlon continues her work as market manager and can be reached at 432-2240 to answer all inquiries.

## Unique Glance into the past

When visiting the Fort Qu'Appelle area, do yourself a favor and stop by the Fort Museum.

Located on North Bay Ave. near the original site of the Hudson's Bay Post built in 1863, the museum is filled with founding history as well as reminders of area happenings through the years.

Well-presented displays map out events from the past that molded the current community.

From its earliest years, Fort Qu'Appelle has been awash in history. The area around Fort Qu'Appelle was surveyed in 1880. There never really was an actual 'fort' as such, rather, a fur trading post and a distribution center for pemmican.

There were small fur-trading groups in the area before the Hudson's Bay Company decided to locate here in 1864.

The small white building attached to the current museum is the only remaining building of the post.

This room contains any number of reminders of those days gone by and allows visitors a unique glance into the past.

## Fish Culture Station

The Fort Qu'Appelle Fish Culture Station is not only a major breeding area for restocking many Saskatchewan lakes with fish, but also a popular visitors' centre.

The station's visitor information centre provides literature, panel displays and audio-visual materials on various species raised at the station.

The station has the capability to rear as many as 50 million fish each year.

The stock replaces fish populations in waterbodies where winter-kill, overfishing or poor natural reproduction has led to low fish populations.

The Visitor Information Centre is open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. seven days a week from May 1 to Labour Day.

To arrange a tour of the Fish Culture Station, phone (306) 332-3200 or fax (306) 332-3203

## Mission Ridge

Set in beautiful surroundings, Mission Ridge is fast becoming an event venue for summer concerts as well as retaining its primary function for excellent skiing and snowboarding.

The winter park has a newly installed chairlift system and snowmaking equipment to ensure all the slopes are kept groomed and in excellent condition throughout the winter months.

Mission Ridge Winter Park offers a magnitude of learn to ski packages for individuals or by joining the Mission Ridge Student Learn to Ski and Snowboard program you can be sure that hours of fun can be had by novice and seasoned skiers alike.

If you are planning a visit to Fort Qu'Appelle this summer, check out the location of Mission Ridge Winter Park and plan a weekend

away to sample all the facilities the slopes have to offer and enjoy the good food and relaxed atmosphere of Bubba's at Mission. Phone 332-5479.

## Echo Ridge Golf Course

The Qu'Appelle Valley serves as a magnificent backdrop for the Echo Ridge Golf Course located on Fort San Road, Fort Qu'Appelle.

Echo Ridge has existed since the 1920s, but the land on which this challenging golf course sits has a history that goes back much further. Last century the land was occupied by the North West Mounted Police fort.

The old foundation of many of the fort's buildings can still be seen near the clubhouse. Several plaques explaining the history of the NWMP are found in various locations around the golf course. Echo Ridge features well-maintained rolling fairways which require golfers to keep on their toes at all times for the challenges that lie ahead when they visit the nine-hole course.

Young and old are welcomed to Echo Ridge Golf Course which, aside from its picturesque setting, offers a modern clubhouse which boasts a lounge, outdoor patio and barbecue.

The course opens in mid-April and weather permitting, remains open until the Thanksgiving weekend. The number to call for further information is 332-GOLF (332-4653).

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