



Ituna: 'A chain of lakes'

Ituna is a thriving town of 622, which lies on the CN main line and intersects Highways 15, 52 and 310. The Parkland community offers plenty of entertainment and recreation possibilities for tourists. Ituna's name is thought to have come from

a northwestern English town or else originate from a Cree word meaning "a chain of lakes". The original Carlton Trail passes just outside of town. During the 1885 Northwest Rebellion soldiers under General Middleton's command camped near present-day Ituna on their march from Qu'Appelle to Fort Carlton.

The Regional Park lies just south of town. This has a nine-hole golf course, electrified camping sites, picnic tables, barbecues, a junior Olympic-sized heated swimming pool, and several ball diamonds.

Several country trails lie near Ituna, which lead to fascinating places. Along the trails lie a Jewish cemetery, a heritage farm, old country schools

and churches. It's also a popular place for birdwatchers and sightseers.

Recreation facilities in the town include a library, museum, tennis courts, skateboard park, curling rink and a skating rink. Several entertainment and cultural events take place in the town's two halls.

The RM of Ituna Bon Accord, just north of town, has a display of antique road construction equipment. On Main Street, visit the "Gaar Scott" railway steam engine and remember a time when these giants helped pioneers settle this land.

For someone staying a day or two, there's a motel and a hotel, restaurants (Canadian and ethnic), two grocery stores, garages and a gas station, a tow truck service, agricultural and motor parts store, beauty salons and a barber shop, a fitness center, car wash, bank, credit union, auto body shop, an ice cream parlor and a movie theatre.

Ituna also has an integrated health-care facility with more than 30 beds and private-care seniors home.

Come visit Ituna, the "I" of the Parkland and the home of the friendliest Ukrainian people in Canada.



Abernethy Fair over a century old

People keep coming back to Abernethy every July. And this year they have as much reason than ever.

Whether they live right in the community or whether they have to travel considerable distance, people mark the date of the Abernethy Agricultural Society Fair on their calendars.

It's been that way for more than a century, making the Abernethy event one of the longest running one-day fairs in Saskatchewan.

Its roots go back to 1906 when local farmers held a seed fair. During that fair a wagon of flowers was exhibited, as was a hive of tame bees.

For example, in 1919 the fair's name was changed to the North Qu'Appelle Agricultural Fair after amalgamating with Balcarres, a town just down the highway from Abernethy.

Purebred cattle were added to the fair's prize list in 1920.

In 1929, just at the onset of the Depression, dance music was provided by a gramophone with an amplifier.

This year's edition, Friday, July 24 is the 102nd annual and it features several favorite attractions, including the Grandma Cookie Contest, where grandmothers make their own cookies and are judged by a panel of hungry teenagers.

The Diaper Derby, featuring children three years and under walking or crawling to the finish, is another crowd favorite.

Other annual events continue at the fair, including a pancake breakfast, a pet show, a horse show, an antique tractor display, inside exhibits and displays and a barbecue supper.

The day's festivities will end with fireworks at dusk.

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