

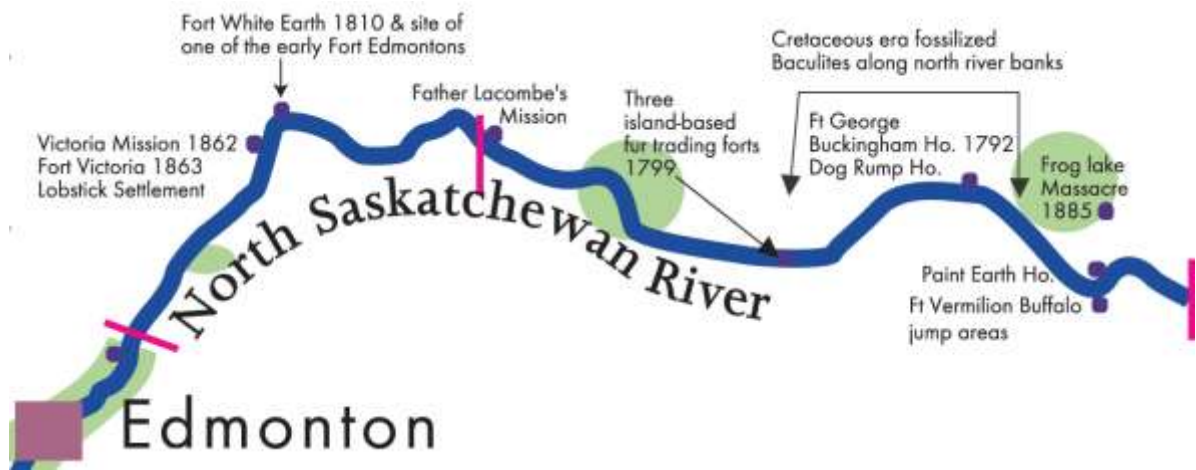
Places to see in Elk Point

In the thriving community of Elk Point is located a within the County of St. Paul in the middle of farm fields and fields rich with with heavy crude oil. This town of 1400 is cradled among green rolling hills on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. From furs and pemmican to grain and meat, to salt and oil, the Elk Point area has a colourful history that is showcased on a 100-foot-long Historical Mural depicting the people, places and events which have contributed to Elk Point's multicultural heritage located in a small park four blocks off Highway 41, on 50 Avenue. From tribal chiefs Pakan, Big Bear and Poundmaker, to the development of a modern community you will see Elk Point's history unfold in colour.



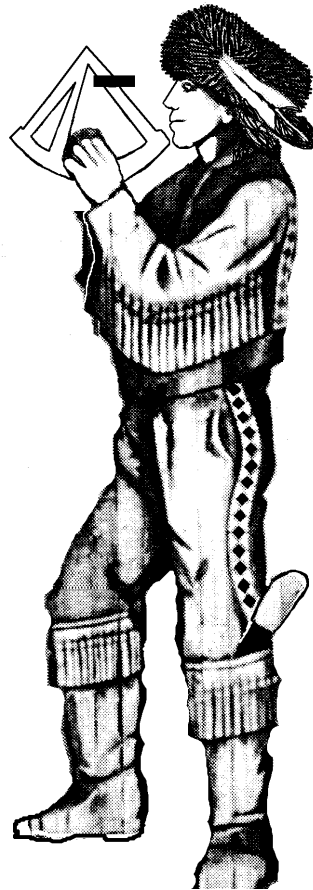
1 Many panels in the Elk Point Mural show how settlement developed

Recorded history of this area dates back over two hundred years to the days of the fur trade, when the Blackfoot and the Cree traded hides and Pemmican at the Hudson's Bay Company's Buckingham House and the North West Company's Fort George. These two forts were established less than a kilometer from the River, 11 km southeast of the present town of Elk Point.



2 Early Alberta history developed from areas along the North Saskatchewan River

Another historical marker is the wooden monument honoring the explorer and mapmaker Peter Fidler (1769-1822), who hiked overland from Fort George to the upper reaches of the South Saskatchewan River on a mission in the late eighteenth century. His larger-than-life figure stands on the northern approach to Elk Point along the west side of Highway 41.



3 Peter Fidler