

# Crowsnest Pass

## Doors Open & Heritage Festival

July 31 to August 3, 2009



Discover Crowsnest Heritage

## Welcome to the Historic Crowsnest Pass

Welcome everyone to the 4th annual Crowsnest Pass Doors Open and Heritage Festival, taking place over the Heritage Day Weekend from July 31 to August 3, 2009.

Our committee has worked diligently to 'Open the Doors' to the unique history of the Crowsnest Pass. Last year's festival was a great success, offering more than 34 activities to over 6,000 visitors. This year we are hoping to exceed your expectations with a variety of events that will be a journey of discovery of why this small corner of Alberta is one of the most fascinating places to visit.

New this year are the Antique Appraisals at the Bellevue Underground Mine, an evening of musical entertainment at the Blackbird Coffee House, a Crowsnest Pass photo contest and exhibit, Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site's 25th anniversary, a special guided bus tour with Dr. Brian Reeves highlighting the prehistory of the Crowsnest Pass, exciting children's activities, new historic building tours, a Rum Runners' Film Festival, a centennial celebration for Morency's Plumbing and the launch of the Crowsnest Heritage Route, winner of the Chinook Country Tourism New Product/Idea Award.

Of course you do not want to miss your favourite annual activities such as the Crowsnest Country Market, Teddy Bear's Picnic at the Crowsnest Museum, Miners' Memorial at the Bellevue Underground Mine, Movie by Starlight in the Bellevue Memorial Park, Perogi lunch and dancing at the Polish Hall in Coleman, our wonderful Natural Heritage Programs, and much more.

So, enjoy all that the beautiful and historic Crowsnest Pass has to offer.

Fred Bradley, Chairperson

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- Rum Runner's Film Festival
- Crowsnest Heritage Route Launch
- Allison Creek Trout Hatchery Tours



**Downtown Coleman National Historic Site**  
403-563-5434  
[www.crowsnestmuseum.ca](http://www.crowsnestmuseum.ca)



**Bellevue Underground Mine Tours**  
403-564-4700  
[cpets@shaw.ca](mailto:cpets@shaw.ca)  
[www.bellevuemine.ca](http://www.bellevuemine.ca)



**Hillcrest Cemetery**  
[www.frankslide.com](http://www.frankslide.com)  
403-562-7388



**Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site**  
[www.frankslide.com](http://www.frankslide.com)  
403-562-7388



**Crowsnest Country Market**  
[www.colemancommunitysociety.ca](http://www.colemancommunitysociety.ca)  
403-563-5408



**Teddy Bear's Picnic**  
Crowsnest Museum  
403-563-5434  
[www.crowsnestmuseum.ca](http://www.crowsnestmuseum.ca)



**Alberta Provincial Police Building**  
403-563-5434



## Discover Crowsnest Heritage

# Tales of the Crowsnest Past

## Native Peoples and Archaeology in the Crowsnest Pass || *Dr. Brian Reeves* Saturday, August 1

When Pleistocene ice melted 11,000 years ago, people discovered the Crowsnest Pass. They came to hunt large animals such as *Bison antiquus*, 25% larger than its modern counterpart, with a horn breadth of over a metre. A skull of one such giant was found during excavation of the Bellevue sewer system in 1974. These early people lived nomadic lives, taking shelter during long, cold winters and traveling widely during warmer months to collect plant foods and hunt.

Food gathering and storage techniques specialized through time. Hunting weapons progressed from spears, to spear throwers, and then to bows and arrows. Within the Pass, modern species of bison were trapped in bogs and corrals, or herded off the banks of the Crowsnest Lake. People made food last through winters by drying and pounding meat to small pieces, mixing in fat and berries, and storing it in rawhide pouches. Today this is called " pemmican ". Archaeological artifacts suggest that 3,000 years ago ancestors of the K'tunaxa were living in the eastern Crowsnest Pass. Two thousand years later, when the

climate became harsher, this band moved its winter settlements to the Sparwood area, but continued to winter hunt and summer camp in the east. Tragically, they were wiped out by the smallpox epidemic of the 1730's.

Good camping locations – flat ground, nearby water, and wind shelter – are used over and over again, today, as in the past. The southeast end of Crowsnest Lake was a summer camp from 6,000 B.C. until 300 years ago. It had at least nine different occupations, ten, if you include the heritage Dance Hall, built by European settlers in the early 1900's. Perhaps the inhabitants of these large lakeside camps danced and sang in celebration and appreciation of their lives, just as later people did at the Dance Hall. Today, historic K'tunaxa camps can be found throughout the Pass, as can "vision quest" sites on the upper flanks of surrounding mountains.

The Crowsnest Pass has always been an important source of raw materials. The prehistoric Etherington

Chert Quarries are the largest found so far in the Canadian Rockies. Ancestral Piikani and K'tunaxa would climb up the steep hill east of Bluff (Goat) Mountain – where Peter Sherrington's Eagle Watch takes place today – and mine the semi-translucent pink-grey toolstone to make into flaked stone tools. European settlers were attracted by grassland for cattle and coal for mining.

As the lowest of the three Rocky Mountain passes in Canada, the Crowsnest has always been important for east-west mountain travel, whether 18th century K'tunaxa or the western expansion of Europeans. On Saturday, August 1st, Dr. Brian Reeves will be leading a 3 hour prehistoric/historic tour of the Pass, from Burmis to Crowsnest Lake. **The bus will depart from the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre parking lot at 1:00 P.M. Reservations will be needed for seats on the bus, so if you are interested please call the Frank Slide Centre at 403-562-7388 or toll free in Alberta by dialing 310-0000 to book your seat on the tour.**

## Morency Plumbing and Heating Centennial Celebration

This year, 2009 is a special time for Morency Plumbing and Heating. We are a three generation company celebrating our 100th year in the Plumbing and Heating business.

It all started in 1909 when Alex Morency moved to the Crowsnest Pass from Peterborough, Ontario. Alex established plumbing and heating shops in Blairmore and Coleman. He was a large part of bringing modern plumbing to the area in the installation of town water mains, bringing water to homes and installing indoor plumbing. He also provided the upgrading of heating systems to many area schools, businesses and homes. Alex left time to be active in the growing community through his involvement on Blairmore town council, the fire department and many sporting events that his family partook in. Alex was also well known for his ownership of the Crow's Nest Lake Dance Pavilion.

Harold, one of Alex's sons began working with him in 1934, at the age of 16, at Cameron school in Coleman. Harold served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II and upon discharge as corporal returned to working with his father. In 1951, Harold purchased the business from his father, starting the second-generation company. During the 1960's Harold moved his shop from behind his residence to the main street in Blairmore. He was the Canadian Propane dealer and worked in bringing Natural Gas and modern plumbing to the area.

Scott and Mark, Harold's sons both worked and obtained their tradesmen certificates under Harold. Scott began working with Harold in



1979 and Mark in 1983. This began the third generation of plumbers in the Pass. The boys continue to provide new plumbing and heating opportunities to the Crowsnest Pass from their present location on 21st Ave. in Blairmore.

We are having an open house to commemorate our 100th year of service to the Pass on August 1, 2009. We are thanking our many customers, who without them, this could not be possible. This will be held in the Blairmore Elks Hall. Come and see our displays, visit and enjoy some refreshments.

**Morency Plumbing and Heating  
Centennial Celebration  
Blairmore Elks Hall  
Saturday, August 1, 2009  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



The Crowsnest Heritage Route is a self-guided driving tour that leads visitors off of Highway 3 and through all of the wonderful communities of the Crowsnest Pass. Highway signage directs travelers off the highway and in-town markers will keep vehicles on-route. A fold-out map highlights the communities of Coleman, Blairmore, Frank, Hillcrest, and Bellevue for visitors. The map identifies important local buildings and landmarks along the driving route and give background stories for each of the towns. Community Heritage Information Kiosks highlight history and events in each community. Driving route maps are free of charge and are available at the Crowsnest Museum, Bellevue Underground Mine, Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, visitor information centres, and at many businesses and locations in the Crowsnest Pass. **Join us for the launch of this exciting new product on Friday, July 31, at the Bellevue Underground Mine. See details in the schedule of events.**



# Discover Crowsnest Heritage

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 31, 2009

### Crowsnest Heritage Route Launch Event

*Bellevue Underground Mine*

5:15 - 7:15 pm – Bus Tour

7:15 - 9:30 pm – Social and Music

Contact: Cathy 403-562-7388

Join us in launching the newly completed Crowsnest Heritage Route driving tour. The launch will include a two hour guided bus tour, leaving from the Bellevue Underground Mine at 5:15 and returning to the Mine at approx. 7:15. The driving tour will be followed by dignitaries greetings, a social and music. Tours of the Underground Mine will also be available. Seats on the bus tour are limited so please book your seat by July 28th, by calling 403-562-7388.

Cost: Free

### Historic Blairmore Courthouse Guided Tours

*NIT Inter-Cultural Campus*

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

13437 - 20th Avenue, Blairmore

Contact: 403-562-7704

The Blairmore Courthouse was constructed in 1923 to serve as a court, police and jail facility for the Crowsnest Pass. Designated as a Provincial Historic Resource in 1993, the Blairmore Courthouse is currently owned and operated by the School Foundation of Nippon Institute of Technology. The facility has been meticulously restored to its 1923 state and now functions as an educational campus. Some areas may be restricted due to classes.

Cost: Free



### Friday to Monday Events

Events run throughout the weekend unless otherwise stated in the event outline.

### Rum Runner's Film Festival

*The Rumrunner, 7902-20 ave., Coleman*

11:30 am - close

Contact: 403-562-7552

Take a break at the Rumrunners and enjoy the entertaining films that will run throughout the weekend highlighting the Rum Running history of the Crowsnest Pass. The films include:

*The Emperor* - producer John Kerr

*The Opera Filumena* - producer Jean Patenaude

*The King v. Picariello and Lassandro* - producer Gisele Amantea

Cost: Donations to Crowsnest Museum

### Crowsnest Pass Photo Contest and Exhibit

*Cosmopolitan Hotel, 13001-20 Avenue, Blairmore*

8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Contact: Sacha 403-562-8858

Enter the Crowsnest Pass Photo Contest to win prizes! Photos must be of the Crowsnest Pass and categories include: History, Scenery, Wildlife, and Faces. Entries must be received by July 17th and winning photos will be displayed during the weekend at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. For more information, or to get an entry form, see contact above.

Cost: Free



### Historic Blairmore Walking Tours

*Cosmopolitan Hotel, 13001-20 Ave., Blairmore*

8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Pick up your self-guided walking tour map brochure in the lobby of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Main Street Blairmore.

Cost: Free

### Lethbridge Brewing and Malting Company

*Royal LePage Real Estate Office, 13055 - 20th Avenue, Blairmore*

2:00 - 4:00 pm Fri – Sun

Contact: 403-562-2848.

Completed in 1907, the finest brands of cigars were sold along with domestic and imported wines and liquors. A portion of the west stone wall has been restored and the building is now the office for Royal LePage South Country Real Estate.

Cost: Free



### Historic Bellevue Walking Tours

*Main Street, Bellevue*

Tour begins at Old Dairy Ice Cream Shoppe

11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Contact: 403- 564-4111

Grab an ice cream and take a stroll through historic downtown Bellevue. Maps for the self-guided walking tour will be available at the Ice Cream Shoppe.

Cost: Free



### Union Bank

*Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce, Mainstreet Blairmore, 12707 - 20th Avenue*

2:00 - 4:00 pm, Fri – Sun

Contact: 403-562-7108

The Union Bank of Canada moved into this building in 1923. In 1925 the Union and Royal Banks merged as the Royal Bank of Canada. The building now houses the Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce.

Cost: Free



### Frank Slide Interpretive Centre

*Hwy #3 Crowsnest Pass*

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-7388

Enjoy the four new levels of interactive exhibits highlighting the amazing 1903 Frank Slide. Daily interpretive programming.

Cost: Admission



### Bellevue Underground Mine

*Main Street Bellevue*

Contact: 403-564-4700

Daily half-hour tours: First tour leaves at 10:00 am, last tour leaves at 5:30 pm

www.bellevuemine.ca



Don a miner's helmet and experience life as an underground coal miner first hand.

Cost: Admission.

### Holy Ghost Church

*Blackbird Coffee House, 7914 - 20th Ave., Coleman*

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-8222

The church was built in 1905 with the land being donated by the International Coke and Coal Company. The ceiling painting was done circa 1916 by a French artist who had studied in Montreal.

Cost: Free

### Crowsnest Museum

*7701 - 18 Ave., Coleman*

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Fri – Sun

Contact: 403-563-5434

www.crowsnestmuseum.ca

Crowsnest History – over 25,000 artifacts on display.

Cost: Admission, Museum is closed on Monday



### Guided Walking Tours of Coleman

*Crowsnest Museum, 7701 - 18 Ave, Coleman*

Departure times: 10:00 am & 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday only

Contact: Crowsnest Museum 403-563-5434

A one hour tour of historic buildings and a comprehensive stop at the Alberta Provincial Police Barracks, leaving from the Museum.

Cost: \$4.00 includes admission to Museum

### Hike the Historic Miner's Path

*Crowsnest Museum*

9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Fri – Sun

Brochure can be picked up at the Museum

An easy 20 minute, self-guided hike. The hike begins at Flumerfelt Park and ends at a 12 foot waterfall. A stairway over the creek leads to the McGillivray mine site.

Cost: Free

### Guided Tours of Leitch Collieries



*Provincial Historic Site, Highway 3 at east end of Crowsnest Pass*

Open from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Guided tours at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-7388

Step back in time to the coal mining era in the Crowsnest Pass.

Tour the remains of the surface workings of Leitch Collieries, which operated from 1906-1915.

Cost: Free

### Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery Exhibit and Historic Tour

*Allied Arts Building, 14737 - Hwy #3, Frank*

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-2218

Enjoy the current show; "This is Who I Am", a

juried show of local and area artists. Browse through the history of the building and enjoy some of the historic Gushul photos.

Cost: Free





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *continued*

Saturday, August 1, 2009



### Crowsnest Country Market

Flumerfelt Park, Coleman

Coleman Community Society

Contact: Jane-Ann Reimer 403-563-5408

colemancommunitysociety@shaw.ca

Auction: 11:00 am, Open Air Market: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Baking, B.C. fruit, concession, crafts, farm eggs, pottery, knitting, sewing, water play park, jams, musical entertainment, paintings, farm fresh veggies, flea bargain tables, jewellery, pickles, woodworking.

Cost: Free

### Polish Hall

1406 - 82 street, Coleman

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: 403-563-5134

The Polish Hall is a registered Alberta

Historical Resource. This interesting old building was built in 1927 to house the Polish Society for Brotherly Aid. The interior walls are painted with scenes from Poland and Canada. Drop in and experience what the old hall was famous for: Dancing! We will have music playing so come on in and try out your polka on the original wooden dance floor. A perogi lunch will be offered for sale.

Cost: Free - except perogi lunch



### Crowsnest Pass Pottery Club

Coleman Sportsplex, 8702 - 22 Avenue, Coleman

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Working kick wheel, information on the Club's history in the Crowsnest Pass and sale. The Pass Pottery Club is passionate about exploring the possibilities that working with clay has to offer. We create various types of pottery including functional, decorative pieces in all sizes and colors. Come and see what we can do with clay

Cost: Free

### Morency's Plumbing Centennial Celebration

Elks Hall, Blairmore, 2025 - 129 Street

Exhibits: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks)

Contact: 403-562-2168

Join the Morency family in celebrating 100 years of service. There will be an open house displaying plumbing tools from the past to the future. There will also be an exhibit on the plumbing business and the Morency family history. See the article on page two for more information.

Cost: Free

### Miners' Hospital/Union Hall

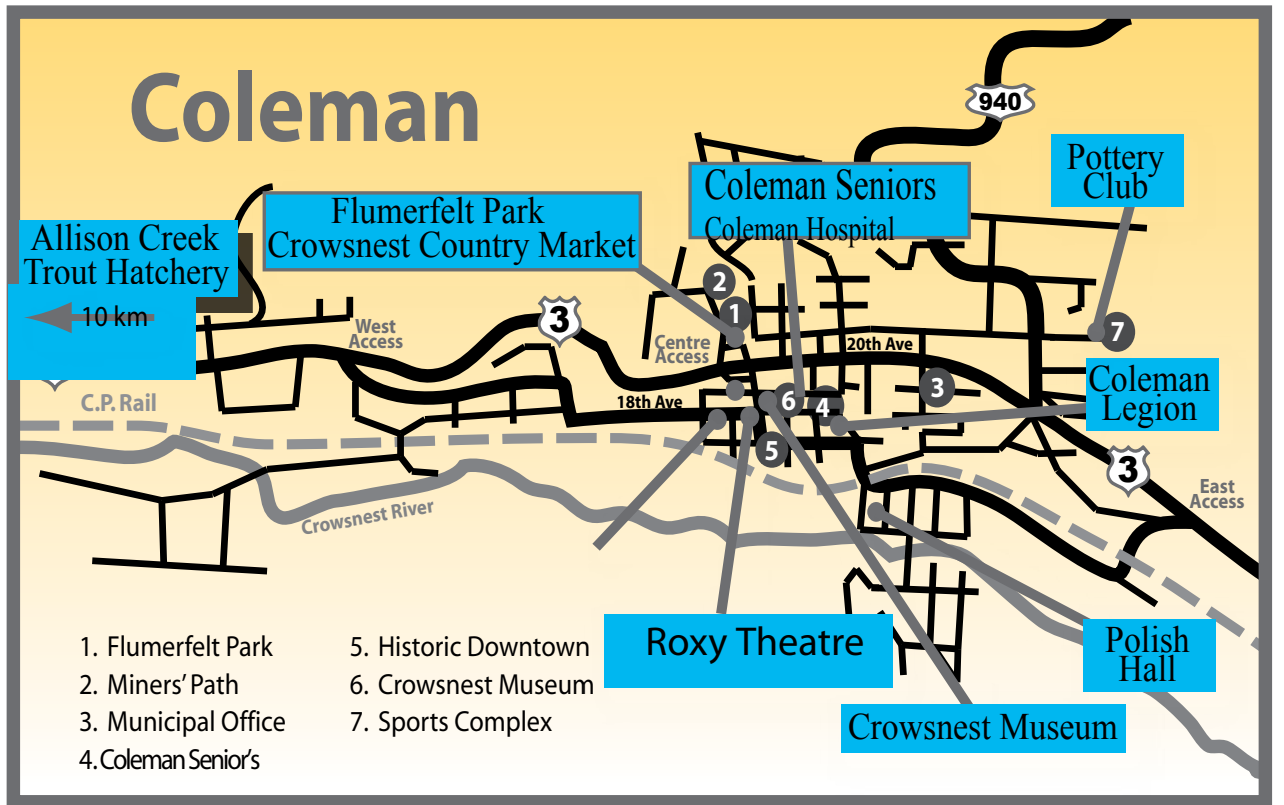
Coleman Seniors' Hall, 7805-18 Ave.

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact: 403-563-8483

The hospital opened in 1906 with 17 beds and a spacious sun room. The miners' hospital served the community until 1949 when the new hospital opened in Blairmore. It was designated a Provincial Historic Resource in November 1986. Enjoy the 1948 - 1953 Coleman Rodeo and Parade Historic Film that will be shown throughout the day.

Cost: Free



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| 1. Flumerfelt Park  | 5. Historic Downtown |
| 2. Miners' Path     | 6. Crowsnest Museum  |
| 3. Municipal Office | 7. Sports Complex    |
| 4. Coleman Senior's |                      |

### Hey Kids!



### Teddy Bear's Picnic

Crowsnest Museum, 7701 - 18 Ave., Coleman

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact: 403 563-5434

www.crowsnestmuseum.ca

An afternoon of picnic fun for kids, bears and grown-ups alike. There will be lunch, prizes, games, a teddy doctor check-up station and much more to enjoy in the historic garden at the Crowsnest Museum.

Cost: \$5.00 Teddy Bear entry registration

Concession available

### Open House & Guided Tours - Rocky Summit Lodge #30

Masonic Hall, Frank

10:00 am - Noon

Contact: Bob Liddell 403-563-3130

Formerly a church, it was relocated from the Frank Slide Danger Zone and subsequently used as a Union Hall and a community hall prior to becoming a Masonic Hall. Tour will include upstairs meeting room.

Cost: Free

### Royal Canadian Legion, Coleman #9

7831 - 17 Aveune, Coleman

12 noon to 7:00 pm

Contact: 403-563-5480

branch9@shawbiz.ca

Alberta's oldest legion

was established in

October of 1926. The

legion's cenotaph

honours WWI, WWII

and Korean Veterans. The building is a designated Municipal Historic Resource.

Cost: Free



### Fun and Entertainment!

### Social and Musical Entertainment

Blackbird Coffee House, 7914 - 20th Ave., Coleman

Beginning at 7:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-8222

Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment. Please contact the Blackbird Coffee House for detailed information on cost and who will be playing.

### Natural History Programs!

#### Guided Bus Tour with Dr. Brian Reeves

Prehistoric and Historic Driving Tour of the Crowsnest Pass Leaving from the Frank Slide Centre parking lot at 1:00 pm returning at 4:00 pm

Reservations can be made at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre. Call 403-562-7388 or toll free in Alberta by dialing 310-0000 People have called the Crowsnest Pass home for the last 11,000 years. Travel with Dr. Reeves as he tells the story of Native Peoples and Archaeology in the Pass, stopping at interesting sites and important geographical landmarks along the way.

Cost: Free. Maximum 39 people. Bring water.

#### Allison Creek Trout Hatchery Guided Tours

3km west of Coleman on Hwy #3 & then 3km north on Allison Creek Road

Tour times: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm - 1 hour tours

Minimum of 6 and Maximum of 40 visitors per tour

Contact: 403-563-3385

The Allison facility is a trout reproduction hatchery where adult trout are reared in order to provide eggs for the provincial stocking program. Some juvenile rearing and fish stocking is also conducted. The hatchery will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, but the background tours will only take place at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Wear clean footwear, which will be subject to inspection, and a shallow disinfection footbath. The hatchery will be closed on Monday.

Cost: Free



#### Birding Walk on Miners' Path

Meet at Crowsnest Conservation Office, 12707-20th Ave., Blairmore

Tour Time: 7:30 am - 10:00 am

Contact: 403 563-7545 birds@crownsnestconservation.ca

Meet at the Crowsnest Conservation Office, 12707-20th Ave. in Blairmore at 7:30 am and carpool to Coleman for a guided birding walk along the historic Miners' Path. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Cost: Free Maximum of 15 spots on a first come basis

Please come prepared for walking, bring water.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *continued*

Sunday, August 2, 2009

### Sixth Annual Miners' Memorial

*Bellevue Underground Mine*

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Contact: Crowsnest Pass Ecomuseum Trust

Diane Peterson 403-564-4700

[www.bellevuemine.ca](http://www.bellevuemine.ca)

Join us for a stimulating program of stories and songs of the Depression Era (1929 - 1938) and learn how Pass coal miners coped with and survived through this difficult time in Canadian history. Guest speakers will include the renowned photographer and storyteller Lawrence Christmas and special guest Joe Lothian who will be kicking off his new book "The Grasshopper", a story about growing up in a Pass coal mining town during the Great Depression.

Cost: Free

### Traditional Coal Miners Barbeque

*Bellevue Underground Mine*

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Contact: Crowsnest Pass Ecomuseum Trust

Diane Peterson 403-564-4700

[www.bellevuemine.ca](http://www.bellevuemine.ca)

The CNP Ecomuseum Trust welcomes you to join us at the Third Annual Coal Miners' Picnic at the minesite after the memorial service. Come and share stories with friends and family about the "tough times" long past. Bring your lawn chairs and your children and join in on an afternoon of reflection and good old tunes from the hard times era.

Cost: Free except for lunch

### Bellecrest Quilters' Fair

*Bellevue Underground Mine Site*

Access off the Bellevue Main Street, 213 Street.

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact 403-564-4700 or 403-564-2371

Quilters will be selling their diverse creations: artistic or practical, large or small, plain or colourful. Come to admire their talent. Take a treasure home.

Cost: Free

### Antique Appraisals with Sheldon Smithens of the Canadian Antique Roadshow

[www.bellevuemine.ca](http://www.bellevuemine.ca)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: Crowsnest Pass Ecomuseum Trust

Diane Peterson 403-564-4700

Make your appointment to meet with Sheldon and get your antiques appraised. Appointments will be booked on a first come, first serve basis. Sheldon does not appraise coins, stamps or a few other odd items so please be sure that your item is something that he works with.

Cost: \$10.00 per item

### Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site 25th Anniversary

*Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site*

East of the Crowsnest

Pass on Highway #3

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-7388

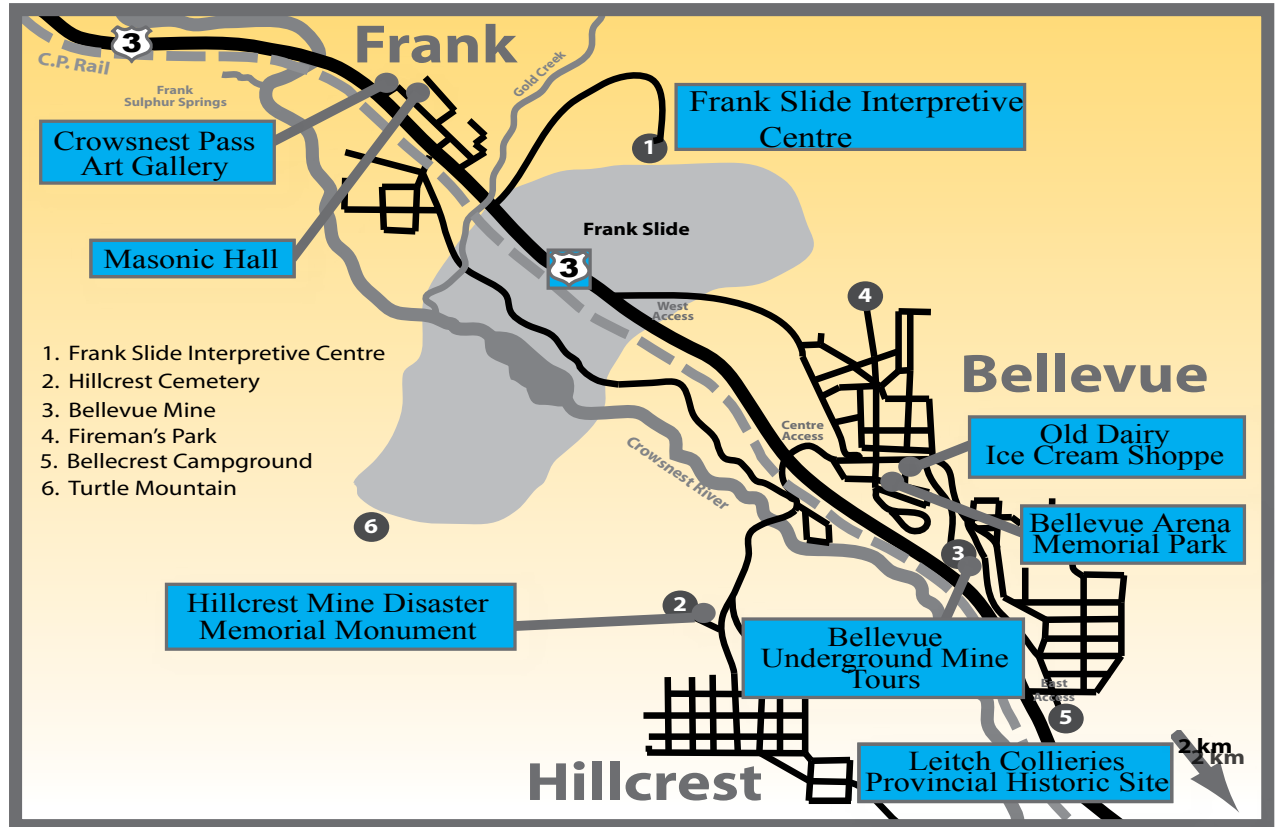
Leitch Collieries was one

of the largest and most

ambitious mines in the

early history of the Crowsnest Pass. Enjoy the special presentations taking place at the historic site today. Karelian Bear Dogs, Memorable Mine Ponies, Guided Flower Walks, and site tours. See each individual activity for details and times.

Cost: Free



## Hey Kids!

### Working in a Coal Mine Afternoon Camp

*Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site*

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact: 403-562-7388

Find out what it was like to work in a coal mine 100 years ago, with crafts, games, and activities that highlight the different jobs on the mine site.

Cost: \$3.00 per child

Limit of 15 - please call 403 562-7388 to book your spot



## Natural History Programs!

### Allison Creek Trout Hatchery Guided Tours

3 km west of Coleman on Hwy #3 and then 3km north on Allison Creek Road

Tour times: 11:00 am & 2:00 pm - 1 hour tours

Contact: 403-563-3385

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Minimum of 6 and Maximum of 40 visitors per tour

Cost: Free



### Karelian Bear Dogs in Action

*Leitch Collieries Historic Site*

6 km east of Bellevue on Hwy #3

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Phone: 403-562-8923

See the Karelian Bear Dogs

in Action. Discover what it means to be BearSmart.

Join Fish and Wildlife

Officers and their Bear

Dogs to learn about the valuable role that these dogs play in our Crowsnest Pass BearSmart program. Event sponsored by: Fish and Wildlife, BearSmart Committee, Crowsnest Conservation.

Cost: Free



### Guided Flower Walk



*Leitch Collieries Historic Site*

6 km east of Bellevue on Hwy #3

Departure Times: 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Tour length: 1 hour

Phone: 403-562-7388

Join our knowledgeable interpreter for a guided walk through the beautiful area surrounding Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site and discover the beauty hidden within.

Cost: Free

Limit: 30 - first come basis

### Movie by Starlight

*Bellevue Arena Memorial Park*

Memorial Park is located behind the Wildrose Confectionary

8:00 pm gates open - movie to begin at dark

Bring your chairs and enjoy a movie under the starlight in the Bellevue Memorial Park.

Cost: Free

Concession available



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *continued*

**Monday, August 3, 2009**

### The Gushul Studio and Cottage

13301 - 19th Avenue, Blairmore

Tours: 10:00 am - 12 noon

Contact: Angela Luck 403-382-7153

The Gushul Studio and Cottage were opened in 1988 for professional artists interested in working in the Crowsnest Pass for one to three month residencies. The facilities were completely renovated by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation in the early 1980s to acknowledge Thomas Gushul's work as a pioneering photographer of the region.

Cost: Free



### Chinook Lake Flower Walk

Starting point - Crowsnest Conservation Office

12707-20th Ave., Blairmore

Tour Time: 8:00 am - noon

Contact: 403-563-7545

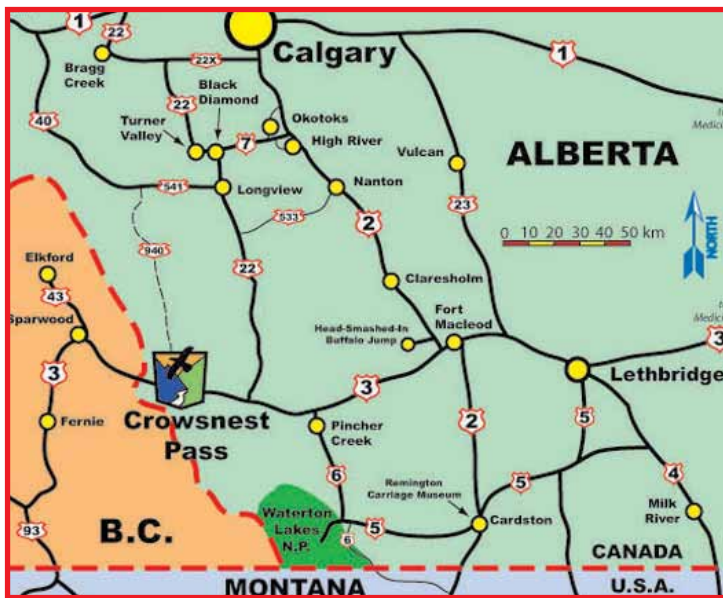
birds@crowsnestconservation.ca

Meet at the Crowsnest Conservation Office, 12707-20th Ave. in Blairmore at 8:00 am and carpool to Chinook Lake for a guided flower walk. Expect to see lots of birds and butterflies as well. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Cost: Free

Maximum of 20 spots on a first come basis.

Please come prepared for walking, bring water.



1. Crowsnest Centre
2. Hospital
3. Crowsnest Pass Golf Club
4. Greenhill Mine (abandoned)
5. Lost Lemon Campground
6. Provincial Government Building
7. Pass Powderkeg Ski Hill
8. Trailhead for Turtle Mountain hike

## Crowsnest Pass Doors Open and Heritage Festival: *At a Glance*

*Details for all activities are outlined in this publication*

### Friday, July 31st

- 5:15 pm - 9:30 pm Crowsnest Heritage Route Launch, Bellevue Underground Mine
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Historic Blairmore Courthouse tours - Blairmore

### Friday - Monday events, July 31 - August 3

- 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Blairmore Historic Walking Tours - Blairmore
- 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Crowsnest Pass Photo Contest & Exhibit - Blairmore
- 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Holy Ghost Church - Coleman
- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Frank Slide Interpretive Centre - Frank
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Crowsnest Museum (Closed on Monday) - Coleman
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Hike the Historic Miners' Path - Coleman
- 10:00 am & 4:00 pm Guided Walking Tours of Coleman - Crowsnest Museum  
\* Saturday and Sunday only for Coleman walking tours
- 10:00 am - 5:30 pm Bellevue Underground Mine tours - Bellevue
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery - Frank
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Leitch Collieries Provincial Historic Site
- 11:00 am & 2:00 pm Guided tours of Leitch Collieries
- 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Historic Bellevue Walking Tours - Bellevue
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Lethbridge Brewing and Malting Company - Blairmore  
\* No Monday tours
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Union Bank - Blairmore - No Monday tours
- 11:30 am - close Rum Runner's Film Festival - Coleman

### Saturday, August 1st

- 7:30 am - 10:00 am Birding Walk on Miners' Path - meet at Crowsnest Conservation Office
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Crowsnest Pass Pottery Club - Coleman Sportsplex
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Crowsnest Country Market - Coleman
- 10:00 am - noon Rocky Summit Lodge #30 - Frank

- Noon - 7:00 pm Royal Canadian Legion, Coleman #9
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Miners' Hospital/Union Hall - Coleman
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Morency's Centennial Celebration - Elk's Hall - Blairmore
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Teddy Bear's Picnic - Crowsnest Museum - Coleman
- 11:00 am Auction at Crowsnest Country Market
- 11:00 am & 2:00 pm Guided tours - Allison Creek Trout Hatchery
- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Polish Hall - Coleman
- 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm Information session Lundbreck Falls
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Driving tour with Dr. B. Reeves - Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- 7:00 pm - closing Social and Musical entertainment - Blackbird Coffee House - Coleman

### Sunday, August 2nd

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Bellecrest Quilters' Fair - Bellevue Mine
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Antique Appraisals - Bellevue Mine
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm 25th Anniversary of Leitch Collieries
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Karelian Bear Dogs - Leitch Collieries
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Miners' Memorial - Bellevue Mine
- 11:00 am & 1:00 pm Guided Flower Walks - Leitch Collieries
- 11:00 am & 2:00 pm Guided tours - Allison Creek Trout Hatchery
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Working in a Coal Mine - Leitch Collieries
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Coal Miners' BBQ - Bellevue Mine
- 8:00 pm - Movie by Starlight - Bellevue Arena Memorial Park

### Monday, August 3rd

- 8:00 am - 12 noon Chinook Lake Flower Walk  
\* Meet at Crowsnest Conservation Office in Blairmore
- 10:00 am - 12 noon Gushul Studio tours - Blairmore

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# Discover Crowsnest Heritage

## Tales of the Crowsnest Past

### The Great Outdoors Natural Heritage Programs

This year the Crowsnest Pass Doors Open and Heritage Festival will again offer unique opportunities for visitors to explore the natural heritage with some of our local professionals.

If you are a bird lover and have wondered where the best place is to view some of the more than 160 species of bird that inhabit the area, join in on the guided bird walk taking place on Saturday at **7:30 am**. This is just one of the events being sponsored in part by the Crowsnest Pass Conservation Society. They will also be offering the Chinook Lake Flower walk on Sunday from **8:00 am - noon**. Expect to see a number of beautiful flowers, birds and butterflies.



They have also partnered with our local Fish and Wildlife and BearSmart Committee to offer a unique look at the management of bears in the area. The Karelian Bear Dogs were introduced into the area in 2001 and have been working successfully since that time. Take the time to meet these incredible dogs and their partners, Kirk and John, during the Karelian Bear Dogs program at Leitch Collieries on Sunday, at **10:00 am**.

While you are there stay to take in the flower walk at **11:00 am**. Join Monica on a walk of discovery, you might be surprised at the number of different types of vegetation that can be found growing among the beautiful Historic Ruins of the coal mine. This walk will also run at **1:00 pm**.

And last, but not least, the Crowsnest Pass is home to some of the best trout fishing in the world. If you would like to know more about the provincial fish stocking program and about trout in general the Allison Creek Trout Hatchery will be offering special guided background tours on Saturday and Sunday at **11:00 am** and **2:00 pm**. Enjoy these opportunities to learn more about the natural environment of the Crowsnest Pass, meet our knowledgeable guides and enjoy the great outdoors.



### The Sentinel Lodge - History of the Masons

During the early part of the year 1906 a number of masons residing at Frank and the vicinity decided after careful investigation that it would be in the interests of Masonry to institute a lodge at Frank. A small lodge hall above the Somerton Jewelry Store on Dominion Avenue of Frank was selected and leased for a two years period at \$20.00 a month. Consideration was then given for an appropriate title for the lodge. Name preferences included Turtle Mountain Lodge, Mountain Lodge and Black Diamond Lodge, but the Grand Lodge of Alberta suggested that none of these were suitable and after considerable deliberation this decision was made:

“That as Masonic members would be drawn from the town of Frank, Blairmore, Hillcrest, Bellevue and Lille and the districts adjoining these towns, and owing to the fact that Peace and Harmony should prevail, a name free from localism should be chosen, and as these towns stand as sentinels guarding the entrance to the Pass the name of Sentinel was suggested and adopted as an appropriate name, and thus it became known as the Sentinel Lodge No 26 .”

Sentinel Lodge was granted a dispensation and on December 21, 1906 it was duly instituted by R.W. Bro. C.E. Smythe DDGM of District No. 2 GRA. W. Bro J.H. Bricker a past master of Elk River Lodge No. 36 of Fernie was duly installed as first Worshipful Master. The decision was made to meet monthly on the Wednesday on or before the full moon. This was adopted so that the members who had to walk any distance to Lodge would have the advantage of the light of the moon.

Among the earliest members of Sentinel Lodge were the following: James E. Boyle, blacksmith in the town of Blairmore, E. FitzSimmons, General Superintendent of mine, William P. Williams, General Superintendent of West Canadian Collieries at Lille, Thomas M Burnett, partner with A V Lang in general store in Frank. John Robinson, civil engineer and mine manager at the newly founded, (1904) Hillcrest Coal and Coke Collieries. James Turnbull, miner from Hillcrest Coal and Coke Collieries. Charlie Chestnut, in Frank during the 1903 Frank Slide. E E Orchard, manager of mine's boarding house in both Lille and Frank, Dr. Thomas O'Hagan, first physician at Lille, Dr. Duncan McKenzie, first physician at Bellevue, Dr. Allan Ross, first physician at Hillcrest, JH Farmer, first manager of the Union Bank of Canada in Frank community, Anson C Beach, owned the Frank Drug Store along with Dr. Malcolmson who was renown among the pioneering doctors of Alberta. William Somerton, from the Cranbrook Lodge and was the CPR Station Agent at Frank in 1906, Rueben Steeves, the owner of the Imperial Hotel on Dominion Avenue in Frank and partner in the Frank Wine and Spirit Co., wholesale dealer in wines, liquors and cigars, agent for Fort Steele beer. These memorable men are only a few of the early members of Sentinel Lodge who helped influence the early development of the Crowsnest Pass.

**For more information on the Mason's history** - take a tour of the Lodge on Saturday from 10:00 am - noon. Tour information is listed on the Saturday page of the events schedule.

### Lundbreck Falls

Lundbreck Falls, the first Provincial Park established in Alberta, is inarguably one of Alberta Parks' gems set on a backdrop of mountains and sky in the Crown of the Continent. A thirty foot drop fault in sandstone creates this spectacular wonder, referred to by the Niitsitapi people as "a`hk-takoyi" - "waterfall". Discover how a modern day riverside was once an ocean beach, with dinosaurs roaming along a tropical shoreline and learn about "Black Beauty", the fossilized remains of a Tyrannosaurus Rex uncovered by paleontologists near the Falls. By merely closing their eyes, visitors can join the circle of Humanity whose ears have heard the voice of this waterfall over the millenia.



Today, Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Area provides travelers

with an open, widely spaced campground with views of the mountains and foothills. Within walking distance, you can dip your feet in the Crowsnest River, cast your line into the depths of a deep, cool pool and try for that once in a lifetime big fish.

**Join in on the information session at the Falls on Saturday, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm.**



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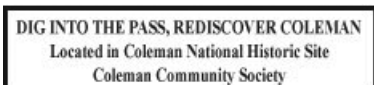
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