



UKRAINIAN FOOD

Restaurants serving perogies and other traditional Ukrainian foods:
Corina's on Main Family Dining, 28-B Memorial Boulevard, Dauphin, 204-701-1100
Rosburn Hotel Restaurant, 31 Centennial Road, Rosburn, 204-859-2561
Sandy Lake Golf Course and Country Club, Golf Course Road, Sandy Lake, 204-585-5227
Whitehouse Bakery and Restaurant, Wasagaming, 204-848-7700



For more information about the region, start with **Manitoba's Parkland Explorer Guide** (annual tourism guide) or pick up a copy of **Heritage Trails of the Prairie Mountains** (brochure). History books for the communities along the route are excellent sources of more detailed information; check local libraries or the Manitoba Historical Society online at mhs.mb.ca. History books are available for purchase at most municipal offices.

More information about Ukrainian Catholic/Ukrainian Greek-Catholic churches in the area south of the national park can be found at rosburnugcc.ca

Researching your family history?

The Manitoba Genealogical Society has transcribed and indexed over 1,400 cemeteries across Manitoba. More at mbgenealogy.com.

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ROSSBURN



Harry Boychuk & Rosburn Area Museum

Features a replica Ukrainian village, with a model church and thatch-roofed homes and buildings. Display items include Ukrainian artifacts, agricultural tools, a printing press, a pioneer kitchen, a period hairdressing salon and a school room. Located on Cheddar Ave. Phone 204-871-1543.



Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church

A provincial heritage site, the present church was built in 1928 with timber from nearby Riding Mountain, and restored in 1997. The first log church was built in 1905 on donated land which is now a cemetery. Travel north from Rosburn on PR264 and follow the signs. Interior visits by appointment. Call 204-859-2508 or 204-859-2240.



Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

The original church was built in 1901, but disagreements within the parish led to the construction of a second nearby church in 1904. It remained in use until 1959. Since its restoration in 1978, it has opened annually on its Patron Saint's Day (July 12) for a public mass and family picnic. From Rosburn, travel north on PR264, then east on PR577, then turn south on the first road past the Rossman Lake Golf Course.

OLHA

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church

One of the oldest churches in the area, St. Michael's was built in 1904. The original belfry, constructed in 1915, was later sold. Jacob Maydaniuk painted the interior icons in 1927. This building is a designated historic site. Phone 204-234-5236 for information and tour arrangements.



Ukrainian Pioneer Dwelling

When Ukrainian settlers first arrived in the area west of Riding Mountain in 1899, their first homes were small, tent-shaped pole structures with roofs of hay, known as buddas. Michael Swistun was born in one of these structures in 1900, and constructed two buddas near the original settlement trail. Drive north on PR577 to Olha and follow the signs.



Ukrainian Settlement Monument

A monument near Olha commemorates the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada (1891-1991), and marks the site where, in 1899, 42 children and three adults succumbed to scarlet fever on their way to new homes and a better life in the Parkland region. Travel 4 km (2.5 miles) south of Olha on PR577; follow the sign.



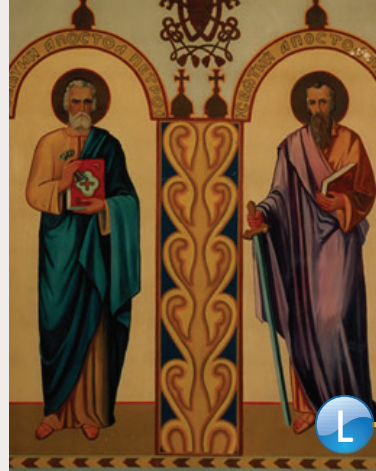
St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church

Built in 1929 at a cost of \$6,000, this church possesses a fine tower crowned with a tall spire. Pointed arches cap the windows and doors. Located southeast of Olha off PR577.

MENZIE

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Dolyn (valleys)

Built by local farmers with a background in carpentry, this is an exceptional example of the distinct tradition of a cross-shaped plan topped with a dome. It is one of the first churches where the dome opened into the church, creating a light-filled space symbolic of heaven. This church is a provincially designated heritage site. From Menzie, travel north on PR566 for 7.2 km (4.5 miles) to PR470, then continue east for 3.2 km (2 miles), north for 0.8 km (1/2 mile), then east for 0.4 km (1/4 mile).



Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (1917)

The first priest in the area, a French Oblate, ministered to local Aboriginal peoples during the 1850s. His successor provided spiritual guidance to the early settlers and the church was built. Now, it is used only for special occasions. Look for a small circular window in the facade. From PTH45, take PR566 7.2 km (4.5 miles) north to PR470, 8 km (5 miles) east on PR470 and then 2 km (1-1/4 miles) north.



SEECH

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

Built in 1911 at a cost of \$1,500, this church is a rare example of log Ukrainian churches in Manitoba. It is designed on the cruciform plan with three domes (banyas), the larger dome dominating the centre of the structure and the smaller domes crowning two frontal towers. Other features are pointed stained glass windows, a large church patron icon and paintings of holy images. From PTH45, take PR566 16 km (10 miles) north, then 3.2 km (2 miles) east and 2.8 km (1-3/4 miles) north.

HOROD

Horod School

Built in 1906 and now a municipal heritage site, the school still has its original teacherage and privies. Since its restoration, Horod School is now a museum. Horod is an ancient term for a stockade or fort. From PTH45, take PR250 north for approximately 14.4 km (9 miles).



SANDY LAKE

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Museum

This museum features artifacts from the original Riding Mountain settlement of 1899, including beautifully embroidered, hand-crafted clothing. Also includes a display of traditional Ukrainian arts and crafts, with Easter eggs, wood carvings, traditional breads and more. A nearby replica log house is available for viewing, and outdoor clay ovens for bread-baking operate during special events. Open during summer and by appointment. Phone 204-585-2636.



Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church

Built in 1937, this classic Byzantine church features icons painted by P. Lypynsky. On the church grounds is the belfry, each corner of which is adorned with an angel blowing a trumpet. Call 204-585-5228 for information and tour arrangements.



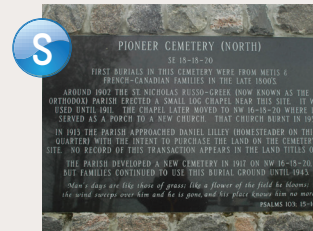
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

A classic example of the style of architecture transplanted to the region from Ukraine, this church stands adorned with majestic onion domes and stained-glass windows. Visitors to this unique church are always welcome. Call 204-585-5348.



Pioneer Cemetery (North)

This location is believed to have been chosen by the Métis and French Canadians who settled in the area in the late 1800s. New iron markers have replaced many of the original wooden markers; rocks or original granite headstones mark some graves. The Russo-Greek Orthodox parish once had a small log chapel at the foot of the knoll on which the cemetery was built. Located north of Sandy Lake on PR250. Watch for sign. Phone 204-848-7614.



Ruthenia Greek Catholic Church of the Ascension (1940)

A small and unadorned church with only a small cross at the top of the gable end and an adjacent bell tower, it is typical of religious architecture in Manitoba. From PTH45 at Sandy Lake, take PR250 north for 12.8 km (8 miles) and east for 0.8 km (1/2 mile).



OZERNA

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

This is the oldest Ukrainian Catholic parish in the area, with the first service held in 1902 in a private home. A log church was built in 1904, replaced by the current structure in 1933. The church features the prominent central dome and vivid interior iconography typical of all such churches in the area. From Sandy Lake, travel 5 km (3 miles) east on PTH45, then 10 km (6 miles) south on Ozerna Road. Call 204-874-2373 for information or to arrange a tour.



R.M. OF DAUPHIN



Selo Ukraina Ukrainian Folk Arts Centre and Museum

Located 12 km (7.5 miles) south of Dauphin on the northern escarpment of Riding Mountain National Park, the museum continues to develop an authentic historic Ukrainian experience, allowing visitors to imagine the life of early pioneers in the region. The heritage village features many unique buildings including a church with original bell towers, a one-room schoolhouse, a general store complete with many artifacts from the 1930s-1960s, shoe repair and blacksmith shops, and a community hall filled with exhibits. The site is home to the Ukrainian Musicians Hall of Fame which is filled to the brim with interesting items. There are three older farmhouses on-site, uniquely furnished to the pioneer era, and a "summer kitchen" featuring several clay bake ovens used extensively during Canada's National Ukrainian Festival. Call 204-638-9401.

DAUPHIN

The Historic Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection

Constructed between 1936 and 1939 by volunteers during the peak of the Great Depression, this splendid church features the early Kievan style of Eastern Byzantine architecture. Designed by Father Philip Ruh with iconography completed by Theodore Baran, this church is known as a "Prairie Cathedral". Guided tours are available. Located at 39 - 11th Avenue SW, Dauphin. Call 204-638-5511 or 204-638-4618.



TREMBOWLA

Trembowla Cross of Freedom Historic Site and Museum

Honouring the first Ukrainian Catholic liturgy celebrated in Canada in 1897, located on a bend in the Drifting River, stands the St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Nearby historic buildings include a grotto, monuments, a pioneer home, and a school displaying artifacts from an early Ukrainian settlement. Trembowla is a National and Provincial Heritage Site. Located 27 km (17 miles) northwest of Dauphin on PR362 and PR491 (Trembowla Road). Open for tours by appointment. Call 204-638-9641 or 204-638-9047.

VENLAW

The Negrych Farmstead

One of the most impressive folk sites in North America. At this national historic site, you'll find the oldest and most complete set of farm buildings on the continent built in the Ukrainian style of the Carpathian Mountain region. From Gilbert Plains, travel 17 km (10.5 miles) north on PR274, then follow the signs 3 km (2 miles) east. Call 204-548-2326 for more information or to arrange a tour.



ELPHINSTONE

Bend Cemetery

Land set aside for this cemetery in April 1888 was deeded to the municipality by the surveyor, Duncan Sinclair, endorsed in Bottineau County, Dakota, USA, and registered at the county office in Minnedosa by June of the same year. Mr. Sinclair was buried here in a gravesite facing north toward the North Star. A monument stands at the gravesite of the first Galician children who died from a scarlet fever epidemic in 1899. More children and adults succumbed as the group of settlers from Galicia, Ukraine, made their way northwest toward Patterson Lake. A tall cross now marks the mass grave site at the lake (see "I").

EVENTS/FESTIVALS

Canada's National Ukrainian Festival People flock to Selo Ukraina every August long weekend for an authentic cultural experience filled with Ukrainian foods, dancers, crafts, entertainment, storytelling, and bake oven activities. Canada's National Riding and Dancing Cossacks, who are a mainstay of the festival, mark the official start of the event with an exhilarating ride through the festival field—certainly a bucket-list item! Day or weekend passes and camping are available. A shuttle service runs periodically for revelers traveling from the City of Dauphin. cnu.ca. Call 204-622-4600. Sandy Lake hosts their annual **Western Days** on the second weekend in August, featuring traditional old-time family celebrations and Ukrainian foods.



M A N I T O B A ' S



MUNICIPALITIES:
DAUPHIN (R.M.), GILBERT PLAINS,
HARRISON PARK, RIDING MOUNTAIN WEST,
ROSSBURN, AND YELLOWHEAD

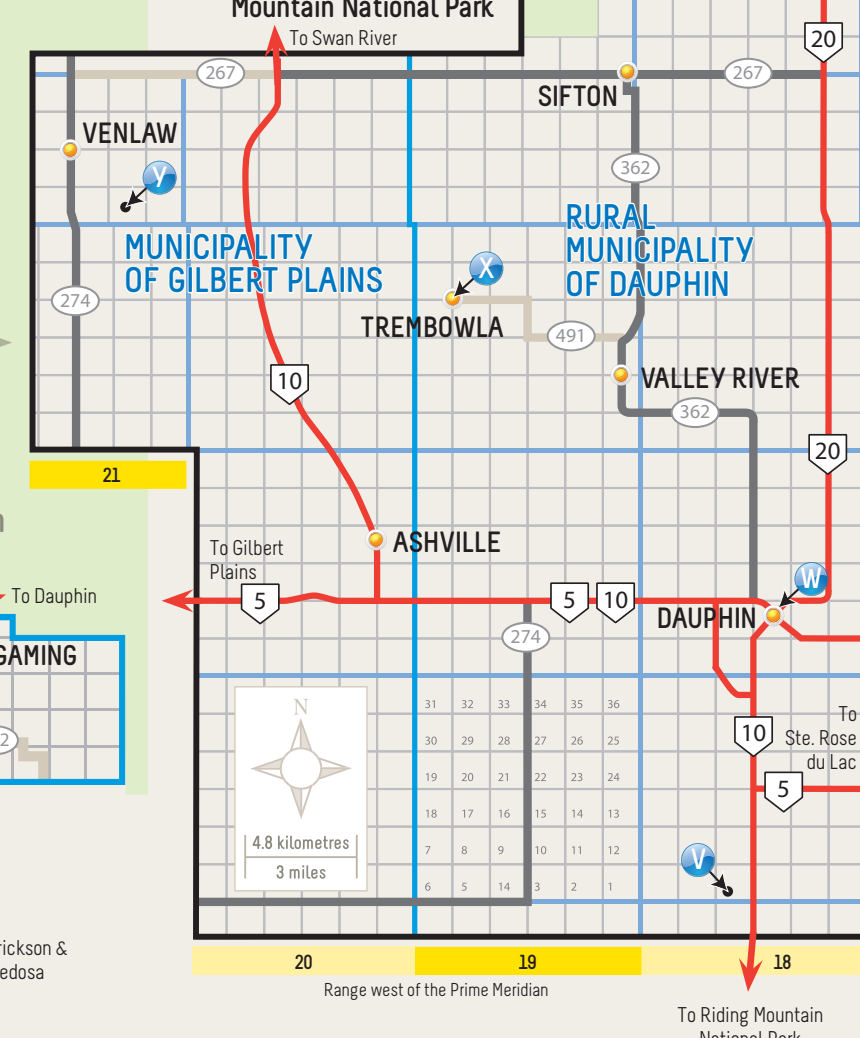


**UKRAINIAN HISTORIC SITES,
MUSEUMS, CHURCHES,
AND CEMETERIES**

Map 1: Southwest of Riding Mountain National Park



Map 2: North of Riding Mountain National Park



NAVIGATING MANITOBA'S LAND NUMBERING SYSTEM
Searching for a particular section of land? a pioneer homestead? Parcels of land in Manitoba are numbered using the Section-Township-Range system. A section is a parcel of land 1 mile x 1 mile (approx. 1.6 km x 1.6 km). A township is a group of 36 sections* (numbered as shown above, starting with the SE section) forming an area 6 miles x 6 miles in size (approx. 9.6 km x 9.6 km). Above, the parcel numbered 36 is designated as 36-24-19W (Section 36, Township 24, Range 19 West of the Prime Meridian, a line of longitude near Winnipeg). Sometimes NE, NW, SE or SW precedes the Section-Township-Range designation. This indicates a 160-acre parcel of land (1/4 mile x 1/4 mile, or 0.4 km x 0.4 km) in the corresponding quarter of the section (e.g. SW 36-24-19 W).

* Sometimes, a township can be abbreviated. This is the case with Township 27 near Sifton. The numbering of sections in these townships starts at section 13 in the southeast corner; sections 1 through 12 do not exist in these abbreviated townships.

The Pysanky Path covers approx. 435 km (270 miles). To allow time to visit the attractions, it is recommended that visitors set aside two days for travel and sightseeing. Attractions are shown in bold, with map location shown in red. Sidetrips (indicated in blue) are optional; the length of these sidetrips is not included in the trip distance.

Start your trip along the Pysanky Path at Angusville on PTH45. Visit Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (A) and Ivan Franko Heritage Hall (Ukrainian National Heritage Home) (B). Follow PR476 6.4 km (4 miles) north and 3.2 km (2 miles) east to Lakedale Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church and bell tower (C). Return to PR476 and continue south to PTH45, then travel east to Rossburn (approx. 18 km/11 miles). Visit the Harry Boychuk & Rossburn Area Museum (D), then follow PR264 north to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church (E). Return south on PR264 to the junction with PR577 and turn east following PR577 to the first road past the golf course. Turn south for Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (F). Return to PR577 and continue east and then south to Olha for St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (G). 1.6 km (1 mile) east and 0.8 km (1/2 mile) south of Olha is the Ukrainian Pioneer Dwelling (buddas) (H). Return to Olha. Stay on PR577 south to the Ukrainian Settlement Monument and the Mass Grave (I) near Patterson Lake. To reach St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church (J), travel south on PR577 for 1.6 km (1 mile), then turn left (east) for 1.6 km (1 mile), then left (north) for 1.6 km (1 mile). Return to PR577 and then travel south to PTH45. Continue east on PTH45 to Menzie and take PR566 north and east to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church (K) and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (L). Approximately 10 km (6 miles) further north is Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (M) and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (N). Return on PR566 to PTH45, continue east to Elphinstone and turn north on PR354 for 14.4 km (9 miles) to Horod School (O). Return on PR354 to PTH45 and continue east to Sandy Lake. Visit the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Museum (P), Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church (Q), and St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (R). Go north on PR250 to the Pioneer Cemetery North (S) and Ruthenia Greek Catholic Church of the Ascension (T). Return on PR250 to Sandy Lake and PTH45. **Il Sidetrip: Travel 5 km (3 miles) east and 10 km (6 miles) south of Sandy Lake on Ozerna Rd. to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church (U). Return to PTH45. Il** Continue east to the junction with PTH10. Turn north to Riding Mountain National Park. The Visitor Centre at Wasagaming has all the information you need to enjoy your stay in the Park. Here you will also find directions to the site of Kippan's Mill. Early settlers were involved with logging operations and sawmills in the Park from 1895-1946. Continue north on PTH10 to Dauphin. West of

the highway just outside the Park's north entrance is Selo Ukraina Ukrainian Folk Arts Centre and Museum (V). Return to PTH10 and proceed north to Dauphin and The Historic Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection (W). From Dauphin follow PR362 and PTH491 for 27 km (17 miles) north and west to the Trembowla Cross of Freedom Historic Site and Museum (X) and St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (X). **Other sidetrips: Visit Negrych Farmstead National Historic Site (Y) located 20 km (12.5 miles) northeast of Gilbert Plains on PR274, and Bend Cemetery (Z) north of Strathclair just off PTH16.**

Area Attractions

SILVER CREEK AREA

Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (Angusville)

Situated in Angusville, the Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox church is an example of pioneer ingenuity and spiritual strength. The small church was built from a school brought in from the Silverton area, and although plain on the outside, the inside is magnificently decorated with painted artwork and religious treasures.

Ivan Franko Heritage Hall (Ukrainian National Heritage Home) (Angusville)

This community hall is often mistaken for an Orthodox-style church because of its three onion domes. Halls like this one were common in many Ukrainian communities in the area, and always played a central role in preserving Ukrainian culture in Canada. This hall was built in 1934, and still features the original curtain and stage, as well as memorabilia celebrating famous Ukrainian poets such as Franko and Chevchenko. Phone 204-773-2222. Tours by appointment.

Lakedale Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church and bell tower (Angusville)

The first Ukrainian settlers to the Lakedale District arrived in 1899-1900. In 1904, under the leadership of Father A. Delaray, the present church was built. Services are still held here, with the building and graveyard being faithfully maintained by members. Located 9 km (5-1/2 miles) northeast of Angusville (east of PR476); follow signs.

