

# Vacation Guide

## Alberta - Dinosaur country

Dinosaurs may have disappeared from the earth millions of years ago, but they still attract tourists to southern Alberta. This is the land where Tyrannosaurus Rex and his friends roamed long before the deer and the antelope played.

The Red Deer River Badlands, known for their dinosaur-bearing rocks and unusual scenery, extend from Nevis (north of Red Deer) south through Drumheller to Dinosaur Provincial Park.

If you're visiting the area, the bustling city of Calgary makes an excellent headquarters for a series of day-trips, or you might prefer to stop in the bed of the river and hotels along the way (reservations are advisable).

Drumheller, a city of 5,000, situated on the Red Deer River, just 138 km (85 miles) northeast of Calgary, lies at the heart of dinosaur country. If you receive an invitation to "drop in" there some time, expect to do just that. The Drumheller Valley is 120 m (400 feet) below the surrounding Alberta prairie.

On your way, stop at Horseshoe Canyon, 5 km (three miles) outside of Drumheller and look down, way down: You'll see Kneehills Creek, slowly winding its way through the hills and sage brush. The strata on the sides of the hills represent layers of rock laid down in rivers flood plains and estuaries nearly 70 million years ago.

Once in the city, visit Drumheller and District Museum for some interesting displays of prehistoric remains found in the area. Then drive the Dinosaur Trail, a 48 km loop (30 miles) beginning and ending on the outskirts of the city. A reproduction of a Tyrannosaurus Rex stands guard at the bridge at the start of the trail

will show the way. Allow yourself plenty of time, because there is much to see, not all of it related to dinosaurs.

For example, there's the Homestead Antique Museum which houses an extensive collection of cars and machinery and various items used in the development of the west. Then there's what has often been called "the biggest little church in the world". More currently known as the Chapel of Communication, it was built in 1957 as a cooperative effort by several religious groups in the area. It seats just six!

You'll begin the journey back towards Drumheller after crossing the Red Deer River by the Bleriot Ferry, one of the few remaining cable ferries of the Old West still operating. On this leg of the journey, you can visit the Newcastle Coal Miners Museum, with equipment and records dating back to the days when coal mining was the area's main industry.

Next to the museum is Prehistoric Park in a rugged setting carved by the forces of nature from the primeval rocks. Strategically placed throughout the park are carefully reconstructed life-size models of dinosaurs. Children, especially, enjoy this part of the tour.

While in the Drumheller area be sure to visit the famous Hoodoos about 13 km (eight miles) away at East Coulee. They are strange rock formations shaped by wind and rain and look not unlike giant loadstools.

For the most spectacular views of the Red Deer Badlands, visit Dinosaur Provincial Park near Brooks (about 186 km or 116 miles southeast of Calgary). There, you will see a striking panorama of bleak steep bluffs and fluted gullies, with layers of coal, clay, ironstone, shale and

sandstone in colors ranging from black through brown to gray and white.

In addition to the eerie badlands scenery, you can enjoy a walk or drive around the park to see dinosaur quarries and displays. The displays, protected from weather and souvenir hunters, show where the remains of many of the ancient creatures were discovered. During the summer months naturalists programs ranging from bus-tours to fossil safaris are available. Some parts of the park are restricted and can only be seen by guided tour. However, even during the off-season, visitors can view the displays and follow some of the nature trails.

About 100 major fossil finds have been made in the park and can now be seen in museums in Canada, the United States and Europe.

For a change of pace look a prehistoric times and something different in spectacular scenery, head west from Calgary into one of the most beautiful regions of Canada, Banff National Park. It's only a prehistoric stone's throw away (130 km or 81 miles).

Drop into the town of Banff and visit the Natural Historic Museum where you can absorb considerable information on prehistoric life, flowers of the park, precious stones which abound there and the formation of the nearby mountains.

Further information regarding the regulations on historical sites and artifacts can be obtained by contacting Alberta Culture Co-ordinator, Archaeological Survey of Alberta, 10158 - 101 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 0X1 or Director, Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 0M6.

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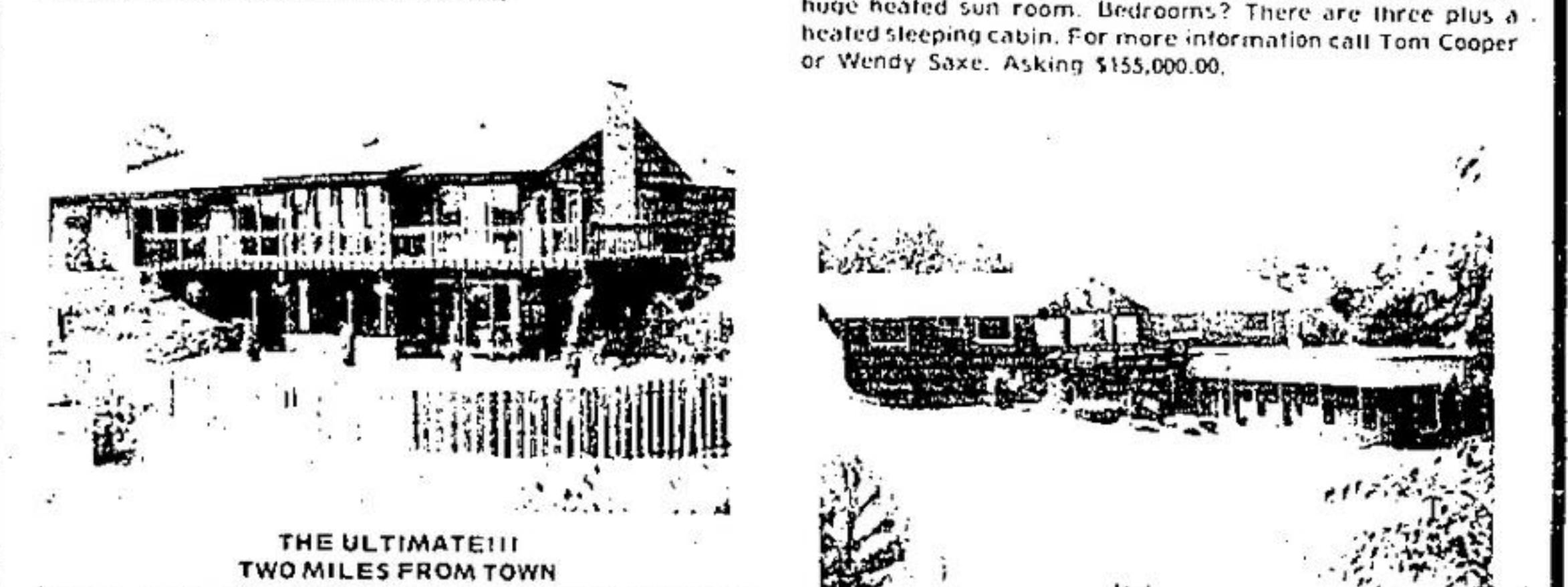
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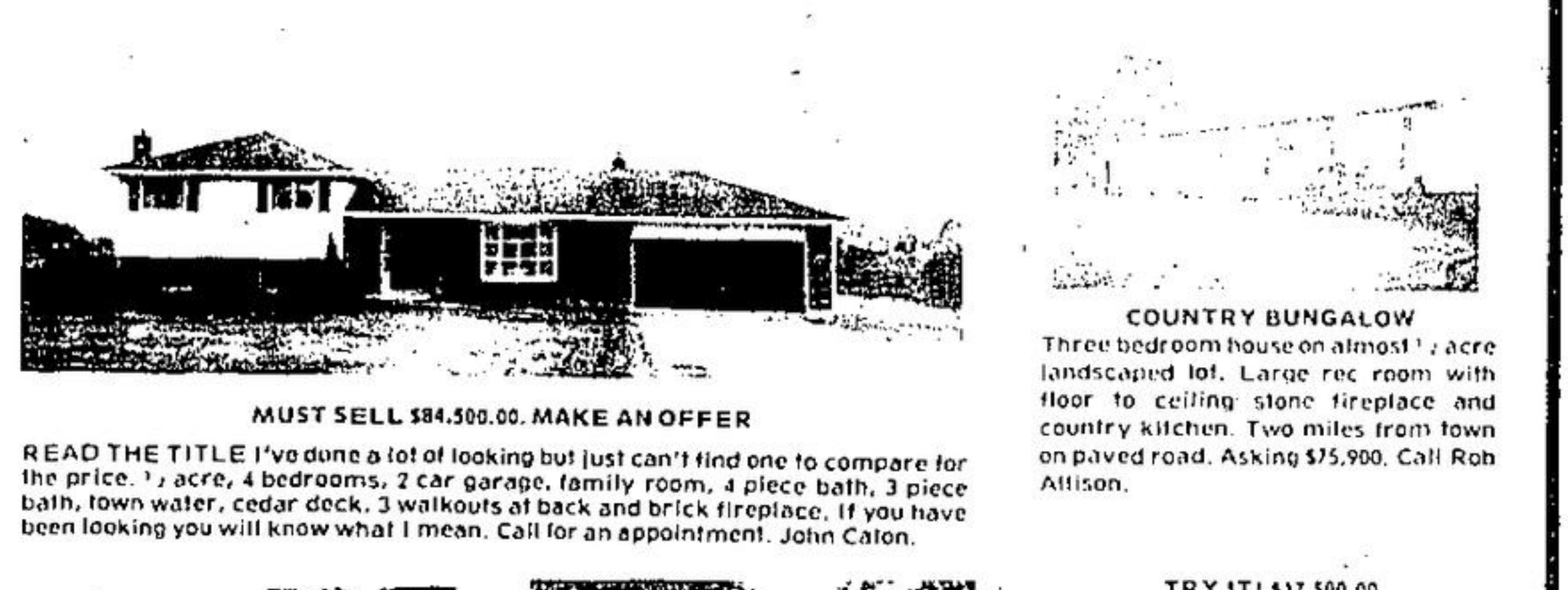
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