

# Welcome to Lesser Slave Lake and Area Visitors Guide

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Canada  
150  
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# LESSER SLAVE RIVER CELEBRATES CANADA 150 IN STYLE

2017 marks Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. That means all year long, communities across the nation will be doing their part to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial in style – and Lesser Slave River is no exception. As a region that's well-known for playing just as hard as it works, Lesser Slave River's festival and cultural event planners are pulling out all stops to ensure an unforgettable 150th.

All year long, the MD of Lesser Slave River will be doing its part to showcase the splendour of the region to travelers from afar and home-grown locals alike. The MD is nearing completion of its piece of the Trans Canada Trail. This coast-to-coast marvel is designed to help Canadians get out and explore the nation.

The MD will be curating a variety of area activities on a special Canada 150 section of the municipal website. Visit [ExploreLSR.ca](http://ExploreLSR.ca) to discover a growing inventory of natural wonders, local festivals and much more. From a world-renowned fishing derby to fairs, rodeos and a wide variety of native cultural activities, the reasons to celebrate Canada's 150th in our uniquely beautiful boreal home know no bounds.

Canada's 150th provides a great opportunity for us to reflect on our heritage and celebrate our special place on the world stage. For Lesser Slave River, this means a year-long celebration that has already begun. Visit [ExploreLSR.ca](http://ExploreLSR.ca) and take part in the excitement.



Lesser Slave River

DO SOMETHING  
RUGGED AND REAL  
FOR CANADA'S  
150<sup>TH</sup>

Camp. Cabin. Hunt. Fish. Sail.  
Play golf. Bird watch. Hit the beach.  
Hike. Shop. Sunbathe. Stargaze.  
Ride a horse. Quad. Kayak.

EXPLORE.



Lesser Slave River

[ExploreLSR.com](http://ExploreLSR.com)

# NorthShore Homestead

## Plenty of Room

NorthShore Homestead is known for a number of things around Slave Lake and beyond – but in the opinion of its owner, the availability of accommodations is not well enough known.

“Everybody seems to know about the museum, the buffies (bison) the lake view,” says Roland Eben-Ebenau. “But people will ask; ‘Is there any place to stay around here?’”

There certainly is. NorthShore has seven units of varying sizes – all set up for long-term occupancy.

“I have bachelor, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units,” he says. “Set up for self-catering short or long stays.”

It doesn't hurt that NSH has the best views of just about anywhere on Lesser Slave Lake, not to mention fishing out the front door, peace and quiet and the remarkable collection of bones, horns and other stuff gathered over a lifetime in the bush by the late Reinhold Eben-Ebenau, Roland's father.

“Back in 1930, my father hiked up the north shore of this little ‘inland ocean,’” Roland says. “He chose this point as his homestead, and began a lifelong job of hacking a home out of the

unbroken wilderness.”

Unlike many homesteads from that period on the east end of the lake, his was the only one that survived. The house he built – in the German style he grew up with, still stands and contains rental units. Outside is a linden tree, which flowers fragrantly in June – adding another bit of European flavour to the place. In both directions up and down the shore is provincial park, with little in the way of development.

To book a room or cabin, call NorthShore Homestead at 780-849-2174, or see online at [Northshorehomestead.com](http://Northshorehomestead.com).



### NorthShore Homestead

Lakeshore Cabins and Suites, plus Bison Ranch  
Slave Lake, Alberta

780-849-2174



**Bachelor, one bedroom, two bedroom and three bedroom units of differing sizes.**

Each one of my 8 units is specifically set up for self catering short or long stays. A fully self-contained residence, liveable year round. Full kitchen, full bath, washer/dryer, full bedding linens towels etc, sat TV, wifi, BBQ, fire pits all around, fully lakeshore beach front. Clean white sand, no algae/weed issues, easy boat launching.

[www.northshorehomestead.com](http://www.northshorehomestead.com)

**Rowboats, kayaks, canoe are available for registered guests.  
Highly recommend campfires on the beach to watch the sunsets by!**



# River Rats Rocks On For Canada's 150th

Athabasca's Magnificent River Rats Festival — one of Alberta's premier outdoor music events — offers two days of top-quality, all-Canadian live entertainment on the scenic riverfront stage. ☐

Started in 1996, the Magnificent River Rats Festival has become a popular venue among some of Canada's best-known artists, who are consistently impressed by the unparalleled setting along Athabasca's picturesque and historic riverfront. It's also serves as a showcase for talented local musicians and a means for regional bands to reach new audiences. ☐

Previous Magnificent River Rats headliners have included country music icons like The Road Hammers, High Valley, and Michelle Wright, popular folk artists that include Leahy,

Valdy, and Gary Fjellgaard, and classic Canadian rockers like Randy Bachman, Kim Mitchell, and Big Sugar. More recently, the festival has welcomed a new generation of Canadian performers, including Victoria Duffield, Dear Rouge, and Tupelo Honey. ☐

Kids love the River Rats Festival, too! As mom and dad relax in their lawn chairs, the kids are invited to celebrate Canada's 150 with a Kids Birthday Bash with many kid-specific activities and stage-front acts. ☐

The festival will also feature a beer gardens, a classic car show & shine, arts & crafts vendors, on-site food services, a Canada Day parade, and fireworks.

Excited to hear more about this year's line up? Visit [RiverRatsFestival.com](http://RiverRatsFestival.com) for line-up details and to purchase your tickets!

**BEER GARDENS! MARKET PLACE! FOOD VENDORS!  
FIREWORKS! PARADE! KIDS ACTIVITIES!**

## Magnificent RIVER RATS FESTIVAL

**June 30 & July 1, 2017  
Athabasca, Alberta**

**Tix & Schedule @ [RiverRatsFestival.com](http://RiverRatsFestival.com)**



# Buzzing right along at Mosquito Lake Resort

Things are buzzing right along at Mosquito Lake Resort in Hondo, Alberta, despite predictions 17 years ago that the name would turn people off.

"It's been doing well!" says owner Linda Sand. "People are pleasantly surprised."

They keep coming back, too, to the 32-unit campground with associated attractions.

Such as?

"There's the museum," Sand says. "Driving range. Fishing. Paddle boat and canoe rentals."

No power in the stalls, though.

"We call it 'cozy country camping,'" she says.

It seems to be working. One thing people like are the ATV opportunities in the surrounding area. Sand says quads are welcome at the resort.

One thing that may be changing at Mosquito Lake is how the spots are rented. Until now there have been no seasonal rentals available, but there is a demand and Sand is contemplating it. Of course the more seasonal spots you have, the less you have for weekenders. It's a trade-off. But as of the time of the interview for this story, Sand hadn't decided one way or the other.

Did we mention the six group campsites?

Mosquito Lake Resort is on 121 acres owned by Sand at Hondo. About half that is farmland used for hay production. The resort is nestled up against the small lake that isn't actually called Mosquito Lake.

"It's Hondo Lake on maps," Sand says.

Business opens on the May long weekend and runs to the end of September. Call 780-829-2168 to book a spot.



**Mosquito Lake Resort**

Cozy Country Camping

Hondo  
Alberta

780.829.2168



Smith-Hondo



# Tour the Lesser Slave River by Kayak with Mikes Kayak Shak

If you find yourself yearning to get on the water this summer, there's a rental shop in town that can help you out. It's called Mike's Kayak Shak, and this will be the second summer the store is up and running in Slave Lake.

Loroff says he and girlfriend Alyssa Lokan, have a handful of day tours ready-to-go for renters, and have a night tour in the works as well.

"We both have gone through them ourselves so we know the routes well," he says. "People can go on those tours by themselves, or if they feel more comfortable with a guide we will definitely go along."

Loroff adds, "People can choose from half day rentals, which is four hours; or full day rentals for eight hours. We're also thinking of doing night tours on the Old Smith River."

Although the shop is conveniently located right by Big Fish Bay, Loroff says renters are restricted to just using the kayaks in that specific area.

"People are able to pick up the kayaks themselves and do their own thing," he says. "We also can deliver to people out of town who want to rent, I charge a fee by the kilometre."

The majority of the kayaks up for grabs are

first-time-user friendly, something that Loroff says he made sure of when purchasing them.

"We have a lot of kayaks good for beginners because you just sit on top of them," he says. "We want people to have fun, and a lot of first time renters get worried about tipping over and getting stuck, and with these ones you can't do that. We also have doubles and fishing kayaks as well."

When did you start kayaking?

"I first tried kayaking a couple times last year in Grande Prairie and had lots of fun," says Loroff. "Actually it was after that I noticed there wasn't anything like that here for local people or visitors, and thought it would be a good idea because of the lake and river."

Loroff adds, "It's been really good so far," says Loroff. "The weather plays a big part, but when it's a nice day we are constantly busy and everything is signed out."

If you're interested and want to rent, Loroff says it's best to call 780-805-6298 to make sure someone is at the "shak."

Visit [www.facebook.com/mikeskayakshak](http://www.facebook.com/mikeskayakshak) or [www.mikeskayakshak.com](http://www.mikeskayakshak.com) for more information.

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780.805.6298

912 8 St. NW Slave Lake

#### Restaurants:

Carlos - 780-849-2434  
Boston Pizza - 780-849-9699  
Toniroz Grill and Restaurant - 780-849-4020  
Kens Stirfry - 780-843-1328  
Subway 780-849-6067 and 780-849-6069  
McDonalds - 780-849-8848  
Tim Hortons - 780-849-3395  
Dominos - 780-849-5757  
New Tanglewood Restaurant - 780-849-4101  
A&W - 780-849-5656 and 780-849-5747  
Alimos Pizza 780-849-4333  
Pizza Hut - 780-843-8822  
Mary Browns Famous Chicken - 780-849-5422  
TA's Asian Grill - 780-849-6658  
Fix Coffee and Bakery 780-843-0465  
SL Grill - 780-805-8302  
KFC - 780-849-3424  
Sawridge Travel Centre Cafe - 780-849-4030  
Mr. Mikes - 780-849-6452  
Dairy Queen - 780-849-2799  
Doms Ale House - 780-849-5588  
Ridge Tap House - 780-849-8440

#### Hotels

Slave Lake Inn and Conference -780-849-4101  
Big Lake Inn - 780-849-6668  
Holiday Inn Express and Suits - 780-849-4819  
Lakeview Inn and Suites - 780-849-9500  
Canyon Creek Hotel - 780-369-2857

#### Campgrounds

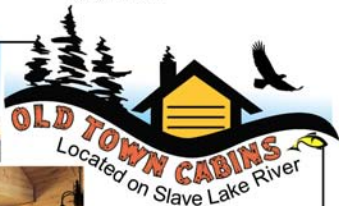
Big Fish Bay - 780-849-2020  
Roland on the River - 780-849-5020  
Spruce Point Park - 780-775-2117  
Norms Walleye Camp - 780-849-5204  
Martens River Campground -  
Shaws Point - 780-751-3900  
Sak Ata Wahk RV Park - 780-849-1718  
Hilliards Bay

#### Convenience Stores/Gas Station:

East Side Tigs - 780-849-5100  
Winks - 780-849-6777  
7-11 - 780-849-2511  
Harold's Speedee Mart - 780-849-3711  
Husky Maes - 780-849-6951  
Petro Canada - 780-849-3440  
MaxFuels - 780-849-3820  
FasGas - 780-849-3470  
Shell - 780-849-3807  
Sawridge Truckstop - 780-849-3898

#### Points of Interest

Wonderland Play Place  
Rex Theatre  
Visitors Information Centre  
Coreal Centre  
Gibwood Golf Course  
Martens Mountain Lookout  
Devonshire Beach



- Full equipped kitchen
  - Full bath
- Satellite TV and Wifi
  - Sleeps up to 6
- Boat dock available

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★ AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND ★