

DRUMHELLER with DRAMA: May 24-26, 2024

1. **ACCOMODATIONS:** There is a wide selection of hotels, camping sites and B&B's. We encourage you to explore the many options yourself. We have included information about places we have stayed in last year.
 - Convenient hotels: 2km cycling from day rides, walking distance (or short drive) to Boston Pizza, O'Shea's, A&W, McDonalds and Freson Bros. grocery store.
 - a. **Quality Hotel:** we stayed at this hotel last July and will stay here this trip. Direct phone: 1(403)856-4444
 - i. Nice breakfast
 - ii. Bikes are allowed in rooms.
 - iii. 2km bicycle ride to the "dinosaur" starting point for all rides.
 - iv. March 19 direct booking was \$169+tax= \$189 per night
 - v. March 19: AMA price is 152+tax=\$170 per night
 - vi. Booking.com on March 18 was \$219/night plus taxes.
 - vii. The price changes (increases) as the hotel fills up.
 - b. **Sure Stay Plus by Best Western:** some riders stayed at this hotel in May 2023.
 - i. Direct: 1-403-823-8887
 - ii. Nice breakfast
 - iii. Bikes are allowed in rooms.
 - iv. Indoor pool and hot tub
 - v. 2km bicycle ride to the "dinosaur" starting point for all rides.
 - vi. Booking.com on March 18 was \$219/night plus taxes.
 - vii. March 19 direct booking was \$219+tax= \$245 per night.
 - viii. March 19: AMA or BW Rewards price is 197+tax=\$221 per night
 - ix. The price changes (increases) as the hotel fills
 - c. The two hotels listed have been used by EBTC cyclists with positive reviews for both their rooms and breakfasts in 2023.
 - d. Several other hotels are conveniently located within cycling distance of the "big dinosaur" starting point for all of the rides.
 - e. Please be aware of your hotel's cancellation policy.
 - **Camping:** Camping fees are usually non-refundable.
 - a. In town: Dinosaur RV Park and River Grove campground: beware of the annual **spring oiling of the campground.** Last year (May 2023) fresh oil was sprayed on all of the campground roads. It smelled very "toxic" and we had difficulties getting a refund. We suggest you call before you book to confirm when the roads will be "oiled".
 - b. Dinosaur Trail RV Resort and Cabins: located 15 minutes drive outside of Drumheller (and past the Royal Tyrell Museum). This campground has traditionally been clean & quiet. However, the drive into town must be considered. We stayed here May 2023 and parked our truck in the Drumheller Aquaplex parking lot for the rides.
 - c. Please be aware of your campground's cancellation policy.

2. ROSEBUD THEATRE: Saturday, May 25, 2024, 8pm show (supper seating 5:30-6:30)

- Chariots of Fire by Mike Bartlett
- Cyclists and their guests are responsible to purchase their own tickets for the Theatre. Please reserve your seats as early as possible, as this show is already being sold and is expected to sellout.
- Purchase tickets: tickets are **non-refundable**.
 - online at: www.rosebudtheatre.com
 - Box office: **1-800-267-7553 , 1-403-677-2001 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)**
- \$96 per person
- \$64 for show only (no buffet)
- 30-minute drive from Drumheller (28km)
- Seating 5:30-6:30pm.: meal ends at 7:30pm,
- Show 8:00pm to 10:15pm
 - Seating: theatre is assigned seating, and a map is available on the website.
 - Rows at the very front are removable seats.
 - Rows A-E are flat on the floor.
 - Rows F-Q are in a step-up format.

• Menu Items: Subject to change:

Hot Buffet

- **Carving Station:** Rindsbraten – German Beef Roast with Gravy, Sauerkraut, Grainy Mustard, Horseradish, Smoked BBQ Sauce
- Steamed Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce **(GF & DF)**
- Tofu Stir Fry Chow Mein Noodles – RSA Style **(GF & Vegan)**
- British Mash **(GF)**
- Shrimps in Green Coconut Curry Sauce, Thai style **(GF & DF)**
- Steamed Seasonal Veggies in Extra Virgin Olive Oil **(GF & Vegan)**
- Spiced Turkey Breast Roast w/ Cranberry Orange Sauce **(GF & DF)**
- Scouse – An English Lamb Stew **(GF)**
- Mediterranean Style Baked Chicken **(GF & DF)** Classic Dressing for Turkey

Cold Buffet

- Spinach and Sweet Kale **(GF & Vegan)**
- Tuscan Greens with Shredded Carrots **(GF & Vegan)**
- Beets and Cabbage Slaw with Sultana Raisins **(GF & Vegan)**
- Caesar Salad with condiments **(GF)**
- Tortilla Chips with condiments **(GF & Vegan)**
- Greek Mixed Beans Salad **(GF & Vegan)**

Condiments Station

- Assorted Dressing, Mixed Pickles and other condiments

Platters

- Cheese Board **(GF)**
- Veggie & Fruit Platters **(Vegan & GF)**

Bread and Butter Station

- Garlic Bread Sticks & Ciabatta Rolls with Butter Pots
- GF Bread Rolls **(please ask servers)**

Dessert Buffet

- **Hot Dessert:** English Style Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel and Butterscotch Sauce. Vanilla Ice Cream **(GF)**
- Christmas Fruit 'n Nut Cake
- Black Forest Cake or Sachertorte (chocolate cake)

- Lemon Meringue or Pecan or Pumpkin Pie
- NY Cheesecake
- Assorted Seasonal Cookies
- Assorted Entremet Cakes (Mousse Cakes)
- Apple Strudel
- Choux a la Crème (Cream Puffs)
- Additional GF Desserts (**please ask your server**)

Please let Rosebud Theatre know if you have any special dietary concerns.

Menu items may change depending upon availability.

3. ITINERARY:

- Daily 10am start (arrive and meet up at the “Big Dinosaur” by 9:45)
- The “Big Dinosaur” is located near the Drumheller Visitor Information Centre
- Parking should be available at the Drumheller Aquaplex nearby.
- Many hotels are within 2km cycling distance of this starting point.

Day #1: Friday May 24

- Route: Dinosaur Trail Loop: **Total: 50km with two big climbs (250m over 6.5 km and 150m over 5km)**
- <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43005077>
- Facility stop: Royal Tyrrell Museum (bathrooms)
- Rest stop: Horsethief canyon (no bathrooms)
- Bagged Lunch/Snack stop at the Bleriot Ferry Provincial Recreation Area:
 - Cyclists must bring their own food and snacks.
 - Note: There is a 500m gravel road leading to the recreation area, so you may want to walk your bike.
 - Pit toilets were available here last year.
- Supper: Boston pizza.
- Discussion points:
 - There are two lengthy climbs (250m & 150m) and 2 steep descents today.
 - This is the most scenic day.

Day #2: Saturday May 25

- Route: Willow Creek Hoodoos (16km) and the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne (14km). Lunch and back to Drumheller (14km). **Total: 44km, with 240m of elevation gain.**
- <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43060978>
- Rest Stop & Facility stop: Willow Creek Hoodoos (bathroom)
 - Last year the ice cream shop was open.
 - Some people may choose to walk up through the hoodoos.
- Lunch at the Last Chance Saloon in Wayne, Alberta.
 - Participants are responsible for purchasing their own lunch and drinks.
- Discussion points:
 - This is the second most scenic day.

- There are no big hills to climb, and this day offers a recovery ride from the big climbs on Friday.
- Rosebud Theatre: **Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 5:30-10:15 PM**
 - Seating from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Dinner is served until 7:30pm.
 - Show starts at 8:00 pm and runs until 10:15pm
 - 30-minute drive back to Drumheller (28km) with estimated return to Drumheller by 11pm

Day #3: Sunday May 26

- <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/43020560>
- Route Horseshoe canyon return **Total: 36km.**
 - Lengthy climb out of Drumheller to Horsethief Canyon.
 - The descent back into Drumheller does have some gravel on the shoulder to contend with.
- Facility stop at Horseshoe canyon (bathrooms)
 - Convenience store and ice cream shop should be open.
 - Refill your water and snacks if you are continuing to Rosebud.
- Optional extension: continue on to Rosebud: **total: 72km.**
 - 11 km Downhill into Rosebud with a corresponding return climb back to the main highway and then back to Drumheller.
 - Can be quite difficult if it is hot or windy.
 - We recommend that you expect **no facilities** at Rosebud, so budget your water and snacks accordingly.
- Discussion points:
 - There is a lengthy climb out of Drumheller.
 - Traffic is generally a little heavier on this road, however, it is Sunday which may help.
 - Energetic cyclists may extend this ride to Rosebud (72km)

4. ADDITIONAL RIDE INFORMATION

- This is a 'pay-your-own-way' trip with great cycling, Rosebud Theatre, hoodoos, and Last Chance Saloon with other EBTC members.
- maximum 20 participants. Non-member spouses/friends are welcome but cannot ride with club members, neither can they act as vehicle support unless they become club members.
- non-members are welcome to participate at restaurants and the Rosebud theatre event.
- Participants should doublecheck their bikes before the weekend to make sure they are roadworthy, especially their brakes. Two water bottles are strongly encouraged with high temperatures possible in this area.
- Participants will travel in their own vehicles.
- Participants will reserve and pay for their own accommodations. There are many hotels and campgrounds in and around Drumheller.
- Participants will be responsible for purchasing all food and drink as well as providing water, lunch and snacks for each daily ride.
- Participants will reserve and purchase their own Rosebud theatre tickets.

- Participants should discuss any dietary concerns with Rosebud Theatre, prior to purchasing their tickets.
- Cycle rides will be out and back with meet up points along the route. There will be no sag wagon (riders will carry what they need). Different distances will be planned in the order of 35 to 72 km - but expect hills. The ride is rated as Intermediate due to the ride being on secondary highways plus the steep climbs out of the Drumheller Valley as well as the corresponding descents back into Drumheller. The routes are on RWGPS in Collections. Participants are encouraged to review the ride profiles on RWGPS.
- This is a no drop ride, but there will be no sag wagon. Riders should carry, water, snacks, a pump and tire tube patches.
- The ride will be on secondary highways with a shoulder. Bike front and rear lights are highly advised for visibility. Also, bright clothing is recommended.
- Cancellation (smoke/rain/snow etc.): Rosebud theatre tickets are non-refundable. Should cycling be impossible due to some unforeseen circumstance, Drumheller is home to the Tyrrell Museum and boasts many other tourist attractions nearby.
- Tourist information can be accessed at: <https://traveldrumheller.com>