



Rocky Mountain House

Rocky Mountain House is one of the oldest settlements in western Canada. It was first established as a fur trading outpost in 1799 on the North Saskatchewan River.

The trading post served as a base for many explorers who searched for passes through the mountains to the Pacific Ocean, including the famous David Thompson. The Rocky Mountain House trading post was in operation until 1875.

It then closed, but the settlement around it remained. Soon new homesteaders arrived in search of farmland. Many of the settlers came from northern Europe. By 1912 the town was firmly established.

There have only been a few earthquakes in Alberta history that could be felt by humans, but one of them, a 3.8 magnitude quake, took place at Rocky Mountain House in 1996.

