



## Red Deer

Red Deer is the third-largest city in Alberta. It was first established as a trading post in 1882 to serve people travelling between Calgary and Edmonton. A settlement built up around the post and became a town.

The name "Red Deer" comes from a misunderstanding. The native Cree peoples called the river that ran through the area the Elk River. However, British traders thought that elk were the same animal as the red deer, found in Europe. The two animals look alike, but are different. Because of the mistake, the British named it the Red Deer River.

Red Deer first started to see serious growth during World War II, thanks to a military training camp and two air bases built near the city. It grew quickly after the war, and on average about 1500 new people have moved to the city every year since, up to today. It once claimed the title of Canada's fastest growing city.

