



## Drumheller

Though it is best known today for dinosaurs, Drumheller got its start because of coal. In 1910, Colonel Samuel Drumheller purchased the land and started a coal mining operation. The town slowly grew around it. The area is also home to Alberta's second largest natural gas field.

Today Drumheller is officially listed as a town, not a city, but it has more land area than any other town in Alberta. It sits in the heart of the Alberta badlands, with many canyons and hoodoos.

A geologist named Joseph Tyrrell first found dinosaur fossils in the valley in 1884, while searching for coal. In 1985 the Royal Tyrrell Museum was built just outside of Drumheller. The town is in the middle of an important layer of earth that contains many fossils. The museum holds the largest collection of dinosaur fossils found anywhere in Canada, and includes more than 40 complete dinosaur skeletons, along with many other fossils.

