



Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, founded in 1957, is one of the largest areas of protected prairie in Alberta. Sitting on the Milk River near the US border, it is both a nature preserve and a protected area for thousands of aboriginal rock carvings and paintings.

The region was inhabited by tribes such as the Blackfoot and Shoshone peoples, who carved their stories and beliefs in pictures on the cliffs and hoodoo rocks over thousands of years.

Europeans first came to the area when the North-West Mounted Police set up a camp in 1887 to combat cross-border whiskey smuggling, and a reconstruction of their camp was built in 1973. Over the years, the rock carvings in the park suffered from graffiti and damage, leading the park to create areas of higher protection. You can only visit these parts of the park today with the help of a guided tour.



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