

CNR Train Station



The station was constructed in 1904. It was initially located where the CN railway crosses Highway 35. In 1909 the building was moved 75 yards east across from the present Wadena Hotel. It was relocated to the present site in 1991. Boasting the original floors from when it was first built, you can stand where, over a 100 years ago, the first settlers stood!

Today, the train station serves as a nature centre, tourist information centre and the main building for the Museum. It is the first stop upon arriving at the Museum.

CNR Caboose



The Caboose was built in 1967. Within it there are many documents, such as ticket sales and records, as well as the 'dog house' look out where you can climb up and look out at the track, like the CNR workers used to do. The caboose, rails, ties and the motorized hand-car are all donations from the CNR.

Sunderland School



The Sunderland School was built in 1907. Situated about 6 miles east of Wadena, approximately 400 students attended this school between 1909 and 1959, when it was closed, and moved to Wadena where it served as a music class room. In 1986 it was moved to the park where it became the initial Wadena Museum and Gallery. In 1991 it was moved to its present site on the museum grounds.

Tiger Lily Teacherage



The Tiger Lily Teacherage was relocated from the Howard Jesmer farm, 5 miles west of Wadena, in the Paswegin district in 2009. This tiny 2 room building was once the home for many teachers and their families during the days of rural one room schools. It was built beside the Tiger Lily school in 1916.

NWMP Barracks



This replica of a NWMP barracks, which was built by Stan Michaluk, boasts the original jail cell from the RCMP station which was originally located in the basement of the Town Office.

Doukhabor Banya (Bath House)



This building was built by the late Mr. Peter Malakoff, Sr. in 1939, shortly after the Doukhabor settlement in Kylemore disbanded, and donated to the Museum by the Malakoff family in 2008. It was used for washing clothes and bathing. The Doukhabor people were pacifists who left Russia to avoid being forced to join the Czar's army, and were an important part of Saskatchewan's history, with many colonies established in the province.

Boles Blacksmith



The Boles Blacksmith Shop was built shortly after 1891 when James Boles moved to the Elfros district. Situated where the two trails (highways 16 and 35) intersected, he provided blacksmithing services for many homesteaders, travelers and the NWMP from the Milligan Creek detachment. Most of the tools are handmade.

Vintage Machinery



We have a wonderful array of vintage machinery from the horse and plow era to gas powered machines. We are also proud to have the Prairie Bell combine, driven by Mr Nick Parsons from B.C. to Ottawa in 2000 to bring about awareness of the farm crisis.

St. Paul's Anglican Church



St. Paul's Anglican Church comes from the village of Margo. It was built in 1912 and moved from its original site to the Museum in 2008. Still containing all original furnishings, it is now open for interdenominational services.

Brice Homestead



Harry Brice came to the North West Territories in 1892. In 1914, he, his wife Ethel and three young children moved to a homestead on the south side of Wadena. The eldest son George, wife Helena and daughter Betty continued to farm the homestead until his death. The homestead was purchased by the Town of Wadena when Helena moved into Weneeda Park Lodge.

Osachoff General Store



The General Store was formerly owned by Mr. Osachoff of Kylemore, and was moved to the museum in 2006. It was the place where settlers would have gotten all their necessities. It is packed to the roof with all types of goods, from toys to lanterns to peaches.

Nature Centre and Tourist Information



The Museum also hosts a Nature Centre. We have a great deal of information on trails and birds in the area. In addition, there is information on other museums and attractions in the area as well as souvenirs. (The Wetlands are currently closed due to flooding. Please check with us for updates in the status of the area.)

The Wadena & District Museum & Nature Centre

The Wadena & District Museum & Nature Centre is located on Highway 35, just South of Wadena Sask. We would love to see you out here to enjoy our history.

Tour guides will take you through each of our buildings, telling you the history of each building and pointing out interesting items from the days gone by. We also have beautiful picnic areas--wonderful for a quick lunch during a tour or part of a more relaxing event such as a reunion or family & friend get-together.

The Museum holds several events throughout the year. Of special note is the Opening Day, when we open our museum to the public with free tours that day, and of course there is always good food to go with it.

Vintage Day features demonstrations of old fashioned farming, old time music, the buildings are open for you to wander through, as well as activities for the kids, horses, and other interesting activities.

Watch for advertisements, check us out on Facebook or call us for more information.

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