

ACOUSTIC JAM CAMPING MEET-UP

Deer Valley Meadows

August 16–21, 2026



Sponsored by the Alberta Society of Fiddlers

Come to jam!

We welcome you to an outdoor gathering of like-minded musicians.
Come play, sing, listen and connect in a quaint, acoustic setting.
All levels are welcome, so come to relax and enjoy the fun!



Registration

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Questions

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WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE

It starts with a tune—someone singing a song, a fiddle kicking it off, a guitar finding the rhythm, a banjo rolling in—and before long, you're part of something bigger than yourself.

At Acoustic Jam Camp, the music isn't on a stage... it's all around you. It drifts through the trees in the morning, builds in circles at your campsite, and carries late into the evening by the fire. Every note is shared, every tune passed along, every harmony found in the moment.

This is the kind of music you don't just listen to—you feel it, sing it, and create it together. Enjoy the camaraderie in shared musical moments and the laughter between songs; this is community.

It's not about being perfect. It's about jumping in, finding your place, and letting the music connect you to the people around you. Whether you're leading a tune or quietly joining in, you're part of the sound.

And somewhere between the first note and the last goodnight, something shifts.

You're no longer just visiting... you belong here.

Come for the music.

Stay for the feeling.

Leave with tunes that follow you home.

Welcome

We're excited to invite you to a relaxed, community-focused acoustic jam camping experience at Deer Valley Meadows. This gathering is designed for all levels of acoustic musicians and music lovers who enjoy informal jamming, connecting with others, and spending time outdoors. This is not a traditional festival or full-service camp. Instead, it is a simple, shared space where you can camp, play music, and enjoy a laid-back atmosphere with optional evening entertainment.

Important to Know Before You Arrive

This event is outdoor-focused and self-directed. While the Alberta Society of Fiddlers is hosting a fiddle camp on-site at the same time, jam campers do not have access to all indoor facilities or reserved areas. This includes reserved RV areas for registered fiddle camp participants, main instructional spaces, and guaranteed indoor jamming areas. Your experience will be centered around your campsite, outdoor jamming spaces, and optional evening events. Please come prepared to be self-sufficient and comfortable outdoors. Campers are asked to bring their own shelters or jam tents.

What to Expect

This gathering is inspired by traditional festival campground jamming. Outdoor jamming will take place in the Family RV Park and Upper RV Site areas, with groups naturally forming around styles such as bluegrass, old-time, country/folk, and swing. There is no formal daytime schedule—bring your instrument, join in, and enjoy. All music is acoustic only, with no amplification.

Event Details

The meet-up runs from Sunday, August 16 (3:00 PM check-in) to Friday, August 21 (11:00 AM check-out), with a minimum two-night stay and the option to stay up to five nights. Deer Valley Meadows is located 12 km south of Alix, Alberta, 50 km east of Red Deer, 170 km southeast of Edmonton, and 196 km northeast of Calgary.

Evening Events (Optional)

Monday: Instructors' Concert
Tuesday: Old Tyme Family Dance
Wednesday: Variety Show
Thursday: Student Concert

Camping Options

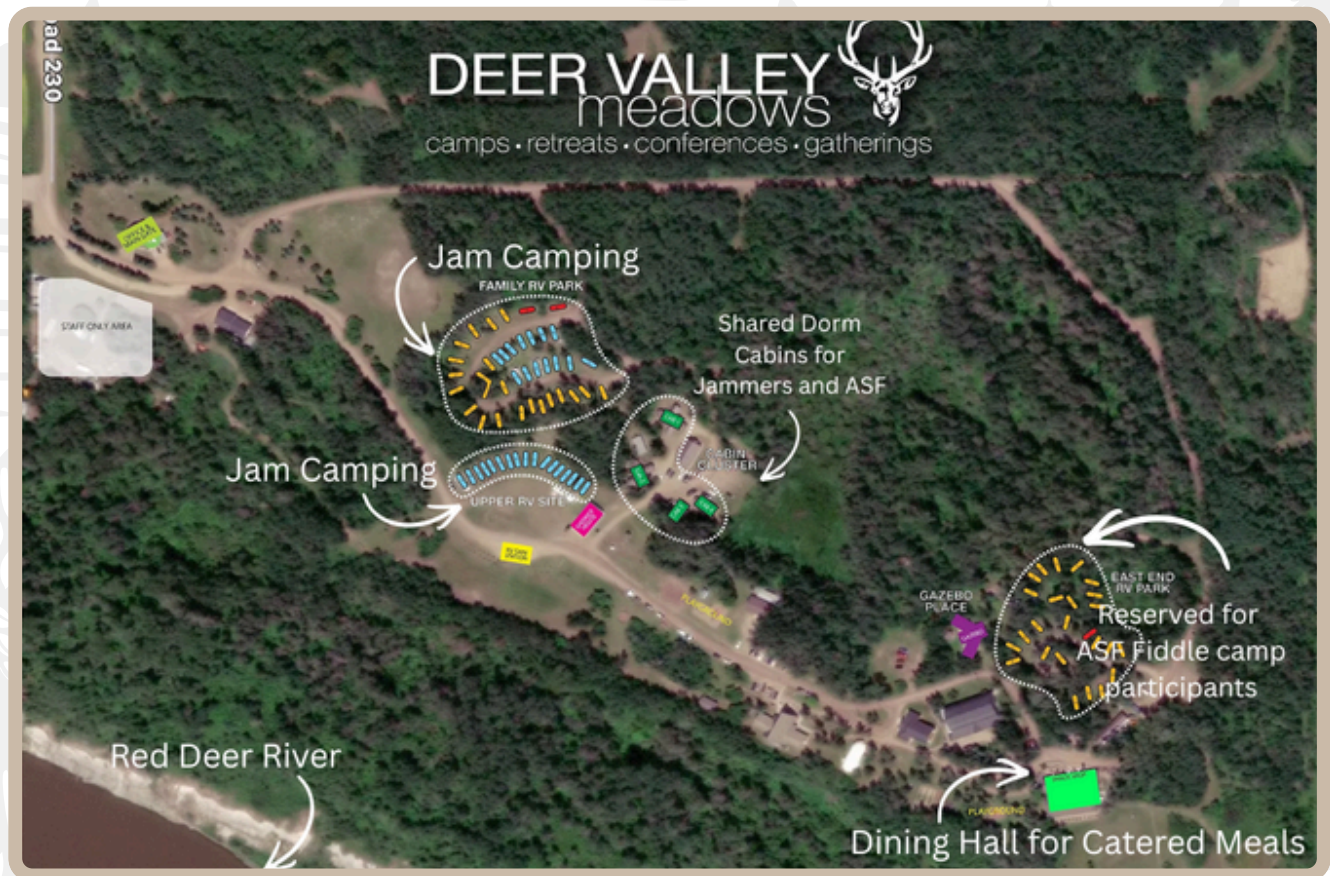
RV Camping is available at \$40 per night with 52 sites total, including 30 AMP, 15 AMP, and non-powered options. Amenities include potable water at most sites, washrooms, shower house, sani-dump station, and access to trails and the Red Deer River.

[RV Sites DVM Link](#)

Tent camping is allowed within RV sites at the same cost.

Dorm cabins are available at \$40 per person per night and provide basic, rustic shelter with bunks, a toilet, sink, and heater. Campers must bring bedding and towels, and should expect simple camp-style accommodations.

[Cabin DVM Link](#)



No Power

2 in the Family RV park

15 AMP service

21 in the Family RV Park outer ring

30 AMP service

14 sites in the inner ring Family RV Park

17 in the Upper RV site side by side

SITE LEGEND

NO POWER

15 AMP

30 AMP

Food & Dining

Optional catered meals are available through HT Catering in the dining hall overlooking the Red Deer River. (This is the same caterer many jam-camp attendees have enjoyed at the Gull Lake Centre.) A meal plan from Sunday supper until Friday breakfast (14 meals) A full-week meal plan is \$295 per adult, or individual meals can be purchased. Dietary needs including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free can be accommodated.

Jamming Spaces & Shelter

Jamming will primarily take place at campsites, with additional options including a covered outdoor shelter, dorm cabins during daytime hours, and a sports dome with strong acoustics. Campers are encouraged to bring their own shade tents, chairs, and rain protection, as indoor space is limited.

Campfires

Communal fire pits are available in designated areas, but individual wood-burning fires are not permitted at RV sites. Information regarding propane fire pits will be shared once confirmed.

Is This Event Right for You?

This meet-up is ideal for acoustic musicians who enjoy informal jamming and a relaxed outdoor setting. It may not be suitable for those expecting structured programming, full indoor access, or a traditional festival experience.

Other Fun Things to Do

Beyond the music and jamming, there are plenty of ways to enjoy your time at camp especially when your fingers need a break. The area offers scenic walking and hiking trails, along with bike paths that provide access to the beautiful Red Deer River perfect for a peaceful stroll, a bit of exploring, or simply pretending you're "just going for a walk" when you actually need a quiet moment. For families, there's also a playground on site where kids can burn off energy between other activities (and maybe sleep a little better at night—one can hope!). Whether you're looking to relax in nature, stretch your legs, or sneak in a little downtime, there's something for everyone to enjoy throughout the day.

Registration - opens in early May at www.albertafiddlers.com
For questions, contact Troy Gates at troybgates@hotmail.com

FAQ's

Camping & Sites

Is tent camping available? Can I park nearby?

Yes—tent camping is welcome. There are no separate tent-only sites, but you may set up your tent within or beside your RV site in the Family RV camping loop.

- Multiple tents are allowed per site
- Sites are treed, offering shade and privacy
- Site fees are the same for tents and RVs
- Campsites are first come, first served
- Parking is generally at or near your site

Jamming Spaces

Where can we jam during the day?

Jamming is encouraged throughout the site. Available spaces include:

- Your campsite (primary jam space)
- Covered outdoor shelter (approx. 20' x 20')
- Dorm cabins (available 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM)
- Sports dome (“echo chamber”) for indoor acoustics

You are welcome to bring:

- Shade tents or canopies
- Lawn chairs
- Portable setups

Campfires

Are wood-burning campfires allowed at RV sites?

No. Individual campfires are not permitted at campsites.

However:

- Communal fire pits are available near the Dining Hall in the East Campground
- Additional approved shared fire areas may be available

Pets

Are pets allowed at Deer Valley Meadows?

Yes—pets are welcome. To help maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for all guests:

- Pets must be on a leash at all times
- Owners are responsible for clean-up and supervision

FAQ's

Jamming Style & Expectations

What type of music is this event for?

This is an acoustic-only gathering. Think of similar venues such as Blueberry Music Festival, Shady Grove or Cowichan Valley. All styles are welcome.

Please note:

- **No amplification or powered instruments**
- Informal, inclusive jam circles
- Inspired by traditional festival-style camping jams

What to Expect

- This is a relaxed, community-focused gathering centered around:
- Camping
- Acoustic jamming
- Optional meals
- Informal evening connection

What to Bring

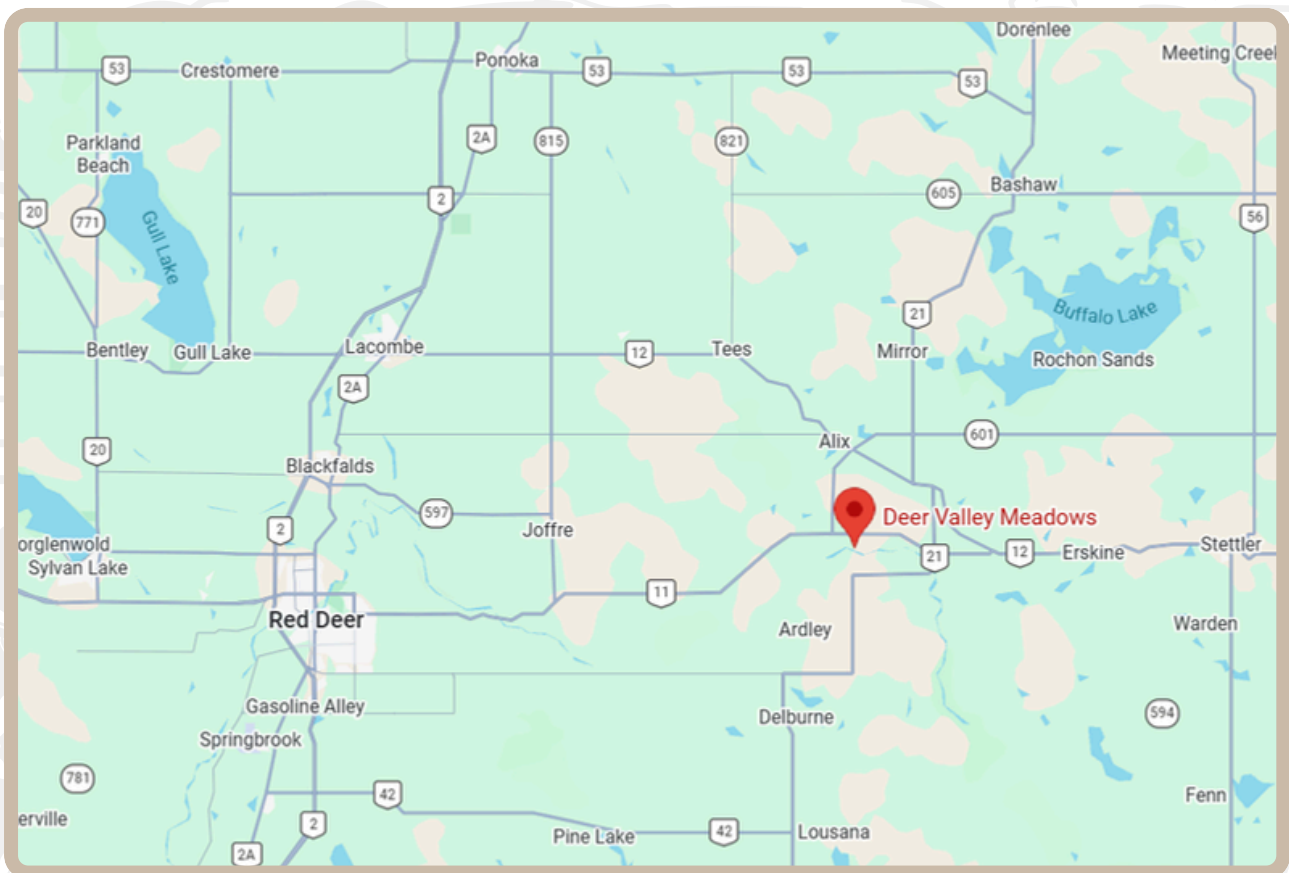
- Your instrument
- A chair
- Weather-appropriate gear
- Optional shade/rain shelter
- A willingness to join in
- Bedding and towels
- A jamming chair
- Walking shoes/bicycle for nature trails and easy travels to dining hall (500m)

Location

39017, Range Rd 230, Alix, AB T0C, Canada

Deer Valley Meadows is about:

- 50 km East of Red Deer, about 35 minutes
- 170 km South East of Edmonton, just under 2 hours
- 196 km Northeast of Calgary, about 2 hours
- 12 km South of the town of Alix



Deer Valley Meadows, located near Alix in Alberta's Central Prairies, offers a nature-focused getaway with fun activities and easy river access for families. Well-maintained walking trails wind through the property, inviting quiet strolls and wildlife spotting. With access to the serene Red Deer River, visitors can bring their own kayak, canoe or tube for a relaxed paddle or float.

