

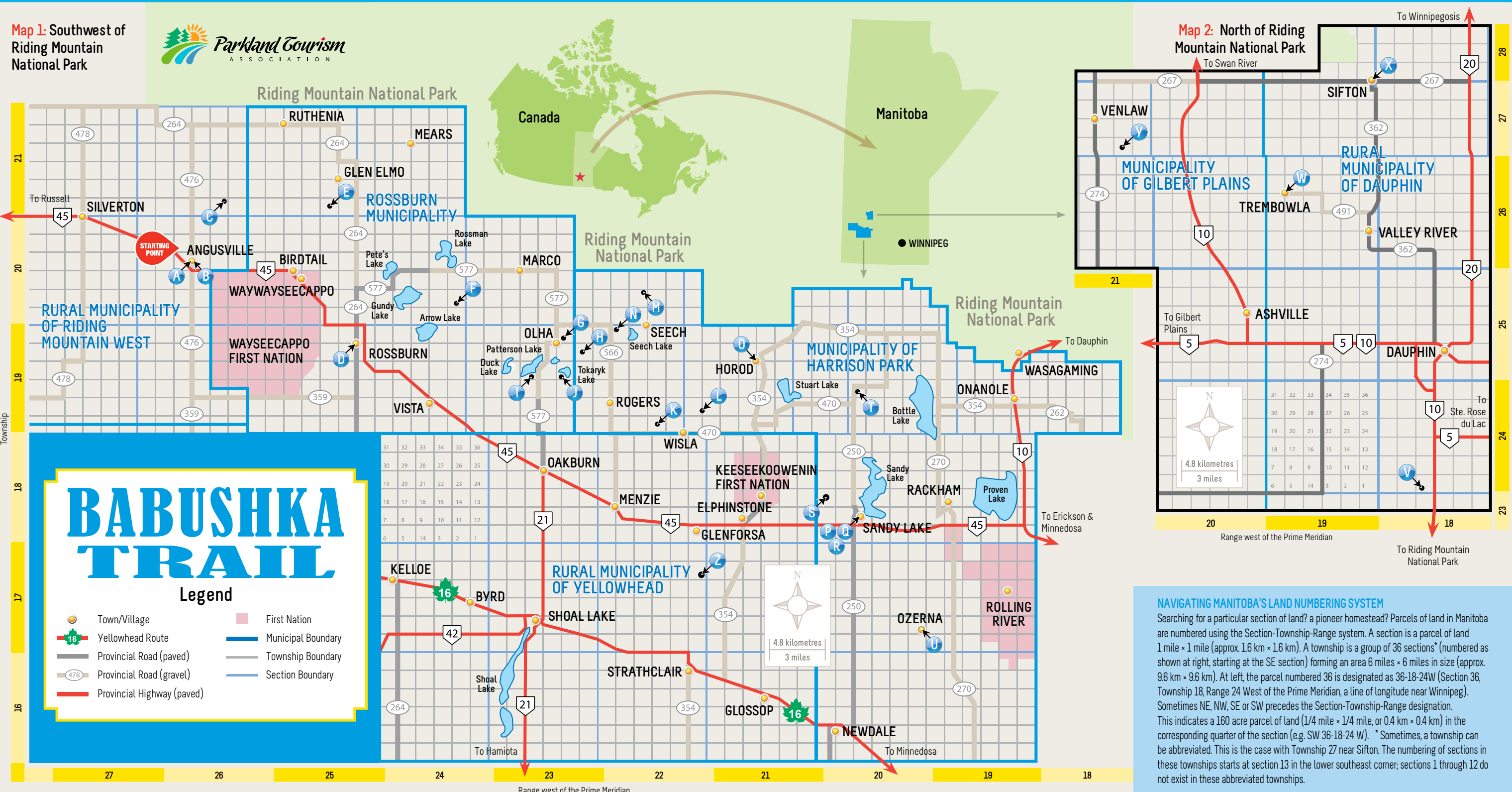
M A N I T O B A ' S



MUNICIPALITIES OF  
DAUPHIN (R.M.), GILBERT PLAINS,  
HARRISON PARK, RIDING MOUNTAIN WEST,  
ROSSBURN, AND YELLOWHEAD



HISTORIC SITES, MUSEUMS,  
CHURCHES, AND CEMETERIES



The Babushka Trail covers approx. 435 km (270 miles). To allow time to visit the attractions, it is recommended that visitors set aside two days for travel and sightseeing. Attractions are shown in bold, with map location shown in red. Sidetrips (indicated in blue) are optional; the length of these sidetrips is not included in the trip distance.

Start your trip along the Babushka Trail at Angusville on PTH45. Visit Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (A) and Ivan Franko Heritage Hall (Ukrainian National Heritage Home) (B). Follow PR476 6.4 km (4 miles) north and 3.2 km (2 miles) east to Lakedale Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church and bell tower (C). Return to PR476 and continue south to PTH45, then travel east to Rossburn (approx. 18 km/11 miles). Visit the Rossburn Museum (D), then follow PR264 north to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church (E). Return south on PR264 to the junction with PR577 and turn east following PR577 to the first road past the golf course. Turn south for Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (F). Return to PR577 and continue east and then south to Olha for St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (G). 1.6 km (1 mile) east and 0.8 km (1/2 mile) south of Olha is the Ukrainian Pioneer Dwelling (buddas) (H). Return to Olha. Stay on PR577 south to the Ukrainian Settlement Monument and the Mass Grave (I) near Patterson Lake. To reach St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church (J), travel south on PR577 for 1.6 km (1 mile), then turn left (east) for 1.6 km (1 mile), then left (north) for 1.6 km (1 mile). Return to PR577 and then travel south to PTH45. Continue east on PTH45 to Menzie and take PR566 north and east to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church (K) and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (L). Approximately 10 km (6 miles) further north is Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (M) and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (N). Return on PR566 to PTH45, continue east to Elphinstone and turn north on PR354 for 14.4 km (9 miles) to Horod School (O). Return on PR354 to PTH45 and continue east to Sandy Lake. Visit the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Museum (P), Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church (Q), and St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (R). Go north on PR250 to the Pioneer Cemetery North (S) and Ruthenia Greek Catholic Church of the Ascension (T). Return on PR250 to Sandy Lake and PTH45. **Il Sidetrip: Travel 5 km (3 miles) east and 10 km (6 miles) south of Sandy Lake on Ozerka Rd. to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church (U). Return to PTH45. Il** Continue east to the junction with PTH10. Turn north to Riding Mountain National Park. The Visitor Centre at Wasagaming has all the information you need to enjoy your stay in the Park. Here you will also find directions to the site of Kippan's Mill. Early settlers were involved with logging operations and sawmills in the Park from 1895-1946. Continue north on PTH10 to Dauphin. West of

the highway just outside the Park's north entrance is Selo Ukraina Ukrainian Heritage Village and Memorial Park (V). Return to PTH10 and proceed north to Dauphin. From Dauphin follow PR362 and PTH491 for 27 km (17 miles) north and west to the Trembowla Cross of Freedom Historic Site (W) and St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (W). Return to PR362 and travel 11 km (7 miles) north to the junction with PR267 at Sifton, the site of the former Russian Orthodox Church of North America (X), the former Canadian Orthodox Pioneer Museum (X), a monument to the first Russian Orphanage and Nunnery (X) and other Polish and Ukrainian churches. **Other sidetrips: Visit Negrych Farmstead National Historic Site (Y) located 20 km (12.5 miles) northeast of Gilbert Plains on PR274, and Bend Cemetery (Z) north of Strathclair just off PTH16.**

### Area Attractions

#### SILVER CREEK AREA

**A** Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church (Angusville)

Situated in Angusville, the Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Greek Orthodox church is an example of pioneer ingenuity and spiritual strength. The small church was built from a school brought in from the Silverton area, and although plain on the outside, the inside is magnificently decorated with painted artwork and religious treasures.

**B** Ivan Franko Heritage Hall (Ukrainian National Heritage Home) (Angusville)

This community hall is often mistaken for an Orthodox-style church because of its three onion domes. Halls like this one were common in many Ukrainian communities in the area, and always played a central role in preserving Ukrainian culture in Canada. This hall was built in 1934, and still features the original curtain and stage, as well as memorabilia celebrating famous Ukrainian poets such as Franko and Chechenko. Phone 204-773-2764.

**Lakedale Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church and bell tower (Angusville)**

The first Ukrainian settlers to the Lakedale District arrived in 1899-1900. In 1904, under the leadership of Father A. Delaray, the present church was built. Services are still held here, with the building and graveyard being faithfully maintained by members. Located 9 km (5-1/2 miles) northeast of Angusville (east of PR476); follow signs.







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For more information, start with **Manitoba's Parkland Explorer Guide** (annual tourism guide) or pick up a copy of **Heritage Trails of the Prairie Mountains** (brochure), or **In the Shadow of Riding Mountain** (brochure). History books for the communities along the route are excellent sources of more detailed information; check local libraries or the Manitoba Historical Society online at mhs.mb.ca.

#### Researching your family history?

The Manitoba Genealogical Society has transcribed and indexed over 1,400 cemeteries across Manitoba. More at mbgenealogy.com.

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## ROSSBURN



### Rossburn Museum

Features a replica Ukrainian village, with a model church and thatch-roofed homes and buildings. Display items include Ukrainian artifacts, agricultural tools, a printing press, a pioneer kitchen, a period hairdressing salon and a school room. Located on Cheddar Ave. Phone 204-859-2779 or 204-859-3334.



### Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church

A provincial heritage site, the present church was built in 1928 with timber from nearby Riding Mountain, and restored in 1997. The first log church was built in 1905 on donated land which is now a cemetery. Travel north from Rossburn on PR264 and follow the signs. Interior visits by appointment. Call 204-859-2508 / 2240 / 2527.



### Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

The original church was built in 1901, but disagreements within the parish led to the construction of a second nearby church in 1904. It remained in use until 1959. Since its restoration in 1978, it has opened annually on its Patron Saint's Day (July 12) for a public mass and family picnic. From Rossburn, travel north on PR264, then east on PR577, then turn south on the first road past the Rossman Lake Golf Course.

## OLHA

### St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church

One of the oldest churches in the area, St. Michael's was built in 1904. The original belfry, constructed in 1915, was later sold. Jacob Maydaniuk painted the interior icons in 1927. This building is a designated historic site. Phone 204-234-5236 for information and tour arrangements.



### Ukrainian Pioneer Dwelling

When Ukrainian settlers first arrived in the area west of Riding Mountain in 1899, their first homes were small, tent-shaped pole structures with roofs of hay, known as buddas. Michael Swistun was born in one of these structures in 1900, and constructed two buddas near the original settlement trail. Drive north on PR577 to Olha and follow the signs.



### Ukrainian Settlement Monument

A monument near Olha commemorates the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada (1891-1991), and marks the site where, in 1899, 42 children and three adults succumbed to scarlet fever on their way to new homes and a better life in the Parkland region. Travel 4 km (2.5 miles) south of Olha on PR577; follow the sign.



### St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church

Built in 1929 at a cost of \$6,000, this church possesses a fine tower crowned with a tall spire. Painted arches cap the windows and doors. Located southeast of Olha off PR577.

## MENZIE

### St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Dolyny (valleys)

Built by local farmers with a background in carpentry, this is an exceptional example of the distinct tradition of a cross-shaped plan topped with a dome. It is one of the first churches where the dome opened into the church, creating a light-filled space symbolic of heaven. This church is a provincially designated heritage site. From Menzie, travel north on PR566 for 7.2 km (4.5 miles) to PR470, then continue east for 3.2 km (2 miles), north for 0.8 km (1/2 mile), then east for 0.4 km (1/4 mile).



### Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (1917)

The first priest in the area, a French Oblate, ministered to local Aboriginal peoples during the 1850s. His successor provided spiritual guidance to the early settlers and the church was built. Now, it is used only for special occasions. Look for a small circular window in the facade. From PTH45, take PR566 7.2 km (4.5 miles) north to PR470, 8 km (5 miles) east on PR470 and then 2 km (1-1/4 miles) north.



## SEECH

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

Built in 1911 at a cost of \$1,500, this church is a rare example of log Ukrainian churches in Manitoba. It is designed on the cruciform plan with three domes (banyas), the larger dome dominating the centre of the structure and the smaller domes crowning two frontal towers. Other features are pointed stained glass windows, a large church patron icon and paintings of holy images. From PTH45, take PR566 16 km (10 miles) north, then 3.2 km (2 miles) east and 2.8 km (1-3/4 miles) north.

## HOROD

### Horod School

Built in 1906 and now a provincial heritage site, the school still has its original teacherage and privies. Since its restoration, Horod School is now a museum. Horod is an ancient term for a stockade or fort. From PTH45, take PR354 north for approximately 14.4 km (9 miles).



## SANDY LAKE

### Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Museum

This museum features artifacts from the original Riding Mountain settlement of 1899, including beautifully embroidered, hand-crafted clothing. Also includes a display of traditional Ukrainian arts and crafts, with Easter eggs, wood carvings, traditional breads and more. A nearby replica log house is available for viewing, and outdoor clay ovens for bread-baking operate during special events. Open during summer and by appointment. Phone 204-585-2636 / 2168 / 5314.



### Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church

Built in 1937, this classic Byzantine church features icons painted by P. Lypynsky. On the church grounds is the belfry, each corner of which is adorned with an angel blowing a trumpet. Call 204-585-5314 for information and tour arrangements.



### St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

A classic example of the style of architecture transplanted to the region from Ukraine, this church stands adorned with majestic onion domes and stained-glass windows. Visitors to this unique church are always welcome.



### Pioneer Cemetery (North)

This location is believed to have been chosen by the Métis and French Canadians who settled in the area in the late 1800s. New iron markers have replaced many of the original wooden markers; rocks or original granite headstones mark some graves. The Russo-Greek Orthodox parish once had a small log chapel at the foot of the knoll on which the cemetery was built. Located north of Sandy Lake on PR250. Watch for sign. Phone 204-849-2107.



### Ruthenia Greek Catholic Church of the Ascension (1940)

A small and unadorned church with only a small cross at the top of the gable end and an adjacent bell tower, it is typical of religious architecture in Manitoba. From PTH45 at Sandy Lake, take PR250 north for 12.8 km (8 miles) and east for 0.8 km (1/2 mile).



## OZERNA

### St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

This is the oldest Ukrainian Catholic parish in the area, with the first service held in 1902 in a private home. A log church was built in 1904, replaced by the current structure in 1933. The church features the prominent central dome and vivid interior iconography typical of all such churches in the area. From Sandy Lake, travel 5 km (3 miles) east on PTH45, then 10 km (6 miles) south on Ozerna Road. Call 204-585-5243 for information or to arrange a tour.



### Selo Ukraina Ukrainian Heritage Village & Memorial Park

An outdoor 10,000-seat amphitheatre, auditorium and multipurpose facilities offer a unique venue for festivals and entertainment such as Canada's National Ukrainian Festival, Dauphin's Countryfest and Jesus Manifest. Located on the northern escarpment of Riding Mountain, the site includes a pioneer village and Ukrainian artifact museum. A memorial site pays tribute to historic people and events. Located 11 km (7 miles) south of Dauphin. Phone 204-638-1345 for tour information.



## TREMBOWLA

### Trembowla Cross of Freedom Historic Site and St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church

A stone cross and commemorative plaque near Trembowla mark the site of the first Ukrainian Catholic mass to be held in Canada, in 1897. A nearby collection of historic buildings, including St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (c.1898, the oldest remaining Ukrainian Catholic church in Canada), a pioneer home, and a school, houses artifacts from early Ukrainian settlers. Open daily during summer months. Located 27 km (17 miles) northwest of Dauphin on PR362 and PR491 (Trembowla Road). Phone 204-638-9641 / 9047.

## SIFTON

### Russian Orthodox Church of North America

Around 1915, many monasteries were built in western Canada. The site of the first local monastery is unknown but it appears to have been here before the Russian Revolution. By 1920, Sifton was the area's head parish and one of 87 in the province. Archbishop Arseny established the first Russian Orthodox Orphanage in 1905, but in 1924 a raging fire destroyed it and a nunnery. By 1926, the Holy Ascension Monastery and rectory was functioning, housing graduated priests. It was abandoned in 1990 and demolished in 1997.

A plaque, the cross and the original bell still remain on the site where the architecturally unique Russian Church of the Holy Resurrection and its Canadian Orthodox Pioneer Museum were destroyed by fire in 2010.



## VENLAW

### The Negrych Farmstead

One of the most impressive folk sites in North America. At this national historic site, you'll find the oldest and most complete set of farm buildings on the continent built in the Ukrainian style of the Carpathian Mountain region. From Gilbert Plains, travel 17 km (10.5 miles) north on PR274, then follow the signs 3 km (2 miles) east.

## ELPHINSTONE

### Bend Cemetery

Land set aside for this cemetery in April 1888 was deeded to the municipality by the surveyor, Duncan Sinclair, endorsed in Bottineau County, Dakota, USA, and registered at the county office in Minnedosa by June of the same year. Mr. Sinclair was buried here in a gravesite facing north toward the North Star. A monument stands at the gravesite of the first Galician children who died from a scarlet fever epidemic in 1899. More children and adults succumbed as the group of settlers from Galicia, Ukraine, made their way northwest toward Patterson Lake. A tall cross now marks the mass grave site at the lake (see "I").

**EVENTS/FESTIVALS.** Canada's National Ukrainian Festival, held annually at Selo Ukraina over the August long weekend, has five main stage shows, Zabavas, a marketplace, bake oven activities, and other cultural festivities. Office: 1430 Main St., Dauphin, 1-877-474-2683. • Sandy Lake hosts their annual Western Days on the second weekend in August, featuring traditional old-time family celebrations and Ukrainian foods.

**UKRAINIAN FOOD.** Restaurants serving perogies and other traditional Ukrainian foods include: **The Wolf's Den Cafe** at the Sandy Lake Hotel, 107 Main St., Sandy Lake, 204-585-2432 • **Rosburn Hotel Restaurant**, 31 Centennial Rd., Rosburn, 204-859-2561 • **Whitehouse Bakery and Restaurant**, Wasagamung, 204-848-7700.

