

Exploring the Heritage Sites of  
MANITOBA'S CENTRAL PARKLAND  
Municipalities of Dauphin,  
Gilbert Plains, Grandview and Lawrence



In the **Shadow of the Riding Mountain**



## JOIN US IN AN EXPLORATION OF OUR PAST

The area in the Shadow of the Riding Mountain – comprised of the City of Dauphin, the Towns of Gilbert Plains and Grandview, and the Rural Municipalities of Dauphin, Lawrence, Gilbert Plains and Grandview – has a great wealth of history and heritage. From the settlements of Aboriginal peoples 8,000 years ago to the explorers, the Métis and European pioneers, this area has been a centre of trade and agriculture. With the arrival of the Canadian Northern Railway in the early years of the 20th century, many more European settlers arrived, bringing a vibrant cultural heritage rich in traditional music, dance, food and faith. Many of their churches and schools, along with community museums, are yours to discover.

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## DAUPHIN

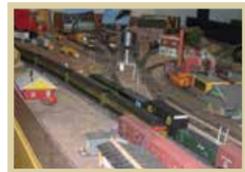


**Fort Dauphin Museum** examines life in the Parkland area from early lives of Aboriginal peoples 8,000 years ago, through the arrival of explorers and The Fur Trade, the birth of the Métis people and early pioneer settlers. The museum is protected by an impressive wooden palisade, suggestive of an 18th century fur trade post. In addition to pioneer buildings and artifacts from the fur trade and settlement periods, the museum features the Parkland Archeological Laboratory, a resource centre with displays and information on more than 1,000 archeological sites in the region. Tours are welcome. **4th Ave. S.W. and Jackson St. Phone: 204-638-6630**



**CNR Station, CN Park and Dauphin Rail Museum** (Provincial Heritage Site). Proudly standing as the nucleus of Dauphin, the Canadian Northern Railway Station, next to an active CN and VIA line, is a remarkable focal point in the community. The building, constructed in 1912, is one of Manitoba's finest pieces of railway architecture due to its impressive size, picturesque roofline, dormers, turrets and

decorative brick and stonework. The adjacent park and path links east to Main Street and meanders through a variety of perennial grasses and flowerbeds.



The **Dauphin Rail Museum** operates out of the Station and contains artifacts, pictures and archival material related to 100 years of railway service in the region. A model railroad depicting the rail facilities circa 1954 is on display. **101 - 1st Ave. N.W.**

**The Historic Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection.** (National Heritage Site, Provincial Heritage Site). Constructed between 1936 and 1939 by volunteers during the peak of the Depression, this splendid church features the early Kievan style of Eastern Byzantine architecture. Designed by Father Ruh with iconography completed by Theodore Baran, this church is known as a "Prairie Cathedral." Guided tours, as well as tours featuring traditional Ukrainian cuisine, are available upon request. **39 - 11th Ave. S.W. Phone: 204-638-5511/ 638-4618 / 638-4659**

**Architectural Walking Tour of Dauphin.** Take a stroll along one of Dauphin's architectural tour routes. Discover a variety of architectural styles found in turn-of-the-century homes, buildings and churches. Visit [www.dauphin.ca](http://www.dauphin.ca) to print off a copy of the Architectural Walking Tour brochure, or for more information call 1-877-566-5669.

The Negrych Farmstead



## GILBERT PLAINS

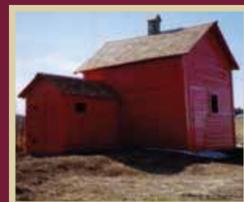
**The Negrych Farmstead.** This authentic folk site is deemed one of the most impressive in the continent. Natural landscape surrounds the oldest and most complete set of farm buildings built in the Ukrainian style of the

Carpathian Mountain region of Ukraine. Tours are welcome upon request. **From Gilbert Plains, travel 17 km (10.5 miles) north on PR274, then follow the signs 3 km (2 miles) east. Phone: 204-548-2477**



**Gilbert Plains Museum and Tourist Information Centre** houses a variety of local artifacts from early settlers of the area and includes the community's first hand-pulled fire wagon, the original horse-pulled fire wagon and the first motorized fire truck. Open daily, July to September. **Corner of PTH5 (Parks Route) and Main St. Phone: 204-548-2382**

**The Gilbert Plains Beef Ring Building** represents the innovation of prairie pioneers in coping with their environment. It was a small slaughterhouse, where each week during the summer, a member of the Beef Ring supplied a steer that was kept overnight and processed the next day. Each member's portion was placed in his sugar sack and hung on the row of nails along two walls. The Beef Ring operated from 1923 until 1951 when rural electrification made it unnecessary.



## GRANDVIEW



**Burrows Lumber Co. Steam Hauler (Replica).** This two-thirds replica of the hauler that was used by the Burrows Lumber Co. from 1902-1918 is located at the entrance to Grandview.



**Tamarisk School.** Built in 1909, Tamarisk school is one of the best-preserved examples of a Design No. 2 school built according to plans prepared by the Department of Education. The school closed in 1967 and is now being restored. **Located 8 km (5 miles) south of Grandview on PR366 to the Russell Trail, then head east for 1.6 km (1 mile). Phone: 204-546-2564**



**Watson Art Centre** (Provincial Heritage Site). This Romanesque Revival grand brick building was built as Dauphin's Town Hall in 1905, with a second floor auditorium for public events. It was designed and constructed by Stuart Geekie, a Dauphin architect, contractor and politician. Over the years it has housed a wide variety of services including the fire department, police station, jail and public library. Since 1973, it has been Dauphin's arts centre & meeting place, housing an art gallery (featuring local and provincial work) and small gift shop featuring handcrafted items, as well as art & pottery studios and a ballroom. **www.watsonartcentre.ca 104 - 1st Ave. N.W. Phone: 204-638-6231**

**Mary Maxim Company.** The famous Mary Maxim Company, known for its unique sweater designs, had its beginning in Sifton around 1935 when a young CNR station master named Willard McPhedrain founded the company. By 1955 Mary Maxim had grown immensely and the business moved its operations to 2nd Ave N.E. in Dauphin where it continued to employ many people from all over the region. In 1959, the company once again expanded and moved to Paris, Ontario, where it still exists today. The Mary Maxim products are presently sold in almost every country in the world and this well-known business's success all originated from its humble beginnings in Sifton.

**The Spinning Wheel Cairn.** The cairn was built in 2000 to honour Sifton pioneer families and recognize Willard McPhedrain, founder of the Mary Maxim Company.

**Tamarisk United Church.** This is an outstanding example of a rural wood frame church. Local residents have meticulously maintained the building and its furnishings, and the interior remains almost completely original stained wood boarding. The church is open to visitors all year, during daylight hours. **Travel 8 km (5 miles) south of Grandview on PR366 to the Russell Trail, then head east for 3 km (2 miles).**



**Watson Crossley Community Museum.** The museum has a large collection from the early history of the community, including displays of antique automobiles and farm machinery, a pioneer home, a rural school house, an early settler's log house, an old Ukrainian Orthodox Church, a restored 1918 Rumley tractor, and the refurbished 1927 Ottawa School House. **Take Railway Ave. N. to Wilson Centennial Park. Phone: 204-546-2066 / 204-546-2764 / 204-546-2661**

## R.M. OF LAWRENCE



**Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** With its compact nave and enormous and beautifully-shaped dome, this church is a memorable piece of architectural design. Built in 1937 to replace an earlier church from 1910, the building was erected under the direction of M. Sawchuk. Jacob Maydanyk, a notable icon painter in Manitoba, created some of the icons within. The dome, which



**Toutes Aides Roman Catholic Church.** Construction on this municipal heritage site began in 1935. The style is reminiscent of Quebec parish churches of the 1800s. **Located in Toutes Aides, 40 km (25 miles) north of Ste. Rose du Lac on PR276.**

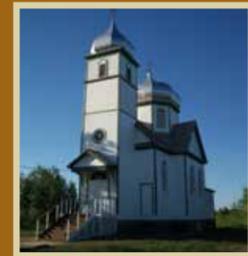
## TREMBOWLA



**Trembowla Cross of Freedom Historical Site & Museum, and St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church** (National Heritage Site, Provincial Heritage Site). This historical site and museum honours the first Ukrainian Catholic Liturgy celebrated in Canada in 1897. Nearby, on a bend in the

Drifting River, stands the provincially-designated St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church (c. 1898) preserved as the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. Other historic buildings include a grotto, monuments, pioneer home and school displaying artifacts from an early Ukrainian settlement. Originally a wooden cross was built at the site to commemorate the pioneers' freedom in a new land. Following research by a historian, the history of the first Cross of Freedom in Canada became known and a permanent granite cross was unveiled in 1966. Tours are welcome. **Phone: 204-638-9641 or 638-9047**

## SIFTON



**Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church** is one of three known Russian Orthodox Churches remaining in Manitoba. Built in 1926 by Vladyka Arseny, Bishop of Winnipeg and Canada for the Russian Orthodox Church of North America, the church is close to the site of the Holy Ascension Orthodox Monastery. This architecturally unique church was nearly lost to history, but with great community support, it has been restored as part of the Prairie Churches of Manitoba project. Today, the silver domes of the church gleam in restored splendor.

Two kilometres west of town on PR267, a cairn marks the 60-year-old site of the monastery and the first Russian Orthodox orphanage in Canada. The monastery was closed in 1990 and demolished in 1997, however an Orthodox Quiet Garden remains, along with the parish and monastery country cemetery.

## SELO UKRAINA



**Selo Ukraina.** This remarkable site is dedicated to providing an environment for awareness and preservation of Ukrainian heritage and culture. The 11,000-seat amphitheatre, auditorium and multi-purpose facilities offer a unique venue for local festivals, entertainment and meetings. The site is home to renowned summer festivals such as Dauphin's Countryfest, Canada's National Ukrainian Festival (pictured above) and Jesus Manifest. Located on the northern escarpment of Riding Mountain National Park, this site overlooks an exquisite landscape. **Phone: 204-638-9401**

**Memorial Park.** A complete description can be found on the reverse side.



**Ukrainian Heritage Village.** This living museum depicts a pioneer crossroads settlement of the prairies between 1896-1925. The village consists of three pioneer homes, several farm buildings, a church, prairie school, pioneer farm equipment, artifacts and documents, a shoe shop and Rhodes Hall. **Located at Selo Ukraina. Phone: 204-638-1345**

# In the **Shadow** of RIDING MOUNTAIN

## LEGEND: HERITAGE SITES & ATTRACTIONS

### CITY & RM OF DAUPHIN

1. Fort Dauphin Museum
2. CNR Station, CN Park and Dauphin Rail Museum
3. The Historic Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Resurrection
4. Dauphin Court House Building
5. Hidden Valley Sanctuary Commemoration of Lieutenant-Colonel W.G. Barker V.C.

7. Watson Art Centre
8. Selo Ukraina, Memorial Park and Ukrainian Heritage Village
9. Trembowlia Cross of Freedom and Museum AND St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church
10. Spinning Wheel Cairn
11. Holy Resurrection Russian Orthodox Church
12. Marble Angel

### RM OF GILBERT PLAINS

13. Gilbert Plains Museum and Tourist Information Centre
13. The Gilbert Plains Beef Ring Building
14. The Negrych Farmstead

### RM OF GRANDVIEW

15. Burrows Lumber Co. Steam Hauler (Replica)
15. Watson Crossley Community Museum

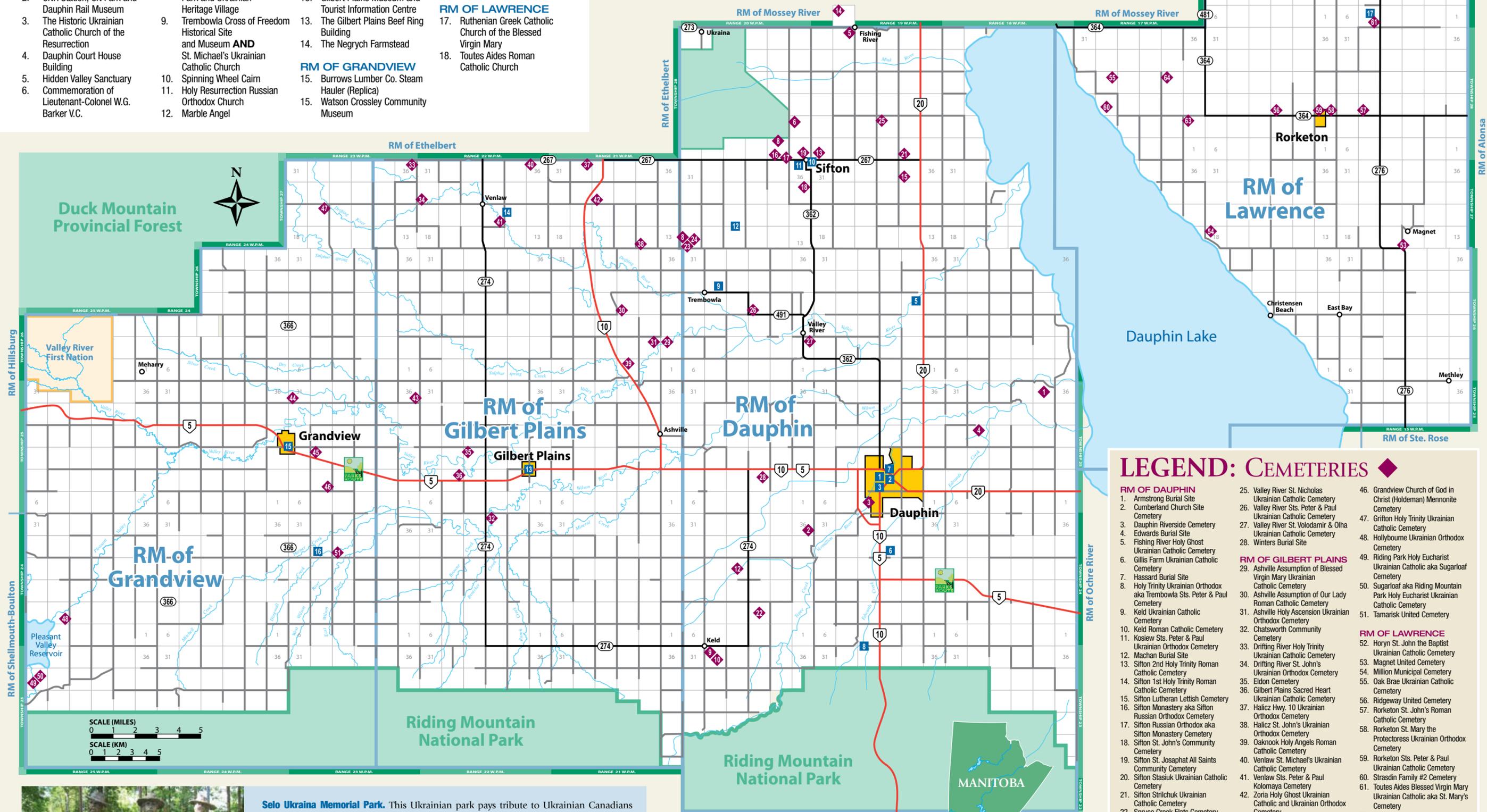
16. Tamarisk School
16. Tamarisk United Church

### RM OF LAWRENCE

17. Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary
18. Toutes Aides Roman Catholic Church



**The Marble Angel at Sifton.** As the story goes, Danylshen, the only son of the Luchuk family, had bought land in the Sifton area in the early 1900's. Shortly thereafter, Anna, a young school teacher from Italy moved to the area. They fell in love and were married. The following July, Luchuk's true love and their unborn child died during child birth. To honor her, he had a marble angel (as pictured above) sent from Italy to be set on her grave. Times were tight during the period and when the angel arrived he did not have enough money to pay for it. However, because of the weight of the angel, it was easier for the shipping company to leave the angel behind rather than send it back to Italy. To this day, many orange lilies grow wild around the angel and every July a single white lily appears on her grave. It is believed that it is put there by her loving husband. Located 4.8 km (3 miles) west and 4.8 km (3 miles) south of Sifton.



## LEGEND: CEMETERIES

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| <b>RM OF DAUPHIN</b><br>1. Armstrong Burial Site<br>2. Cumberland Church Site<br>3. Dauphin Riverside Cemetery<br>4. Edwards Burial Site<br>5. Fishing River Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>6. Gillis Farm Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>7. Hassard Burial Site<br>8. Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox aka Trembowlia Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery<br>9. Keld Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>10. Keld Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>11. Kosiew Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>12. Machan Burial Site<br>13. Sifton 2nd Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>14. Sifton 1st Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>15. Sifton Lutheran Lettish Cemetery<br>16. Sifton Monastery aka Sifton Russian Orthodox Cemetery<br>17. Sifton Russian Orthodox aka Sifton Monastery Cemetery<br>18. Sifton St. John's Community Cemetery<br>19. Sifton St. Josaphat All Saints Community Cemetery<br>20. Sifton Stasiuk Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>21. Sifton Strilchuk Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>22. Spruce Creek Flats Cemetery (no stones)<br>23. Trembowlia Sts. Peter & Paul aka Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>24. Trembowlia Holy Trinity aka Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery | 25. Valley River St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>26. Valley River Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>27. Valley River St. Volodimir & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>28. Winters Burial Site<br><b>RM OF GILBERT PLAINS</b><br>29. Ashville Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>30. Ashville Assumption of Our Lady Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>31. Ashville Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>32. Chatsworth Community Cemetery<br>33. Drifting River Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>34. Drifting River St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>35. Eldon Cemetery<br>36. Gilbert Plains Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>37. Halicz Hwy. 10 Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>38. Halicz St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>39. Oaknook Holy Angels Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>40. Venlaw St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>41. Venlaw Sts. Peter & Paul Kolomaya Cemetery<br>42. Zoria Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br><b>RM OF GRANDVIEW</b><br>43. Grandview District Cemetery<br>44. Grandview Memorial Gardens Cemetery<br>45. Grandview St. Elias Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery | 46. Grandview Church of God in Christ (Holdeman) Mennonite Cemetery<br>47. Grifton Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>48. Hollybourne Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>49. Riding Park Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic aka Sugarloaf Cemetery<br>50. Sugarloaf aka Riding Mountain Park Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>51. Tamarisk United Cemetery<br><b>RM OF LAWRENCE</b><br>52. Horyn St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>53. Magnet United Cemetery<br>54. Million Municipal Cemetery<br>55. Oak Brae Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>56. Ridgeway United Cemetery<br>57. Rorketon St. John's Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>58. Rorketon St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>59. Rorketon Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery<br>60. Stradin Family #2 Cemetery<br>61. Toutes Aides Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic aka St. Mary's Cemetery<br>62. Toutes Aides Notre Dame Roman Catholic Cemetery<br>63. Weiden-Moose Bay St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery<br>64. Weiden Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church |
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**Selo Ukraina Memorial Park.** This Ukrainian park pays tribute to Ukrainian Canadians who fought and gave their lives for our country in the last century. Memorials include: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first arrival of Ukrainian pioneers in Canada; the Filip Konowal Victoria Cross monument which acknowledges the receipt of the highest Canadian honour for valour in combat; recognition of the 80th anniversary of the end of Canada's first national internment operations (pictured at left); and a dedication to the memory of victims of the genocidal Ukraine Great Famine of 1932-1933. Located at Selo Ukraina. Phone: 204-638-9401

- Provincial Hwy.
- Provincial Road
- Gravel Road
- Municipal Boundary
- Section Boundary



Area of Map Detail