

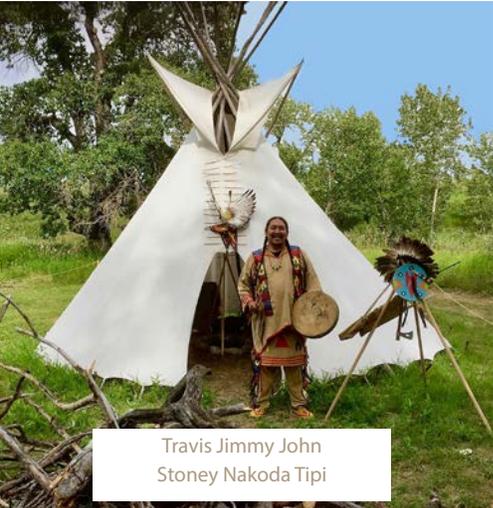


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Travis Jimmy John
Stoney Nakoda Tipi

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site

Hello Volunteers!

Well it has been a long time since we have all gotten together here at the Bar U Ranch NHS. We are hopeful that Covid-19 restrictions will start to relax and we can get back to the business of volunteers!

Until the restrictions relax,

Bar U Ranch National Historic Site is offering limited visitor access and basic services. Information on what is open, what services, activities and facilities are available, what

visitors can expect, and how to prepare for your visit is listed in the section below.

Information will be updated regularly on the Bar U Ranch website.

Visiting Bar U Ranch National Historic Site will be different than it has been in the past. Your cooperation is required to ensure a safe experience for yourself and others.

All visitors and staff are required to follow physical distancing protocols.

What's Open:

- Parking lot
- Admission to the national historic site and access to public washrooms
- Site grounds
- A new 3 km walking trail throughout the entire site
- Some staff will be working on traditional ranching task throughout the historic core of the national historic site

What's Closed: This will change as the AHS Resumption plan moves forward. Please check the website for all updates.

- The Bar U Ranch restaurant
- The Bar U Ranch gift shop
- Access to the interior of all historic buildings remains closed
- There will be no 'cowboy coffee' or baked goods offered on site until further notice
- Group activities, special events and facility rentals
- The Bar U Ranch volunteer program is suspended until Stage 2 of the AHS resumption plan

2021 Special Events

All Special Events are subject to AHS Covid-19 Restrictions
Please check the website for updates

Monday, June 21, 2021 National Indigenous Peoples Day

For generations, many Indigenous peoples and communities have celebrated their culture and heritage on this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year. Come out and enjoy visiting with our Indigenous neighbors, along with visit our newest interpretive area showcasing a traditional Stoney Tipi and wall tent.

Thursday, July 1, 2021 Canada Day

Free admission for all! Come and celebrate Canada's Birthday, at Canada's Ranch! Find the perfect spot for a picnic, take in a mini wagon tour, experience the tipi encampment of the Stoney Nakoda, enjoy a hike on the Pekisko Creek Trail and visit with our animals. Loads of family fun and activities!

Saturday, July 3, 2021 Historic Places Day

Stop in and celebrate Canada's cultural treasures within Parks Canada. Always something old, new and fun to discover at the ranch!

Saturday, August 14 Open Farm Days

Free Admission for all! Alberta Open Farm Days is a collaborative, province-wide, two-day event that gives Albertans an opportunity to experience the farm and understand where their food comes from. It is a backstage pass to meet the farmer, experience Ag-tourism in Alberta and taste local foods direct from the producer. Come out to the Bar U Ranch, learn and experience the tradition and history of agriculture in Alberta. On Saturday, August 14 watch our volunteers, heavy horses and equipment harvest the winter wheat. Find the perfect spot for a picnic, take in a mini wagon tour, experience the tipi encampment of the Stoney Nakoda, enjoy a hike on the Pekisko Creek Trail and visit with our animals.

Sunday, August 15, 2021 Old Time Ranch Rodeo

Time honoured and traditional skills of ranching comes to the rodeo arena! Cheer on your favourite ranch as teams of working cowboys compete for silver Bar U buckles and bragging rights! You'll be entertained with events such as Broke Horse Racing, Team Sorting as well as Branding and Doctoring.

Sunday, September 19, 2021 Chore Horse Competition

On Sunday starting 1:00 p.m. today's teamsters will guide their heavy horse teams around a course of skill-testing manoeuvres. See how skills of days-gone-by are demonstrated by drivers from 18 to 80 years of age! Keeping horsepower-history alive for all to enjoy and be inspired by.

Other Events @ Bar U Ranch:

Extreme Cowboy Challenge: August 6 – 8, 2021

Extreme Cowboy Racing began as a way to enhance the relationship between horse and rider with emphasis on good horsemanship. Adding obstacles became a way to focus energies and challenge riders' skills with their equine partners. Come out and watch extreme horsemanship skill race against each other and the clock.

Canadian Cowboy Challenge: August 21 – 22, 2021

The Canadian Cowboy Challenge is founded on horsemanship and camaraderie found in ranch-based activities and trail riding. Riders demonstrate their skills and those of their horses as they undertake a series of obstacles. All while having a great time!

Let's Catch Up!

Workhorse Barn Restoration

Parks Canada is pleased that the Workhorse Barn restoration at the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site is now substantially complete. The Workhorse Barn, built sometime between 1883 and 1892, is the largest log structure on the site and an important heritage building. Restoration efforts included completely moving the large structure off its foundation for reinforcement, replacing logs, installing a new concrete floor and painting the Bar U Ranch brand on the two faces of the roof. This summer, Parks Canada Staff will complete the exterior envelope including paint removal, chinking/daubing, re-installation of doors and windows and painting the barn the iconic Bar U Ranch red. This rehabilitation project is part of the Federal Infrastructure Investment Program announced in 2015.

Accommodation/Camping Project and Prototype

The Bar U Ranch NHS is exploring options for accommodation on site! The idea is to develop a heritage camping program where guests stay in replica bunk cars for a true ranching experience. Clayton Tutte and Patrick Davis built a prototype this winter and is getting ready for the interior decorating. Once the prototype is complete, we will have it on display in the Historic Core for guests to view and provide feedback. Our target is to have it available for viewing on Canada Day! Come down and let us know what you think!



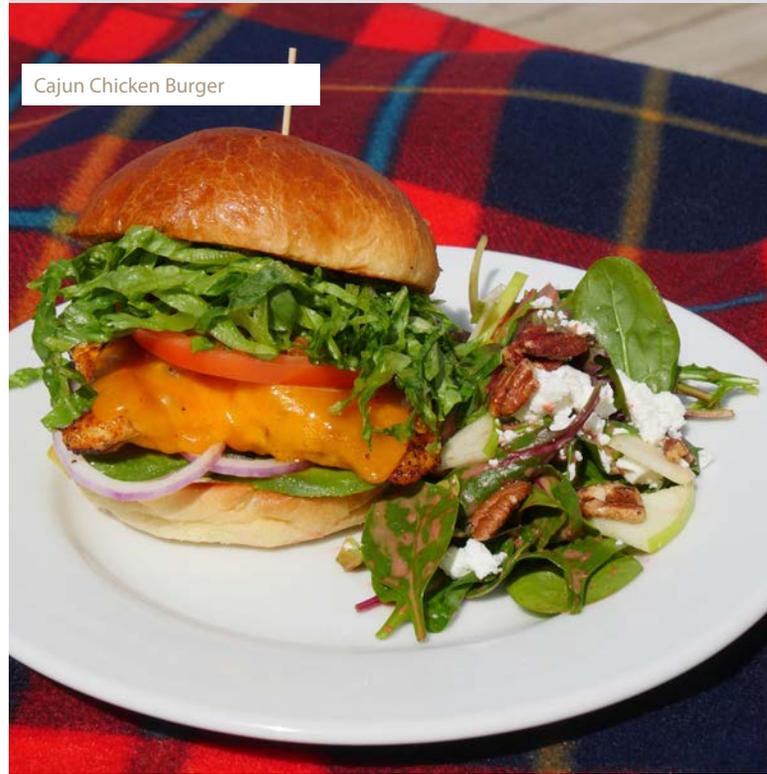
Bunk Car - Prototype - Clayton Tutte and Patrick

Bar U Cafe'

The Bar U Café will re-open in early June, operated by the Bar U Ranch! Come one down and try out the new menu (all take out) and meet Caleb Pettigrew and Crocus Rosenau! The café will eventually move towards in person dining in step with Alberta's 3 step re-opening plan for the summer.

The Perfect Picnic

Hassle-free picnics are here with our very own twist on "take-out". Call ahead or order your perfect picnic from the Bar U Ranch Café. Take-out or we will deliver your picnic to the Cookhouse at a time you pick, then find your perfect picnic table or throw out a blanket and enjoy the historic vistas of the ranch and the Rocky Mountains!



Cajun Chicken Burger



Homemade Chili & Cornbread



Wagon: Discover the Bar U Ranch by Wagon!

Once AHS is able to relax the Covid-19 restrictions we will resume wagon operations. The Bar U will offer daily afternoon wagon rides, included in the price of admission. Visitors will have the chance for a 20-minute wagon ride through the riparian zone and around the tipi encampment or the west side of the Historic Core.

New on Saturday and Sunday mornings two 45 minute paid offers for wagon tours. One will take visitors out to the Polo Field to experience the rangeland and those amazing views of the Southern Alberta Rocky Mountains! The second tour is an Archaeology tour that will go into the north pasture and down to Pekisko Creek and guests can get off the wagon and look for buffalo bones!

With resumption of more normal operations over the next couple of week's, things will be changing regularly so, visit our website or give us a call for more information .





Friends of the Bar U Historic Ranch Association

Donations - listed are some of the wonderful donations that came in this winter.

Nina EWING donated a 16" x 20", acrylic painting, by Cliff FAULKNER. It is called – "My First Horse" – a child's picture of western life.

Three (3) painting of the Bar U by Joyce MARSHALL

Diana Sherlock donated, on behalf of her parents Patricia and William Sherlock, an original oil on canvas (105x156 cm) painting of the Foothills by Robert GISSING.

Donated by Marie Nylund – a 1907 Scythe from the homestead of Rev. W.H. Muncaster
A large four-horse evener to pull equipment.

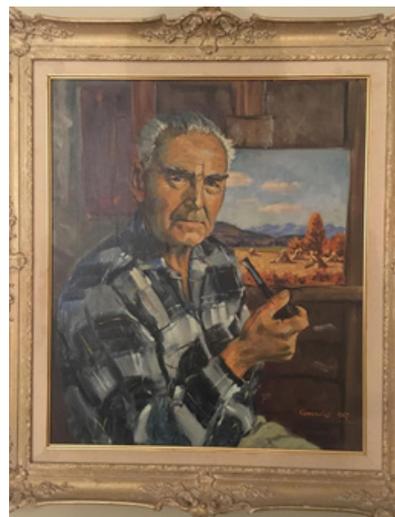
A "metal shear" for the blacksmith shop.

1892 A.E. Cross and Associates made the first commercial beer in Alberta at the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company. In 1992, 100 years later Molson Breweries produced a beer based on the original recipe. Samples of this beer was donated to the Friends.

4 NWMP/RCMP Blankets

Barry & Mavis Stannard donated their father Anthony (Tony) and mother Joyce Stannard's Horse Brass collection of over 500 pieces.

In addition, Kori Gregory – The Estate of the Roland Gissing Collection has donated many items from the Gissing collection.



Volunteer Opportunities for 2021

Once the AHS Covid-19 Restrictions relax.

- Bar U Ranch Visitor Centre – Greeter (Weekends from 11 am – 3:00pm)
- Weekend Golf Cart Driver to support visitors with mobility challenges and to deliver “The Perfect Picnic”
- Help in the Garden – weeding, watering, harvesting
- Special Events: we will put out a call to volunteers for help with our special events
- Hike and engage visitors on the new Pekisko Creek Trail

Follow us on Social Media

Website:

pc.gc.ca/baru

FaceBook:

@baruranchnhs

Twitter:

@baruranchnhs

Please find attached the 2021 Parks Canada Volunteer

To volunteer at the Bar U Ranch NHS we require all volunteers to fill out the attached 2021 volunteer form. Please return your volunteer form to:

Sandra.codd@canada.ca

or

Drop off the form at the Visitor Centre Front Desk

We will let you know when our volunteer program can restart!

We would like to thank all volunteers for your support!

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