

# OKOTOKS

## ALBERTA

www.okotoks.ca

## *the Region:*

### Calgary & Suburbs

#### The Heart of the New West

Calgary and its suburbs, in the heart of western Canada, offer big-city experiences and amenities with small town appeal. The unspoiled mountain view of the majestic Canadian Rockies is visible on the horizon and a day trip can take students into the heart of the Rocky Mountains for hiking, biking, white water rafting, skiing or snowboarding. Come experience the western cowboy hospitality.

#### Location: at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Alberta

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Canoeing • Cross-country skiing • Cycling • Fishing • Fly Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Kayaking • Lacrosse • Roller-blading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding

#### Recreation for students:

• Art Galleries • Calgary Stampede • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

#### Why Calgary and its surrounding area?

- Western “cowboy” culture
- Urban setting with great amenities
- Close to BC / Alberta border
- Excellent skiing / snowboarding, horseback riding, kayaking and other adventure sports
- Close to Lake Louise, Banff, Jasper National Park - Canada’s most picturesque sites.

#### COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION:

- Greater Calgary
- Okotoks

[www.tourismcalgary.com](http://www.tourismcalgary.com)  
[www.discovercalgary.com](http://www.discovercalgary.com)



*The Big Rock*

### “Heart of Foothills Country”

Located in one of Alberta’s finest recreation areas, Okotoks is an outdoor playground. Mountains and prairies, forests and wildlife, courteous and spirited people, historic and cultural attractions. From their first visit, visitors know that Okotoks is someplace special. The parks invite family picnics and the activities around town provide entertainment for everyone year round. Considered a bedroom community for the city of Calgary, residents are nevertheless proud of their own heritage, history and culture.

- Located on Sheep River
- Population: approx. 17,000
- Located 18 km south of Calgary

Small Town

Catholic  
Schools Only

#### Notable features:

- Numerous outdoor sporting and recreational opportunities
- Name means “Rock” in native Blackfoot, and refers to The Big Rock , the world’s largest known glacial erratic, located 18km from the town
- Main industries are recreation, Sulphur production and oil
- 3 golf resorts within close proximity
- several ski resorts within close proximity
- Major sports teams: Okotoks Oils - Junior A Hockey, Okotoks Bison - Junior B Hockey, Junior level Baseball, Football and Lacrosse teams

#### Main Attractions:

- Big Rock: <http://culture.alberta.ca>
- The Station (art & theatre)
- Okotoks Recreation Centre
- Bar U Ranch: [www.thecowboytrail.com/baru.html](http://www.thecowboytrail.com/baru.html)

**Libraries:** 1 public library

**Shopping Malls:** small boutiques and shopping districts

**Movie Theatres:** 1 duo-plex with several multi-plex in nearby Calgary

**Transit to school may include:** School Bus / Walking

#### Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

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| Low  | -16 | -12 | -8  | -2  | 3   | 7   | 9   | 9   | 4   | -1  | -9  | -14 |