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The Lacombe Museum as operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society is comprised of three separate heritage buildings in Lacombe:



- **The Michener House Museum (5036 – 51 Street)**

- Owned and operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society
- Built in 1894
- Originally the Grace Methodist Church manse for the Grace Methodist Church which was located directly south of the manse on what is a public parking lot today.
- Birthplace of populist Governor General Daniel Roland Michener.
- Designated a Provincial Historic Resource in 1977
- Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource in 2016
- The Lacombe and District Historical Society, at the time the Maski-Pitoon Society, purchased the house in 1972.
- The house was built in two parts. The original section of the house sits closest to the street (51 street), today this is the part of the house that contains museum displays for the public. In 1918 an addition was added to the back of the house. Currently, the addition contains office space for staff and storage for the collections and archive.
- Displays in the Michener House Museum depict life in the early 1900s, or are related to Roland Michener and his time as Canada's Governor General. When open to the public costumed interpreters provide tours of the building and interact with the public.
- The Michener House Museum is open to the public Victoria Day – Labour Day

- **The Lacombe Blacksmith Shop Museum (5020-49 Street)**

- Owned and operated by the Lacombe and District Historical Society
- Opened in 1902 by A. Weddle
- This building is believed to be the longest operating blacksmith shop remaining on its original location in Alberta.
- Designated a Provincial Historic Resource in 2011
- Designated as a Municipal Historic Resource in 2015
- The Lacombe and District Historical Society officially took over operations of the shop in 1993.
- The Lacombe Blacksmith Shop Museum is arranged identically to a working blacksmith shop in the early half of the 20th century. When open to the public it is an operational shop with blacksmiths providing demonstrations of blacksmithing skills. The shop contains a working forge, and operational tools such as triphammers.
- The Lacombe Blacksmith Shop Museum is open to the public Victoria Day – Labour Day long weekend

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- **The Flatiron Building Museum (5005-50 Avenue)**

- Leased jointly by the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County - L&DHS subtenants
- Opened in 1904
- Originally the Merchants Bank of Canada building
- Designated a Provincial Historic resource in 1990
- The Lacombe Museum moved into the building in autumn 2021
- The Lacombe Museum occupies the basement, main floor, and second floor of the building. The basement of the Flatiron Building Museum will become the new home of the LDHS collections and archive. The main floor is a gallery space which hosts temporary exhibits and is also the home of the Lacombe Museum Gift Shop. The second floor is office space for the Lacombe Museum staff, it also contains a conference room.
- The main floor gallery of the Flatiron Building Museum hosts a schedule of temporary exhibits either curated by the Lacombe Museum, or on loan from heritage and culture institutions.
- The Flatiron Building Museum is open to the public year-round

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