

## ALBERTA WEEKEND EXPERIENCES

### GOAT, GHOST AND CHEESE WEEKEND September 18 – 19, 2021

Escape for a night to a serene, charming Inn nestled along the Ghost River and discover Alberta like never before with authentic experiences that immerse you in nature, culture and local food.

There's nothing quite as authentic as making cheese at a small artisanal farm while the goats graze nearby. Experience your introduction to cheesemaking complete with wine pairings and a visit with the goats at Early Dawn Farms.

Enjoy this exclusive weekend package, relax in nature along the river and rejuvenate your soul.

The weekend includes dinner, overnight accommodation (our rooms are configured with one queen bed and are suitable for singles and couples), breakfast, packed lunch, introduction to basic cheesemaking and introduction to pairing wine with goat cheese.

Cost for the weekend: \$500.00 plus taxes for single occupancy and \$400.00 per person double occupancy plus taxes

There is a limited number of spaces available, to reserve your spot, please contact The Crossing at 403-932-3392 or book online at [The Crossing – Alberta Weekend Experience](#)





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Are you looking for a unique adventure and a peaceful get-away in nature near Calgary? There is so much to see, experience and appreciate in the Alberta Foothills.

If you are interested in local food and like goat cheese, you would not want to miss this weekend. You will have the opportunity to visit a real artisanal goat farm, make your own cheese, experience how wonderful goat cheese pairs with wine, stroll down the farm's nature walk and visit with the happy goats. And the best part, you will take home the cheese you make to enjoy with your family and friends.

We are excited to offer this exclusive weekend get-away and opportunity to get out of the city for an experience that is both unique and educational. Enjoy a wonderful dinner, overnight stay and hearty breakfast in our charming Inn, before heading off in the morning to the adventure of making your own cheese.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Once you are settled in, rest, enjoy a walk to the river, relax in the living room or take in the sunshine on the deck.

#### **YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE**

Our guests continuously tell us how good the food tastes and how much they look forward to every meal. Our Chef and culinary team combine the perfect amount of comfort and class in their creations. They constantly seek fresh ingredients to showcase flavorful dishes prepared in our open kitchen. You will truly enjoy our Chef's choice meals and with advanced notice we are pleased to offer vegetarian, wheat, gluten, and dairy-free options.

#### **THE CROSSING AT GHOST RIVER - DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE**

Located on 145 rolling acres, set along the banks of the picturesque Ghost River, The Crossing offers an exceptional stay in the beautiful Ghost River Valley. Experience relaxed, professional, and unassuming hospitality in a natural and peaceful location and let us take care of you. The history of The Crossing at Ghost River first began with the region's Aboriginal people who used a low point in the river as a "crossing". In later years, this crossing connected and aided early explorers, traders, and settlers in many of the same ways. The land, as a whole, has always provided opportunities to connect its visitors with its countless treasures and natural beauty and continues to be recognized for its intangible qualities, rich history and natural beauty.

#### **EARLY DAWN FARMS**

Dawn and Bruce Kay, founders of Early Dawn Farm purchased the forty-acre farm in 1987 with a primary goal of producing healthy and nutritious food. The boreal forest landscape provides great opportunities including high quality hay production and fresh water as well as challenges such as extreme weather patterns unique to the eastern slopes of the Rockies. The goat dairy is located south of the hamlet of Water Valley. The creamery produces small batches of artisanal hard and soft cheese, Goat milk caramel and milk-based lotions and creams with NO preservatives. The small flock of mostly LaMancha dairy goats are hand milked daily to produce some of the finest goat cheeses anywhere including the Great Gray, Monstasio, Chevre and Feta.

## **VINESTONE WINE CO.**

Paul Martzoukos, the owner of Vinestone Wine Co. is your locally owned purveyor of all things delicious. Paul loves wine, craft beer, and spirits, (but mostly wine!) and works hard to find the best bottles made by families, not factories. It pops Paul's cork to introduce people of all interest levels, to unique and interesting wines, beer, and spirits, either through the tasting bar at the wine store or other tasting events. Handcrafted wines, naturally made when possible, is the name of the game. If you have not been to Vinestone, it is a must, the well-educated staff is sure to find something new and unique to suit your tastes and believe that wine and the process of shopping for it should be comfortable and accessible.

### **ITINERARY:**

Saturday September 18, 2021

**CHECK IN:** between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm

**DINNER:** in the Remington dining room with other guests at 6:30 pm

**PRESENTATION:** in the Pine Loft at 8:00 pm

Sunday September 19, 2021

**BREAKFAST:** in the Remington dining room at 7:00 am

**PACKED LUNCH:** will be provided to take to the farm – please bring your own water bottle

**CHECK OUT AND DEPART:** by 8:00 am – drive your own vehicle to Early Dawn Farm, just outside Water Valley, about 45 minutes from The Crossing (see enclosed map)

**ARRIVE:** 8:45 am at Early Dawn Farms – please note you will be divided into two groups, maximum of eight

**GROUP 1:** 9:00 am (sharp!) start introduction to cheesemaking class

**GROUP 2:** 9:00 am walk the nature trail, visit the goats and end the morning with a cheese and wine tasting

**LUNCH:** 12:30 pm both groups will enjoy lunch

**GROUP 1:** 1:00 pm start the afternoon with a cheese and wine tasting, followed by visiting the goats and walking the nature trail

**GROUP 2:** 1:00 pm (sharp!) start introduction to cheese making

**DEPARTURE:** participants are expected to have departed the farm and property by 5:30pm

What to bring:

- Small Backpack for your lunch and water
- Comfortable Walking Shoes or Hiking Shoes/Boots
- Raingear
- Sunscreen
- Camera and Binoculars (optional)

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

The Crossing at Ghost River, Early Dawn Farms and Vinestone will adhere to all Alberta Health Services COVID-19 guidelines.

### **BOOKING INFO**

Note: A 25% deposit is required at the time your booking is confirmed, the remaining 75% deposit is charged seven days before the event. Both deposits are non-refundable. Deposits are 100% refundable if COVID restrictions are preventing us from hosting the event.

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