

Coming to Calgary for When Words Collide? Want to make the most of the trip? Here are 13 local venues and activities that might dovetail with your literary interests.

1. Heritage Park (<http://www.heritagepark.ca>). Over 180 attractions including steam locomotives and the SS Moyer, paddle-wheel steam boat plying the waters of Glenmore Lake. Heritage Park offers a window onto the lives of Canada's western pioneers: their travels, struggles, new places to live, the ways they celebrated.
2. Horseback riding tours. See the Canadian prairie, foothills and Rocky Mountains on horseback.
3. The Military Museums of Calgary (<http://www.themilitarymuseums.ca/>). Permanent exhibits include the Enigma Machine, the HMCS Huron Screw (a propeller from one of four Tribal Class destroyers), the CF-104 Starfighter from the Cold War Era, and the CF-5 Freedom Fighter from the mid-50's. This year's special exhibit is "War Stories: 1917".
4. The Calgary Zoo (<http://www.calgaryzoo.com>) Along with the animals and captive breeding program, the Calgary Zoo is opening "Land of Lemurs", July 5th, 2017. Also, don't miss the new Penguin exhibit.
5. The Glenbow Museum (<http://www.glenbow.org/>). The Glenbow houses extensive collections of aboriginal and pioneer history.
6. The Locked Room (<https://www.thelockedroom.ca/>) 60 minutes, one way out.
7. Canada's Sports Hall of Fame (<http://www.sportshall.ca/>). Be inspired by the accomplishments by the best in Canadian sports.
8. Aerospace Museum of Calgary (<http://www.asmac.ab.ca/>). An exhibit of historic and restored aircraft.
9. Big Rock Brewery (<https://bigrockbeer.com/>). Tours and tastings and Calgary best known craft beer brewery. (Okay, not strictly literary, but c'mon—writers and drink?)
10. Reader Rock Garden (<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/SE-parks/Reader-Rock-Garden.aspx>). A parkland gem directly north of the Union Cemetery—the final resting place of many historic figures.
11. The Chinese Cultural Centre (<http://www.culturalcentre.ca/>). A culture hall, auditorium, museum and the largest Chinese library in Canada.

12. Grain Academy Museum (<http://www.grainacademymuseum.com/>). See a depiction of how the prairies were settled, a working grain elevator demo and model train moving grain from the prairie to the terminals at Vancouver. Other displays include everything from barbed wire types to wheat straw weaving, pioneer farm tools and various models of farm implements
13. Drumheller Alberta. If you have a little extra time and want to do a day trip we highly recommend a trip out to Drumheller (about 1 and a half hours northeast of Calgary). There are two amazing museums. The first is the Royal Albert Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology. One of the of its kind in the world. (<http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/>). The second is the Trekcetera Museum, everything Star Trek that just opened this year (<http://www.trekcetera.com/>).