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Located in the heart of Diamond Valley, the Turner Valley Gas Plant is the heart of Canada's first major oilfield. After oil was discovered in the area in 1914, a complex facility, incorporating some of the world's most innovative refining and processing technologies of the time. Despite suffering from a major fire in 1920 and a subsequent change in ownership, the Turner Valley Gas Plant continued to operate until 1985. With help from the Alberta Government and the Turner Valley Oilfield Society, the derelict facilities were converted into a museum.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Funded by the City of Calgary, this project aims to introduce readers to lesser-known, hidden gems in Alberta. This guide focuses on uncovering unique and under appreciated destinations that offer rich experiences away from the typical tourist routes. Whether you are seeking serene natural landscapes, charming small towns, or cultural landmarks, 'Off the Beaten Path' provides insights into places that offer a fresh perspective on Alberta's diverse and expansive beauty. By highlighting these locations, the guide encourages exploration and adventure beyond the well-known paths, enriching travelers' appreciation of Alberta's hidden treasure.

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At a Glance

- Open during the summer from 10 AM to 5 PM on weekends
- Located off Highway 22 along Sunset Blvd
- Admissions are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for youth
- Closed-toe shoes are required for the tour of the facility

PIECE OF HISTORY

Turner Valley Gas Plant is a meticulously preserved and well-maintained museum, a glimpse back in time for all visitors. Knowledgeable and friendly staff offer guided tours of the gas plant and its facilities, ranging from distillation towers and desulfurisation equipment, to vast storage tanks. Walking through the museum and listening to the history gives visitors an appreciation of the remarkable ingenuity and grit that constructed Alberta's modern oil and gas industry



Open weekends between late May and early September, admissions give visitors access to a guided tour of the site. A guided tour will provide visitors a chance to get a close-up look at the equipment and techniques used in processing and refining the oil from Alberta's first major oil fields; the tour allows people to even enter the processing plants.



WHERE

This historical site is located on Sunset Boulevard, a two-minute drive from the intersection at the heart of Turner Valley: the drive to the town of Diamond Valley is only fifty minutes from downtown Calgary, making it perfect as a destination for a quiet summer day trip.

