



OK, so technically it's not winter, and yes, I am a bit late getting this edition out. However, yesterday morning I was digging in the garden. By last evening there was about four inches of snow on the ground. So as I write this, and look outside, it looks like winter!

Over the course of the winter, I have had a chance to photograph a variety of scenes that I would not have been able to capture if we had spent the time in California. From the majesty of the Canadian Rockies to freezing soap bubbles, a variety of opportunities presented themselves as a result of staying in Alberta due to the pandemic. You can check out my adventures [HERE](#) in my blog, as not all photos I took will end up on my gallery website.

Incidentally, as you are no doubt aware, I do have two websites: my blog at windaturback.com and my photo gallery at neilmillerphotography.com. It is easy to switch back and forth between them by simply clicking on "Blog" or "Photo Gallery" in the menu bar at the top of the page.

NEW IN MY GALLERIES

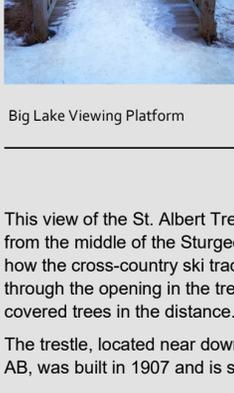
Landscapes

While this photo was not taken over this past winter, I did revisit the image. The Watchman is a well know peak in Zion National Park (Utah, USA). It is typically shot from the bridge, and indeed I do have such an image in my gallery. This was taken from a different vantage point in March 2019.



The Watchman 2019

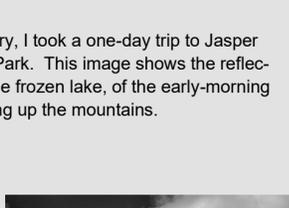
While I liked the image at the time, I was never completely happy with how I processed it. Over the past couple of years, through courses and practice, my post-processing skills have advanced. So I thought I have another go at processing this image. The result is one that I like much better than my original version.



Big Lake Viewing Platform

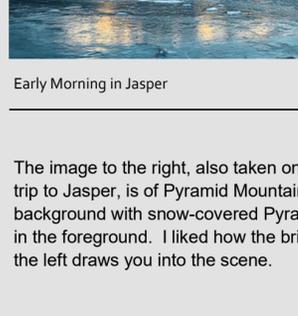
This image was shot early one frosty morning on the outskirts of St. Albert, AB. In the distance, the dramatic sky is catching light reflected from the rising sun behind me. In the foreground, the Viewing Platform juts out into Big Lake. During warmer weather, when the lake is not frozen, the platform provides a good location to observe the many different types of water-fowl that visit the area.

This view of the St. Albert Trestle was taken from the middle of the Sturgeon River. I loved how the cross-country ski tracks lead you through the opening in the trestle to the frost-covered trees in the distance.



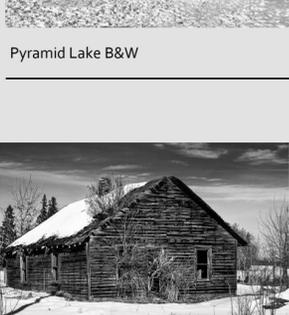
St. Albert Trestle

The trestle, located near downtown St. Albert, AB, was built in 1907 and is still in use today.



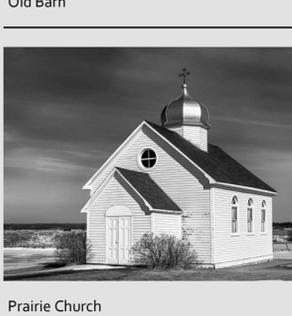
Early Morning in Jasper

In February, I took a one-day trip to Jasper National Park. This image shows the reflection, on the frozen lake, of the early-morning sun lighting up the mountains.

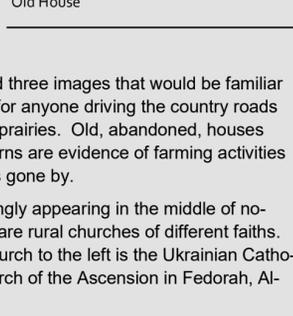


Pyramid Lake B&W

The image to the right, also taken on my day-trip to Jasper, is of Pyramid Mountain in the background with snow-covered Pyramid Lake in the foreground. I liked how the bridge on the left draws you into the scene.



Old Barn



Old House



Prairie Church

I added three images that would be familiar sights for anyone driving the country roads on the prairies. Old, abandoned, houses and barns are evidence of farming activities of days gone by.

Seemingly appearing in the middle of nowhere are rural churches of different faiths. The church to the left is the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Ascension in Fedorah, Alberta.

Please visit my [Landscape Gallery](#) to view the above new additions.

Wildlife



Wapiti 2021

I captured this image of a magnificent bull elk pawing at the snow on my daytrip to Jasper National Park in February.



Plains Bison



Running Buffalo

The above images of Plains Bison were taken on a visit to Elk Island National Park, east of Edmonton, AB.

In the photo on the left, a Plains Bison looks up after having its nose buried in the snow while eating. On the right, a young bison runs through the snow to catch up with the rest of the herd.



Coyote

I first noticed the coyote, above, while it was part of a pack attempting to harass a herd of Plains Bison. For the most part, the bison paid them little heed. Obviously, they did not seem to see the coyotes as any particular threat. After a while, the coyotes dispersed with this one running past, not far from where I was positioned.

You can read more about Elk Island National Park in my recent blog post [Revisiting Elk Island NP](#).

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