

Medicine Stone

Indian Battle Park, near Fort Whoop-Up

The Lethbridge Centre of the Archaeological Society of Alberta placed this monument, which simply provides one version of the Medicine Stone legend. Gifts and offerings are still left on the Medicine Stone.

Another legend says that the Medicine Stone “was said to have been hurled by the Great Spirit from heaven and turned the tide of battle in favour of the Blackfeet and against their bloodthirsty Cree foes.”[i] (p 14 *19th Century Lethbridge*)

In historical times the Medicine Stone has had a rough time of it and some say that the stone that remains here is not the original Medicine Stone. In the 1940s, when a weir was being built across the river, the stone was taken and used as part of the construction. Years later people went and found what they believed was the medicine stone and had it replaced.

In 2011 someone, likely without being aware of the significance of the stone, removed it. After much media attention was brought to the loss, the stone was anonymously returned.