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1-800-205-7070 (general inquiries)

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1-877-737-3783

**Regional Parks**  
[saskregionalparks.ca](http://saskregionalparks.ca)  
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# Saskatchewan Travel Zones

The Saskatchewan Travel Guide is divided into four Travel Zones defined on the map:

 Northern Lights & Waterways

 Unlimited Lakes & Parkland

 Prairie Life & City Lights

 Living Skies & Badlands

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189 – 1621 Albert Street  
1-877-237-2273

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#410 – 350 3rd Avenue North  
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## Contact the Cities:

### Tourism Regina

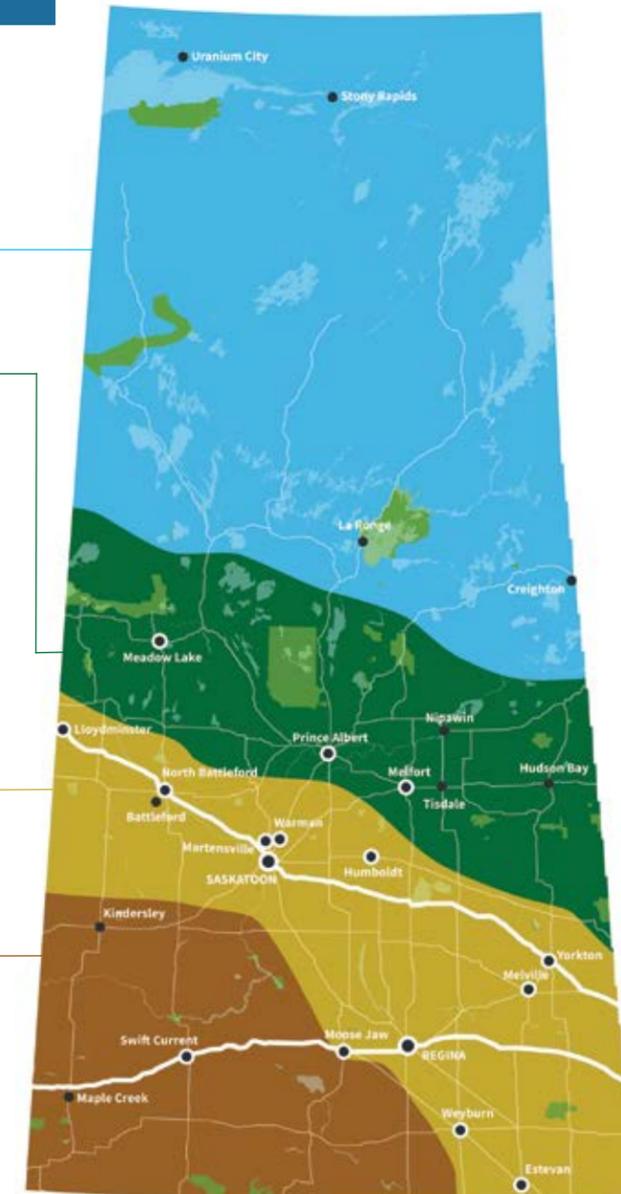
306-510-1510

### Discover Saskatoon

1-800-567-2444 or 306-242-1206

Tourist information centres operate year round in most Saskatchewan cities and many smaller communities.

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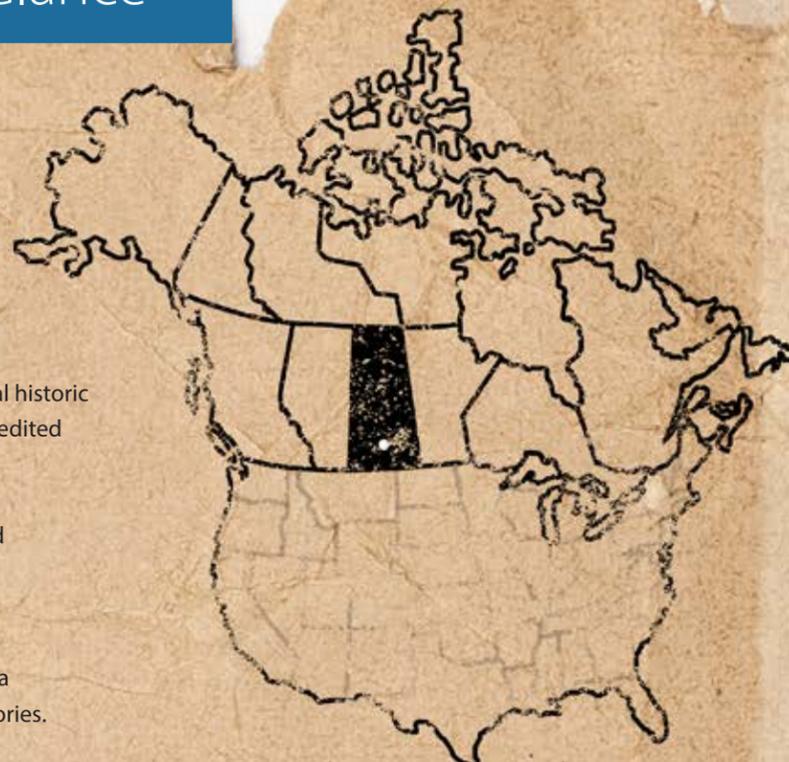
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# Saskatchewan at a Glance

## Quick Facts

- » Saskatchewan's population reached 1,132,505 in 2021.  
*Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Canada*
- » The capital city is Regina, with a population of 249,217 (metropolitan). The largest city is Saskatoon, with a population of 317,480 (metropolitan).  
*Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Canada*
- » Saskatchewan has 2 national parks and over 20 national historic sites, 39 provincial parks and historic parks and 79 accredited regional parks.
- » Saskatchewan covers 651,900 sq. km – one-half of the province is covered by forest, one-third is farmland and one-eighth is freshwater.
- » Saskatchewan is located in the heart of North America, neighbouring the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta. To the south, it borders the American states of Montana and North Dakota. To the north is the Northwest Territories.
- » The Cypress Hills reach 1,392 m above sea level, the province's highest elevation point.
- » Saskatchewan's principal export industries are mining, oil and gas, agriculture, manufacturing and tourism.



Flying time from	To Regina	To Saskatoon
Vancouver, BC	2 hours	2 hours
Calgary, AB	1 hour 25 min	1 hour 15 min
Edmonton, AB	1 hour 30 min	1 hour 10 min
Winnipeg, MB	1 hour 10 min	1 hour 30 min
Toronto, ON	3 hours 20 min	3 hours 35 min
Minneapolis, MN	2 hours 15 min	2 hours 20 min

## National Distinctions

- » Saskatchewan is home to Canada's only training academy for Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recruits, in Regina.
- » Scotty, the world's largest *T. rex* skeleton was excavated near Eastend in 1994-95. It is one of only 20 such discoveries in the world.
- » The Athabasca Sand Dunes are the most northerly major sand dunes in the world, and among the largest in North America.
- » The Canadian Light Source, a stadium-sized synchrotron light research facility, is located on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon.
- » Saskatchewan supplies more than one-third of the world's total exported durum wheat and is the world's top exporter of lentils and dry peas.
- » Nineteen archeological dig sites unveil the past at Wanuskewin Heritage Park, a national historic site that echoes the stories of Indigenous peoples who have gathered here for as long as 6,400 years.



RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division

# Living Skies & Badlands



# LIVING SKIES & BADLANDS



## LEGEND

- City
- Town
- National Park /Historic Site
- Provincial Park /Historic Park
- Regional Park
- Trans-Canada Highway
- Highway
- Trans-Canada Highway Number
- Highway Number
- Park
- Water Body

## PARK LIST

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Claybank Brick Plant National Historic Site and Massold Clay Canyons | Elrose Regional Park             |
| Fort Walsh National Historic Site                                    | Eston Riverside Regional Park    |
| Grasslands National Park – West/East Block                           | Jean Louis Legare Regional Park  |
| Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral Notre Dame de l'Assomption   | Kindersley Regional Park         |
| Cypress Hills-Interprovincial Park – West/Centre Block               | Lac Pellétier Regional Park      |
| Danielson Provincial Park  | McLaren Lake Regional Park       |
| Douglas Provincial Park  | Notukeu Regional Park            |
| Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park                                 | Ogema Regional Park              |
| St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Historic Park                      | Outlook & District Regional Park |
| Wood Mountain Post Provincial Historic Park                          | Palliser Regional Park           |
| Antelope Lake Regional Park  | Pine Cree Regional Park          |
| Assiniboia Regional Park   | Prairie Lake Regional Park       |
| Bengough & District Regional Park                                    | Radville-Laurier Regional Park   |
| Cabri Regional Park  | Shamrock Regional Park           |
| Ceylon Regional Park   | Thomson Lake Regional Park       |
| Clearwater Lake Regional Park  | Wood Mountain Regional Park      |
| Dunnet Regional Park   |                                  |





Treeosix Adventure Parks

# Eyes to the Sky in the Cypress Hills



When the glaciers retreated, they missed a spot in the southwestern corner of the province, leaving a forested plateau towering high above the plains below at **Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park**. The unexpected mountain-like oasis on the border between Saskatchewan and Alberta reaches an elevation of 1,392 m above sea level, marking the province's highest geographical point.

## Views

The mix of landscapes – towering hills, lush lodgepole pine and white spruce forests, and fescue prairie and wildflowers – provides breathtaking views. Take a driving tour to some of the park's most scenic spots, including Lookout Point and Bald Butte in the Centre Block. In the West Block, experience a Saskatchewan sunset from the Conglomerate Cliffs.

In the West Block area, pack your tent, supplies and your horse. In addition to two quiet, rustic campgrounds with few amenities, there is an equestrian campground with corrals. On horseback, witness spectacular vistas as you explore a portion of the Trans Canada Trail to see the Hidden Conglomerate Cliffs.



Fort Walsh National Historic Site



## Trails

The Trans Canada Trail transects the park. In the Centre Block, this trail covers over 16 km of rugged countryside and will challenge the seasoned hiker. With an extensive network of trails in this area of the park, visitors can hike the backcountry to see nature untamed or navigate relaxing self-guided trails with interpretive signage. Paved trails provide quick access between the campgrounds and the beach, resort and swimming pool in the core area.

## Camping

Wake up to the heady aroma of the lodgepole pine forest in one of the park's seven front-country campgrounds that range from basic to full-service. For a fully equipped camping experience, stay in one of the two Camp-Easy yurts. After a full day of swimming at the pool or beach and stand-up paddleboarding or canoeing on Loch Leven, swap stories and make s'more-filled memories with your family around a crackling evening campfire.



## Ziplining

For those feeling adventurous, one of the popular attractions in the park allows you to experience its beauty (and the forest canopy) by zipline. **Treeosix Adventure Parks** now offers Electric Triboard rentals, providing an exciting new way to explore the park. Additionally, visitors can enjoy an outdoor climbing wall, treetop drop, 18-hole disc golf course, electric fat bike rentals, slackline course and mini-zips for the little ones.

## History

At **Fort Walsh National Historic Site**, find out what life was like in a working fort during a time that shaped the history of Western Canada. The fort was a North West Mounted Police (NWMP) post established in 1875 and played a key role in bringing Canadian law to the West. Hear stories of the Cypress Hills Massacre and its impact on the Nakoda People in southwest Saskatchewan.

## Dark Skies

The brilliance of the night sky will amaze you if conditions are right for stargazing in this designated Dark Sky Preserve. Public programs and special astronomy events are held at the Dark Sky Observatory each summer.



Fort Walsh National Historic Site



Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

## Fly Fishing

For those passionate about fly-fishing, Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, and its unique landscape, is a must-visit destination. Steep valleys, rolling hills, towering lodgepole pine forests and sweeping grasslands provide a feast for the senses.

The constant and cool streamflow of spring-fed creeks offer ideal habitat for trout all year long. Some streams have been stocked since the 1920s and a few have established populations of what could now be considered wild trout. Three species of trout – brown, rainbow and brook trout – have been introduced into the winding streams. Battle Creek contains all three, which is why it is a favourite location for avid fly-fishers.

Each species has its own merits. Rainbow trout is an acrobatic fighter, often jumping out of the water in an attempt to throw the hook. Brook trout is a beautiful looking specimen, especially in autumn when they

flaunt their spawning colours. The astute brown trout is revered for the challenge they present to anglers in coercing them to strike.

Battle Creek flows from Alberta into the West Block of the park. It meanders south through open prairie and into Montana, where it eventually joins the Milk River. The creek can be accessed easily at Fort Walsh National Historic Site. Parking at designated angler spots within the park is strongly advised. More remote entry points can only be reached on foot.

Outside of the park, Battle Creek crosses private land through much of its course. Always respect the landowner's property. Permission to enter is necessary. Obey posted signs, do not litter, stay on trails, close any gates that are opened to access specific areas, and always be aware of any fire hazard that may be present.

**WHERE TO STAY:** The Resort at Cypress Hills, Cobble Creek Lodge, Spring Valley Guest Ranch, Historic Reesor Ranch



Battle Creek



Historic Reesor Ranch

# Maple Creek:

## THE MODERN WEST



Get the full flavour of southwest Saskatchewan hospitality with a visit to the **Maple Creek** area. The community has held the titles of Canada's Greatest Western Town and Friendliest Town in Saskatchewan.



Grotto Gardens Family Fun Farm

Before you stroll the sidewalks and browse shops among Maple Creek's Heritage District, stop by the Southwest Saskatchewan Visitor Centre that is open seasonally and located just off Highway 1.

Pop into **The Daily Grind Roastery and Coffee Shop** for a freshly brewed fair trade coffee. This gathering place for locals and tourists alike has a rustic country



The Daily Grind Roastery and Coffee Shop

feel and serves down-home cooking and baking, while selling specialty items and giftware.

Relive your childhood at **Cowtown Kids Toy & Candy**. With a focus on selling high-quality traditional and nostalgic toys, it has the distinction of being the largest independent toy store in Saskatchewan.

Stop by **Rafter R Brewing's** taproom to enjoy a pint or flight of its craft beer brewed onsite. Venture just north of Maple Creek to sample some **Cypress Hills Winery** fruit wine or mead at its new tasting bar, bistro and gift shop. Under new ownership, the winery continues to use recipes developed by the Bohnets – its founders – to achieve the same great taste that customers know and love.

Housed in a red cedar log barn, **Grotto Gardens Family Fun Farm** has a bakery, market, gift shop, saskatoon berry orchard and petting zoo. However, the family-run agri-tourism business is best known for its popular goat yoga, alpaca walks, farm train tours and newest attraction, the Mini Golf Putting Zoo. As mini golfers make their way around the 18-hole course, they are surrounded by the sights and sounds of the farm animals on every hole.

Year round, the welcome mat is rolled out at **Historic Reesor Ranch**, a century-old working guest ranch located just outside of the West Block boundary of **Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park**. Explore the surrounding hills on a horseback trail ride or ATV tour. At the end of the day, gather in the Ranch Hall or around a crackling campfire to swap stories, while enjoying cowboy poetry by the local bard.



Rafter R Brewing



# Stay and Play at Lake Diefenbaker

**Lake Diefenbaker**, southern Saskatchewan's largest lake and premier recreation area, boasts some of the most dramatic shorelines in the province. Ragged cliffs, rolling hills and big sandy beaches with shallow waters make it the perfect destination for your next stay and play vacation.

## Camping & glamping

Three provincial parks are located along the lake's shores: **Saskatchewan Landing, Douglas and Danielson**, all with their own beaches, campgrounds and plenty of nearby amenities. **Palliser Regional Park** is another great choice for an afternoon at the lake. Park your RV, tent or enjoy a fully equipped camping experience in one of two Camp-Easy yurts at Douglas Provincial Park. **Glamping Resorts Ltd.** offers luxury safari tents at Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park. Some fixed-roof accommodations include **Sarah's Cove Condo Rentals at Harbour Inn** in Elbow and **Mainstay Inn Resort & Restaurant** at Palliser Regional Park.

## On the water

Glide along the 800 km of shoreline as the wind catches your sail on Lake Diefenbaker. **Living Sky Sailing School** offers tours and excursions or sailing lessons. Launch your boat and spend the day on the lake. With wide-open water and secluded bays and coulees, it is the ideal spot for watersports enthusiasts.



## Tee off!

In Elbow, hit some golf balls at **Harbor Golf & RV Park**, an 18-hole championship course situated on the bluffs overlooking the lake and marina (**Lakeside Marina Service**). You can also enjoy scenic vistas and panoramic views while teeing off at **Sask Landing Golf Resort** and the desert-like, links-style **Sage View Golf Course** at Palliser Regional Park.

## Reel one in

Head out for a day of fishing and reel in a record-breaking catch. Renowned for its trophy-sized rainbow trout, Lake Diefenbaker is also known for the diversity of species found in its waters, including walleye, northern pike, burbot, yellow perch, whitefish and lake trout.



Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park



Sask Landing Golf Resort

### TRAVEL TIP

If you are travelling from Lucky Lake on the west side of Lake Diefenbaker to Riverhurst/Palliser Regional Park on the east side, you (and your car) can hop on the seasonal Riverhurst Ferry. The ferry is toll-free and operates 24 hours a day.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lake Diefenbaker is a manmade wonder created by the construction of the Gardiner and Qu'Appelle Valley Dams in the late-1960s. Learn more at the **Gardiner Dam Interpretive Centre**, which is located in Danielson Provincial Park on Hwy 44. The centre features visual interpretive displays, souvenirs, tourist information, food service and a vintage film on the construction of the dam. **Gardiner Dam** is also a starting point for the 125-km **Chief Whitecap Waterway** (Trans Canada Trail) that takes you through the beautiful South Saskatchewan River valley to the city of Saskatoon.



Jones' Peak

# Discover Southern Saskatchewan's Natural Attractions

Saskatchewan's varied landscape is on full display in the south. This part of the province features legendary badlands, unique forested areas, fertile farmland and some of the largest tracts of untouched grassland. Appreciate Saskatchewan in all of its glory as you discover the natural attractions that make this province so unique and beautiful.



Castle Butte

Learn more about the site's rich history, as well as the workings of the plant, in the interpretive centre. Explore the scenic lands surrounding the site and hike the **Massold Clay Canyons** – the clay pits used in the manufacturing of the bricks. End your visit to the national historic site with a delicious pie or meal at the Bunkhouse Café.

**Wood Mountain Uplands**  
**Rockglen** lies in the beautiful **Wood Mountain Uplands** – unglaciated hill country with treed valleys and a large variety of wildlife. Visit the **Rockglen Visitor Centre** to learn about the rich geological history, including the formation of the uplands, as well as the area's fossils, Indigenous artifacts and flora and fauna species. The centre is home to a museum, gallery, tearoom with wheelchair-accessible deck, as well as a fully serviced RV park. For a spectacular view of the surrounding countryside, hike the Burning Hills Trail, located 2 km south of town.

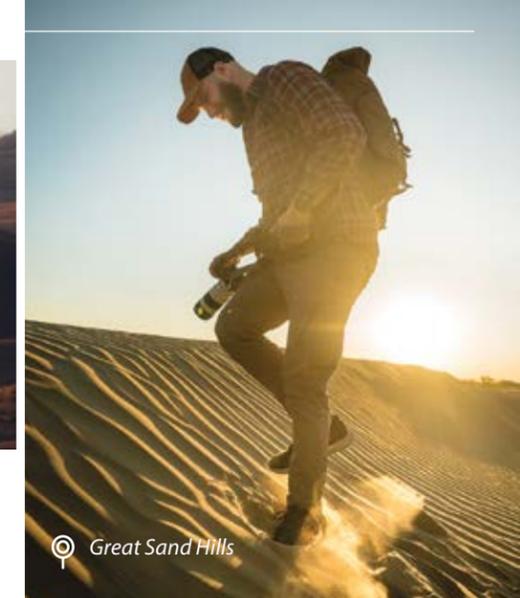


**St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Historic Park**  
The more than 300 rock carvings in **St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Historic Park** were carved between 500-1700 A.D.. They are the only known petroglyphs on

the Canadian Plains that are etched upon a horizontal surface.

Early morning or near sunset are the best times to view the glyphs from the public lookout point. The site is fenced, and pre-arranged tours are offered by the Friends of St. Victor Petroglyphs. The group established a small interpretative centre in **St. Victor** (2 km from the site) called Monarch Lodge. Displays highlight the petroglyphs, as well as archeological artifacts and paleontological specimens from the local area. It also features an exhibit on the arrival of the Métis Peoples in the area, complete with a full-sized replica of a Red River Cart. A Dakota tipi is located beside the centre, as well as a mud-plastered house from the late-1880s.

**Jones' Peak**  
For the best view of the ancient landscape surrounding **Eastend**, drive up to **Jones' Peak** just outside of town and witness this magnificent panorama. It offers a breathtaking view of the river valley and surrounding land, and is a popular lookout for spotting birds and wildlife. Maps and information about driving tours of the area are available on the Town of Eastend website.



Great Sand Hills



American avocet

**Old Wives Lake Nature Area**  
Near **Mossbank**, the **Old Wives Lake Nature Area** is a designated Migratory Bird Sanctuary and part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. Old Wives Lake is the second largest saline lake in Canada and one of the best bird watching spots. In spring and fall, numerous bird species rest and feed here during migration. It is a stopping point for several at-risk species, including the piping plover and long-billed curlew. A 2.4-km walking trail winds through natural terrain. A viewing deck, gazebo and picnic areas complete the trail.

## Big Muddy Badlands/ Castle Butte

The **Big Muddy Badlands** are sprawling, intricate hills, valleys and caves that once served as a place of refuge for Chief Sitting Bull. Later, they were a hideout for legendary outlaws Sam Kelly, Dutch Henry and the Sundance Kid. A relic of the Ice Age, **Castle Butte** rises 60 m above the surrounding landscape. It's a striking formation that served as a landmark for Indigenous Peoples, members of the North West Mounted Police and early Canadian settlers. Castle Butte is on private land but accessible to the public from June 1 to November 1. **Coronach Visitor Centre and Big Muddy Tours** offers full- and half-day guided tours of the badlands, outlaw caves and local Indigenous sites. Pre-booking is required, and visitors use their own vehicle.



## Great Sand Hills

Located north of Trans-Canada Hwy 1 near the village of **Sceptre**, the **Great Sand Hills** rise five storeys above the prairie landscape. The rolling sand dunes cover more than 1,900 sq. km. Mule deer and sharp-tailed grouse live among the native prairie trees, shrubs and grasses in this unique region. A directional map to the dunes is available in Sceptre at the Rural Municipality of Clinworth office or the **Great Sandhills Museum & Interpretive Centre**.

## Avonlea Badlands

Discover the **Avonlea Badlands** on a pre-booked tour guided by **Avonlea Heritage Museum** staff. Housed in a 1912 CN train station, the museum has a variety of themed rooms that depict an old-time Main Street. Additional buildings include CN Cook Car, St. David's Anglican Church and the Pioneer Display Building.



## Massold Clay Canyons/Claybank Brick Plant National Historic Site

Located in the hills near **Avonlea**, the **Claybank Brick Plant National Historic Site** is an impressive example of early-20th century industrialism. The site has remained virtually unchanged since 1914. Brick made at the plant graces the facades of many notable buildings in Saskatchewan and across Canada.



Avonlea Badlands



### TRAVEL TIP

Please note that some of Saskatchewan's natural wonders are located in protected provincial or national parks, on private land or in ecologically fragile environments. When accessing these areas, be respectful and obey all posted signs, close gates, park in designated areas and pack out what you pack in. As visitors, we are all responsible for conserving these natural attractions.

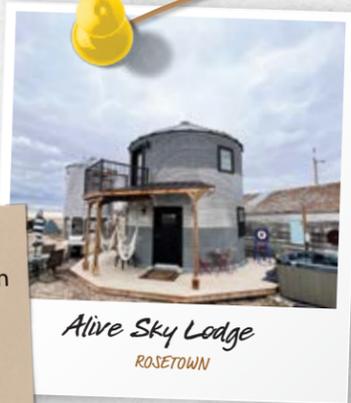
Some additional stops:

- Lakota Art Studio & Gallery *Rockglen*
- T.rex Discovery Centre *Eastend*
- Dean Francis at Sagebrush Studios *near Leader*
- Willow Bunch Museum & Heritage Society/Willow Bunch Giant *Willow Bunch*
- Trigo Food + Drink *Lafleche*
- Great Wall of Saskatchewan *Smiley*
- Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre *near Herschel*
- S.W. Sask. OldTimers' Museum and Archive *Maple Creek*

Herschel

Outlook

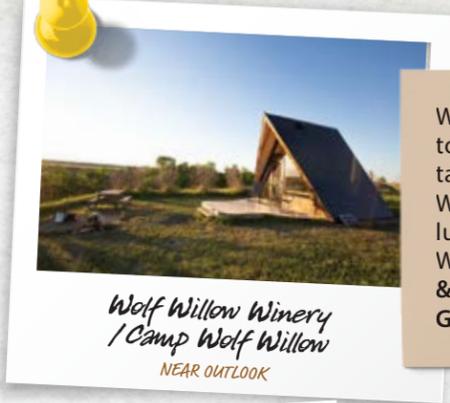
Rosetown



At Alive Sky Lodge, guests can choose between a room in the main lodge or the luxury suite inside a metal grain bin. Other options include the two-storey Bohemian Grain Bin, the Cowboy Bunkhouse, and the Schoolee in the Coulee, a converted school bus.

# Saskatchewandering with Andrew Hiltz

Saskatchewanderer Andrew Hiltz has travelled across the province. Here are some of his top stops and favourite hidden gems, as well as a few locations that are still on his Saskatchewan bucket list.

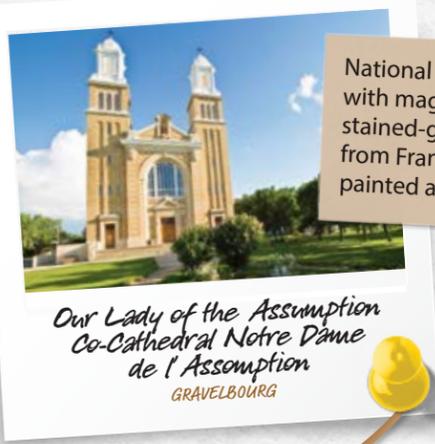


With views of the South Saskatchewan River, tour the orchard, participate in some fruit wine tasting and enjoy pizza on the patio at Wolf Willow Winery. Stay overnight and glamp in a luxury canvas or wooden A-frame tent at Camp Wolf Willow. Other stops near Outlook: **Outlook & District Regional Park, Robertson Gallery & Gift/Susan Robertson Pottery** (Broderick)

Kyle



La Reata Ranch is an authentic working cattle and guest ranch, located in the Saskatchewan River valley, on the shores of Lake Diefenbaker. For a real Canadian cowboy experience, visitors stay in western-style cabins and take part in horseback riding for pleasure or help with ranch work. Other stops near Kyle: **Clearwater Drive-In Theatre**



National historic site with magnificent stained-glass windows from France and painted arched ceilings.

The Shurniak Art Gallery in Assiniboia holds the extensive and permanent collection of founder William Shurniak, amassed during a lifetime of world travel. Seven gallery rooms feature exhibitions of international and Canadian paintings, sculptures and artifacts. Other stops in Assiniboia: **Assiniboia & District Historical Museum**



Solo Italia brings a taste of Italy to Saskatchewan with its authentic wood-fired pizza. Though not a sit-down restaurant, it attracts people from far and near for its Naples-style pizza that cooks in minutes. Other stops in Ogema: **Southern Prairie Railway, Deep South Pioneer Museum and Bud's BBQ**

SWIFT CURRENT



Black Bridge Brewery has been filling growlers and serving its selection of craft beer at its taproom in Swift Current since 2014. The micro-brewery has a 2,000-litre brewhouse and boasts five flagship beers. Other stops in Swift Current: **Swift Current Museum & Visitor Centre, Art Gallery of Swift Current and Nightjar Diner Co.**

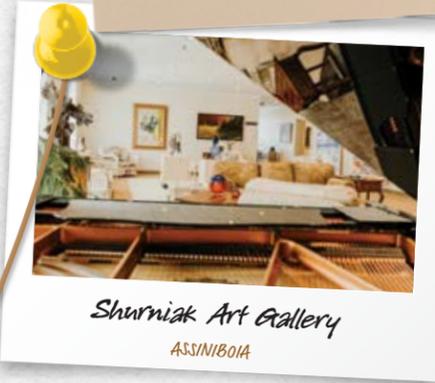
Shaunavon



Harvest Eatery and The Blind Boar is an award-winning restaurant that focuses on regional and seasonal ingredients. Enjoy a relaxed dinner, alongside Saskatchewan-made spirits and craft beer. Other stops in Shaunavon: **Meeting Grounds Coffee House, Studio South West Salon & Shop and The Ole Blacksmith Shop**

Gravelbourg

Lafleche



Assiniboia

Ogema

Willow Bunch

Rockglen

Leader

Eastend

# Chasing cowboy dreams at small-town rodeos



Wood Mountain Stampede

Drive anywhere in the Prairies on a summer weekend and you are bound to see a large truck hauling a stock trailer, the driver's silhouette outlining a cowboy hat. Chasing belt buckle dreams down dusty grid roads and secondary highways, these cowboys and cowgirls spend hours on the road going town to town in hopes of taking home a win and padding their pockets.

A lasting cultural institution, small-town rodeos are still as prevalent today as they have ever been, a testament to a strong ranch background that spread across the province. The geographic area referred to as Palliser's Triangle, making up most of southwest Saskatchewan, is composed of sandy soil and prone to low moisture. As such, ranching is often the agricultural practice of choice. The result is that southern Saskatchewan specifically boasts a lineage of not just strong ranch ethic, but world-class cowboy and cowgirl stock.

Wood Mountain, in particular, has a unique and lasting history, hosting the Wood Mountain Sports & Stampede since 1890. The longest-running rodeo in North America, the event is an opportunity to step back into the past. Tucked amongst rolling hills, a silhouette of Chief Sitting Bull is perched on the horizon, a reminder of when the chief and his Lakota people sought refuge from the U.S. army on

this side of the border. The rodeo still showcases "ranch rodeo" events, which test contestants' skills at more practical ranch tasks, such as wild horse riding, sorting and penning cattle and the ever-popular wild cow milking.

From the Cowboy's Prayer to kick things off to the loud music from the cabaret lasting into the early hours of the morning, every small-town rodeo offers a sensory and cultural experience just down the road. The opportunity to engage in an event and population that has been part of the fabric of this province for well over 100 years is not to be missed.

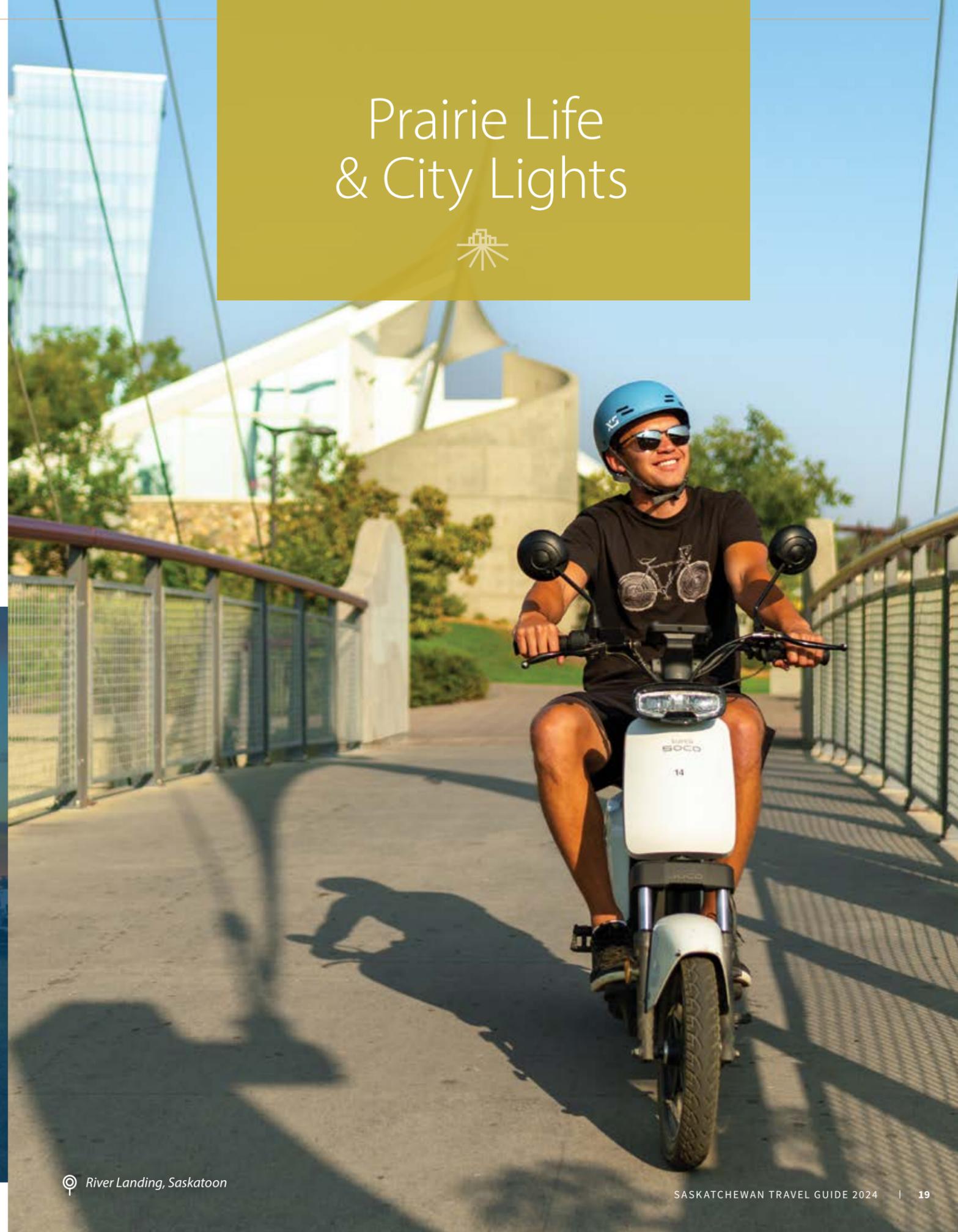
My friend Ashton Lehman, a working cowboy and steer wrestler/roper, once told me the best way to become a millionaire as a rodeo cowboy is to start with \$2 million. Lucky for us, admission to a rodeo is generally \$20 and a burger and beer is \$10.



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# Prairie Life & City Lights



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Picnic in the Park**  
Swift Current • June 2, 2024

**Sandhill Rodeo**  
Lancer • June 8-9, 2024

**2024 Lake Diefenbaker Walleye Classic**  
Elbow • June 8-9, 2024

**Mortlach Saskatoon Berry Festival**  
Mortlach • June 15, 2024

**Long Day's Night Music Festival**  
Swift Current • June 20-22, 2024

**Cars in the Hills 2024**  
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park  
June 22, 2024

**River and Rail ArtVenture**  
Outlook • June 22-23, 2024

**SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival**  
Swift Current • June 22-23, 2024

**Frontier Days Regional Fair and CCA Rodeo**  
Swift Current • June 26-29, 2024

**Wood Mountain Sports & Stampede**  
Wood Mountain • July 5-7, 2024

**SaskExpress at Douglas**  
Douglas Provincial Park • July 7, 2024

**SaskExpress at Sask Landing**  
Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park  
July 12, 2024

**Beyond the Big Dipper**  
Grasslands National Park - West Block  
July 12-13, 2024

**Shaunavon Boomtown Days**  
Shaunavon • July 18-21, 2024

**Assiniboia Polkafest**  
Assiniboia • July 19-20, 2024

**Mossbank Old Wives Lake Festival**  
Mossbank • July 19-21, 2024

**2024 Sask Landing Walleye Tournament**  
Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park  
July 20-21, 2024

**Gateway Festival**  
Bengough • July 26-28, 2024

**Dino Days Weekend**  
Eastend • July 26-28, 2024

**Annual Riverhurst Bean Festival**  
Riverhurst • July 27, 2024

**Saskatchewan Summer Star Party**  
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park  
August 7-11, 2024

**Fossil Fever**  
Grasslands National Park - East Block  
August 13-17, 2024

**Hilltop Sheepdog Trial 2024**  
Mankota • August 28-September 1, 2024

**Southern Cruisers' Annual Fall Car Show & Shine**  
Assiniboia • September 7, 2024

**Beaver Flat 50**  
Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park  
September 14, 2024

**Val Marie Annual Indoor Bob Larson Memorial Rodeo**  
Val Marie • September 20-21, 2024

**Beechy Western Days**  
Beechy • September 20-22, 2024

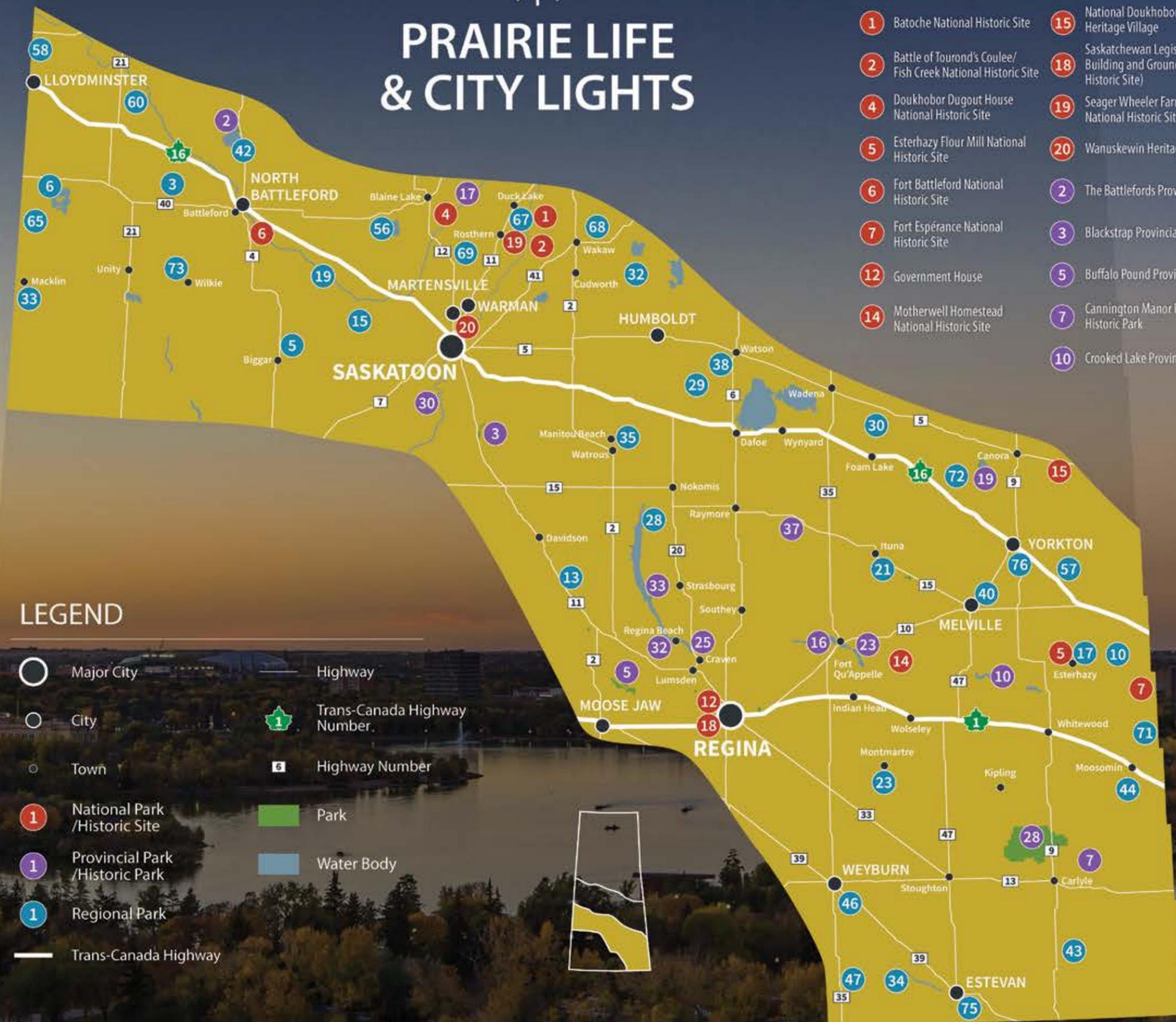
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Contact organizers for the latest event information.



# PRAIRIE LIFE & CITY LIGHTS



## PARK LIST

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|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Batoche National Historic Site                                | 15 National Doukhobor Heritage Village                                    | 16 Echo Valley Provincial Park                   | 33 Macklin Lake Regional Park         |
| 2 Battle of Tourond's Coulee/ Fish Creek National Historic Site | 18 Saskatchewan Legislative Building and Grounds (National Historic Site) | 17 Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park         | 34 Mainprize Regional Park            |
| 4 Doukhobor Dugout House National Historic Site                 | 19 Seager Wheeler Farm National Historic Site                             | 19 Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park              | 35 Manitou & District Regional Park   |
| 5 Esterhazy Flour Mill National Historic Site                   | 20 Wanuskewin Heritage Park   | 23 Katepwa Point Provincial Park                 | 38 McNab Regional Park                |
| 6 Fort Battleford National Historic Site                        | 2 The Battlefords Provincial Park   | 25 Last Mountain House Provincial Historic Park  | 40 Melville Regional Park             |
| 7 Fort Espérance National Historic Site                         | 3 Blackstrap Provincial Park  | 28 Moose Mountain Provincial Park                | 42 Meota Regional Park                |
| 12 Government House   | 5 Buffalo Pound Provincial Park   | 30 Pike Lake Provincial Park                     | 43 Moose Creek Regional Park          |
| 14 Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site                  | 7 Cannington Manor Provincial Historic Park                               | 32 Regina Beach Recreation Site                  | 44 Moosomin & District Regional Park  |
|   | 10 Crooked Lake Provincial Park   | 33 Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park                | 46 Nickle Lake Regional Park          |
|   |   | 37 Touchwood Hills Post Provincial Historic Park | 47 Ungre Memorial Regional Park       |
|   |   | 3 Atton's Lake Regional Park                     | 56 Redberry Lake Regional Park        |
|   |   | 5 Biggar & District Regional Park                | 57 Saltcoats & District Regional Park |
|   |   | 6 Big Manitou Regional Park                      | 58 Sandy Beach Regional Park          |
|   |   | 10 Carlton Trail Regional Park                   | 60 Silver Lake Regional Park          |
|   |   | 13 Craik and District Regional Park              | 65 Suffern Lake Regional Park         |
|   |   | 15 Eagle Creek Regional Park                     | 67 Valley Regional Park               |
|   |   | 17 Esterhazy Regional Park                       | 68 Wakaw Lake Regional Park           |
|   |   | 19 Glenburn Regional Park                        | 69 Waldheim Regional Park             |
|   |   | 21 Ituna & District Regional Park                | 71 Welwyn Centennial Regional Park    |
|   |   | 23 Kemoca Regional Park                          | 72 Whitesand Regional Park            |
|   |   | 28 Last Mountain Regional Park                   | 73 Wilkie Regional Park               |
|   |   | 29 LeRoy Leisureland Regional Park               | 75 Woodlawn Regional Park             |
|   |   | 30 Leslie Beach Regional Park                    | 76 York Lake Regional Park            |
|   |   | 32 Lucien Lake Regional Park                     |                                       |

## LEGEND

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|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Major City                     |  | Highway                     |
|  | City                           |  | Trans-Canada Highway Number |
|  | Town                           |  | Highway Number              |
|  | National Park /Historic Site   |  | Park                        |
|  | Provincial Park /Historic Park |  | Water Body                  |
|  | Regional Park                  |  |                             |
|  | Trans-Canada Highway           |  |                             |



📍 River Landing (Meewasin Valley)



📍 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo



📍 Western Development Museum



📍 Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park

# Family-Friendly Fun in Saskatoon

Looking to keep the kids busy this summer? Saskatoon is full of places where children can have a great time (and the grown-ups can relax a little bit too!). There are plenty of indoor and outdoor options to entertain them.

## Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo

Set down a blanket and have a family picnic, catch your first fish, ride the new Kinsmen Express II train (wheelchair accessible), and meet the many denizens of the **Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo**. Visit the Kinsmen Bear Exhibit and you may see grizzly bears Mistaya and Koda wrestling, digging or playing in their pond. At the Nutrien Ark, Arctic wolves Nuna, Anori and Inneq, along with Kazi the snow leopard, will amaze and delight.

## Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park

Celebrate the magic of play at **Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park**. Take a ride on the ferris wheel for a bird's-eye view of the city, twirl around on the colourful carousel or hop aboard the modern-day freight train for a park tour. Watch the kids play on the mini-zipline, dig in the sand or cool down on the splash pad. It is the perfect spot for a hot weekend day or weekday afternoon.

## Nutrien Wonderhub

**Nutrien Wonderhub** is the first and only children's museum of its kind in Saskatchewan. At this state-of-the-art facility, children and their grown-ups can enjoy more than 25,000 sq. ft. of interactive exhibits, programs and opportunities for playful learning. Wonderhub's Little Bridges exhibit, created by renowned artist Mackenzie May Dupre, offers a delightful environment for kids to explore and learn while celebrating Saskatchewan's cultural heritage through bridge-themed activities.



## The Stoked Centre

At **The Stoked Centre**, rip around on high-speed electric go-karts, fly high on the 200-ft. zipline, challenge yourself on the two-storey SkyTrail rope course, or bowl a few games at the 10-pin bowling alley.

## River Landing (Meewasin Valley)

Pack up the kids and head down to the river, where you can cool off on a hot Saskatoon summer day at the **Saskatchewan River Basin Water Spray Feature at River Landing**. This attraction was designed with the local geography and natural and cultural heritage in mind.

## Remai Modern

**Remai Modern**, considered one of North America's most visionary art galleries, boasts the world's largest collection of Picasso linocut prints. From the outside, the gallery makes a bold statement with its award-winning architecture. Step through the doors and explore the impressive modern and contemporary art exhibits. It also has regular kid-friendly programming, including stroller tours and the Cameco Children's Play Area.

## Prairie River Cruises

See Saskatoon from the water on the top deck or inside the heated cabin of **The Prairie Lily**. Let **Prairie River Cruises** be your guide as you enjoy the beautiful scenery of the South Saskatchewan River. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon sightseeing tour with your family and gain a unique perspective of the city.

## Western Development Museum

Imagine yourself washing clothes on a scrub board, stoking the fire in the cook stove and shopping in the general store as you explore the lives of Saskatchewan's early settlers at the **Western Development Museum – Saskatoon**. 1910 Boomtown, the life-size re-creation of a main street from yesteryear, also boasts a priceless collection of antique automobiles and a working exhibit, the Boomtown Café.



## Wanuskewin Heritage Park

With the aim of advancing the understanding and appreciation of the evolving cultures of the Northern Plains People, **Wanuskewin Heritage Park** tells the story of 6,400 years of history. Walk back in time as you follow the Path of the People, explore the Trail of Discovery or climb to the east prairie along the Trail of the Bison. Follow the Bison Viewing Trail to the lookout point to see the Plains Bison herd that was recently reintroduced to its ancestral homeland. The interpretive playground, designed to incorporate the historical significance of the site and the many Indigenous Nations that gather here, will definitely be a hit with the kids.



📍 Remai Modern



Farm One Forty

# Fresh and Delicious: Farm-to-Table Dining at Odlā Restaurant & Market

Arlie LaRoche grew up farming in Saskatchewan, but it wasn't until later in her life that she realized how lucky she was to be so close to her food and the land. "I always took for granted that I knew where my food was coming from," LaRoche said. "I realized that that was not something to take for granted, that a lot of people had no connection to a farm anymore."

LaRoche wanted to help other people experience that connection. She had pursued a career in environmental consulting but says her taste buds led her back to the farm.

"I learned that if I want good food, I probably have to grow it," LaRoche said.

In 2013, LaRoche started **Farm One Forty** with her husband Brett. The 140-acre farm

is located 25 km southwest of Saskatoon. The land sits in the peak of North America's great plains. In Saskatchewan, these prairie landscapes feature rich and dark brown soils that support millions of acres of cultivated farmland.

The LaRoche's farm has cultivated a different relationship with its soils compared to most conventional farms in the area. Farm One Forty is a regenerative farm. Regenerative farming is a practice



that involves aligning agriculture efforts with nature to protect soil and promote biodiversity. LaRoche describes it as a means to improve the quality of the soil, water, air and forage.

"We're just always trying to be a benefit to the land rather than taking away from it," she said.

When LaRoche returned to farming, she couldn't fathom taking a different approach. "I saw it as the only way forward." Imagine a farm where all of the animals have a role in sustaining each other and the land. The chickens help protect the garden. Grazing cattle and sheep keep grasses short and fertilize the fields. The pigs dig into the soil, mixing in organic matter. It's a beautiful relationship



Odlā Restaurant & Market

between the land, the animals and vegetation. That's Farm One Forty.

But why imagine it when you can experience it? There are plenty of opportunities to visit the farm. The LaRoches host events, dinners, concerts, kids' camps, and sleigh rides in the wintertime. There's a little store on the farm, where people can make an appointment to come buy food steps away from where it was grown.

The LaRoches have also brought their farm experience directly to people dining in Saskatoon. In 2019, they partnered with Lacey Sellinger and Scott Dicks to open **Odlā Restaurant & Market** in the city's vibrant Broadway District.

In addition to being co-owners of the restaurant, Sellinger is the in-house Sommelier and General Manager and Scott Dicks is the Chef.

What's most important to Dicks is that the food served at Odlā is fresh and delicious. This is why they source local ingredients harvested at the peak of production. Farm One Forty supplies the restaurant with vegetables, grass-fed beef, lamb and pasture-raised pork. Dicks works with about 50 other local producers to supply ingredients for the rest of Odlā's menu.

LaRoche said the partnerships Odlā has formed with local producers work so well because the restaurant creates its dishes based on what's in season and when things are ready. They also do much of the animal butchery in-house, not just taking select cuts but using the whole animal. "We're letting their product shine and we're showing it the respect it deserves," Dicks said.

Sellinger says she doesn't know of any other place where a restaurant could source so many ingredients within 50 km of its location.

"If something is picked or pulled out of the ground and we get it within 12 to 24 hours, obviously that's peak freshness that you're not getting anywhere else," Dicks said.



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ODLā RESTAURANT & MARKET



Odlā's staff are inspired and challenged by their efforts to only use Saskatchewan ingredients. "We have to be a little bit more creative on finishing a dish or balancing a dish with what's available to us," Dicks said.

Sellinger hopes people who dine at Odlā come with questions about the food that's on their plate. "We want people to know where their food is coming from and harken back to a simpler time when everything was just from the garden or at the farm," Sellinger said.



Learn more about farm to table dining with Odlā and Farm One Forty.





# Plan an urban dining tour in Saskatoon and Regina

Saskatchewan's two largest cities continue to surprise and impress with a full menu of familiar and upcoming culinary establishments. Here is a sampling of places to check out on your next urban dining tour in Saskatoon and Regina.

## SASKATOON

### Bannock Express

📍 1205 22nd Street West

Warning: Browsing the menu of **Bannock Express** will cause instant hunger pangs. Owner Rachel Smith continues to expand to accommodate her growing business, and it's easy to see why when you try one of her breakfast sandwiches or chef specials. Her bannock-centric meals are satisfying and delicious. While you're there, pick up a bag of Smith's Bannock Quick Mix to enjoy the taste of bannock at home.

### Hearth Restaurant

📍 102 Spadina Crescent

Located in the Remai Modern, **Hearth Restaurant** has been called a "celebration of Saskatchewan." With its emphasis on locally sourced ingredients, from chanterelle mushrooms foraged from northern forests to the pickerel in its popular "fish fry" entree, owners Beth Rogers and Thayne Robstad have created a delicious and carefully curated menu of delicious dishes.

### Odd Couple

📍 228 20th Street West

Riversdale is home to a great lineup of great restaurants, but **Odd Couple** stands out for the simplicity and deliciousness of its cuisine, which fuses Cantonese, Vietnamese and Japanese techniques with Canadian favourites.

### POP Wine Bar

📍 334 20th Street West

Looking for a unique natural wine to go with oysters or a charcuterie board? **POP Wine Bar** is one of Saskatoon's most exciting places to go for a light snack and a glass of bubbles in the Riversdale neighbourhood.

### Hometown Diner

📍 210 20th Street West

Sometimes traditional diner food is exactly what you need. Located in Saskatoon's Riversdale neighbourhood, **Hometown Diner** offers great breakfast dishes made with care and high-quality ingredients. Dishes range from a plate of bacon and eggs to the Ukrainian Brekkie and the refreshing Mediterranean Bowl. Throw in a honey lemon margarita and you've got yourself a proper weekend brunch.

### Primal

📍 423 20th Street West

Primal prides itself on creating time-honoured Italian food and handmade pasta using Saskatchewan heritage grains and meats. Owned by well-known Saskatoon restaurateurs Kyle Michael and Christie Peters, Primal was also featured on Canada's 100 Best Restaurants 2022.

### F&B Restaurant

📍 226 2nd Avenue South

For those who mourned the closure of Ayden Kitchen & Bar, **F&B Restaurant** carries on its legacy with a menu that carries over a few of Dale MacKay's favourite dishes while introducing a host of new dishes, all in a cozy and modern space. Come down and share plates with friends as you sip on cocktails. And before you ask, "F&B" stands for "food & beverage." Now you know!

## REGINA

### Avenue Restaurant

📍 100 - 2201 11th Avenue

**Avenue Restaurant** is a beautifully designed fine casual dining establishment in downtown Regina. Its carefully crafted cocktails and delicious food earned it a place on Canada's 100 Best Restaurants list.



📍 F&B Restaurant

### Bar Willow

📍 3000 Wascana Drive

**Bar Willow**, located on the shore of Wascana Lake, boasts the best view in the city. From the restaurant's expansive outdoor patio, enjoy the sunset over the Saskatchewan Legislative Building as you sample the extensive wine menu and snack on elevated casual fare. Warming pits and lamps make for a wonderful patio dining experience, even in the cooler months.

### Caraway Grill

📍 1625 Broad Street/2072 Aurora Boulevard

**Caraway Grill** offers exceptional Indian food at the edge of Regina's downtown, with an additional location in the east end of the city and one in Saskatoon.

### Crave Kitchen + Wine Bar

📍 1925 Victoria Avenue

Practically a Regina institution, **Crave Kitchen + Wine Bar** has brought fine dining and Saskatchewan ingredients to restaurant goers since 2006. Enjoy a glass of wine and a superb charcuterie board with friends and family.

### Homestead Bar à Vin

📍 338C University Park Drive

There are wine bars, and then there's **Homestead Bar à Vin**. Owner Josh McLean started the restaurant as a way of sharing his love of natural wine and fine cuisine. Billing itself as the "little wine bar on the prairies," Homestead offers a selection of bottles you won't find anywhere else.



📍 Skye Café Bistro

### Skye Café & Bistro

📍 2903 Powerhouse Drive

Located at the Saskatchewan Science Centre, **Skye Café & Bistro** offers an international menu made with locally grown ingredients. New chef Jssel Hysuik, formerly of Sprout Catering, is carrying on the café's tradition of light lunches and brunches.

📍 Tunnels of Moose Jaw



Go underground to learn the history of Canada's Most Notorious City at the Tunnels of Moose Jaw.

# 12 Hours in Moose Jaw:

## CANADA'S MOST NOTORIOUS CITY

I'm just going to come out and say it: **Moose Jaw** is my favourite city in the province.

Why, you ask? If I had to explain it in one word, it would be Wakamow – 20 km of trail stretched across 500 acres of valley. The urban park stole my heart from the moment we met.

But my love for the city goes deeper than the nature that runs through it. It's the laid-back charm of the downtown – the heritage buildings, murals and boutique-style shops. The city begs to be photographed. And the cherry (or should I say cherries) on top are its food, art and history.

Oh, Moose Jaw and its *notorious* history that conjures images of a colourful past involving gangsters (Al Capone allegedly spent time here).

Because I think you'll like Moose Jaw as much as I do, I built you an itinerary that's guaranteed to make you fall in love with the city as quickly as I did. Let's get started.

You have 12 hours in Moose Jaw. Your time starts now.

**10 a.m.:** Step back in time at the **Tunnels of Moose Jaw** with a themed tour that explores local legend. Beneath downtown streets, immerse yourself into the world of Prohibition-era bootleggers in the *Chicago Connection Tour*, or experience the life of a Chinese immigrant working at an underground laundry on the *Passage to Fortune Tour*. **Bunker 24** (wheelchair accessible) tells the story of Canada's growth as a nation following the Second World War. The backdrop is a 1950s Cold War bunker, and you are entering your first day of training as a new recruit.

**12 p.m.:** Enjoy art and lunch at the **Yvette Moore Gallery**. Housed in the restored 1910 Land Titles Building, the gallery showcases the work of the internationally renowned painter, along with creations from over 40 western Canadian artisans. Its onsite restaurant, **The Gallery Café**, serves classic prairie cuisine with an artistic take.

**2 p.m.:** Breathe in fresh air as you wander the trails of **Wakamow Valley**. The lush parkland and natural habitat is home to a variety of flora and fauna, including over 190 species of birds.



**8:30 p.m.:** Enjoy a beverage at **Rosie's on River Street**. You've earned it.



📍 Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa

### TRAVEL TIP

If you want to extend your visit and spend the night, the aforementioned accommodation properties are great options.

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can relive history with a ride on the only operating steam locomotive in Saskatchewan at the **Western Development Museum – Moose Jaw**. Transportation is the theme of the museum, which dedicates part of its aviation exhibit to the Canadian Forces Snowbirds 431 Air Demonstration Squadron.



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📍 Grant Hall Hotel



Wascana Centre

# Top Attractions in Regina



Located in the southern part of the province, Saskatchewan's capital city is teeming with must sees and dos. Plan a vacation to the Queen City and visit these top attractions.

## Wascana Centre

Cool off from the Saskatchewan summer heat as you paddle out on a canoe, kayak or stand-up paddleboard to one of Wascana Lake's many constructed islands, or take a leisurely cruise with **Ferry Boat Tours**. **Wascana Centre**, one of the largest urban parks in North America, is an oasis in the middle of the city and an excellent venue for walking, cycling and jogging. The park is equipped with accessible options to ensure everyone can enjoy its beauty. It is also the home to the 104-hectare Wascana Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where you might spot some wild creatures, from painted turtles and wetland birds to pelicans and cormorants. **Wascana Pool** is a new addition to

Wascana Centre. The outdoor pool is an exciting, inclusive and vibrant facility that provides a unique outdoor summer experience for those of all ages. The facility includes two waterslides, a climbing wall, lazy river and accessible side by side slides.

## Royal Saskatchewan Museum

In 2019, the **Royal Saskatchewan Museum's** newest star attraction made its debut. Scotty, the world's largest and oldest *Tyrannosaurus rex*, calls the Regina museum its second home (the first is the **T.rex Discovery Centre** in Eastend). This scale replica is so massive that it required major redevelopment of the museum to allow for two-storey viewing of the dinosaur skeleton. Another exhibit –



RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division



Government House

**HOME: Life in the Anthropocene** – explores the human condition and its impact on the world. The museum's First Nations Gallery reflects the history and traditions of Indigenous Peoples and their relationship with the land for over 10,000 years.

## Saskatchewan Science Centre and Kramer IMAX Theatre

Igniting the scientific curiosity of young and old, the **Saskatchewan Science Centre** has more than 185 hands-on exhibits featuring history, nature and technology. It is also home to the IMAX movie theatre and Atom + Geek Science Shop.



Saskatchewan Science Centre

## RCMP Heritage Centre

The **RCMP Heritage Centre** brings to life one of Canada's oldest and most iconic stories, the story of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). While the museum is modern, its setting on the grounds of the RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, is steeped in history. Established in 1885, "Depot" Division is considered the "Cradle of the Force," with all RCMP members from across Canada receiving their training in Regina. Explore over a century of history, from the formation of the North West Mounted Police in 1873 to the modern-day Mountie. In the exhibit hall, check out the Musical Ride virtual reality experience or get behind the wheel of the driving simulator. You can also hop on their summer **Trolley Depot Tours** and see the Sergeant Major's Parade.

## MacKenzie Art Gallery

Spend a leisurely afternoon browsing works of art at the **MacKenzie Art Gallery**, Saskatchewan's oldest public art gallery. Located in the T.C. Douglas Building, the gallery features thought-provoking creations from around the world, with nearly 5,000 pieces in its permanent collection. Wander through the 24,000 sq. ft. of gallery space and then stop in The Gallery Shop to purchase locally made, handcrafted and thoughtfully curated giftware.

## Saskatchewan Legislative Building

Constructed in 1912, the **Saskatchewan Legislative Building** is one of the grandest buildings in Western Canada. Designed by the Maxwell Brothers of Montreal in Beaux-Arts style, the building was constructed with Manitoba Tyndall stone and 34 types of marble. View the grand staircase, rotunda, galleries and Legislative Assembly Chamber during a guided tour, offered multiple times daily. Learn about the vision that early leaders had for the province and the many famous Canadians who are a part of Saskatchewan's political legacy. To discover points of historical interest on the grounds near the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, take a 45-minute self-guided tour through Wascana Centre.

## Government House

Experience life in turn-of-the-century splendour and admire its Victorian-era elegance while exploring **Government House**, which was built in 1891 to house the Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Territories. Now it's home to a museum, a conservatory and formal Edwardian Gardens. Engaging tours, programs and exhibits will take you back in time.



Royal Saskatchewan Museum

Learn more about the discovery of Scotty, the world's largest *Tyrannosaurus rex*, and other fossils found in southern Saskatchewan from the researchers at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.





# Growing Over The Hill Orchards and Winery



Most people don't spend much time thinking about the taste of an almond beyond the few seconds it takes to crunch one between our teeth. For Dean Kreutzer, co-owner of **Over the Hill Orchards and Winery**, it's the work of years.

Among his many other projects, Kreutzer is trying to create a sweet almond that can withstand the semi-arid southern Saskatchewan climate. The process, which started with bitter almonds brought over from Europe, is slow and uncertain, full

of dead ends and attempts that result in failure. But with patience and careful attention to detail, he may get there in just a few more years.

It's a story that he likes to tell crowds of visitors who have come to sample Over the Hill's fruit wines and pies. It may sound like a dry topic, but he delivers it with an easygoing charisma and knowledge that makes almond breeding sound riveting.

Dean and Sylvia Kreutzer didn't start with almonds. In 2000, they purchased a plot of land overlooking the gorgeous Qu'Appelle Valley and set out to create a Certified Organic farm with fruits that were not typical for Saskatchewan. Sour cherries, apricots, wine grapes, strawberries that taste like classic bubblegum – all of these plants can be found growing there at various times of the year.

The Kreutzers were new to fruit growing when they planted their first cherry tree in 2000. Sylvia grew up on a farm, but Dean had no agricultural experience. Nonetheless, they were both passionate about creating something new and unique on the prairies.

In the years since, Over the Hill Orchards and Winery has grown into a wonderful tourist attraction. Located a short drive from **Regina** (near **Lumsden**), it features tours of the facility, a storefront for its many food and wine offerings, and a dining room for events and tastings. Keep an eye out for the Supper in the Orchard series, in which Saskatchewan chefs prepare a multi-course meal using mostly local ingredients as Sylvia and Dean take visitors on a tour of the orchard. If you go, ask Dean how his almonds are coming along.



Allen Sapp Gallery/The Gonor Collection

## Saskatchewan's heritage on display in our small cities



Saskatchewan's smaller urban centres are rich in historical and cultural attractions. Visit these communities and learn more about the past, the character of this province and the people who call it home.

### Yorkton

**Yorkton** is a main commercial hub for east central Saskatchewan and one of the major centres of Ukrainian settlement in the province. At the Yorkton branch of the **Western Development Museum**, *100 Years of Saskatchewan History* is on display. See an actual settler shack preserved for visitors and learn the sad story of the Humeniuk carved figures. Community pride and support drove an ambitious restoration of the **Yorkton Brick Flour Mill**, which offers guided tours in the summer months (online booking required). Storyboards on the grounds highlight milestones in the mill's history and share insights on pre-settlement times. The **Godfrey Dean Art Gallery** features contemporary works from Saskatchewan artists. Learn more about the city's heritage on a self-guided walking tour of Yorkton. Maps and information are available through **Tourism Yorkton**.



Melville Railway Museum

### Melville

The **Melville Heritage Museum** is housed in the historic Luther Academy. The 1913 collegiate Gothic-style building houses more than 10,000 artifacts displayed over three floors. Features include a chapel, library and rooms dedicated to railway, military and sports history. A relocated Grand Trunk Pacific station serves as the **Melville Railway Museum**. Out front is a CN steam locomotive, Grand Trunk Pacific flat car and CN old-style caboose, while indoor exhibits include telegraphs and other communications equipment.

### Estevan

The **Estevan Art Gallery & Museum** has an impressive permanent collection with two components: fine art in the form of prints and paintings; and artifacts relating to North West Mounted Police (NWMP) history. The province's oldest NWMP detachment post was relocated to the museum grounds. The **Souris Valley Museum** focuses on human history and life in southeast Saskatchewan. Indoor exhibits recreate settings from the past – a post office, bank, general store and settler homes, and include an Indigenous Peoples exhibit. The museum grounds feature a schoolhouse, homestead shack, vintage harvest cook car, and heritage mining display.

### Weyburn

The **Weyburn and Area Heritage Village** replicates an early-1900s village community through its collection of buildings and artifacts. The **Soo Line Historical Museum** highlights stories and history of the area and includes the largest private collection of silver known to exist – 5,000 items are on display.



### Lloydminster

Spend the day exploring Lloydminster's historic downtown and take a selfie in front of one of the many colourful murals during an ArtWalk. Impressive public art can be found throughout the border city, which straddles the boundary of Saskatchewan and Alberta. The **Lloydminster Museum & Archives** (formerly Lloydminster Cultural & Science Centre) features a permanent gallery dedicated to the history of Lloydminster and region. The facility also has a temporary gallery to host travelling exhibits and a gift shop.



### North Battleford

View powerful images of the Northern Plains Cree through the art of renowned Indigenous artist Allen Sapp at the **Allen Sapp Gallery/The Gonor Collection** in **North Battleford**. Sapp's real-life depictions of his past have been seen around the world and earned the late artist provincial and national recognition, including the Order of Canada. At the North Battleford branch of the **Western Development Museum**, tour a working 1920s-era village and farm with a fully preserved grain elevator.



Yorkton Brick Flour Mill

## Visit the Valley: A Day Trip to Lumsden

Turn a quiet Saturday into a spontaneous day trip. Whether you're interested in treating yourself to great food and drink or browsing unique shops, grab your friends, fill your tank and discover these hidden gems in the town of Lumsden.

### Food and Drink

#### Free Bird

Free Bird's philosophy is "common food done uncommonly well." Serving brunch, lunch and dinner, the menu features unique takes on fried chicken, shrimp tacos, pizza and burgers.

#### Last Mountain Distillery

Are you curious to find out exactly how a handful of grain becomes a glass of spirits? Take a tour of Last Mountain Distillery with owners Colin and Meredith Schmidt, who will walk you through the process and even let you in on the secret of their dill pickle vodka (hint: it's dill). Tours are available on Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. Pick up a bottle of spirits made from Saskatchewan grain on your way out.

#### Jane Dough's Bakehouse and Coffee Company

Jane Dough's Bakehouse and Coffee Company is a bakery specializing in simple, soul-warming baking and daily breakfast and lunch menus – think carrot cake and soups and stews served in hollowed-out bread bowls. Its owner, Jane, sources all of her ingredients locally, and everything is made-from-scratch. The bakery's cinnamon buns are a local favourite.

### Shopping



#### Thr3e Clothing Connection

On James Street, Thr3e Clothing Connection offers a curated collection of trendy and timeless styles for everyday wear, and has racks and racks of beautiful and stylish clothes, shoes and accessories for women.

#### The Painted Parasol Gift & Toy

The Painted Parasol Gift & Toy is an eclectic boutique shop that offers an assortment of fine products, including home decor, giftware, jewellery, bath and body products, local arts and crafts, toys, candy and baby items.

#### Lumsden Florist, etc.

Lumsden Florist, etc. is a quaint little shop located in scenic downtown Lumsden. It offers unique, quality flower designs, a wide selection of plants, DIY workshops and kits, and gift options, such as throw pillows, coffee cups, jewellery and purses.

## Other Stops

While daytripping, visit these market gardens located in the picturesque Qu'Appelle Valley between **Lumsden** and **Craven**:

#### Corn Maiden Market at Lincoln Gardens

Corn Maiden Market at Lincoln Gardens, a garden centre and country market, has fresh produce and herbs, locally made jams, honey and baking, as well as a gift shop, corn maze and pumpkin patch onsite.

#### Frontier Gardens

Further down the road, Frontier Gardens has been a popular market garden for over 50 years, with its saskatoon berry U-pick and pumpkin patch.



© Beardy's and Okemasis' Cree Nation

# Kichiota Indigenous Destinations:

SPECIAL PLACES FOR MANY PEOPLES

Saskatchewan's first Indigenous tourism corridor – **Kichiota Indigenous Destinations** – is a partnership between **Whitecap Dakota First Nation**, **Wanuskewin Heritage Park** and **Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation**. The first of its kind in Canada, the corridor offers a variety of experiences that highlight the history and traditions of Northern Plains Indigenous cultures.

The name Kichiota has roots in both Cree and Dakota languages and is described as "a coming together of Indigenous languages, creating a whole greater than the sum of its parts." There is no direct translation, but applied to this unique partnership, the meaning of the name becomes "special places for many peoples."

## Whitecap Dakota First Nation

Soak in the spectacular views of the award-winning golf course and South Saskatchewan River valley from the indoor rooftop pool at the **Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino**. Located south of **Saskatoon**, the 155-room resort stands as a tribute to its Indigenous heritage with angular window trims and exterior wood panels echoing the traditional tipi. This thoughtful nod to the culture carries through to the hotel's guest rooms by way of art and design.

The full-service resort also includes a 10,000-sq. ft. conference centre, the Moose Woods Home Fire Grill, which offers a farm-to-table dining experience. An exhibit corridor leads to the curated **Wanuskewin Gift Shop**, where you can

purchase unique, handcrafted items made by local First Nations artisans.

While enjoying a stay at the resort, hit the gaming floor at the **Dakota Dunes Casino**, pull out the clubs for a round at the 18-hole **Dakota Dunes Golf Links** or book an authentic Indigenous cultural experience through **Dakota Dunes Adventures**.

## Wanuskewin Heritage Park



A gathering place for all nations of the Northern Plains for over 6,400 years, **Wanuskewin Heritage Park** is the longest-running archeological dig site in Canada. This flagship attraction is also on its way to UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

Walk back in time as you follow the Path of the People, explore the Trail of Discovery or climb to the east prairie along the Trail of the Bison. Follow the Bison Viewing Trail to the lookout point to see **Wanuskewin's** growing herd – all descendants of the last



Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park

1,000 bison on the prairies before near-extinction in the 1870s.

Through the centre's immersive programming and expanded exhibits, learn about the cultural significance of the animal, as well as the role they played in a major archeological find. Bison activity was credited with uncovering a 1,200-year-old petroglyph. Careful excavation revealed the stone tool used to carve the rock image, as well as three additional petroglyphs.

Taste traditional Indigenous cuisine with a contemporary twist at the refreshed restaurant, or browse the well-curated gift shop and art gallery. Experience a special evening at one of the park's popular **Han Wi Moon** dinners. The outdoor dining event treats guests to a decadent meal made from foraged and locally sourced ingredients, served at sunset, followed by a campfire with storytelling.

Other cultural experiences include archeological tours, native plant walks, and tipi sleepovers.

## Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation

**Pēmiska Tourism** invites visitors to experience Cree culture and hospitality, and hear untold stories of Saskatchewan's past while visiting **Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation**.

Overnight glamping, Indigenous cuisine (discover the secrets of making bannock!), cultural performances and dancing are just some of the tourism offerings available.



Dakota Dunes Golf Links

A 30-km portion of the Trans Canada Trail runs through the community and connects to **Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park**. The scenic, forested trail is the backdrop for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and ATV adventures.



Hear **Dr. Ernie Walker** share the story of how the bison at **Wanuskewin Heritage Park** helped uncover a major archeological discovery at the site.



Wanuskewin Heritage Park



Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park



# Pick a Park

At these 11 provincial parks and recreation sites in central and southeast Saskatchewan, opportunities abound for boating and watersports, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and sunny summer days at the beach. Find that perfect spot to pitch a tent at one of the great campgrounds, explore the park on a nature hike or hit some balls at a nearby golf course.

## 1 | Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park

Good Spirit Lake, 48 km NW of Yorkton

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – one tent and two yurts), **Good Spirit Golf Resort, Mistik Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (Good Spirit Golf Resort), hiking (Trans Canada Trail), disc golf, mini golf (PAR-TICI-PUTT Mini Golf & Rentals), fishing, boat/equipment rentals (PAR-TICI-PUTT Mini Golf & Rentals)

## 2 | The Battlefords Provincial Park

Jackfish Lake, 39 km N of North Battleford

**Accommodations:** camping, **Jackfish Lodge Golf & Conference Centre**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (Jackfish Lodge Golf & Conference Centre), hiking, mountain biking, mini golf (Lakeshore Mini Golf), disc golf, fishing, boat rentals (Beachside Boat Rental)

## 3 | Blackstrap Provincial Park

Blackstrap Lake, 40 km SE of Saskatoon

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two yurts), **Blackstrap Glamping Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mountain biking, disc golf, **Sask Aquatic Adventures**, fishing



## 4 | Pike Lake Provincial Park

Pike Lake, 30 km SW of Saskatoon

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy site – one yurt), **Night Owl Camping Cabins**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, hiking, swimming pool/waterslide (wheelchair accessible), birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mini golf (Pike Lake Minigolf), disc golf, bike rentals, fishing

## 5 | Moose Mountain Provincial Park

Kenosee Lake, 23 km N of Carlyle

**Accommodations:** camping, **Kenosee Inn and Cabins**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (Golf Kenosee, White Bear Lake Golf Course – outside of park), hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mountain biking, fishing, disc golf, horseback riding (Kenosee Lake Riding Academy), mini golf (Masters Mini Golf), boat/equipment rentals, **Prairie Dog Drive-In Theatre, Sask Aquatic Adventures, Cannington Manor Provincial Historic Park**

## 7 | Katepwa Point Provincial Park

(day-use park – no entry fee)

Katepwa Lake, 17 km SE of Fort Qu'Appelle

**Accommodations:** **Sundays Log Cabins, Katepwa Beach Hotel**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, fishing, hiking, golfing (Katepwa Beach Golf Club), disc golf, birdwatching/wildlife viewing

## 8 | Crooked Lake Provincial Park

Crooked Lake, 40 km N of Broadview/Trans-Canada Hwy 1

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy site – one yurt)

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, fishing, hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, golfing (Last Oak Golf and Country Club – outside of park at Cowessess First Nation)



Crooked Lake Provincial Park



Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park

## 6 | Echo Valley Provincial Park

Echo Lake/Pasqua Lake, 8 km W of Fort Qu'Appelle

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – three yurts)

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, fishing, hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mini golf (Echo-Par Mini Golf), golfing (Echo Ridge Golf Course – outside of park), **Saskatchewan Fish Hatchery**

## 9 | Buffalo Pound Provincial Park

Buffalo Pound Lake, 33 km NE of Moose Jaw

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two yurts; hammock camping)

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, mountain biking (Fresh Trails Mountain Bike Skills), hiking, swimming pool (wheelchair accessible), birdwatching/wildlife viewing (Nicolle Flats Interpretive Area), mini golf (Squirrely Putt & Play), disc golf, fishing, bison herd

## 10 | Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park

Last Mountain Lake, 46 km NW of Craven

**Accommodations:** camping, **G & S Marina Outfitters**

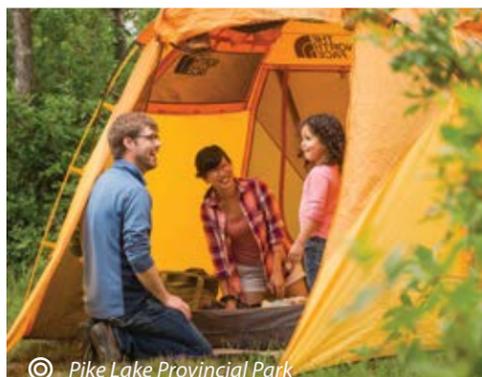
**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, fishing, hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, **Wild Waves Waterpark**, mini golf (Rowan's Ravine Mini Golf Course)

## 11 | Regina Beach Recreation Site

(day-use park – no entry fee)

Last Mountain Lake, 50 km NW of Regina

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach (accessible with a beach mat and floating beach wheelchair), **Sask Aquatic Adventures**, fishing, hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, golfing (Regina Beach Golf Club)



Pike Lake Provincial Park

### TRAVEL TIP

For provincial parks reservations, visit [parks.saskatchewan.ca](http://parks.saskatchewan.ca) or call toll-free **1-833-75K-PARK (1-833-775-7275)**.

For general inquiries, call toll-free **1-800-205-7070**.



📍 Cochin Lighthouse

## Hidden Gems and Roadside Attractions

It's time for a road trip! You'll find surprising sights and welcoming communities down the highways and back roads of Saskatchewan. Watch for these hidden gems and selfie-worthy roadside attractions on your travels.



📍 Sesula Mineral and Gem Museum and Rock Shop



📍 Mac the Moose

### Cochin Lighthouse

📍 Cochin

A landlocked prairie province is the last place you'd expect to find a lighthouse, but if you take a trip to **Cochin**, you'll see one with your own eyes. The **Cochin Lighthouse** was built in 1988 on Pirot Hill overlooking Jackfish and Murray lakes. Climb the 153 steps up the hill to visit the structure and you will be treated with an amazing view of the surrounding landscape and vast prairie skies.

### World's Largest Bunnock

📍 Macklin

If you don't know what a bunnock is, take a trip to **Macklin** and check out the **World's Largest Bunnock** sculpture that doubles as a tourist information centre. A bunnock is the anklebone of a horse and used in a game of the same name. Each year, the town hosts a world championship tournament that draws more than 1,000 competitors.

### Sesula Mineral and Gem Museum and Rock Shop

📍 Radisson

Remember the childhood thrill of finding a beautiful stone at the beach or just off a forest path? At the **Sesula Mineral and Gem Museum and Rock Shop** in **Radisson**, relive that fascination and discover a trove of gems and minerals. The museum also has Canada's only baby *T. rex* on permanent display. Launched in 2016 by Judah Tyreman, who was just 12 years old at the time, and his little sister Avi, the museum is a treat for rock lovers or anyone who enjoys spending time discovering something unusual and new.

### Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

📍 Battleford

Take a photo with Canada's biggest bat at the **Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum** in **Battleford**. With over 4,000 archival materials, the museum displays the province's rich baseball history dating back to 1879.

# On the Trail of History

The Louis Riel Trail is a 364-km route from Regina to Saskatoon to Prince Albert. The highway is named in honour of Louis Riel, who led Métis and allied First Nations in defense of their land during the 1885 Northwest Resistance. Riel was captured by government forces and brought to Regina, where he stood trial and was executed for treason. Sites along the Louis Riel Trail mark episodes in the resistance and highlight stories of Métis and First Nations Peoples.



📍 Batoche National Historic Site



## Batoche National Historic Site

At **Rosthern**, turn east onto Hwy 312, then onto Hwy 225, to visit **Batoche National Historic Site**. View history through the experiences of Métis residents who farmed along the South Saskatchewan River and had their way of life disrupted in the late 1800s. Guided and self-guided summer tours pass by remaining homes, the restored St.-Antoine-de-Padoue church and rectory, and the site of the Battle of Batoche – where residents defended their land during the 1885 Northwest Resistance. Visitors are urged to plan ahead and check the Parks Canada website, [pc.gc.ca](http://pc.gc.ca), for hours of operation.



📍 Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park

## Duck Lake Regional Interpretive Centre

Through exhibits, activities and displays of artifacts, stories are shared about the Northwest Resistance and First Nations, Métis and settler history in 1870-1905. The centre features a 24-m tower and viewing platform, sculpture court and picnic area.



📍 Fort Battleford National Historic Site

## Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park

At **Duck Lake**, turn west on Hwy 212 to reach **Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park**. An important station for the Hudson's Bay Company and negotiation site for Treaty 6, Fort Carlton caught fire and was destroyed during a hasty evacuation that took place during the Northwest Resistance. Today, the site features a reconstructed palisade, trade store, fur and provisions storage, clerks' quarters and tipi encampment. Interpretive programming and hands-on activities are offered during the summer.

### TRAILS OF 1885

These national historic sites and provincial historic parks are a part of the transprovincial **Trails of 1885** initiative ([trailsof1885.ca](http://trailsof1885.ca)). Here are a few additional Saskatchewan sites that make up the trail:

- » Fort Battleford National Historic Site
- » Humboldt & District Museum
- » Humboldt & District Gallery
- » Original Humboldt Site
- » The Marr Residence National Historic Site
- » RCMP Heritage Centre
- » Battle of Tourond's Coulee/Fish Creek National Historic Site

### UNIQUE ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

As your road trip continues, watch for these larger-than-life roadside attractions along the way:

- » Mac the Moose (*Moose Jaw*)
- » Eiffel Tower Park (*Montmartre*)
- » World's Largest Coffee Pot (*Davidson*)
- » Lesia – Canora's Welcome Statue (*Canora*)
- » World's Largest Red Paper Clip (*Kipling*)



📍 World's Largest Bunnock



Gadwall ducks

*“Saskatchewan is the duck factory of North America, so a very high percentage of North American ducks are born and raised here.”*

— STAN SHADICK, SASKATOON CUSTOM BIRD TOURS

# Exploring the Diversity of Birds in Saskatchewan



Whooping cranes

Stan Shadick has seen more species of birds in Saskatchewan than anyone else. He started birding when he was just six years old, and now, decades later, he spends his time sharing his passion and expertise with others. “There’s always something to see,” Shadick said.

As operator of **Saskatoon Custom Bird Tours**, Shadick runs about 50 different birding tours across the province. The tours range in length from just a few hours to multi-day expeditions.

He volunteers his time as a birding guide, directing tour fees to **Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation**, a rescue organization in Saskatoon that helps injured or orphaned mammals and birds.

## Birding on the Prairies

Saskatchewan is well-known for its prairie landscapes. The grasslands and waterways of these plains are home to a range of flora and fauna, including many special birds. Shadick describes the area as “a very special habitat, not found in most other parts of Canada.”

The wetlands of the prairies feature small shallow water bodies that make up the Prairie Pothole Region. These glacial potholes are the breeding habitat for waterfowl. “Saskatchewan is the duck factory of North America, so a very high percentage of North American ducks are actually born and raised here in Saskatchewan,” Shadick said.

During springtime in the grasslands of this region, Shadick guides tour groups out to an active lek, which is the breeding ground for sharp-tailed grouse. This early-morning tour allows birders to hear the grouse dancing in the darkness before they can see them. The birds’ feet purr as they stomp the ground and their tail-feathers click like rhythmic, rattling bones. The sound is mesmerizing.

As the first light of day arrives, birders will see the arched shapes these dancing grouse create with their bodies, as they reach out and curve down their wings. “It’s truly awesome to see,” Shadick said.

## A Bird for Every Season

When it comes to birding, it’s not just about the places. It’s also about the time of year. Shadick suggests people who are curious about birding in Saskatchewan venture out during different seasons to experience the best variety of birds. The spring and fall migrations are two of the most interesting times for birding in Saskatchewan. “We’re basically situated where two or three different migration flyways meet and intersect,” Shadick said. This means that Saskatchewan gets both eastern and western North American birds.

During the fall, there’s a special chance to see the majestic migrating whooping cranes that stopover in Saskatchewan as they make their way south. These endangered birds are a sight to see, being one of the tallest in North America. The estimated population for the species is less than 800 in the wild, but it has risen from around 20 in the 1940s. On Shadick’s whooping crane tour, participants will learn



Stan Shadick

about the incredible conservation efforts undertaken to increase the species population.

As temperatures drop, arctic birds migrate from the north into the province. In winter, Saskatchewan has one of the highest concentrations of snowy owls when compared to anywhere else in the world. In the warm months of summer, many Saskatchewan lakes become hotspots for shorebirds. “Saskatchewan’s shorebird habitats are some of the best in North America,” Shadick said, noting Chaplin Lake as a special point of interest.

It’s designated as one of Saskatchewan’s Important Bird Areas, in part because this lake attracts a tremendous number of shorebirds and is a breeding ground for the rare piping plover.

## Beyond the Prairies

Throughout the year, Shadick tours birders through Saskatchewan’s most scenic areas – from sandhills to forests to grasslands. “Saskatchewan’s diversity in habitat is why so many different birds can be seen in the province”, Shadick said. He runs tours to lakes and unique birding sanctuaries, including Canada’s oldest migratory bird sanctuary at Last Mountain Lake.

There’s also the opportunity to explore the northern boreal forest, where birds like the northern hawk owl and willow ptarmigan can be spotted, and subalpine regions in the southwest of the province, including the Cypress Hills.

That’s one of Shadick’s favourite places for birding. “Biologically at least, it’s an outlier of the Rockies, so we get a lot of subalpine birds in the Cypress Hills and some special birds,” Shadick said. “The cordillera flycatcher [is] a very pretty flycatcher with quite a bit of yellow on the breast. We believe this is the only nesting location in Canada for this particular subspecies of Western Flycatcher.” After a lifetime of birding, Shadick said it’s only about every year or two that he sees a new species in Saskatchewan.

He still finds it exciting to see a rarity in the province. However, what Shadick enjoys most is bringing people out to witness the diversity of birds – showing others how to identify the unique characteristics of our feathered friends, while listening closely to their distinct songs.



# Stan’s Birding Checklist

Pull out your binoculars and check these species – some common in Saskatchewan and some rare or endangered – off your birding bucket list:

SUMMER SPRING



Sharp-tailed grouse



Western meadowlark



American white pelican



Ruddy duck



American avocet



Ferruginous hawk



Burrowing owl



Swainson’s hawk



Piping plover



White-faced ibis

FALL  
WINTER



Sandhill crane



Whooping crane



Snowy owl



Great grey owl



Learn more about Stan’s birding tours.



# On Tap: 20 BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES ACROSS SASKATCHEWAN



Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? At Saskatchewan's many breweries and distilleries, you'll find award-winning spirits, crisp ciders, ales brewed with locally grown ingredients, as well as an overall level of quality born from passion and commitment to craft.



## 1 | Nokomis Craft Ales



**Nokomis Craft Ales** does one thing and one thing only: make simple and staggeringly good ales with quality ingredients. The Nokomis Brown Ale, with its blend of sweetness and roasted barley flavours, is a testament to the sheer craft that goes into craft beer. Fill your growler at the brewery in **Nokomis**, or enjoy its beers at restaurants and bars across the province.

## 2 | District Brewing Co.



Located in the Warehouse District, **District Brewing Co.**'s tasting room is the perfect place to sample its craft beers or tour the facility for a first-hand look at the brewing process.

## 3 | Malty National Brewing Corp.



Close to **Regina**'s downtown, **Malty National Brewing Corp.** has its assortment of creative brews on offer. The micro-brewery specializes in small-batch IPAs, stouts and unusual ales. Check out its taproom and try a sample.

## 4 | Honey Pot Distillery



Located near **Moose Jaw**, **Honey Pot Distillery** is a family-owned beehive-to-bottle micro-distillery and pub. It serves vodka and whikie (unaged whisky) spirits made from the honey produced by its hardworking bees. It offers a unique and cosy atmosphere, cocktails and a full menu of delicious appetizers and smoked meats.

## 5 | Bushwakker Brewpub



Head to **Regina**'s Warehouse District and enjoy a locally made brew and a bite to eat. Over the last few years, the city's craft brewing scene has become an attraction all its own. Award-winning **Bushwakker Brewpub** serves its signature beers with next-level pub grub.

## 6 | Rebellion Brewing Co.



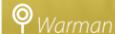
**Rebellion Brewing Co.** believes that drinking great beer can make you a rebel. If that's true, then Rebellion's beers will have you calling for anarchy in no time flat. Its inventive brewers are always coming up with something new with limited seasonal offerings.

## 7 | Bandits Distilling Inc.



**Bandits Distilling Inc.** produces a range of spirits including vodka, gin and many flavours of moonshine. Visit the locally owned and operated craft distillery near **Weyburn** for a tasting tour.

## 8 | Homebound Brewery Inc.



**Homebound Brewery Inc.** in **Warman** is 100 per cent brewer-owned and operated. Sip on one of its small-batch craft beers in the cosy taproom, on the patio or take some brews to go.

## 9 | Armoury Brewing Company



Established in 2018 in the restored historic armoury building in **North Battleford**, **Armoury Brewing Company** is described as having a great atmosphere and great beer. Fill a growler or sit in for a pint or flight in its taproom.

## 10 | 9 Mile Legacy Brewing Company



**9 Mile Legacy Brewing Company** was named after the nine-mile stretch between the founders' family farms. Several of the beers on offer are brewed in collaboration with restaurants, sports teams, event organizers and other breweries. Now located on 21st Street W.

## 11 | Paddock Wood Brewing Co.



**Paddock Wood Brewing Co.** was established in 2002, and is one of Saskatchewan's first major microbreweries. Its unique and refreshing brews can be found bottled, canned and on-tap in liquor stores and restaurants across the province. Stop by the brewery for a chat and a case of beer!

## 12 | Black Fox Farm & Distillery



**Black Fox Farm & Distillery** was started by John Cote and Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote with the intent of connecting people to agriculture. The Cotes grow 90 per cent of their ingredients on the farm. Acres of fresh fruit, flowers and grains are harvested and distilled into award-winning gin, whisky and liqueurs. Book a tour of the farm, just a short drive from **Saskatoon**, and sample a spirit or liqueur in the tasting room.

## 13 | High Key Brewing Co.



**High Key Brewing Co.** makes traditional ales and porters, with surprising seasonal beers. Find High Key's brews at bars, restaurants and liquor stores across the province, or visit its new taproom on 23rd Street E.

## 14 | Prairie Sun Brewery



On **Broadway Avenue**, **Prairie Sun Brewery** has a reputation for excellent beer made with Saskatchewan-influenced flavours. Its beers are a series of unconventional and flavourful brews that will expand both your mind and your palate.

## 15 | Crossmount Cider Company



Established in 2016, **Crossmount Cider Company** has grown into the largest craft cider company on the Prairies, producing hard apple cider from 100 per cent Canadian apples. Tour the apple and pear tree orchard and taste six delicious flavours of cider. Find it at pubs and liquor stores around the province, or visit the cidery for tastings and tours.

## 16 | Lucky Bastard Distillers



Curious about the story behind this **Saskatoon** distillery's name? Hint: It has to do with a winning lottery ticket. Spend an evening with friends at an event, tour the 15,000-sq. ft. facility or take a cocktail class and sample some **Lucky Bastard Distillers** products, including cocktail-ready spirits, liqueurs and bitters.

## 17 | Better Brother Brewing Co.



Identical twin brothers opened **Better Brother Brewing Co.** in the City Park neighbourhood in 2020. With floor-to-ceiling windows in the taproom, patrons can catch a glimpse of the brewing process. Pair your favourite beer with something from its light fare menu.

## 18 | Stumbletown Distilling



One of **Saskatoon**'s newest distilleries, **Stumbletown Distilling** boasts the first vodka made with 100 per cent locally grown Saskatchewan purple wheat. Its full-service cocktail bar showcases the unique variety of spirits it produces. Pick up a bottle at the distillery during a tour or tasting or find Stumbletown at liquor stores across the province.

## 19 | 21st Street Brewery



Specializing in small-batch craft beers, **21st Street Brewery** blends tradition, creativity and boldness to produce an unmatched selection of local brews. Stop by the brewery, located in the heart of downtown **Saskatoon**, below Winston's English Pub and Grill.

## 20 | Shelter Brewing Company



**Shelter Brewing Company** labels itself as a "nano brewery," with four core brews and three rotating taps available at its warm and inviting taproom on 2nd Avenue in downtown **Saskatoon**. Shelter's beer is only sold from its taproom, so take the time to drop by and try a glass, or purchase some cans to go. Have a taco or three while you're there – drinking can be hungry work.



High Key Brewing Co.



Nokomis Craft Ales



9 Mile Legacy Brewing Company



Malty National Brewing Corp.

*\*Remember to drink responsibly and always plan a safe ride home.*

*Hear John Cote and Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote explain what makes Black Fox Farm & Distillery's award-winning spirits uniquely Saskatchewan.*





## Create with Clay at Freba Pottery



On the stretch of Yellowhead Hwy 16 between Dafoe and Wynyard, stands a small wooden building with a sign that reads Freba Pottery. Inside, the shelves are lined with beautiful handmade ceramics. If no one's around, no problem – simply leave some cash or transfer funds to the store owner.

A store run on the honour system is rare these days. It may be something you can only find in a place like rural Saskatchewan, where, as owner Marea Olafson says, "a little trust goes a long way."

Olafson opened Freba Pottery in 2013, leaving the door unlocked and betting on the goodness of strangers. She was inspired by a visit to a studio in British Columbia, which also ran on the honour system. Returning to Saskatchewan, Olafson began to learn the craft of pottery.

There's more to Freba Pottery than just the roadside store, though. Olafson has turned her passion into an immersive experience.

Launched in January 2023, Elemental Claycation is a pottery retreat for groups of individuals to connect through creativity. Guests stay in a shared accommodation space in the newly renovated attic of a 104-year-old heritage house steps away from the quaint pottery shop.

The package also includes a curated menu that highlights Saskatchewan food producers and seasonal options, prepared by local chef Adrienne Jackson. Throughout the weekend, guests learn how to throw their own cups and bowls, glaze their creations, and load and unload the kiln.

At the end of the retreat, guests will have an unforgettable experience and their very own pottery.



## Shop Local in Rural Saskatchewan

When it comes to shopping off the beaten path in Saskatchewan, you'll find charming small-town storefronts and warm, welcoming shopkeepers everywhere. Pop in on your way through or plan a day trip to one of these hidden gem boutiques.

### Kinder Surprises Antiques

📍 Davidson

Kinder Surprises Antiques is housed in a gorgeous hip roof barn near Davidson and is jam-packed with beautifully displayed items. Each treasure comes with its own history and story – from antiques and reclaimed building parts to glassware and furniture. Stroll through the main street lined with heritage buildings including a one-room schoolhouse and church.

### Becky's Place

📍 Fort Qu'Appelle

Becky's Place is a unique Indigenous-owned retail and craft shop located in Fort Qu'Appelle. Purchase beaded gifts, ribbon skirts and shirts, star quilts and blankets, original art and carvings from local artisans.

### Hand Wave Gallery & Craft Shop

📍 Meacham

For almost four decades, the Hand Wave Gallery & Craft Shop in Meacham has been showcasing the work of Saskatchewan craftspeople in gallery exhibitions. Mediums include pottery, textiles, woodwork, jewellery, sculpture, art books, stained/fused and blown glass, prints, photography, quilting and others.

### Sisters' Boutique & Bistro

📍 Montmartre

After stopping for a selfie at Montmartre's popular replica of the Eiffel Tower, visit Sisters' Boutique & Bistro to find women's clothing and accessories, locally consigned art, jewellery, collectibles, and rustic pieces of furniture.

### The Little Glass Hut

📍 Lebret

In Lebret, The Little Glass Hut is a studio and retail shop that features handcrafted stained glass, stepping stones, pottery, quilting, photography, paintings and jewellery.

### Prairie Girl Gallery & Gift Boutique

📍 Moosomin

Prairie Girl Gallery & Gift Boutique is a gallery, boutique and art centre located in the historic McNaughton Building in Moosomin. Stop in and browse original artwork by owner, artist and musician Eli Barsi, along with handmade crafts by Saskatchewan artisans.

Relax and find your creativity at Freba Pottery.



📍 Little Manitou Lake



📍 Little Manitou Art Gallery



📍 Danceland

## Soak in the healing waters at Manitou Beach

Billing itself as the "Dead Sea of Canada," Manitou Beach is a resort town built on the shores of the mineral-heavy waters of Little Manitou Lake. Located roughly midway between Regina and Saskatoon, and only a few minutes from the town of Watrous, Manitou Beach is the perfect place for a relaxing beachside afternoon or therapeutic weekend getaway.

According to legend, the lake's reputed healing properties were discovered by a group of Indigenous People travelling through the area. Some of the members of the group, suffering from smallpox and fever, stopped at the lake and discovered that the water relieved their symptoms and restored them to full health.

Today, Little Manitou Lake is renowned for its ability to soothe and rejuvenate bathers. Unlike any other water body in North America, Little Manitou Lake draws people from around the world for its intense mineral concentration and remarkable buoyancy – it is impossible to sink in this water. Take a dip and try it for yourself.

To experience the healing waters in an indoor setting, visit Manitou Springs Resort & Mineral Spa. Relax and unwind as you soak in the heated mineral pool. Next stop: Serenity Massage & Esthetics, the resort's full-service spa. The 105-room hotel also has a gift shop, fitness centre, and a few dining options, including a poolside café and expansive outdoor patio, along with Water's Edge Restaurant and Lounge, which has panoramic views of the lake.



📍 Oda Coffee + Wine Bar

Only four blocks from the spa is Danceland, a little piece of history in the modern world. Built in 1928, the old-fashioned dance hall was a popular attraction for Saskatchewanians looking for an evening of fun. It's one of the few remaining dance floors built on a cushion of horsehair, which is said to give an unparalleled dance experience. Kick up your heels at one of the weekend events featuring polka, Latin and big band performances.

These attractions are only a start. Spend an afternoon exploring the resort village, including its unique beachfront eateries and shops. The Little Manitou Art Gallery displays the work of more than 300 Saskatchewan artists in seven pavilion galleries – all in a garden setting. The gallery also hosts live music performances every Saturday in June, July and August.



With its eclectic cultural attractions and nostalgic hidden gems that reflect the spirit of a time when excursion trains brought vacationers to the area for relaxation and entertainment, Manitou Beach is sure to provide you with a getaway that will restore and recharge your mind and body.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Salty Cinema Drive-In Theater** (formerly Jubilee Drive-in Theatre) has been screening blockbusters since the 1950s. One of the last drive-in theatres left in Saskatchewan, it's an experience straight out of an earlier time – but with the pristine quality of digital projection. The theatre also has a 24-seat indoor facility.



# Redberry Lake Regional Park



Redberry Lake Biosphere Region  
REDBERRY LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Redberry Lake Biosphere is the sole UNESCO biosphere in the province, housing a protected Federal Bird Sanctuary. Its diverse landscape encompasses a deep, magnesium sulphate lake, freshwater lakes, prairies, and marshes. It homes over 200 bird species, including endangered whooping cranes. Other stops near Hafford: **The Crooked Bush**, Beaver Grill Express (North Battleford), **Dejma's Curry House** (North Battleford) and **Betty's Diner** (Blaine Lake)

# Blaine Lake



# Rosthern

# Wakaw

# Cudworth

# Martensville

# SASKATOON

# St. Denis

# Blackstrap Provincial Park

Back2Nature Wellness and Adventures offers an "inner journey in the outdoors" with the goal of cultivating self-awareness, mindfulness and deepening the connection with oneself through guided wellness adventures. It offers wood-burning barrel sauna experiences, glow and overnight stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) tours, as well as all-inclusive multi-day retreats.



Back2Nature Wellness and Adventures  
SASKATOON AND AREA



Blackstrap Glamping Resort  
BLACKSTRAP PROVINCIAL PARK

Not far from Saskatoon, Champêtre County is a country-themed resort and event space that makes guests feel as if they've been transported back in time. Cosy ranch accommodations, family-friendly activities, a small animal barn, saloon and café make Champêtre County the perfect venue for a wedding, retreat, family reunion or just a weekend getaway. Other stops near St. Denis: **Wander's Tiny Farm**



Champêtre County  
ST. DENIS

Blackstrap Glamping Resort is located in the heart of Blackstrap Provincial Park. The resort's four luxury domes are surrounded by stunning natural scenery and a variety of outdoor activities year-round. The domes come fully-equipped with the comforts of home, right down to a bathrobe and slippers. Other stops at Blackstrap Provincial Park: **Little Kahuna's Beach Café** and **Tiki Bar**

With its mobile approach, The Wandering Market is at the heart of the shop local movement. The Moose Jaw business delivers products from over 180 Saskatchewan producers – fresh, locally grown, farmed, baked and handcrafted goods – to doorsteps across the province weekly. Other stops in/near Moose Jaw: **Moose Jaw Cultural Centre** and **Mae Wilson Theatre**, **Moose Jaw Trolley Company**, **Glamping Resorts Ltd.** (Buffalo Pound Lake), **Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre**, **The Mad Greek** and **Nicolle Flats Interpretive Area** (Buffalo Pound Provincial Park)



The Wandering Market  
MOOSE JAW

# Buffalo Pound Lake

# Moose Jaw



Italian Star Deli  
REGINA

# Lumsden

# REGINA

100 grams of deli meat. 50 grams of provolone. Feta cheese, basil pesto, banana peppers, spicy house-made bomba spread and fresh, locally made bread. Put them together and you get Italian Star Deli's "legendary" sandwiches. In 2023 – after 57 years at its previous location – Italian Star Deli moved next door to a new, larger storefront that has specialty grocery items, ready-to-go meals, a hugely expanded deli section and an espresso bar. Other stops in Regina: **Regina Farmers' Market**, **Cedar Creek Gardens** and **Milky Way Ice Cream**

# Yibank

# Wolseley



Twilite Drive-In Theatre  
WOLSELEY



# Moosomin

# Saskatchewandering with Andrew Hiltz

Saskatchewanderer Andrew Hiltz has travelled across the province. Here are some of his top stops and favourite hidden gems, as well as a few locations that are still on his Saskatchewan bucket list.



The Wheatland Express Excursion Train runs on the Wheatland Railway short-line along Hwy 2 between the towns of Cudworth and Wakaw. Enjoy dining, entertainment and the pleasure of relaxing and watching the rolling prairie landscape go by. Themed rides include tasting excursions, murder mysteries and maybe even a train heist. Wheatland Express offers a wheelchair-accessible car for passengers with limited mobility. Other stops near Cudworth and Wakaw: **Wakaw Lake Regional Park** and **Dancing Sky Theatre** (Meacham)



Wheatland Express Excursion Train  
CUDWORTH/WAKAW

### Some additional stops:

- Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area/Last Mountain Bird Observatory *Last Mountain Regional Park*
- YDB Scoops *Yorkton*
- Happy Hollow Corn Maze *near Lumsden*
- The Grotto *Yibank*
- Quill Lakes International Bird Area *Wynyard/Foam Lake*
- Cork & Bone Bistro *Moosomin*
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada *Saskatoon*
- Sunnyside Creamery *Martensville*
- Station Arts Centre *Rosthern*

For a nostalgic way to spend a summer evening, watch a movie on the big screen at one of the province's drive-in movie theatres. Saskatchewan is home to five locations that are preserving this retro pastime. Opened in 1954, Twilite Drive-In Theatre in Wolseley has been an area attraction for decades. Other stops near Wolseley: **Swinging Bridge**, **The Wolseley Gallery**, **Grace & Thyme** (Indian Head), **Historic Bell Barn** (Indian Head)





# Game Day in Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan Roughriders

Cheer loud for your team on game day in Saskatchewan! **Regina** is home to the Canadian Football League (CFL)'s **Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club** and **Saskatoon** is where the **Saskatchewan Rush Lacrosse Club** takes on its opponents in the National Lacrosse League (NLL).

## Saskatchewan Roughriders



For a real sense of Regina's community spirit, take in a Saskatchewan Roughriders football game. Fans flock to Saskatchewan Roughrider games all over Canada, but there's nothing quite like sitting in **Mosaic Stadium**, surrounded by cheering fans. Take home a game day memento with a visit to the Rider Store.

In 2022, the 109th Grey Cup was hosted in Regina, marking the fourth time the

championship game was held in the city, and the first time it was played at the new Mosaic Stadium. In the Saskatchewan Roughriders' century-long history, the team has won four Grey Cup Championships: in 1966, 1989, 2007 and 2013.

## Saskatchewan Rush

Feel the excitement as the Saskatchewan Rush takes to the field at **SaskTel Centre** and welcomes NLL teams from across North America. The season runs from December to April.

Rep your favourite lacrosse team with some official Saskatchewan Rush merchandise from The FEZ – the Fan Experience Zone.

Since the team's move to Saskatchewan from Edmonton in 2016, it has won the Champion's Cup twice – in its inaugural season in Saskatoon and in 2018.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Energy City EX & KCRA Rodeo**  
Estevan • June 14-16, 2024

**RCMP Sunset Ceremonies**  
Regina • July 1, 9, 16 and 23, 2024

**Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival**  
Saskatoon • July 2-August 25, 2024

**Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair**  
Yorkton • July 3-6, 2024

**SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival**  
Saskatoon • July 4-13, 2024

**North American Chuckwagon Championship**  
Lloydminster • July 4-14, 2024

**Doukhobor Dugout House NHS Season Opening: Blankets of Comfort**  
Blaine Lake • July 6, 2024

**Spirit of Manitou Studio Trail**  
Watrous • July 6-7, 2024

**Poundmaker Indigenous Performance Festival**  
Poundmaker Cree Nation • July 9-11, 2024

**Lloyd Ex Fair**  
Lloydminster • July 10-13, 2024

**Regina International Fringe Theatre Festival**  
Regina • July 10-14, 2024

**Country Thunder Saskatchewan**  
Craven • July 11-14, 2024



**Fort Carlton Trade Days**  
Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park • July 13, 2024

**Saskatchewan Festival of Words**  
Moose Jaw • July 18-21, 2024

**Back to Batoche Days**  
Batoche National Historic Site • July 18-21, 2024

**The Queen City Ex (REAL District)**  
Regina • July 31-August 4, 2024

**Saskatoon Fringe Festival**  
Saskatoon • August 1-10, 2024

**Macklin World Bunnock Championship Tournament**  
Macklin • August 2-4, 2024

**Mid Summer's Art Festival**  
Fort Qu'Appelle • August 3, 2024

**Cannington Fair**  
Cannington Manor Provincial Historic Park  
August 4, 2024

**Saskatoon EX**  
Saskatoon • August 6-11, 2024

**Wind & Waves Festival**  
Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park  
August 10, 2024

**North West Territorial Days**  
The Battlefords • August 14-16, 2024

**Piapot Traditional Powwow**  
Piapot First Nation • August 16-18, 2024

**Shake the Lake Outdoor Music Festival**  
(Conexus Arts Centre)  
Regina • August 23-24, 2024

**Regina Dragon Boat Festival**  
Regina • August 30-31, 2024

**Nutrien Fireworks Festival**  
Saskatoon • August 30-31, 2024

**Nuit Blanche**  
Saskatoon • September 28, 2024

**Canadian Western Agribition**  
Regina • November 25-30, 2024

**Carlyle's Dickens Village Festival**  
Carlyle • December 6-7, 2024

For more information about events in the province, visit [tourismsaskatchewan.com/things-to-do/events](https://tourismsaskatchewan.com/things-to-do/events).



Contact organizers for the latest event information.

# Unlimited Lakes & Parkland

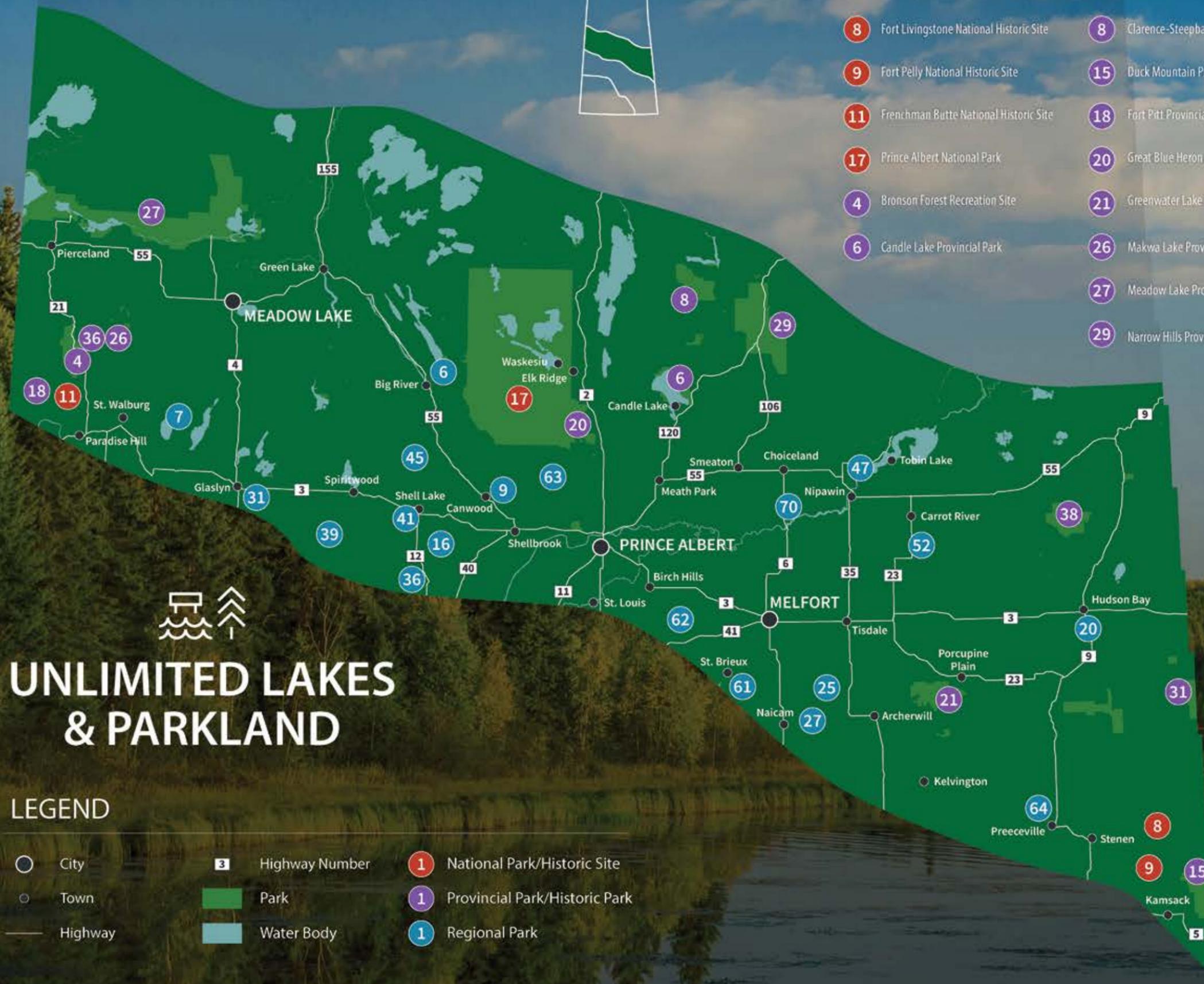


Prince Albert National Park



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| 9 Fort Pelly National Historic Site       | 15 Duck Mountain Provincial Park           | 36 Steele Narrows Provincial Park               |
| 11 Frenchman Butte National Historic Site | 18 Fort Pitt Provincial Historic Park      | 38 Wildcat Hill Provincial Park                 |
| 17 Prince Albert National Park            | 20 Great Blue Heron Provincial Park        | 6 Big River Regional Park                       |
| 4 Bronson Forest Recreation Site          | 21 Greenwater Lake Provincial Park         | 7 Brightsand Lake Regional Park                 |
| 6 Candle Lake Provincial Park             | 26 Makwa Lake Provincial Park              | 9 Canwood Regional Park                         |
|   | 27 Meadow Lake Provincial Park             | 16 Emerald Lake Regional Park                   |
|   | 29 Narrow Hills Provincial Park            | 20 Hudson Bay Regional Park                     |
|   |  | 25 Kipabiskau Regional Park                     |
|   |  | 27 Lake Charron Regional Park                   |
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# UNLIMITED LAKES & PARKLAND

## LEGEND

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| City    | Highway Number | National Park/Historic Site   |
| Town    | Park           | Provincial Park/Historic Park |
| Highway | Water Body     | Regional Park                 |



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# Family Fun in the Boreal Forest



When was the last time you wandered through the woods? Enjoy the call of the wild with your family at **Prince Albert National Park** – 3,875 sq. km of outstanding natural wonders where parkland meets forest. The park is one of Saskatchewan's most popular four-season destinations, a place where you can mix northern wilderness encounters with the comforts of a lakeside resort. Located approximately 90 km north of **Prince Albert**, the charming resort village of **Waskesiu**, situated in Prince Albert National Park, has a wide range of services.



© Main Beach

## Recreation

Recreation is the name of the game here with hiking, swimming, golfing and canoeing.

With more than 150 km of hiking trails within the park, you can choose your own path at your own pace. There are 17 trails varying in length and level of difficulty – from short walks and day hikes to overnight backcountry excursions. All hiking trails, including Red Deer Trail and Waskesiu River Trail, offer breathtakingly scenic views, wildlife, lush vegetation and many points of interest.

Hit the beach and spread a towel in the sand, take a dip in the clear, shallow waters, explore the shoreline by stand-up paddleboard or enjoy the hot summer days with boating and on-water activities, such as waterskiing and wakeboarding. In addition to the 600-metre-long Main Beach, located in the townsite, there are

seven other road- and water-accessible beaches scattered around Waskesiu Lake.

Golf one of the province's most picturesque and challenging layouts. Designed by Stanley Thompson and built in the 1930s, the **Waskesiu Golf Course** is an 18-hole grass-green course with rolling terrain and a mature forest flanking the fairways. For those who prefer golf of the mini variety, **Little Al's Mini Golf** is part of the redeveloped recreation area that includes resurfaced tennis and pickleball courts, a new multi-sport court, shuffleboard, outdoor fitness facility, ninja course for kids, and a renewed lawn bowling green, which has a 70-year history in the park. Spikeball, bocce ball, outdoor chess and checkers, foosball, table tennis and disc golf (course in the Day Use Area) are also available.

Learn about conservationist Grey Owl at the **Friends of the Park Bookshop**, or visit his cabin first-hand with an interpretive tour guided by **Waskesiu Marina Adventure Centre**. By foot, canoe or boat, make the pilgrimage to the one-room log cabin on the shore of Ajawaan Lake.

Following a day of outdoor pursuits, look for the comforts of home in the Waskesiu townsite. Pick up some summer fashions and keepsakes at unique boutiques and shops and enjoy a delicious dinner at one of the many local restaurants, such as **Restaurant Pietro, Pete's Terrace**



**Restaurant or Hecho en Waskesiu.** Grab an ice cream cone for dessert at **Big Olaf Sundaes** and walk the length of the breakwater overlooking the park's expansive beach or catch a family-friendly movie at **Twin Pine Cinema**.

From your campsite to the golf course and backcountry to the beach, opportunities to connect with your family are endless.



© Elk Ridge Resort

## Camping and Accommodations

Within the park boundaries, there are five front-country, vehicle-accessible campgrounds. Pitch your tent or park your RV in one of two major campgrounds.

Red Deer Campground is a 161-site full-service (water, sewer and electrical hook-up) pull-through campground for recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers located in the Waskesiu townsite.

Beaver Glen Campground is ideal for RV and tent camping in a wilderness setting. Located on the fringe of the townsite, it has 200 electrified back-in sites, as well as modern, accessible washrooms and centrally located camp kitchens. It also has 10 reservable oTENTiKs. Rough it in style in

this family-friendly accommodation – a cross between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent equipped with beds and furniture on a raised floor.

For a more rustic setting or peaceful, lakeside camping, there is the Narrows Campground, Namekus Lake Campground or Sandy Lake Campground. With a backcountry permit, adventure-seeking visitors can hike or canoe and camp in remote reaches of the park. There are 15 designated backcountry campgrounds in four different wilderness areas.

If you prefer the amenities or luxury of a hotel, condo or cabin, stay at one of the park's deluxe all-season accommodations, including the **Hawood Inn, Lost Creek Resort, The Lakeview Hotel, Kapasiwin Bungalows, The Suites at Waskesiu** or **Elk Ridge on the Lake**.



© Little Al's Mini Golf



© Elk Ridge Resort

## Elk Ridge Resort

Down the road, located just outside of the park, is **Elk Ridge Resort's** signature property. Indulge in first-class comfort with a stay in one of its upscale accommodation options – the lodge, log cabin, townhouse or cottage. Start your day with a massage or pedicure at **Drift Spa & Wellness** before you head out for a round on the championship 27-hole golf course, where it's not uncommon to see elk on the fairway. Enjoy fine dining set amidst rustic elegance at **Fredrich**, the resort's newest dining experience. The restaurant's patio has a spectacular pond view.

Another (more casual) dining option is **The Wyld at Elk Ridge**, located in the golf course clubhouse.

Here, you will also find the Waskesiu location of **Treesix Adventure Parks**. Get your adrenaline pumping by soaring up to 21 m above the ground on a two-hour zipline tour. With seven lines, an outdoor climbing wall, slackline park, giant swing and spikeball court, prepare to see the forest from a new vantage point. Recent additions to basecamp activities include electric fat bike rentals.



📍 Prince Albert National Park



📍 Elk



📍 Common Loon



📍 River Otter



📍 Black Bear



📍 Red Fox



📍 Canada Lynx



📍 Grey Wolf

# Photographing Wildlife in Prince Albert National Park

## Scenic Drives

Finding wildlife to photograph in **Prince Albert National Park** can be as easy as touring one of the many scenic drives. Highway 263 is a paved route that explores the transitional area of boreal forest and aspen parkland. Narrows Road follows the southern edge of Waskesiu Lake and passes through several ecosystems. Take the northern passage around Waskesiu Lake on Kingsmere Road. The route leads to many trailheads in the park, including Grey Owl Trail.

## Beautiful Trails

Setting out on foot through the forest is an enjoyable way to seek out wildlife experiences. The park has many trails that explore different areas of the park. Whatever your ambition or skill level, Prince Albert National Park has a trail to suit you.

## Perfect Timing

Golden hour – when the sun hangs low on the horizon at sunset and sunrise – is typically an idyllic time to take photographs. These moments are even more ideal for wildlife photographers because many of the park's wild residents emerge at dawn and dusk.

Any time of year is favourable for capturing wildlife photos in the park. Each season offers unique photographic opportunities. Foxes and other creatures have vibrant colours that stand out in snowy winter settings. New growth comes in spring and it's calving season for bison. Summer is lush and active. The fall colours are amazing – larch trees are worth a trip alone.



## Elk Everywhere

The park is well known for its elk population. They are most active in the fall season during their rut. The males are more aggressive during rut and can be seen battling with their antlers locked together. Keep an ear out for elk bugling.

## Respect for Wildlife

Remember to keep a safe distance – about 100 metres for larger animals, such as bears, bison or elk. Don't risk your safety. Use a telephoto lens.

Deer, foxes, wolves, otters and many other species of wildlife can also be seen in the park. All wild animals should be respected. This includes not feeding the animals or pursuing them into the woods.

*Duane Larson explores wildlife photography in Prince Albert National Park.*





# From Fields to Forge: Discover Northeast Saskatchewan



*"As a second generation knifemaker, I wanted to continue the legacy that my father built but with a different model. I wanted to bring people here and create tourism within the community."*

— GRANT SCHILLER, GRANT SCHILLER KNIVES



In the beautiful area of northeast Saskatchewan lies the towns of Nipawin and Carrot River, each painting a unique portrait of tradition and innovation. From the award-winning businesses in Nipawin to the rich agricultural heritage of Carrot River, this region invites travellers seeking adventure and culinary delights alike. Two local entrepreneurs, Grant Schiller of Grant Schiller Knives and Michael Brownlee of Mable Hill Farm & Marketplace, have played pivotal roles in creating thriving destinations for tourists and locals alike.

## Grant Schiller Knives

Carrot River



**Grant Schiller Knives** is where tradition meets adventure in an immersive journey unlike any other. Step into the world of artisan knifemaking with Grant Schiller as your guide and unlock the secrets of this timeless craft, while enjoying your surroundings in the beautiful **Carrot River** area.

It all started when Schiller, a second-generation knifemaker, began a remarkable journey that would redefine the boundaries of his craft and expand the vision for his business beyond the confines of his workshop. He saw an opportunity to share his passion with the world, offering guests a chance to experience the artistry and tradition behind each finely crafted blade.

*"As a second generation knifemaker, I wanted to continue the legacy that my father built but with a different model,"* Schiller said, sharing that he and his father would travel elsewhere to conduct workshops. *"I wanted to bring people here and create tourism within the community."*



Explore the world of knifemaking with Grant Schiller Knives.



At Grant Schiller Knives, every workshop is more than just a lesson in knifemaking – it's an immersive experience designed to ignite your sense of adventure and creativity. Whether you're a beginner ready to learn the basics or a seasoned enthusiast seeking to refine your skills, Schiller's workshops cater to all levels of expertise. Offerings recently expanded to include multi-day workshops, which are hosted in a newly renovated building in Carrot River.

Under Schiller's expert guidance, workshop attendees will hammer, grind, and polish their creations, each stroke of the hammer imbued with the spirit of generations past. But it's not just about crafting knives – it's about forging connections, building community, and preserving a tradition that spans the ages. With each workshop, Grant Schiller Knives invites you to become part of a story that is as old as time itself – a story of craftsmanship, resilience, and the timeless beauty of the blade.



## Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace

Nipawin

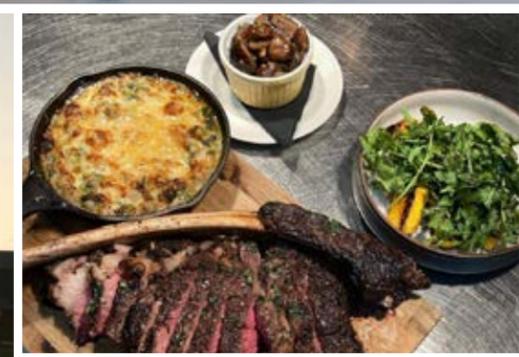
Nestled in the heart of the northeast, **Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace** has transformed into a culinary haven, drawing visitors far and wide to its rustic charm and delectable offerings. Chef and owner Michael Brownlee's journey back to his roots sparked the creation of this culinary gem, steeped in family tradition and a passion for fresh, quality food.

Inspired by his upbringing on a fruit and vegetable farm near Carrot River, Brownlee's culinary adventure began at a young age, catering local events while still in high school. After honing his skills at the Culinary Institute of Canada and working at esteemed establishments like The Inn at Bay Fortune, Brownlee returned to Saskatchewan with a vision: to blend fine dining with the comforts of rural living.

In 2018, Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace sprouted from the fertile soil outside of Nipawin and blossomed into a hub for farm-to-table cuisine and warm hospitality. With four acres of lush gardens supplying the freshest ingredients, Brownlee's vision of treating guests to an unforgettable dining experience took root.

But Brownlee's ambitions didn't stop there. Recognizing the demand for special events and gatherings, he embarked on the ambitious project of constructing a pavilion on the property, turning Mabel Hill into a sought-after venue for weddings and celebrations.

Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace stands as a testament to Brownlee's unwavering passion and the power of community-driven entrepreneurship. With each dish served and every event hosted, Brownlee continues to redefine the tourism landscape, one delicious meal at a time.



### PLAN YOUR TRIP

- » **Nipawin/Carrot River Area:**
  - Located in northeast Saskatchewan - approx. 270 km NE of Saskatoon and 360 km N of Regina
- » **Accommodations:**
  - Nipawin & District Regional Park (Nipawin)
    - Camping
    - Aurora Houseboats
    - Cabin rentals
      - Reel'em Inn Cabins
  - Carrot River Inn (Carrot River)
  - Shell's Fitness & Soul Center (Carrot River)
  - Pasquia Regional Park (Carrot River)
    - Camping
- » **Other Area Attractions:**
  - World-class fishing – Tobin Lake and Codette Lake
  - Golfing
    - Evergreen Golf Course (Nipawin)
    - Rolling Pines Golf and Country Resort (Tobin Lake)
    - Pasquia Regional Park Golf Course (Carrot River)
  - Dining
    - The Dam Smokehouse (Nipawin)
    - The Spot Restaurant & Lounge (Nipawin)
    - Wild Bill's Pizza (Nipawin)

Chef Michael Brownlee shares his passion of growing food and cooking it.





# Connecting to the land and its stories in northwest Saskatchewan

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The area around **Meadow Lake** is distinct for its pristine beauty. Picture this – lush forests, calming lakes, and skies that dazzle with clouds during the day and northern lights at night. It is where the traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples reflect stories and customs that bridge cultures and teach respect for the land and the natural world.

*“There is so much history that hasn’t been shared yet from our First Nation community members and Elders. We want to share our history and culture through those stories about the land.”*

– DEVON FIDDLER, WATERHEN LAKE FIRST NATION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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“There is so much history that hasn’t been shared yet from our First Nation community members and Elders,” Devon Fiddler, CEO of Waterhen Lake First Nation Development Corporation, said. “We want to share our history and culture through those stories about the land.”

The property already had a sterling reputation as one of Saskatchewan’s top spots to escape and reconnect to nature. Subtle changes now reflect the customs and traditions of local First Nations and their relationship to the land – past and present. A new menu now features locally grown products and ingredients foraged from the forest.

Blaine Mirasty launched his tourism business, **Cree North Adventures**, in 2019. The operation is next to his home on **Flying Dust First Nation**, near Meadow Lake, and provides the experience of sleeping in an 18-ft. “glamping-style” tipi, participating in land-based activities,



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hearing stories told by Elders, and learning about Indigenous traditions and culture.

Mirasty cites a Cree word, *miyo-pimâtisiwin*, to explain his motivation for the venture. “It means the Cree way,” he said. “Learning skills to live off the land is an aspect that I want to bring back. That is how I see tourism – as a way of relearning culture and relearning some of the traditional practices, even language.”

His family is a blend of Plains and Woodland Cree, and customs from both branches are woven into the visitor



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experience. “They are two different traditional lifestyles,” he said. “My dad’s side, the Plains Cree, were about riding horses and following the bison. On my mom’s side, the Woodland Cree, it was about trapping and living in the forest.”

Cree North Adventures guests enjoy a range of experiences, in addition to the comfortable tipi accommodations. Options include horse-drawn wagon rides, canoeing and kayaking the Meadow River, Elder storytelling and campfire cooking demonstrations, traditional women’s Fancy Dance performances, and more. In winter, there are guided snowshoe tours along the river and through the boreal forest.

Cree North Adventures continues to evolve, with plans for expansion and enhancing experiences – all in the spirit of *miyo-pimâtisiwin*. Mirasty and his team welcome guests to engage in hands-on learning, connect to the land and make new discoveries about Cree life.

Further west on **Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation**, **kâniyâsihk Culture Camps** has been delivering immersive land-based learning opportunities for over 20 years.

Owner and founder Kevin Lewis wears many hats – host, educator, guide, knowledge and language keeper, scholar and researcher. He refers to the Cree word *oskâpêwis* to describe his role. “It means a person who is a server, who serves the community and helps the Elders,” he said. “That person might develop into one of the best hunters, berry pickers or medicine gatherers. You are making sure that



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everybody is fed, everybody is looked after, but also looking out for yourself and staying healthy, so you can continue the work.”

Like its founder, kâniyâsihk Culture Camps is multi-faceted, the four-season operation offers a range of land-based programming that explores traditional customs and skills. Offerings include multi-day backpacking expeditions that take guests fishing, hiking, gathering plants and ingredients for basic teas. In winter, programs and packages are designed around dogsledding, ice fishing, traditional trapping and other seasonal activities. An annual fall hide tanning camp engages local experts in teaching techniques to harvest and tan moose, elk and deer hides.

Lewis acknowledges the positive, reciprocal experience of welcoming and hosting guests. “We’ve made devout friends over 20 years and continue to make more,” he said. “When people visit, they bring health, they bring friendship. It’s not just us delivering a program or saying, ‘we’re going to show you this.’ They, as equals, bring their teachings, as well.”



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Cree North Adventures



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# Cabin Country

Welcome to cabin country – where rolling parkland transitions to northern boreal forest that covers half of the province and frames nearly 100,000 lakes and rivers. Here, summer days are spent at the beach with your toes in the sand, roasting marshmallows and telling stories around the fire and vacationing with family at your favourite cottage or campground.

## Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Madge Lake, 25 km E of Kamsack

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two lakefront yurts), **Madge Lake Retreats**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (**Madge Lake Golf Resort**), hiking (Trans Canada Trail), **Sask Aquatic Adventures**, horseback riding (**Madge Lake Riding Stables**), mini golf (**Waves Ice Cream & Mini Golf**), disc golf, fishing, marina/boat rentals (**Pickereel Point Marina**)

## Greenwater Lake Provincial Park

Greenwater Lake, 38 km N of Kelvington

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two yurts), **Greenwater Cabin Rentals Ltd.**, **Lake Life Inn**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (**Greenhills Golf Resort**), hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mini golf, fishing, marina/boat rentals (**Greenwater Lake Marina**)

## Candle Lake Provincial Park

Candle Lake, 80 km NE of Prince Albert

**Accommodations:** camping, **Candle Lake Golf Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach (purple sand beach, sand dunes), golfing (**Candle Lake Golf Resort**), hiking, mini golf, marina/boat rentals (**Candle Lake Golf Resort**), fishing, disc golf, **Sask Aquatic Adventures**

## Narrow Hills Provincial Park

25+ lakes, including Lower Fishing Lake and the Gem Lakes, 78 km N of Smeaton

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two yurts), **Caribou Creek Lodge Ltd.**, **Pine Ridge Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, fishing/fly fishing, hiking (**Gem Lakes Trail**), birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mountain biking, **Narrow Hills Scenic Drive**

## Great Blue Heron Provincial Park

Emma Lake/Christopher Lake/Anglin Lake, 50 km N of Prince Albert

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy site – one Mongolian yurt), **Land of the Loon Resort**, **Sunset Bay Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (**Emma Lake Golf Course**), hiking, mountain biking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, disc golf, fishing

## Meadow Lake Provincial Park

20+ lakes, including Greig Lake/Kimball Lake/Waterhen Lake/Lac des Iles, 40 km N of Meadow Lake

**Accommodations:** camping (Camp-Easy sites – two yurts), **Lake Time Rentals**, **Tawaw Cabins 2004 Ltd**, **Flotten Lake Adventures Resort**

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (**Northern Meadows Golf Club**), hiking (**Boreal Trail**), birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mini golf (**Dutch Treat Mini Golf**), fishing, boat rentals (**Greig Lake Store**)



## Makwa Lake Provincial Park

5 lakes, including Makwa Lake, 4 km W of Loon Lake

**Accommodations:** camping

**Amenities/Nearby Attractions:** beach, golfing (**Loon Lake Golf Course and Country Club**), hiking, birdwatching/wildlife viewing, mini golf (**Beach Coners Ice Cream and Mini Golf**), fishing, **Steele Narrows Provincial Park**

### TRAVEL TIP

For provincial parks reservations, visit [parks.saskatchewan.ca](https://parks.saskatchewan.ca) or call toll-free 1-833-7SK-PARK (1-833-775-7275).

For general inquiries, call toll-free 1-800-205-7070.



# Take a Hike in Northern Saskatchewan



Northern Saskatchewan, with its rolling parklands, boreal forests and maze of waterways, is full of trails to discover. Here are a few to get you started – from short loops to multi-day excursions. Lace up those boots and head out for some adventure in nature.

## Boundary Bog Trail, Prince Albert National Park

**Distance:** 2-km loop

A boardwalk allows you to enter the rarely seen world of the black spruce fen with its carnivorous plants, dwarf birch and golden tamarack. **Note:** Trail expected to re-open on June 28, 2024.

## Gem Lakes Trail, Narrow Hills Provincial Park

**Distance:** 5.5-km loop

Discover steep, treed valleys among five sparkling little lakes named after precious stones – Jade, Diamond, Opal, Sapphire and Pearl – on the Gem Lakes Trail. Brilliant fall colours reflect on the mirror-like lake surfaces.

## Tom Ouellette Nature Trail, Makwa Lake Provincial Park

**Distance:** 3.4-km loop

With an elevation change of 200 ft., visitors are treated to scenic views of the Bronson Forest while exploring diverse landscapes. Hikers can enjoy wildlife viewing and plant identification as they make their way through larch, birch and aspen trees.

## Shady Lake Trail, Prince Albert National Park

**Distance:** 1.7-km loop

Descend 70 m to a muddy mineral lick on the shore of narrow Shady Lake. Look for tracks of elk, deer and moose who come to eat minerals brought to the surface by springs. Near the end of the trail, a 750-m trail spur leads to Height of Land tower with a spectacular view of Shady Lake.

### TRAVEL TIP

Wherever the trail takes you, you're sure to have an unforgettable experience. Always do your research and take these safety precautions when hiking and camping in the backcountry:

- » Make a trip plan and inform family and friends, in case of an emergency on the trail; consider taking a wilderness first aid course.
- » Cell service can be limited or non-existent; carry a satellite communication device.
- » Keep an eye out for wildlife; carry bear spray and wildlife deterrents.
- » Trails are in sensitive ecosystems; practice leave no trace principles when exploring. Pack out what you pack in.

Boreal Trail

## Boreal Trail, Meadow Lake Provincial Park

**Distance:** 135 km (one-way thru-hike)

The Boreal Trail in Meadow Lake Provincial Park spans an epic 135 km, east to west across the park. This destination backpacking trail traverses through wild and varied ecosystems. Watch birch and pine leaves turning, see rocky cliffs and wander on the shores of northern Saskatchewan's massive lakes. Backcountry campsites are available throughout the trek and numerous entry-exit points are available for shorter hikes.

## Rice River Canyon, 94 km east of Carrot River on Hwy 55

**Distance:** 21.6 km (out and back)

Located in an ecological reserve on the northwest side of the Pasquia Hills, Rice River Canyon is a rugged backcountry wilderness hike. Over the last 12,000 years, the river has carved out an impressive valley. The walls stand high above you, reaching 400 ft. above the riverbed. The hike to the river forks is 10.6 km one way. Wear hiking shoes that can take on water and pack trekking poles, as there is no real trail to follow and you will be walking along and through the river. Plan to overnight at one of the primitive campsites along the floodplain. Water levels fluctuate throughout the year, and it is recommended to hike this trail later in the season.



## Meadow Lake Provincial Park



Lake Time Rentals  
GREIG LAKE,  
MEADOW LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

Plan a hiking adventure on the Boreal Trail and stay with Lake Time Rentals at Greig Lake. Book an all-inclusive RV campsite or one of two new four-season cabins. Add-ons like equipment rental packages and a stocked fridge option are available. Other stops in/near Meadow Lake Provincial Park: Flotten Lake Adventures Resort (Flotten Lake) and Campton's (Meadow Lake)



# Saskatchewandering with Andrew Hiltz

Saskatchewanderer Andrew Hiltz has travelled across the province. Here are some of his top stops and favourite hidden gems, as well as a few locations that are still on his Saskatchewan bucket list.



## St. Walburg



Sturgeon River Ranch  
NEAR BIG RIVER

Catch a ride western-style and travel the trails on horseback with Sturgeon River Ranch. Visit the Wild West side of Prince Albert National Park and see one of Canada's only free-ranging herds of Plains bison within its historic habitat. The scenery along the trails is incredibly varied – from big open meadows and grassy knolls to narrow forest paths and crystal-clear rivers and lakes. Guided tours range from one-hour horseback and wagon trips to multi-day backcountry excursions.

## Big River



## Great Blue Heron Provincial Park

## PRINCE ALBERT



Flora Bora Forest Lodging  
GREAT BLUE HERON PROVINCIAL PARK

Enjoy the cosy comfort of the three luxury glamping yurts at Flora Bora Forest Lodging near Emma and Christopher Lakes. The beautifully crafted and thoughtfully designed yurts – circular tents built from wood and canvas, originating from Central Asia – are the perfect place to become one with nature.

The Dickson Hardie Interpretive Centre, located in Pasquia Regional Park, is home to a permanent display of 92-million-year-old Big Bert, the world's most-complete *Terminoraris robusta* skeleton. Discovered in the area in 1991, the 5.8-m ancestor of the modern crocodile hunted its prey when Saskatchewan was an inland sea. Other stops in/near Carrot River: Shell's Fitness & Soul Center



Big Bert/Dickson Hardie Interpretive Centre  
NEAR CARROT RIVER

In Hudson Bay, The Railway Ave. Pub is an experience all on its own – with a nod to the unique railway history of the town. The restaurant/bar has a relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy signature cocktails, extensive wine and craft beer lists, and delicious pub grub. Other stops near Hudson Bay: Hudson Bay Regional Park

## Carrot River



The Railway Ave. Pub  
HUDSON BAY

Stenen's Rawhides Bistro & Saloon is a destination restaurant with an impressive menu of western-inspired cuisine with a contemporary flair. Its expansive outdoor deck and performance space is perfect for events. Rawhides also offers overnight accommodations with two cosy bunkhouses and an onsite campground, an off-sale store, as well as a salon and barber shop. Other stops near Stenen: Fort Livingstone National Historic Site and Fort Pelly National Historic Site



## Hudson Bay



Little Red River Park  
PRINCE ALBERT

Explore Little Red River Park, located on the edge of Prince Albert. Hike or bike the more than 30 km of nature trails that wind through the 500-hectare forest park. Nestled in the spruce, the Cosmopolitan Lodge is home to The Knotty Pine Bistro, a contemporary family-style restaurant. Other stops in Prince Albert: Rotary Trail, Alfred's Playground, E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts/Mann Art Gallery and Prince Albert Historical Museum



Rawhides Bistro & Saloon  
STENEN



## Stenen



Ness Creek Music Festival

## Ness Creek – where people and cultures harmonize

At Ness Creek Site, near Big River, some people claim that magic happens there. Others insist that it is the power of the boreal forest that lures them back every year. Many agree that Ness Creek is more than just a place; it is a state of mind.

Much of the credit can go to a dedicated group of people who saw the potential for turning a meadow where cattle once grazed into a gathering and performance

space for music lovers. More than 30 years later, the acclaimed Ness Creek Music Festival is a signature summer event that features indie, roots and folk music from across Canada and around the world.

The Ness Creek Site is a flurry of activity outside of the main festival weekend. The summer schedule includes two other annual music showcases – Electric Sky Electronic Music & Arts Festival and



**Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival.** In between are numerous performances, music camps, a biennial international artists collaboration and a range of events and land-based learning opportunities. Investments in infrastructure – cabins, campsites and an indoor event facility, **The Jack Millikin Centre** – have made the site attractive to more than just the festival crowd.

In winter, Ness Creek is popular for its **Fire & Ice Festival**, cabin rentals, 30 km of groomed cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, horse-drawn sleigh rides, and more. Above all, the human connection burns bright and it is a place where the warmth of the people takes the chill out of the season.

**Where to Stay:** Discover Ness Creek is the source for cabin rentals at the main site, ranging from cosy two-sleeper suites to more spacious units that can accommodate 4-8 people. **Ness Core Ventures Rent-A-Yurt and Nesslin Lake Campground** provide more options for summer getaways in the boreal forest.

# Northern Lights & Waterways



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Back in the Boreal**  
Meadow Lake Provincial Park • June 1, 2024

**Prince Albert Street Fair**  
Prince Albert • June 15, 2024

**Canada Day**  
Waskesiu/Prince Albert National Park  
July 1, 2024

**Country at the Creek Music Festival**  
Big River • July 4-6, 2024

**Tobin Lake Walleye Championship**  
Tobin Lake • July 12-13, 2024

**Ness Creek Music Festival**  
Big River • July 18-21, 2024

**Annual Fair and Exhibition**  
Melfort • July 19-21, 2024

**Onion Lake Cree Nation Annual Powwow**  
Onion Lake First Nation • July 19-21, 2024

**Waskesiu Children's Festival**  
Waskesiu/Prince Albert National Park  
July 20, 2024

**Saskatchewan's Outback KCRA Rodeo**  
Carrot River • July 20-21, 2024

**Lilies in Bloom at Honeywood**  
Parkside • July 21, 2024

**Dog Patch Music Festival**  
Loon Lake • July 26-28, 2024

**Saskatchewan Premier's Walleye Cup**  
Tobin Lake • August 8-10, 2024

**Sask Parks Summer Cinema**  
Narrow Hills Provincial Park • August 10, 2024

**Thickwood Hills Studio Trail**  
Shell Lake • August 10-11, 2024

**Frenchman Butte Museum Festival**  
Frenchman Butte • August 11, 2024

**Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Camp**  
Big River • August 12-16, 2024

**Fish for Freedom Ladies Fishing Tournament**  
Nipawin • August 16-17, 2024

**Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival**  
Big River • August 16-18, 2024

**Sask Parks Summer Cinema**  
Duck Mountain Provincial Park • August 17, 2024

**Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival**  
Waskesiu/Prince Albert National Park  
August 23-25, 2024

**Electric Sky Electronic Music and Arts Festival 2024**  
Big River • August 23-26, 2024

**Sask Parks Summer Cinema**  
Greenwater Lake Provincial Park  
August 24, 2024

**Sask Parks Summer Cinema**  
Candle Lake Provincial Park • August 31, 2024

**A Touch of Autumn at Honeywood**  
Parkside • September 15, 2024

**Tapestrama Cultural Festival**  
Prince Albert • September 28-29, 2024

**Evergreen Artisan Market**  
Prince Albert • November 1-2, 2024

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Contact organizers for the latest event information.



# NORTHERN LIGHTS & WATERWAYS



## LEGEND

-  Town
-  Highway
-  Highway Number
-  Provincial Park/Historic Park
-  Park
-  Water Body

## PARK LIST

-  1 Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park
-  9 Clearwater River Provincial Park
-  11 Cumberland House Provincial Historic Park
-  22 Holy Trinity Anglican Church Provincial Historic Site
-  24 Lac La Ronge Provincial Park





Michela and Solomon Carrière

# Evolving the family business at Aski Holistic Adventures and Big Eddy Lodge



The Saskatchewan River Delta is the largest inland river delta in North America. Its meandering river channels and tracts of wetlands create a distinct, unparalleled ecosystem. The delta is where rare plant species thrive, millions of birds come to nest, and wildlife and fish are abundant.

Evidence of human history dates back 3,000 years. Today, First Nations and Métis residents continue to draw their livelihood from the land and water, are stewards of the land, and recognize the importance of the natural environment to spiritual and cultural well-being.

The Carrières have lived on the delta for generations. Looking back at the family's history, there is a pattern of

guiding, hosting guests and introducing them to the land, surroundings, and nearby community of **Cumberland House**.

Solomon Carrière, owner of **Big Eddy Lodge**, shares stories of his grandfathers – York boat captains who assisted guiding expeditions to the far north. His grandmothers managed multiple roles as caregivers, artisans and hostesses “who always supported their families in creating livelihoods on the lands and waters around them,” he said.

Solomon's father and uncles began guiding visiting bird hunters in the 1930s, taking a hiatus to serve in the Second World War. After the war, the tourism business expanded and



“As a family, we have made these wilderness lands our home, and it has provided for us a wonderful livelihood filled with unique experiences.”

– SOLOMON CARRIÈRE, BIG EDDY LODGE

Saskatchewan River Delta

Big Eddy Lodge began welcoming anglers, hunters, photographers and scientists conducting research on the area's delicate ecosystem.

Solomon began guiding when he was eight years old. He and his wife Renée took over the business in 1982. “We were fortunate to have three children, all of whom were raised and homeschooled in the wilderness and homelands surrounding Big Eddy Lodge,” he said. “As a family, we have made these wilderness lands our home, and it has provided for us a wonderful livelihood filled with unique experiences.” He emphasized that Cumberland House, today, continues to uphold its Cree language and culture.

## Learning the business

Daughter Michela recalls how she and her siblings helped their parents. “As young as eight or nine, we were assisting my mom in the kitchen, preparing meals for up to 20 people hunting at the lodge,” she said. “As I got older, I was involved in transportation

– taking guests in and out by motorboat or snowmobile. By 15, I took on another role as a canoe guide.”

## Curiosity leads to a career

Growing up on the delta was ideal for a child curious about plants and nature. From as early as she can remember, Michela was fascinated by the flowers, trees and mosses around her home. Influenced by her grandparents in Cumberland House, she assembled her own collection of plants and wondered about their special properties. At age 13, some of the answers came to her in a book about Cree traditional medicines harvested from the land. She eventually studied biology and horticulture at the University of Saskatchewan and focused her studies on the medicinal use of plants.

In 2016, Michela was cast in the documentary television series *Merchants of the Wild*, which followed six Indigenous youth on a 25-day canoe journey across northern Ontario. Involvement in the show provided a valuable life lesson. She realized that she had the skills, leadership

and drive to create a unique new tourism offering at Big Eddy Lodge. Michela launched **Aski Holistic Adventures** in 2018.

## The name says it all

Finding the perfect name was a lengthy process. Including a Cree term was first and foremost, and Michela was inspired by the word *aski*, which means land/earth. Next came looking closely at the offerings and finding words that reflect the experiences and the promise made to visitors. “I wanted something to really describe *aski*,” she said. “It’s outdoor adventure, but not the extreme kind. I needed to tone it down, so chose holistic – reflecting a slower pace and activities in nature that can involve all skill levels. And I like the acronym – AHA. You come out here to have your ‘aha’ moments.”

## One location, two businesses

The two businesses complement each other on multiple levels. When Big Eddy Lodge is full with anglers and hunters, Michela may take over the cooking and help with housekeeping. Year round, she manages marketing and social media activities for both businesses.

When Aski Holistic Adventures is hosting groups, Solomon lends his expertise as a guide, world-champion paddler, skier, cyclist, angler and talented bird caller. New guest experiences include birding tours, remote bike tours and traditional fire practices. An expanded trail system and outpost allow for longer, more remote excursions on the delta. The Carrières encourage leaving a small footprint on the landscape, which is home to hundreds of species of migrating and wintering birds, rare plants, and endangered species.



Michela Carrière



Big Eddy Lodge

Explore North America's Largest Inland Delta with **Aski Holistic Adventures**.





# Floatplanes and Big Fish: Giant Northern Adventures

Within moments of our taxi out from the launch in **Missinipe**, out there amongst the canoes and kayaks and fishing boats of Otter Lake, we're up. A burst of power across the water. Then a rapid ascent and a short flight, in a single-engine floatplane. Maybe 10 minutes, 15 at most, to our island destination. Within seconds, we're already in a whole different world.



Twin Falls

Below us, the glory and splendour of northern Saskatchewan spreads out. Green and blue, more shades than you can imagine. Hills and lakes and ponds and cascades. A patchwork quilt of islands, interlaced with the many cold, clean streams of the **Churchill River**.



"We're going for the rocket ship landing," the pilot says, in the super-ultra-laid-back tone of voice used by pilots everywhere, casual behind the yoke in his ripped jeans and Ray-Bans. As he banks us around and descends back down, it's a bit of a roller coaster ride. But soon we're skimming along calm waters and headed for the dock, and three days of big-time northern adventures at a fly-in fishing camp.

I will say this at the outset: I am not a good fisherman. In fact, I have a very complicated relationship with angling. A friend of mind has a saying: "Fishing is just a good way to ruin a boat ride." And you know what? I tend to agree.

But while I don't love fishing, I'm all about the catching. That flash of adrenaline when the fish hits the line. The thrill of the fight, reeling hard. That triumphant moment you bring a big fish into the boat.

And I love everything else about a fishing trip, too. The beauty of the surroundings, the peacefulness of being on the lake, the joy of getting to know the guide. And I get all of that in abundance here at **Twin Falls Lodge**.

Hemmed in by two waterfalls – thus the name – the lodge feels like a world apart. Spacious wooden decks with views in three directions. Big breakfasts and hearty dinners, followed by evenings of beer on tap and chats around a crackling fire. Falling asleep each night to the pervasive, super-calming sound of those cascades, carried on a cool breeze through your open window.

And another thing Twin Falls Lodge offers? Really good fishing. On the first morning, Andrew Roberts picks me up in his sporty boat. If fishing boats were cars, this would be a Camaro. We roll out on the Churchill, in search of walleye.

Running 1,600 kilometres from northern Alberta to Hudson Bay, the Churchill River was once a major thoroughfare for trappers and fur traders. The Cree call it "Missinipi," or "Big Waters." In this part of Saskatchewan, that powerful river splinters into many lakes and bays and coves and rapids, the network of waterways seeming to go on forever.



Twin Falls Lodge



Twin Falls Lodge



Twin Falls



Nistowiak Falls

On any fishing trip, a certain heaviness hangs over the boat, before the first fish is caught. The thought unspoken, but still all too real, and very possible: Is this the day we get completely skunked? As in, no fish. Trust me, I've had it happen before.

But while we catch fish, early and often, they remain rather small. Roberts supplements the angling with education. As we make our way to more of Roberts' secret spots, we pause near **Stanley Mission**, Amachewespimawin Cree Nation, Roberts' home.

He points out a high cliff, and explains that in the past, every autumn, the chief would fire an arrow toward it. "If the arrow reached the top, they would have a good winter," Roberts explains.

I learn more along the way, too, especially on the second day of fishing, when Andrew's cousin Lester joins us. We crash down Stanley Rapids in the motorboat – another roller coaster ride – and a short ride after that, land the boat to hike up to **Nistowiak Falls**, the highest cascades in the province. "Saskatchewan's all flat, right?," Andrew says to me with a wry smile, as the multi-levelled falls thunder beside us.

We cruise slowly past ancient rock paintings, and Lester tells me that there's more downstream, and upriver. And the two, chatting back and forth in Cree, prepare some delicious fish and chips, a shore lunch of fresh walleye, eaten under the watchful gaze of an eagle. As we enjoy, they take turns telling stories, about floatplanes and traplines and winters travelling by dogsled.

But the big fish remain elusive. Lots of small ones, but nothing worth a photo. Until the final hour of the trip. Andrew is determined we will get one legendary fish on the line. Trying one last bay, we cast our lines. (I ask Andrew its name, and he, keeping the spot secret, responds "it's just a bay.")



## AUTHOR: TIM JOHNSON

Tim Johnson was Tourism Saskatchewan's travel-writer-in-residence in summer 2023. Johnson has visited 148 countries on all seven continents, always in search of a good story. He's taken the Trans-Siberian across frozen landscapes during the coldest winter in a decade, cruised on a submarine below the Antarctic Circle, tipped back fermented camel's milk in a Mongolian tent, and heli-hiked in Greenland. He contributes regularly to the *Toronto Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Reader's Digest* and the *Vancouver Sun*, and also writes for *CNN Travel*, *The New Yorker*, *National Geographic*, *Bloomberg*, *BBC Travel*, *The Daily Beast*, *The Telegraph* (UK) and many others.

And, sure enough, I feel that trademark tug on the line. Nothing like a little 2-lb. walleye. This is a true monster of the deep. I set the hook as strongly as I can. And then, adrenaline surging into my arms, I reel like never before. It feels like I'm fighting a hammerhead shark.

Both of the cousins shout encouragements: "Keep the line tight! Don't lose it!" Finally, I get the fish to the side of the boat, and Andrew scoops it up in the net. A rather large northern pike. Andrew helps me position the huge fish in my hands, and Lester takes a photo.

I will always treasure that photo. But even more so the stories and tales, and time spent, with Andrew and Lester. And memories of rivers and lakes carved out of the Canadian Shield in this beautiful corner of northern Saskatchewan.

## PLAN YOUR TRIP

- » **Flyout Point:** Missinipe – 80 km N of La Ronge on Hwy 102
- » **Accommodations in Missinipe:**
  - Thompson's Resort
  - Churchill River Canoe Outfitters
  - Campgrounds:
    - Missinipe Campground
    - Churchill River Campground
    - Devil Lake Campground
- » **Amenities:**
  - Churchill River Trading Post
- » **Area Attractions:**
  - Lac La Ronge Provincial Park
  - Holy Trinity Anglican Church Provincial Historic Site, Stanley Mission
  - Nistowiak Falls
  - Canoe Adventures/Rentals/Shuttles:
    - Churchill River Canoe Outfitters (Missinipe)/Montreal River Outpost (Air Ronge)



Churchill River

# Chef Jenni Lessard creates the recipe for a rewarding culinary career



Wanuskewin Heritage Park

Chef Jenni Lessard always takes a piece of Saskatchewan with her when she travels. More specifically, she takes something edible, where permitted. Packing delicious treats, such as bison jerky, dried berries, wild rice, **Boreal Heartland** teas, pulses, and grains, comes as natural as packing a toothbrush and change of clothes.

She has a purpose behind it. “We are such a culturally and geographically diverse province, and it’s hard to explain that to people,” Lessard said, acknowledging that food speaks in a different, more convincing way.

Lessard juggles many plates as a chef, business owner and manager, caterer, instructor, and culinary consultant. She has been called a trailblazer for multiple reasons, including becoming the first female chef and first Métis executive chef at **Wanuskewin Heritage Park**; working as chef-in-residence at the **Saskatoon Farmers’ Market**; and, most recently, serving as interim executive director for a new national organization – the Indigenous Culinary of Associated Nations.

Lessard’s enthusiasm for Saskatchewan food and talent comes through in

her conversations, and in her cooking and menu planning. “I’m immersed in Saskatchewan’s culinary scene – it’s kind of my whole world,” she said, acknowledging that she is not alone and that innovation and creativity in the industry is building the province’s reputation with food travellers. “Every person who is doing something interesting and unique with local products, with traditional dishes, with Indigenous cuisine, is blazing the trail for the next person. We have a special scene here – one that has great potential.”

Ever grateful for the support and encouragement she has received during her career journey, Lessard is committed to “paying it forward” and helping others succeed. “My focus now is supporting other people interested in a culinary career,” Lessard said. “I’ve had so much help along the way, from people who have written articles about me, who have invited me to events, or championed my cause whether it was local cuisine or Indigenous cooking. My goal for the next 15 years is to bring people along with me.”

“When I’m 90 and ready to take off my apron, I hope that I can look at the culinary scene and lose track of the number of Indigenous women, women of colour, new Canadians, settler Canadians and people overall who are part of the industry,” Lessard said. “I hope that the list will be expansive and inclusive, and continue to grow.”

## FIELD TO SHIELD CULINARY TOUR

Hosted by Chef Jenni Lessard of **Inspired by Nature Culinary Consulting and Adventure Destinations**, the Field to Shield Culinary Tour is an authentic six-day/five-night experience showcasing Saskatchewan’s culture and culinary uniqueness. En route to **Missinipe** for a four-night stay at **Thompson’s Resort**, the tour will travel from **Saskatoon** and make stops at **Batoche National Historic Site** and **Elk Ridge Resort**. While in the north, learn about Indigenous culture and local ingredients and savour fantastic food. On the return trip to Saskatoon, the tour will stop at **Wanuskewin Heritage Park** and finish with a wrap-up meal at a local Saskatoon restaurant. For 2024, there are two tours to choose from: August 23-28 and September 7-12.

Book your Field to Shield Culinary Tour now.



Thompson’s Resort

# Bucket List Trip: Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park



Canada’s most renowned sand dunes are located in **Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park** in Saskatchewan’s northwest corner. These are the world’s most northern sand dunes and it’s an adventure in itself just to reach them. They cover about 2,000 sq. km along a 100-km stretch of shoreline on the southern edge of Lake Athabasca.

It’s been a bucket list destination of mine for years. On my 10-day trip last summer, I experienced the most spectacular views of windswept dunes. They were comparable to far-flung destinations like the Sahara or Namib Desert. But this unique ecosystem is not a desert. Tucked between the Lakeland region of Alberta and the northern boreal forest, there is no lack of rainfall or water here.

Most dramatic of all are the dunes in the William Dune Field. They rise upwards of 33 m in elevation and extend as far as 1.5 km in length. Each one is part of a series of 40 dunes that stretches 10 km

from the lake’s edge to the southern horizon. Their formation began when the glacier receded 10,000 years ago. The low-lying plains of the Athabasca formation were exposed to prevailing winds. These winds created the ridges of parabolic, rolling, linear, beach and underwater dunes seen today.

But it’s not just about the dunes out here. A rare and delicate pebbly veneer called desert pavement covers swaths of the area. It’s home to unique sandblasted and polished rock structures called ventifacts.

Protruding from the sand in the Thompson Dune Field are the jagged remains of ancient trees – part of an exhumed forest. Years ago, the forest was engulfed by the moving sand and, over time, it’s been uncovered again by the relentless wind. There are nearly a dozen endemic plant species not found anywhere else on earth. They are specifically adapted to survive in this harsh sandy environment.



The blue jewel next to the golden dunes is Lake Athabasca. With 2,140 km of shoreline and a depth of 124 m, it’s considered an inland sea. It’s notorious for its high winds and waves and famous for its monster lake trout and northern pike. Most spectacular is the William River Delta (one of three rivers) that spills 3,000 tonnes of sand into the lake. It forms an intricate braided pattern of strips of dark river channels juxtaposed against swirls of caramel-coloured sandbars – an incredible sight best seen from the windows of a floatplane.

There are no amenities and no cell service in the area. Options to get here include boating in or landing a floatplane along the southern shore of Lake Athabasca. Access communities include Fort McMurray, **Stony Rapids**, **Fond du Lac** and **Uranium City**. The park can also be reached from the William River and the MacFarlane River by paddlers with whitewater canoeing experience. A trip to Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park is a genuine wilderness destination for the truly adventurous.

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# How to See the Northern Lights in Saskatchewan



Saskatchewan is a great location for experiencing one of the most amazing natural wonders on earth – the northern lights. Watching the lights dance across the night sky is a moment remembered forever.

## What are the Northern Lights and When to See Them in Saskatchewan?

The northern lights are caused by the atmosphere's reaction to energy released by the sun. This energy creates a colourful display at night, which are the northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis.

The northern lights are very unpredictable. The most reliable forecast is produced about 30-45 minutes ahead of time.

Here are some helpful apps that show this information in a user-friendly format:

- Aurora Alerts is a great app for incorporating aurora predictions with current weather in an easy-to-read format. SpaceWeatherLive is a bit more in-depth and a reliable source.

- For live updates, the Saskatchewan Aurora Hunters Facebook group is a great source of information.

Here are some important things to consider in an aurora forecast:

- KP Index is an estimate of activity in the forecast. It is a generalization of strength but is not always reliable.
- BZ is one of the most important indicators for the data. A high negative BZ number for a sustained period of time can help produce a good show visible across Saskatchewan.

## When to See Them:

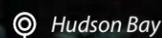
The best times of year to see the northern lights are February through April or September through October. These are the best months based on aurora activity, hours of darkness and weather. Aurora can occur any night of the year. Winter has more hours of darkness, meaning higher chances of seeing them.

## Times of Day:

The northern lights can only be seen about two hours after sunset until two hours before sunrise. At midnight, the aurora oval is at its peak over Saskatchewan. Some shows last a very short time, while others last all night.

## Where to see the Northern Lights in Saskatchewan and Picking a Location

The great part is since the northern lights occur in the sky, they can be visible almost anywhere in Saskatchewan depending on the strength of the show. Most often, overhead views and the best views occur in the north. In the south, it's more typical to see the northern lights lower on the horizon. A strong aurora storm of KP5+ can be seen overhead anywhere in Saskatchewan.



Hudson Bay



Porcupine Hills Provincial Park



Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park

## Picking a location:

- You don't want to have light pollution between you and the northern horizon, so heading south of a city isn't recommended. The further from the city the better, making small towns and rural areas ideal places to get an easily accessible view.
- To help you find a dark location near you, check the dark sky finder map.
- Make sure to pull off safely when you find a quiet gravel road or public parking area.
- Be respectful of private property.
- Having an unobstructed view of the northern horizon is important.
- Know the area. It is best to check out your location during the day.

## What to Consider when Planning to View the Northern Lights and Improving your Experience:

- **Cloud Cover:** Heavy cloud cover or fog will block your view.
- **Moon Phase:** It is best to go when there is no moon, or as little as possible to allow for the darkest sky.
- **What to Expect:** A northern lights show will often start as a faded white haze in the sky. The white hazy band can transform quickly into bright vibrant moving colours. Avoid using lights, or having headlights on when there are others viewing with you. It takes about 15 minutes for our eyes to adjust to darkness. Bring a head lamp or flashlight and extra batteries for safety.
- **Dress Warm:** Even in warm weather, it gets cold at night. Safety gear is important when heading out at night. Patience is important. The northern lights are highly unpredictable, and a great show can come out of nowhere.

Don't forget your favourite warm drinks, snacks and a blanket to cuddle up with loved ones for the show.

With a little patience, determination and preparation, you can be enjoying a bucket list moment right here in Saskatchewan, watching the enchanting northern lights dance into the night!

Explore the wonders of the night sky with Jeanine Holowatuik.



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# Saskatchewandering with Andrew Hiltz

Saskatchewanderer Andrew Hiltz has travelled across the province. Here are some of his top stops and favourite hidden gems, as well as a few locations that are still on his Saskatchewan bucket list.



**Some additional stops/events:**

- Arctic Lodges *Reindeer Lake*
- Hunt Falls *Grease River*
- Lloyd Lake Lodge *Lloyd Lake*
- Pemmican Lodge *Île-à-la-Crosse*
- Whitewater Festival 2024
- June 28-July 1 near *Missinipe*

Churchill River Canoe Outfitters provides canoe trip services for adventurers. Explore the Churchill River and other scenic northern Saskatchewan rivers. Montreal River Outpost offers canoe, kayak, and SUP rentals, along with shuttle services in Lac La Ronge and beyond. They're a fully stocked outdoor retailer for your Northern Saskatchewan adventure needs.



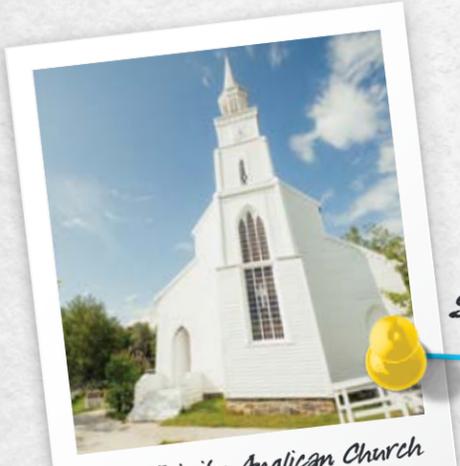
Churchill River Canoe Outfitters / Montreal River Outpost  
MISSINIBE / AIR RONGE

Near Creighton and Denare Beach, see the Limestone Crevices along Amisk Lake's south shore. Formed by coral in an ancient seabed, the ground was pried apart by repeated freezing and thawing, creating a labyrinth of moss and stone. You can see ice at the bottom, even in July. Other highlights nearby: T&D Amisk Camp, Beaver City Tours and The Ridge on Amisk Resort



Limestone Crevices  
AMISK LAKE

Île-à-la-Crosse



Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
STANLEY MISSION

Situated prominently on the banks of the Churchill River in the northern community of Stanley Mission, the Holy Trinity Anglican Church is the oldest building in Saskatchewan. Built in a Gothic Revival style, the church was constructed between 1854 and 1860 from hardwood logs cut by local Indigenous Peoples and features stained glass imported from England. Other highlights along the Churchill River: Indigenous Rock Art (Pictographs) and Nistowiak Falls

Missinipe

Stanley Mission

La Ronge

Air Ronge

Reindeer Lake

Amisk Lake



Boreal Heartland Food Products  
AIR RONGE

Discover the hidden treasures of northern Saskatchewan with Boreal Heartland. From chanterelle mushrooms to Labrador tea, northern Saskatchewan yields a bounty of wild delicacies. For millennia, Indigenous communities have thrived on hunting, foraging, and fishing here, and now they share this abundance with the world.

# Winter in Saskatchewan



Wildcat Hill Provincial Park



# When the Snow Falls: Top Saskatchewan Winter Destinations

While Saskatchewan is blanketed in white, strap on some cross-country skis or skates, hit the trails on your snowmobile or stay cosy by the fire with some hot chocolate. Embrace the snowy season at some of this province's most popular parks and four-season family-friendly destinations.



📍 *Moose Mountain Provincial Park*



📍 *Tobin Lake*

## Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

As the snow settles in the lush lodgepole pine and white spruce forests of the Cypress Hills, pull out your cross-country skis or snowshoes and explore the 17 km of groomed trails in the Centre Block. Winter fun in **Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park** also includes tobogganing, skating, and snowmobiling (only in the designated area in the Centre Block). Open year round, **The Resort at Cypress Hills** has hotel rooms, townhouses and rustic cabins, as well as onsite dining.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Camp-Easy, The Resort at Cypress Hills

## Prince Albert National Park

Enjoy the comforts of the resort village of **Waskesiu**, while experiencing northern wilderness encounters in the heart of **Prince Albert National Park**. From the townsite, you can explore winding, scenic trails on cross-country skis or by snowshoe. Hit the ice for some indoor skating at the Paul G. Horne Memorial Arena or venture out for some ice fishing on Waskesiu Lake. After a day of outdoor recreation, warm up by the fire in the enclosed camp kitchen near the Main Beach.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Hawood Inn, Lost Creek Resort, Kapasiwin Bungalows, The Suites at Waskesiu, Waskesiu Resorts

📍 *Elk Ridge Resort*

## Blackstrap Provincial Park

Begin a whimsical winter journey just a 35-minute drive south of Saskatoon at Blackstrap Provincial Park, where the snow-kissed landscape transforms into a wonderland. For those seeking more traditional winter pursuits, the Blackstrap Provincial Park Trail system offers 15 km of trails catered to beginner to advanced hikers, and cross-country skiers. You can also strap on snowshoes and head out for a beautiful day in the winter snow. After a day of snowy exploration, retreat to the cozy cottage of Blackstrap Glamping Resort, where rustic charm meets modern comfort. Nestled amidst the snowy vistas, it offers the perfect sanctuary for unwinding and relishing the magic of the season.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Blackstrap Glamping Resort

## Elk Ridge Resort

Breathe in the fresh northern air as you head out for a cross-country ski or snowshoe at **Elk Ridge Resort**. Experience the boreal forest in all of its winter glory as you glide through or hike the resort's more than 15-km groomed trail system. Then strap on some skates or grab a broom and rocks and curl (or crokicurl) a few ends. The lodge overlooks a frozen pond with a skating loop and hockey rinks, as well as

a curling sheet. Before the day is done, hit the toboggan hill where you can jump on a tire tube and race to the bottom. This premier all-season resort has a variety of accommodation options, including the lodge, log cabins, townhouses or cottages, two restaurants, a spa and an indoor saltwater pool, hot tub and waterslide for the little ones.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Elk Ridge Resort, Elk Ridge on the Lake (Waskesiu)

## Buffalo Pound Provincial Park

Step into a majestic winter wonderland just a short drive from Regina at Buffalo Pound Provincial Park. Immerse yourself in the serenity of the snowy landscape as you ride through trails, such as the Nicolle Flats Homestead and Valley Trail, on a thrilling fat biking adventure or explore the pristine surroundings on snowshoes. For cross-country skiers, the park offers groomed trails that wind through breathtaking vistas.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Camp-Easy, Life's a Beach Rentals, Glamping Resorts Ltd.

## Moose Mountain Provincial Park

Bordering small lakes and scenic viewpoints, **Moose Mountain Provincial Park** has an extensive trail system that allows winter enthusiasts to enjoy the beauty of the park. Travel through this unique southern Saskatchewan forest on over 100 km of groomed snowmobile trails, 50 km of ski trails groomed for both classic and skate skiing and 10 km of snowshoe trails. Candlelit ski, cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals are available at the Kenosee Inn on behalf of the Moose Mountain Lions Club. Located in the park overlooking Kenosee Lake, **Kenosee Inn and Cabins** has hotel rooms and cabins available to rent for your snowy getaway.



**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Kenosee Inn and Cabins, Bear Claw Casino and Hotel, Living Skies Lodge

## Ness Creek Site

The **Ness Creek** site, home to music festivals and cultural events in the summer, transforms into a winter oasis hidden in the boreal forest. **Discover Ness Creek** has 10 winterized cabins, designed and furnished to keep visitors cosy through all seasons, available to rent. Onsite activities include ice skating and 30 km of groomed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails. At nearby **Ski Timber Ridge**, hit the slopes for some downhill skiing and snowboarding. The hill has six runs and a snowboard park.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Discover Ness Creek

## Nipawin/Carrot River/ Tobin Lake

With a three-month season (mid-December to mid-March), opportunities for winter anglers to get out on the ice are countless. There is an abundance of great fishing lakes across central Saskatchewan. With a world-record ice fishing catch in the books, **Tobin Lake**, near **Nipawin** and **Carrot River**, should be one of your go-to spots for that trophy walleye. This area is also a part of the **1,000 Miles of Snow** network and home to some of the province's most popular snowmobile trails. Downhill skiing and snowboarding fun await at nearby **Wapiti Valley Ski & Board Resort**. **Trapper Creek Outfitters** (Nipawin) and **Campbell's Racing Sled Dogs** (Melfort) offer dogsledding adventures in the area.

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
Carrot River Inn, The Outerbanks (near Wapiti Valley Ski & Board Resort)



📍 *Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park*



📍 *Buffalo Pound Provincial Park*



Water's Edge Eco Lodge

### Meadow Lake Provincial Park

In the province's northwest, **Meadow Lake Provincial Park** is the ideal location for winter adventure. With more than 20 lakes, rivers and streams within its boundaries, the park has no shortage of ice. Set up a hut, drill some holes and spend the afternoon ice fishing. Explore the expansive park by snowmobile on more than 175 km of trails.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

**Water's Edge Eco Lodge, Lake Time Rentals, Flotten Lake Adventures Resort, Tawaw Cabins 2004 Ltd, Miywâsin Ôta Resort**

### Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Book a four-season condo or cabin rental at **Madge Lake Retreats** for a relaxing stay at **Duck Mountain Provincial Park**. Bring your snowmobile and ride the 70 km of snowmobile trails with varied terrain, or pull out the downhill skis or snowboard and hit the slopes at **Duck Mountain Ski Area**. Five cosy warm-up shelters greet cross-country skiers on the 60 km of maintained trails in the park.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

**Madge Lake Retreats**



Duck Mountain Provincial Park

### Echo Valley Provincial Park/ Katepwa Point Provincial Park/ Qu'Appelle Valley

New to the **Echo Valley Provincial Park** is a Ninja Warrior-style course with a slackline, bouldering wall and zipline. At **Mission Ridge Winter Park**, near **Fort Qu'Appelle**, strap on your snowboard and clear the frost from your goggles as you take to one of the 15 runs. The ski hill also has two

terrain parks, a tube park, three conveyor lifts and a triple chair lift. Get your winter jacket, ski pants and helmet and ride the more than 350 km of snowmobile trails in the area. The Qu'Appelle Valley lakes are also favourite ice fishing spots in southern Saskatchewan.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

**Camp-Easy, Sundays Log Cabins, Katepwa Beach Hotel**

# Winter in the City



Downtown Regina

Bundle up and experience Saskatchewan's cities in the snowy season. With countless outdoor skating rinks, cross-country ski trails and opportunities for downhill skiing and snowboarding, the province's urban centres have all you need to warm up to winter.



Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino

### Saskatoon and Area

Lace up some skates and take to the ice at the **Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @ Nutrien Plaza**, located in Kiwanis Park next to the historic **Delta Hotels by Marriott Bessborough**. The outdoor skating rink has a cosy warm-up shelter, fire pit, washrooms and skates available to borrow.

**Optimist Hill**, Saskatoon's premier winter recreation facility, has tubing lanes and areas for tobogganing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. There is also a terrain park with rails, boxes and jumps, and a magic carpet conveyor to carry people to the top of the hill.

The **Meewasin Valley** trails become a winter wonderland once the snow flies. Pull out your cross-country skis

or snowshoes and explore the city in all seasons. Glide along the groomed trails at **Holiday Park** and **Wildwood** golf courses, or venture outside of city limits to **Wanuskewin Heritage Park**, **Beaver Creek Conservation Area**, **Eb's Cross-Country Ski Trail** (near Duck Lake) or **Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino**. Other guided winter experiences at the resort include horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowshoe adventures, bird tours and ice fishing.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

**Delta Hotels by Marriott Bessborough, Alt Hotel Saskatoon, The James Hotel, Dakota Dunes Resort & Casino**

### Regina and Area

Snowshoe through **Wascana Centre** or strap on skis and travel the park's many pathways in cross-country style. The city of Regina boasts almost 14 km of groomed ski trails for people of all ages and skill levels. The trails are located at various sites, including **Douglas Park**, **Kinsmen Park**, **Les Sherman Park** and **AE Wilson Park**. Outside of the city,

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### Moose Jaw and Area

Following a snowshoe or cross-country ski through the **Wakamow Valley**, soak in the soothing water at **Temple Gardens Hotel & Spa**. For more outdoor adventure, go fat biking on the trails at **Buffalo Pound Provincial Park**.

### Prince Albert and Area

**Little Red River Park** boasts more than 30 km of forest trails and is a cross-country skier's dream with 12 groomed tracks of varying difficulty. Other popular winter activities in the park include tobogganing, snowshoeing, and downhill skiing and snowboarding at the **Kinsmen Ski and Snowboard Centre**, which has two beginner hills and one intermediate run.

### Yorkton

Throw some rocks during a game of crokicurl or strap on some skates and explore the **Patrick Park Skating Pathway**.

### North Battleford and Area

Put on some cross-country skis and hit the trails at **Finlayson Island Nature Park**, or go downhill skiing or snowboarding at the popular **Table Mountain Regional Park**.

**White Butte Trails Recreation Site** has 13 km of trails in treed sections of gently rolling hills, while the **Wascana Valley Natural Area Recreation Site** has 15 km of trails for skiing and snowshoeing.

With spectacular views of **Wascana Centre** and the **Saskatchewan Legislative Building**, the **Rink on Wascana** is Regina's newest public outdoor skating rink. Designed with a focus on accessibility, it has ramps, fixed and mobile lighting, professional boards, rubber matting and warming and washroom facilities. BYOS – bring your own skates, as rentals and loaners are not offered at the Wascana Lake rink. Or try out **The Rink @ City Square**, located in the heart of downtown Regina. Skates are available on loan from the **Warming Chalet** near the ice surface.

#### WHERE TO STAY:

**The Hotel Saskatchewan - Autograph Collection by Marriott, The Atlas® Hotel**





# Snowmobile 1,000 Miles of Snow in Northeast Saskatchewan

📍 Northeast Saskatchewan



Northeast Saskatchewan is home to one of the most unique trail systems in Canada – a 1,000-mile snowmobile route connecting the 12 communities of **St. Brieux, Melfort, Tisdale, Kelvington, Zenon Park, Aylsham, Nipawin, Carrot River, Arborfield, Porcupine Plain, Weekes** and **Hudson Bay**.

Snowmobilers are not only a common sight in this region, but they are warmly welcomed. In each town, sleds are recognized as legal transportation and there are miniature traffic signs posted in ditches and at intersections. Hotels, cabins, and bed and breakfasts are set up to accommodate multi-day snowmobilers. Some provide heated shops for sleds, while others offer snowmobile parking and space for trucks and trailers. Several accommodations, including **Shell's Fitness & Soul Center** in Carrot River and **Fir River Ranch** in Hudson Bay, have saunas or hot tubs that are perfect for guests to warm up and enjoy some post-ride relaxation.

There are a number of restaurants along the way that offer an unexpected culinary experience worthy of a stop. Not-to-miss locations include **The Dam Smokehouse** and **Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace** in Nipawin, **The Railway Ave.**

**Pub** in Hudson Bay, and **Golden Grain Bakery** in Melfort.

Weekend trips are convenient to explore each part of the region. But the entire 1,000 miles (more than 1,600 km) of snow is an incredible feat to accomplish for those looking for an extended adventure taking seven to 10 days to travel the entire loop.

Traversing across picturesque parkland with its iconic grain bins and wooden barns, you'll spot one of Saskatchewan's last prairie sentinels – a wooden grain elevator – just outside of the community of Weekes. From open fields to the snow-laden jack pine and spruce trees that make up part of the boreal forest, the trails are a

prime location for some of Saskatchewan's best powder and trail riding. It's not unusual to have up to six feet of snow accumulate throughout the season.

This is why it's one of Saskatchewan's most popular destinations for snowmobiling.

While **Greenwater Lake Provincial Park** north of Kelvington and **Tobin Lake** north of Nipawin are popular locations for day riders, certain areas are only accessible in wintertime – like **Wildcat Hill Provincial Park** east of Arborfield. Muskeg conditions and lack of roads make it nearly impenetrable in the summertime. But in winter, the carefully routed and groomed trail winds its way up to Bankside Lake through dwarf forests and along several

steep canyons. The warm-up shelter on the edge of the lake is the only sign of civilization in the otherwise rugged and wild park.

A wonderful part of snowmobiling these trails is discovering the unique shelters built and maintained by the local snowmobile clubs. The **1,000 Miles of Snow** trail system wouldn't be the success it is without the countless hours of work contributed by each community, snowmobile club and their local volunteers.

There are more than 40 shelters on the 1,000 Miles of Snow route, including one of the newest located between Zenon Park and Arborfield. The shelter is modelled after a red railway station, complete with its own rail crossing sign out front.

Shelters are equipped with indoor stoves, outdoor firepits, racks to hang and dry gear, first aid kits, maps, chopped wood, an axe and an outhouse. But best of all, they are the perfect spot to stop and prepare a meal, while warming up and sharing in good conversation with friends.



📍 Pasquia 220Z Trail



## How to Plan Your Trip

If you're planning to ride the 1,000 Miles of Snow route, here are a few recommendations to help you prepare for your trip.

### 1 Pick Your Route

Decide whether you want to travel out from a single location or carry an overnight bag and stop in a different community each night. Tisdale and Porcupine Plain are great central locations, while St. Brieux is perfect to head east and loop the trail system.

Share a detailed trip itinerary with family or friends and carry a route map with you. The **Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association** has an interactive online trail map ([ssa.evtrails.com](http://ssa.evtrails.com)). There is also an app for both Apple and Android phones that works offline if the trail maps have been downloaded in advance.

### 2 Layer Up

Temperatures in Saskatchewan can drop below -30 C. Merino wool and fleece are ideal layers to wear underneath a snowmobile suit. Avoid cotton clothing as it absorbs moisture and makes you feel cold and damp. Wearing thickly insulated gear designed for snowmobiling is best for staying warm. Hand and feet warmers are easy to stash in a pocket and can add an extra bit of warmth on long rides or particularly cold days.

### 3 Pack a Trail Lunch

There are more than 40 warm-up shelters spread out along the trail system. Pack in snacks and a thermos or plan a hot dog roast over an open fire for the perfect trail lunch. Make sure to clean up any garbage and take it with you when you leave.

### 4 Carry Extra Fuel and Parts

Saskatchewan is big and fuel-up locations are limited in each town. Carry a jerry can of gas and a few extra sled parts and tools in the event of a breakdown on the trail. Cell service isn't guaranteed in all areas, so you'll want to be prepared if you're on the trail longer than expected.

### 5 Leave No Trace

These trails are a wonderful system to access thanks to the dedication and effort of each of the local snowmobile clubs that groom the trails, maintain the shelters, and implement signage along all 1,000 miles. Leave no trace policies including staying on groomed trails, packing out garbage, and respecting private property and wildlife to ensure the trails remain a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Visit [sasksnow.com](http://sasksnow.com) for updated trail conditions, interactive trail map, event calendar, safety training, registration and more.



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# Winter Angling: A Guide to Ice Fishing

Winter in Saskatchewan offers outdoor enthusiasts countless adventures, including incredible ice fishing. Once the lakes and rivers across the province freeze, communities of ice fishing shacks pop up.



## Lake Diefenbaker

Lake Diefenbaker, in the southwest, is another prime ice fishing location, renowned for its trophy-sized rainbow trout. With its vast 800-km shoreline, the lake is also known for the diversity of species found in its waters, including walleye, northern pike, burbot, yellow perch, whitefish and lake trout.

## Qu'Appelle Lakes (Pasqua, Echo, Mission and Katepwa)

A series of four small lakes in the southeast, the Qu'Appelle Lakes are favourite drive-to spots. Also known as the Fishing Lakes, they are very accessible and home to a fish hatchery. Here, you can catch an impressive number of species, including walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, whitefish, burbot, sauger, channel catfish, rock bass, black bullhead, big mouth buffalo, dog fish and common carp, among others.

By mid- to late-December, ice on Saskatchewan's pristine lakes is most often solid enough for fishing (but always check conditions before crossing frozen bodies of water). With the right bait, you can catch walleye aplenty. Northern pike, perch, whitefish, lake trout and burbot can also be caught in winter. Thawing is rare before mid-March. The three-month season gives winter anglers ample time and opportunity to get out on the ice.

## Where to Go and What You'll Catch

Saskatchewan boasts an abundance of healthy, record-sized fish. Here are some of the top ice fishing locations throughout the province:

### Tobin Lake

With a world-record ice fishing catch in the books, Tobin Lake, near Nipawin, should be one of your go-to spots for that trophy walleye. The lake is home to many other species, including yellow perch, northern pike, burbot, whitefish and goldeye. It has been named one of the top ice fishing destinations in Canada.

### Last Mountain Lake

In the south, Last Mountain Lake is a favourite ice fishing spot. At more than 90 km long, the size of the lake means that there is plenty of room for all winter anglers wanting to drill some holes and drop a line. This lake has healthy populations of northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, whitefish, burbot and common carp.

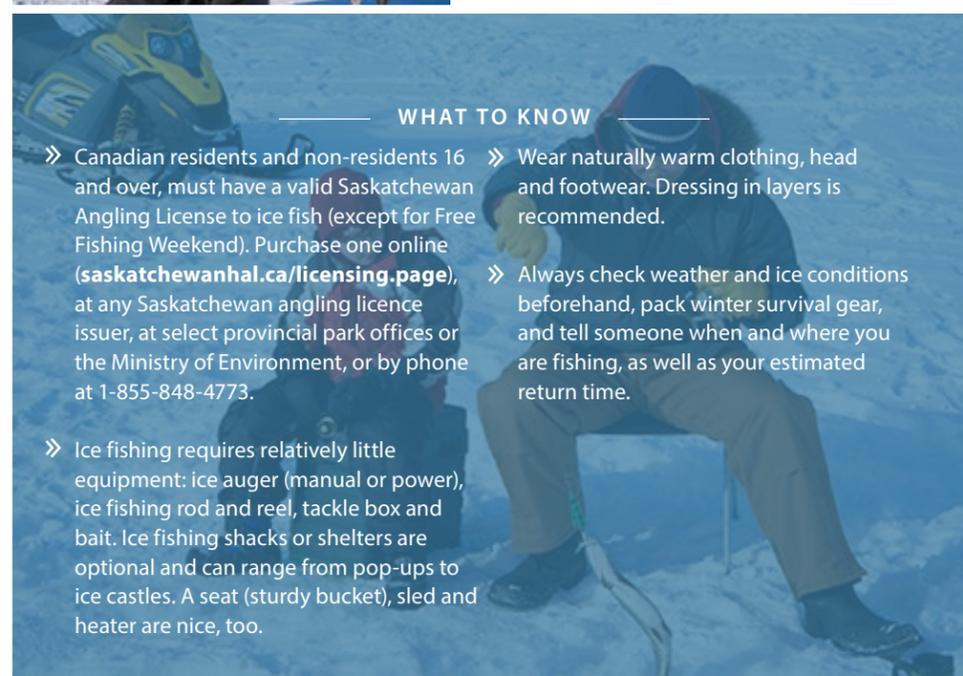


## Boundary Dam/ Rafferty Dam

For a unique catch, Boundary Dam near Estevan is the go-to spot for largemouth bass. In fact, it's the only place to go. Due to the nearby power plant, the water is much warmer, which makes it possible for the species to thrive. Other species found in the reservoir and neighbouring Rafferty Dam include walleye, northern pike and yellow perch.

## Northern Saskatchewan Lakes

Saskatchewan has world-class freshwater fishing, and many of the province's nearly 100,000 lakes and rivers can be found in the north. Opportunities for ice fishing are endless. A few drive-to/road-accessible lakes include Amisk Lake, Deschambault Lake, Otter Lake and Dore Lake. In the far north, experience a remote winter angling adventure like no other at Cree Lake. Northern pike, walleye, lake trout and arctic grayling are some of the species that inhabit the waters of northern Saskatchewan.



### WHAT TO KNOW

- » Canadian residents and non-residents 16 and over, must have a valid Saskatchewan Angling License to ice fish (except for Free Fishing Weekend). Purchase one online ([saskatchewanhal.ca/licensing.page](http://saskatchewanhal.ca/licensing.page)), at any Saskatchewan angling licence issuer, at select provincial park offices or the Ministry of Environment, or by phone at 1-855-848-4773.
- » Ice fishing requires relatively little equipment: ice auger (manual or power), ice fishing rod and reel, tackle box and bait. Ice fishing shacks or shelters are optional and can range from pop-ups to ice castles. A seat (sturdy bucket), sled and heater are nice, too.
- » Wear naturally warm clothing, head and footwear. Dressing in layers is recommended.
- » Always check weather and ice conditions beforehand, pack winter survival gear, and tell someone when and where you are fishing, as well as your estimated return time.

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