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TOURISM Saskatchewan CANADA

SASKATCHEWAN AT A GLANCE

QUICK FACTS

- Saskatchewan population was 1,098,352 in the 2016 Census of Canada.
- The capital city is Regina, with a population of 241,422 (metropolitan). The largest city is Saskatoon, with a population of 305,000 (metropolitan).
- The name "Saskatchewan" comes from the Indigenous word "kisiskatchewan" – meaning the river that flows swiftly.
- 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.

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FLYING TIME FROM	TO REGINA	TO SASKATOON
Vancouver	2 hours	2 hours
Calgary	1 hour 15 min.	1 hour
Edmonton	1 hour 15 min.	1 hour
Winnipeg	55 min.	1 hour 10 min.
Toronto	2 hours 50 min.	3 hours

Population source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada

NATIONAL DISTINCTIONS

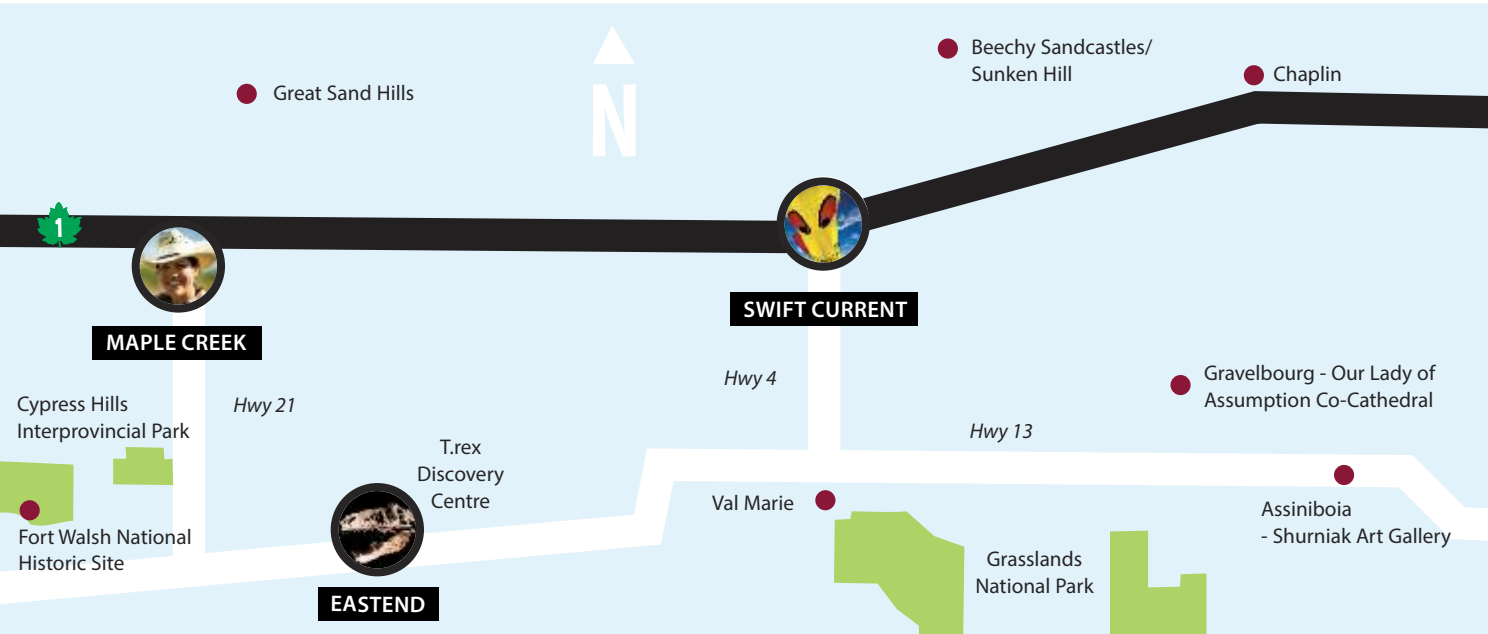
- Saskatchewan is home to Canada's only training academy for Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recruits, in Regina.
- The T.rex skeleton, excavated near Eastend in 1994-95, is one of only 12 such discoveries in the world.
- The Athabasca Sand Dunes are the most northerly major sand dunes in the world, 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.
- Canada is the world's largest exporter of lentils, dry peas, mustard, flaxseed and canola.
- Saskatchewan is the world's chief source of uranium and potash, and has one of the world's largest kimberlite fields.

SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

Fort Walsh National Historic Site



The Great Sandhills

Sea of grass
One of Saskatchewan's two national parks, Grasslands National Park is a 570-sq. km expanse of grassy hills and river valleys. Drive the Ecotour road and view herds of Plains bison as they roam the land, grazing on native grasses. Black-tailed prairie dogs, black-footed ferrets and pronghorns make their homes here – not to mention the snake hibernaculum. Stay in one of the park's iconic tipis or an oTENTik. Backcountry hikers and campers will have a field day in the East Block. Backpack your way through the gorgeous, hoodoo-strewn landscape of the Valley of 1,000 Devils. At night, the Milky Way illuminates this designated Dark Sky Preserve.

The sandy Southwest
Located 159 km north of the Trans-Canada Highway, the Great Sand Hills are well worth the trip. Rising five storeys above the prairie landscape, the sand hills cover over 1,900 sq. km with rolling sand dunes, cracked cliffs and and deep gorges. Further northeast, discover the Beechy Sandcastles and Sunken Hill. The trail leading to these natural attractions winds through sand dunes, tipi rings and unique landscapes and vistas overlooking Lake Diefenbaker. The lake features three provincial parks and is one of the premier recreation areas in southern Saskatchewan.

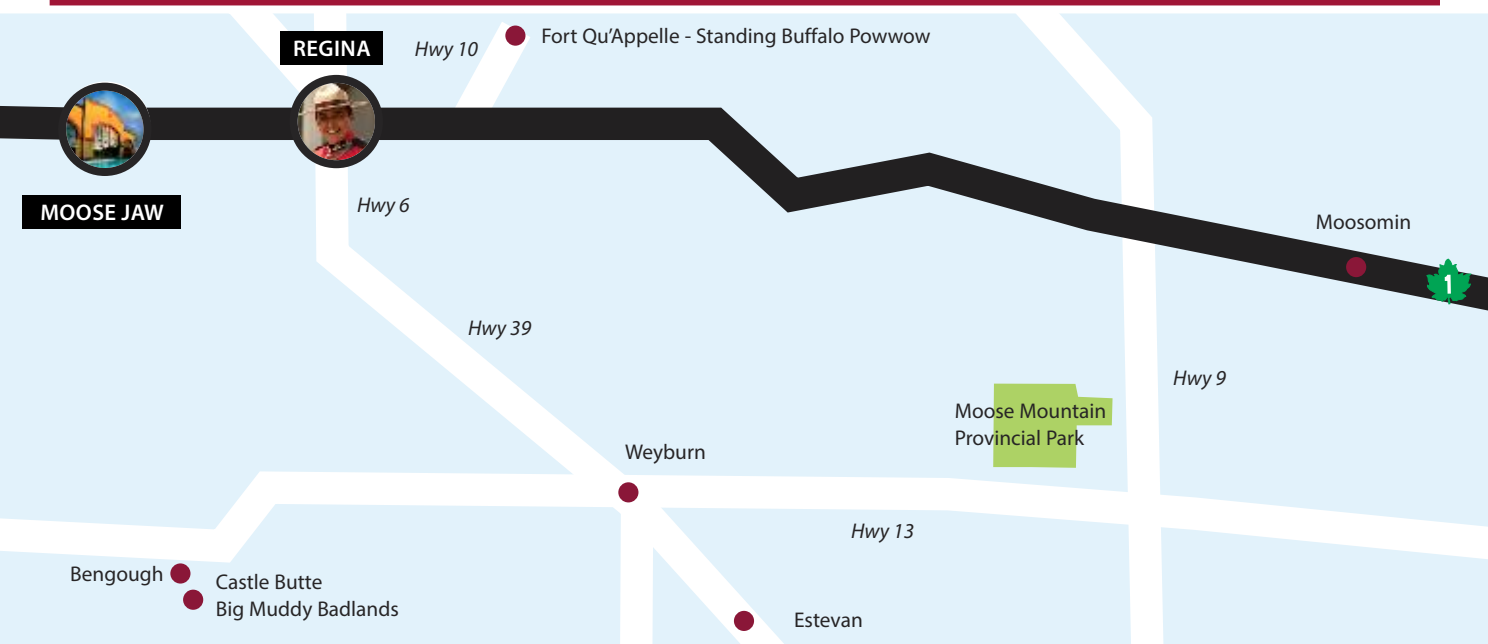
Discover Scotty
Scotty, Canada's most complete T.rex skeleton, was found in the hills near the town of Eastend. The T.rex Discovery Centre was built to showcase the rich geological and fossil heritage of southwest Saskatchewan. For the best view of that ancient landscape, drive up to Jones Peak just outside of the town and gaze out over the valley.

On Moose Mountain
Moose Mountain Provincial Park offers extensive trail systems for hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Pass through the beautiful stands of aspen, birch, green ash and Manitoba maple that characterize this unique southern Saskatchewan forest. Not far from the park, the Prairie Dog Drive-In near Carlyle is a buttery way to spend an evening. Visit Cannington Manor Provincial Park and find out about a doomed attempt to recreate the aristocratic English lifestyle in the middle of the prairies.

SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival

ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS

Time your visit to southern Saskatchewan right and you can catch some fantastic events. At the top of your list should be the SaskPower Windscape Kite Festival in Swift Current, which hosts champion kite flyers from around the world as they unveil stunning airborne creations. The kite festival coincides with the Long Day's Night Music Festival, which packs a summer's worth of live music into four days. Southern summers also bring the Gateway Festival in Bengough, the Saskatchewan Festival of Words in Moose Jaw, the Mortlach Saskatoonberry Festival and the Country Thunder Music Festival in Craven.



Vintage Moose Jaw
To see Moose Jaw is to love Moose Jaw. There's no better way to describe the effect that this small but lively city has on visitors. The downtown is packed full of heritage buildings, boutique-style shops, top-notch spas and excellent restaurants. One of the city's most famous attractions is the immersive Tunnels of Moose Jaw. Dive 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.

Art and Architecture. Art-chitecture?
Gravelbourg, a bilingual community in southwestern Saskatchewan, is home to Our Lady of Assumption Co-Cathedral. Built in 1918-1919, this national historic site features notable paintings by Monsignor Charles Maillard (painted 1921-1931) and stained glass windows from France. At the Shurniak Art Gallery in Assiniboia, sculptures by esteemed Canadian artists Robert Davidson and Joe Fafard dot the landscaped courtyard and grounds. The gallery houses the impressive art collection of Bill Shurniak, amassed during a lifetime of world travel.

Knee-deep in the Big Muddy Badlands
The Big Muddy Badlands in the southwest are sprawling, intricate hills, valleys and caves that are rumoured to have once served as a place of refuge for Chief Sitting Bull, and later as a hideout for outlaws such as Sam Kelly.

A relic of the Ice Age, Castle Butte rises 60 m from the surrounding landscape. It's a striking formation that served as a landmark for Indigenous people and members of the North West Mounted Police.

Cultural connection
Feel the beat of the drum, the power of the chant and the brilliance of outfits decorated with beads, bells, porcupine quills and feathers. The Standing Buffalo Powwow in Fort Qu'Appelle is one of Canada's oldest and largest events of its kind. Dances, songs and plenty of bannock will keep you going as you watch dancers step, swirl and jingle.

High in the Sky
The glaciers missed a spot in the southwestern corner of the province when they retreated, leaving plateaus towering high above the plains below at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park. In the Centre Block, go backcountry camping, hike to the Conglomerate Cliffs or climb Bald Butte just in time for a Saskatchewan sunset. At historic Fort Walsh National Site, find out what life was like in a working fort during a time that shaped the history of Western Canada. Relax at Cypress Hills Resort and swing through the lodgepole pine forest canopy on a zipline at Treeosix Adventure Parks.

Catch the harvest
You can work up a powerful appetite exploring southern Saskatchewan. The Star Café & Grill in Maple Creek's Heritage District serves prime rib, steaks and international cuisine in a beautifully restored 19th-century stone building. In the town of Shaunavon, Harvest Eatery and Fresh Market offers one-of-a-kind locally sourced fare. Near Moose Jaw, Mortlach's Little Red Market Café serves Cajun cuisine in small-town Saskatchewan.

Treeosix Adventure Parks

IN THE MODERN WEST

In southwest Saskatchewan, cowboy culture is authentic. Ranch hosts are humble to the core and deeply proud of their heritage. They are eager to share their knowledge of the area, and the enduring legends and stories that have shaped the character of this part of the province.

Historic Reesor Ranch is located high in the Cypress Hills along the border between Saskatchewan and Alberta. Owners Scott and Theresa Reesor know a thing or two about ranching. Their family has been at it for well over a century.

Year round, the coffee pot is on and the welcome mat rolled out at this working ranch that welcomes visitors to ride the open range, explore ancient terrain and enjoy breathtaking vistas from atop ageless conglomerate rock cliffs. You are invited to pitch in and help with traditional ranch activities, such as herd checks and cattle roundups – work that builds an appetite. Hearty home-cooked meals await back at the ranch hall.

At the end of the day, gather around a crackling campfire and swap stories of your adventures. You might even be treated to some cowboy poetry – Scott Reesor is known for entertaining guests with his rhymes and stories inspired by frontier life.

Ghostown Blues Bed & Breakfast, near the town of Maple Creek, unabashedly alludes to the area's dark skies in its promotion, offering "five million star accommodations." The unique bed and breakfast is not a single structure but a collection of historic buildings, cabins and restored sheep wagons clustered around a main lodge that was originally a church. Picture a prairie village from yesteryear that has undergone an eclectic cowboy chic makeover.

Historic Reesor Ranch

Maple Creek was named "Canada's Greatest Western Town" in 2014, a fitting title for a community so deeply proud of its heritage. Recognized originally as the first "Cow Town" of the Old West, Maple Creek has endeavoured to maintain its distinct spirit and character.

Museums and annual festivals pay tribute to the area's rich culture and history. Rodeo fever is a constant state and part of the infectious charm of the region. Cowtown culinary tours are paired with guided walking tours of the **Maple Creek Heritage District**, creating experiences that satisfy your curiosity and appetite.

CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN

Tobin Lake

CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN

Duck Mountain Provincial Park

Manitou Springs Resort & Mineral Spa

Wild carrots and walleye
Named after the wild carrots that grow along the river banks, Carrot River will startle you with its rolling hills, lush summer greenery and charm of its residents. Pasquia Regional Park is home to Big Bert, a 19-ft. ancestor of the modern crocodile that hunted its prey when Saskatchewan was an inland sea. Just outside of Nipawin, Tobin Lake has gained notoriety as the premier walleye and northern pike fishing lake in Saskatchewan, and is one of the top walleye lakes in North America. Take a tour of the lake on a houseboat and relax on deck with friends.

A trip to Yorkton
Yorkton is an urban hub of east central Saskatchewan and one of the major centres of Ukrainian settlement in the province. Visit St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church for the beautiful architecture and religious paintings. The Godfrey Dean Art Gallery features contemporary works from Saskatchewan artists. At the Yorkton branch of the Western Development Museum, see an actual settler shack preserved for visitors, and learn the sad story of the Humeniuk carved figures.

Parks, parks, more parks
A short drive from Yorkton, immerse yourself in boreal forest surrounded by rolling hills and glistening lakes at Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Madge Lake has an 18-hole golf course, great beaches, boat and equipment rentals and a licensed restaurant. Good Spirit Lake Provincial Park has a vast array of activities and an alluring, unique landscape. Hike through the beautifully sculpted sand hills along The Great Trail (formerly Trans Canada Trail) or enjoy the shallow sandy lake with family.

Floating on salt, dancing on air
There are hidden gems, and then there's Manitou Beach. The intense mineral concentration of Little Manitou Lake draws people from around the world for the water's reputed healing properties. The Manitou Springs Resort & Mineral Spa allows you to try out the waters in a relaxing indoor pool. After a soak, take a walk over to Danceland, an old-fashioned dance hall with one of the last horsehair-sprung dance floors in North America.

A little culture in the Battlefords
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 have 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.

Back to Batoche Days

ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS

Central Saskatchewan is packed with unique cultural events. The long-running Yorkton Film Festival will be back with its selection of short films from around the world. At Back to Batoche Days, experience the culture and diversity of the Métis way of life. Get a dose of Ukrainian culture at Veselka Festival in Foam Lake. Don't miss a chance to throw horse bones around at the Macklin World Bunnock Championship Challenge.

Fort Battleford National Historic Site

Along the border
Straddling the boundary of Saskatchewan and Alberta, Lloydminster boasts a mix of homespun hospitality with big city amenities. The city's historic downtown is home to more than 100 retailers, restaurants and services. Spend the day exploring the Lloydminster Cultural & Science Centre, featuring an art gallery, antique museum, wildlife display and heavy oil science centre. In nearby St. Walburg, visit the Imhoff Museum & Art Gallery. Count Berthold von Imhoff's paintings grace cathedrals and churches across North America.

On the trail of history
Fort Battleford National Historic Site represents a period in history when Battleford was the capital of the Northwest Territories. At Batoche National Historic Site, discover the lives of Métis residents between 1860 and 1900 – the trails they walked, their homes, their church, which help tell the story of the Battle of Batoche. These national historic sites, along with Fort Carlton Provincial Park and Duck Lake, are part of the trans-provincial Trails of 1885 initiative.

Skis and snowmobiles
Pull out the downhill skis and hit the slopes or strap on a snowboard and grind rails at one of central Saskatchewan's ski hills – Table Mountain Regional Park, Wapiti Valley Regional Park and Duck Mountain Ski Area. For those who prefer to cross-country ski, hundreds of trails wind through parks and forests, across open prairie, over rolling hills and in and around cities and towns. An extensive network of signed and groomed snowmobile trails offers beautiful views, untouched powder and warm-up shelters along the way.

ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS AND HIDDEN GEMS

Go for a drive down the highways and back roads of central Saskatchewan. You'll find surprising sights, ancient archaeology and welcoming communities. It's time for a road trip.

Crooked Trees – Just northwest of the town of Hafford in the Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve, a boardwalk winds through a landscape of twisting and corkscrewing aspens. Is it the result of a genetic mutation? Did a lightning strike affect the soil? Is it the result of UFO landings? Scientists don't know for sure, although they've ruled out the UFO theory. Whatever the explanation, an exploratory stroll along the boardwalk will intrigue you.

Cochin Lighthouse – 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 it with your own eyes. This working 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. Not to mention a lighthouse.

Ancient Echoes Petroglyphs – The Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre, located near Herschel, is a treasure trove of palaeontology, ecology and pre-contact Indigenous civilization. At Coal Ravine, you can explore an area that includes a buffalo rubbing stone, buffalo jump, buffalo processing area, and various stone circles. Three petroglyphs with ceremonial markings, available by guided tour only, are believed to have had religious significance and provide a window into ancient Indigenous culture.

The Macklin Bunnock – If you don't know what a bunnock is, take a trip to Macklin and check out the giant bunnock sculpture that doubles as a tourist information centre. Confused? A bunnock is the ankle bone of a horse. If you're still confused, the town's residents will be happy to tell you about the game of bunnock and the World Championship Bunnock Challenge, which is held every year in Macklin and regularly draws more than 1,000 competitors of all ages.

Cochin Lighthouse

Onion dome churches – East central Saskatchewan is affectionately referred to as the "perogy belt" after the history of Ukrainian settlement in the region. Ukrainian culture can be experienced not only in countless kitchens and diners, but in the many Ukrainian churches with their distinctive onion-shaped domes. Visit St. Mary's Ukrainian Church in Yorkton to see the beautiful religious paintings. Then hit the road and explore. The area around Yorkton, Canora and Melville holds some truly cool finds.

Your road trip isn't over yet. How about the statue of the Ukrainian girl in Canora? Or the World's Second Largest Honey Bee in Tisdale? Have you seen the GM truck perched up in the sky in Cudworth? Or the Great Wall of Saskatchewan near Smiley? Take a look around and you'll love the things you find.

NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN

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Narrow Hills Provincial Park

Meadow Lake Provincial Park

Lights, sand, action!
Candle Lake Provincial Park is named after a Cree legend that speaks of mysterious lights appearing on its north shore. Some of the wild beaches there are banded with pink and purple sand. Two main campgrounds offer serviced campsites. Stay at Candle Lake Golf Resort, where you can play a few rounds in the morning and relax by the lake throughout the afternoon and evening.

Eskers and emerald waters
Known for their dazzling reflections of jade and aquamarine, the Gem Lakes are a haven for brook, rainbow and brown trout. Exotic hybrids such as splake and tiger trout also roam these waters and are known to put up a fight that may leave your hands trembling. The Gems are only one corner of Narrow Hills Provincial Park, where dozens of lakes locked in pristine wilderness hold northern pike, walleye and more.

Swing in to luxury
Get your adrenaline pumping soaring 40 feet above the ground on a zipline at Treeosix Adventure Parks, located at Elk Ridge Resort just outside Prince Albert National Park. With seven runs, an outdoor climbing wall and slackline park, you will experience the forest from a new vantage point. At Elk Ridge Resort, indulge in first-class comfort and fine dining set amidst rustic elegance or hit the links on the championship quality golf course carved out of the rugged boreal forest.

Gateway to the North
In Saskatchewan's oldest city, Prince Albert, take some time to get to know the downtown hangouts. Step into an alternate history at the steampunk-themed Rusty Owl Café and Restaurant, or take in a band at the Rock Trout Café. Browse the racks of hand-crafted Indigenous goods at the North West Company store, then stop in at the Prince Albert Historical Museum to discover the story of the fur trade and the roots of Western Canada.

Lace 'em up
The Boreal Trail in Meadow Lake Provincial Park spans an epic 120 km, east to west across the park. This destination backpacking trail traverses through wild and varied ecosystems within the northern forest. Backcountry campsites are available throughout the trek and numerous entry-exit points are available for shorter hikes. Cool off at the beach at Kimball Lake, or try the park's many lakes for excellent pike and walleye fishing.

Fishing the Shield
Hanson Lake Road is where you will find fly-in quality fishing lakes without ever stepping foot on a plane. Resorts at Little Bear, Deschambault and Jan Lakes offer cabin accommodations while recreation sites and campgrounds are found along the way. See the limestone crevices on Amisk Lake's east 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.

Travel by sleigh
Located adjacent to Prince Albert National Park, Great Blue Heron Provincial Park adds 11,000 hectares to Saskatchewan's most popular all-season playground. Experience hands-on mushing and explore peaceful tree-lined paths by dogsled with Sundogs Sled Excursions at Anglin Lake. Sunset Bay Resort at Emma Lake offers winter accommodations for you to warm up after a day spent cross-country skiing, ice fishing or snowmobiling.

Ness Creek Music Festival

ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS

Northern Saskatchewan is home to events and festivals that celebrate nature, art and culture. Churchill River Canoe Outfitters hosts the Whitewater Festival at Missinipe, which draws novice and expert paddlers for three days of roaring rapids. Near Big River, the Ness Creek Music Festival brings over 4,000 people together for four days of camping, music and good vibrations in the northern forest. Artists of the Shell Lake area open their workshops and share their craft during the Thickwood Hills Studio Trail. In fall and winter, the Thanksgiving Indoor Powwow and Prince Albert Winter Festival are spirited celebrations in the city of Prince Albert.

Churchill River

Flora Bora Forest Lodging

Robertson Trading Ltd.

The voyageurs' path
There are countless canoe routes in northern Saskatchewan, many of which have been used since the fur trade and thousands of years before. Paddle through distinct ecoregions that exhibit unique terrain, flora and fauna, past boiling rapids and ancient pictographs. Dip your oar into the Churchill River and discover a tangible sense of history that permeates the land and water. Tranquil lakes, roaring falls and a sense of serenity are the allure of the North.

Sleep in style
A yurt is a sunlit, circular tent design originating from Central Asia and built from wood and canvas. Enjoy the cozy comfort of The Yeti Yurt or Betty's Abode at Flora Bora Forest Lodging near Emma and Christopher Lakes. Large and small yurts are available for rent at Nesslin Lake Campground. Prince Albert National Park offers oTENTiks, a cross between an A-frame cabin and prospector tent that kids will love.

Furs and wares
Roll your fingers over the intricate beadwork on a fur-lined moccasin or beautiful hand-stitched suede purse. Lose yourself in the delicate patterns of authentic birch bark bitings. Marvel at the sight of raw furs. Robertson Trading Ltd. in La Ronge will take you back in time to an era of traders and trappers. Though the store still buys and sells furs, you can find all of the modern camping gear, groceries and supplies you need.

ADVENTURES IN THE BOREAL FOREST

Resting on the shoulders of Saskatchewan's prairie lies the expansive wilderness of the northern boreal forest. The land bears its history in pristine lakes, valleys and ridges formed by ancient ice, and the water that brought people together and saw countless adventures unfold.

At **Prince Albert National Park**, where rolling fields give way to towering evergreens and aspen, these stories are waiting to be discovered.

From the southern boundary of Prince Albert National Park, the Highway 263 Scenic Route can be considered the park's 'back entrance', marked by a transition from aspen parkland to boreal forest. Deer, elk, moose, black bear and even timber wolves can be spotted.

On the shores of **Waskesiu Lake**, the Waskesiu townsite delivers a taste of luxury in the heart of northern wilderness. The town bustles with activity from May to September. Restaurants, boutique shopping and accommodations are available year round, although the townsite is quieter after Labour Day. A 600-m beach offers a great afternoon for the whole family.

Settling in is no problem with a number of campgrounds to choose from depending on your family's level of comfort. **Red Deer Campground**, located in the townsite, is made for neighbourly get-togethers. It includes 161 fully serviced pull-through sites for recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers within walking distance of the beach and playground.

From spring to summer, the aroma of smouldering birch and toasted marshmallows hangs in the air at **Beaver Glen Campground**. For RVs and tents, there are 200 electrified back-in sites nestled beneath a dark canopy of spruce and poplar. There are 10 reservable oTENTiks – for those who want a taste of camping but don't want to haul all of the gear.

Peace and tranquility are the main draws of **Narrows Campground**, **Namekus Lake Campground** and **Sandy Lake Campground**. These rustic settings offer lakefront camping away from the busier areas of the park while still providing vehicle access, fire pits, picnic tables and cooking shelters. Adventure-seekers can also acquire permits to hike or canoe and camp at one of 14 designated backcountry campsites located in remote reaches of the park.

Prince Albert National Park

The essence of Prince Albert National Park is found on the many trails and canoe routes scattered throughout the park. **Boundary Bog Trail** takes you by boardwalk through the wildly distinct black spruce bog ecosystem, where carnivorous plants thrive in acidic soil. For a challenge, take the 20-km pilgrimage to Grey Owl's one-room log cabin on the shores of **Ajawaan Lake**. Built in 1931, the cabin was home to the acclaimed naturalist, his wife Anahareo, and their pet beavers, Jellyroll and Rawhide.

At Prince Albert National Park, you can connect with nature and the people around you at your own pace. Take your time and walk through the woods. Stories of your own are waiting to be made.

REGINA

RCMP Sunset-Retreat Ceremony

REGINA

The Capitol Restaurant & Cocktail Bar

Skye Café & Bistro

Rebellion Brewing Co.

But can you sing "Rider Pride"?
No matter what time of year, try saying, "Green is the colour" to someone in Saskatchewan. You'll probably hear "Football is the game" in response. Fans flock to Roughrider games all over Canada, but there's nothing quite like sitting in the new Mosaic Stadium, surrounded by cheering fans wearing green and white jerseys and helmets carved from watermelons.

Take a bite
Regina is home to a number of great restaurants, from casual cafés to fine dining. Downtown's Crave Kitchen and Wine Bar offers upscale cuisine and a relaxing lounge area. The Capitol Restaurant & Cocktail Bar is known for its sophisticated cocktail menu. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the summer, the City Square is transformed by the Regina Farmers' Market, with local produce and busy food trucks.

Straight from the tap
Over the last few years, Regina's craft brewing scene has become an attraction all its own. In the Warehouse District, award-winning Bushwakker Brew Pub serves its signature beers with next-level pub grub, and Rebellion Brewing's inventive brewers are always coming up with something new. Malty National Brewing Company is one of the newest local upstarts and a great place to grab a pint on a lazy afternoon.

City of art
Spend a leisurely afternoon browsing works of art in some of Regina's galleries, such as the MacKenzie Art Gallery, as well as the Art Gallery of Regina and the Dunlop Art Gallery at the Regina Public Library. Private galleries such as Slate Fine Art Gallery and Nouveau Gallery pepper the downtown.

Mosaic Stadium

Salute the serge
The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Heritage Centre in Regina is a great spot to learn more about the ongoing story of a Canadian icon. In the exhibit hall, check out the Musical Ride virtual reality experience or the driving simulator. On the grounds of RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, visit the historic RCMP Chapel, Regina's oldest building, or watch the cadets practicing drills in the Sergeant Major's Parade, weekdays at 12:45 p.m.

Go for a drive
Within a short drive from Regina, you'll find the town of Lumsden in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Browse the shops, take a stroll by the river or set off on a trail into the rolling hills. Pick up a bottle of fruit wine or Prairie Cherry spread from Over the Hill Orchards. Take a tour of Last Mountain Distillery, famous for its dill pickle vodka, and be back in the city in time for supper.

Victorian elegance in the 21st century
Government House Museum and Heritage Property 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 composed of "outdoor rooms".

First Nations University Of Canada Annual Spring Celebration Powwow

ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS

On nearly any given warm-weather weekend in Regina, a concert or cultural event is spicing up the evening. In August, the Regina Folk Festival transforms downtown with musical acts from around the world. At Mosaic – a Festival of Cultures, spend your day touring the city and visiting pavilion after pavilion full of cultural heritage. Participate in a round dance at the First Nations University of Canada Annual Spring Celebration Powwow, or take in a competitive rodeo at Canadian Western Agribition.

WASCANA CENTRE

Take a stroll along the shores of Wascana Lake. Drop in for lunch at the Skye Café and Bistro. Watch goslings trail after adult Canada Geese. Take a tour of the marble-columned Legislative Building or dig into the past at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. A day of relaxation and discovery awaits you in one of the largest urban parks in North America.

Regina skyline

1. Royal Saskatchewan Museum
The Royal Saskatchewan Museum is the only place to come face-to-face with Megamunch, the museum's resident T.rex. Discover the story of Indigenous cultures and the natural history of the land that became Saskatchewan.

2. Saskatchewan Legislative Building
Constructed in 1912, the Legislative Building is one of the grandest buildings in Western Canada. Tours are open to the public seven days a week.

3. MacKenzie Art Gallery
Located in the T.C. Douglas Building, the MacKenzie Art Gallery features thought-provoking works from around the world. Get lost in your thoughts in 24,000 sq. ft. of gallery space, or browse the giftware in The Gallery Shop.

4. Willow on Wascana
On warm summer days, the Willow on Wascana boasts the best view in the city from its lakeside patio seating. Watch the sun set over Wascana Lake as you sip a glass from the restaurant's outstanding wine cellar.

5. Saskatchewan Science Centre/ Kramer IMAX
Located in a century-old, decommissioned power plant, the Saskatchewan Science Centre features more than 180 hands-on exhibits of history, nature and technology. Take in an IMAX movie on the giant screen while you're there and drop in for a bite at Skye Café and Bistro.

6. Conexus Arts Centre
For live music performances ranging from pop groups to Regina Symphony Orchestra concerts, the Conexus Arts Centre is the place to go, with its comfy seats and amazing acoustics.

7. Wascana Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary
Take a self-guided tour of the Habitat Conservation Area and you might spot some wild creatures, from painted turtles and wetland birds to pelicans and cormorants. Located in a 23-acre site set aside for wildlife, the area is open to the public, but it is asked that you refrain from bicycling or walking dogs there.

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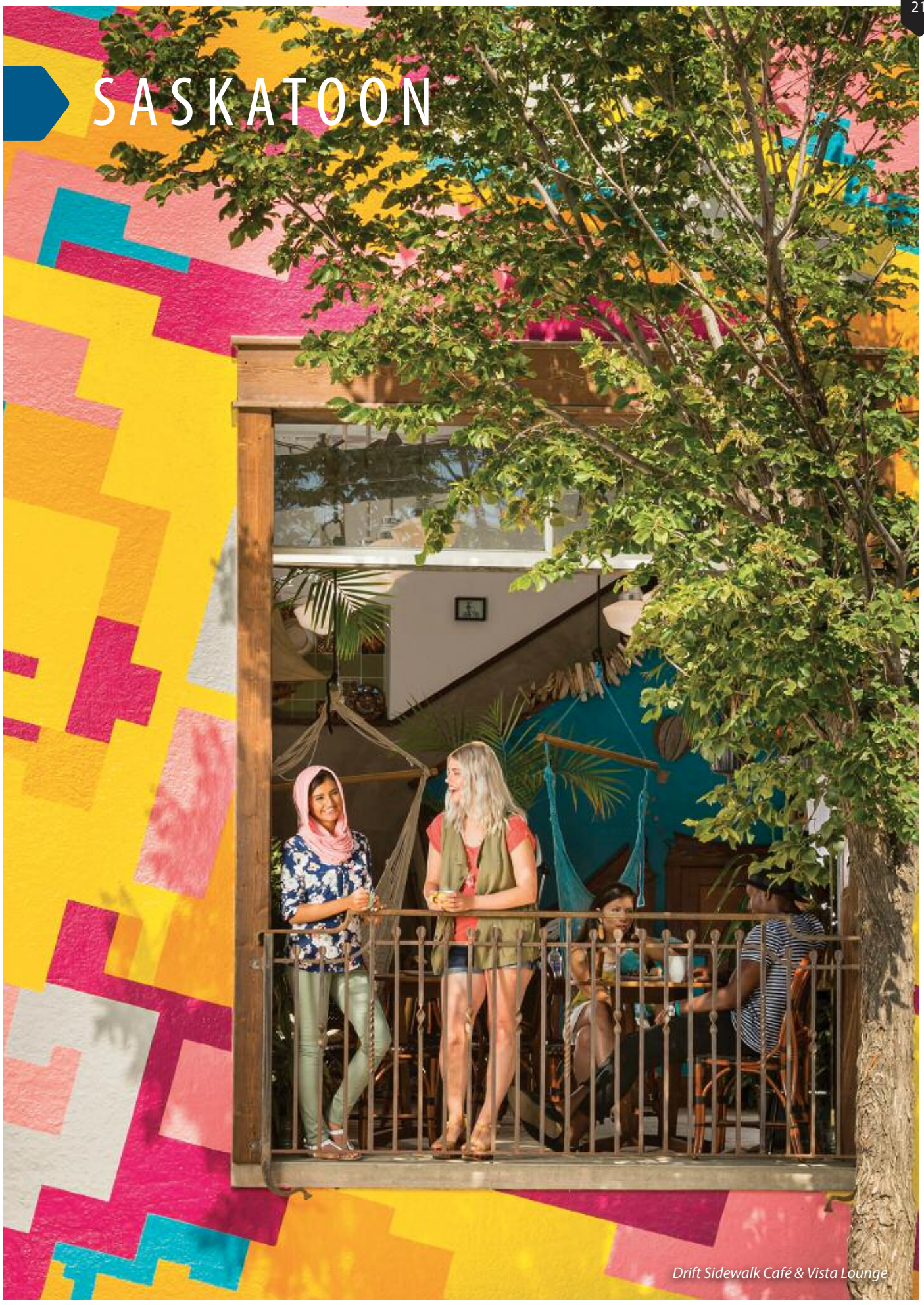

Drift Sidewalk Café & Vista Lounge

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Remai Modern

Prairie River Cruises Ltd.

Picasso by the water
The recently opened Remai Modern, considered one of North America's most visionary new art galleries, features dazzling exhibits from artists around the globe, including the world's largest collection of Picasso linocuts. From the outside, the gallery makes a bold statement with its award-winning architecture. Step through the doors and explore its collection of more than 400 Picasso linocuts and 23 ceramic works, as well as temporary and touring exhibitions of modern and contemporary art. After your tour, stop at the 68-seat onsite Shift restaurant for food with a local flair.

A trail for all seasons
Stop and smell the wildflowers along the Meewasin Valley Trail. More than 80 km of riverbank paths wind through the city along the tree-lined banks of the mighty South Saskatchewan River. Walk, jog, cycle or sit and enjoy the many landscaped parks and natural areas Saskatoon has to offer. These same trails become a winter wonderland once the snow flies. Pull out your cross-country skis or snowshoes and explore the city in all seasons.

Paddle your way
See Saskatoon from a whole new perspective as you canoe into the city on the South Saskatchewan River. Running from Gardiner Dam at the northern tip of Diefenbaker Lake to the city of Saskatoon, the 105-km Chief Whitecap Waterway takes you through beautiful river valleys.

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Take a short trip out of the city and spend the day at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Explore 6,000 years of history. Follow the Path of the People, explore the Trail of Discovery or climb to the east prairie along the Trail of the Buffalo. During the summer from mid-May to September, traditional dance performances connect visitors with history. Join fellow visitors in a communal round dance and allow the beat to lead the way. Try some traditional Indigenous cuisine with a contemporary twist at the restaurant, or browse the gift shop and art gallery. You can even stay at the park and overnight in a tipi.

S'toon Brew
Saskatoon is filled to the brim with craft brewers and distillers. In the historic Riversdale neighbourhood, 9 Mile Legacy offers creative and tasty pints. Prairie Sun Brewery and Paddock Wood Brewing Co. tirelessly top up their taps with new brews. LB Distillers turned a lottery win into a thriving business. Not far from the city, Crossmount Cider Company makes crisp and delicious ciders, while nearby Black Fox Farm & Distillery concocts award-winning gin and liqueurs on their working farm.

Down by the river
Head down to the river, where you can cool off on a hot Saskatoon summer day at the Saskatchewan River Basin water play feature at River Landing. This attraction was designed with the local geography and natural and cultural heritage in mind. Pick up a freshly baked Saskatoon berry pie or some home-grown vegetables at the Saskatoon Farmers' Market, just a few steps away. Entertainment by local musicians, tantalizing lunch options and cooking classes make the farmers' market a natural choice.

Across the water
Most people cross the South Saskatchewan River on one of Saskatoon's many bridges. For something different, try a jaunt on a riverboat with Prairie River Cruises. Take a cruise on the scenic South Saskatchewan River aboard The Prairie Lily.

Bring the kids
Saskatoon is full of places where children can have a great time (and the grown-ups can relax a little bit). At the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo, go and meet Phoenix the red panda and the zoo's resident cougars, Malcolm and Jethro. At Nutrien Playland at Kinsmen Park, take a ride on the ferris wheel for a bird's eye view of the city. At the Western Development Museum, kids will have a ball exploring the 1910 Boomtown exhibit and the vintage machinery in the Transportation Gallery.

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

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Saskatoon has a full slate of events throughout the year, with summer being especially jam-packed. Mellow out at the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, or take a seat by the river to enjoy some Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan. Wait until dark for the Nutrien Fireworks Festival, or rock out to classic tunes at Rock the River. For tasty food and cultural delights, try out Folkfest or A Taste of Saskatchewan.

DOWNTOWN DINING

Saskatoon has gained a well-justified reputation as a hotspot for restaurants and bars. New places seem to pop up every few months in the downtown area, but here are a few that will satisfy your cravings.

Odd Couple

The Hollows

Ayden Kitchen and Bar

1. Odd Couple
228 20th Street West
The Yuen family own and operate Odd Couple, serving Asian cuisine with a unique take on familiar dishes.

2. 9 Mile Legacy Brewing Company
229 20th Street West
A local brewery with a comfortable taproom where you can sit and enjoy a pint or two.

3. The Hollows
334 Avenue C South
Cultivated and wild ingredients come together in delicious ways at The Hollows. Innovative and passionate cuisine.

4. Leyda's Café
112 20th Street West
An "experiental café" serving gluten-free and nut-free whole food for all.

5. Drift Sidewalk Café & Vista Lounge
339 Avenue A South
A sidewalk café, a rooftop patio and even a hammock lounge – casual food and cocktails for leisurely days.

6. Saskatoon Farmers' Market
414 Avenue B South
Indoor and outdoor market areas, plenty of vendors and café areas – it's a Saturday morning vacation.

7. Little Grouse on the Prairie
167 3rd Avenue South
Italian fine dining, with excellent cocktails to match.

8. Bon Temps Café
223 2nd Avenue South
New Orleans dining on the prairies, with plenty of seafood and heaps of gumbo.

9. Ayden Kitchen and Bar
265 3rd Avenue South
Chef Dale Mackay and his team bring gourmet casual dining and hand-crafted cocktails to downtown Saskatoon.

10. Shift
102 Spadina Crescent East at the Remai Modern
Contemporary cooking rooted in Canadian flavour.

Grasslands National Park

Prince Albert National Park