

# Candle Lake Provincial Park



Listen to the water lapping at the shore, feel the grains of sand between your toes and experience the tickle of a fish nibbling on your hook. Whether it is the beautiful beaches, the crystal clear water or the great fishing that has lured you to the area, Welcome!

Candle Lake is a great four season destination. The fall colours are spectacular, the wildlife moves in closer to the community and the area settles down to a leisurely 'lake' pace. Camping services are available until the end of September.

Winter at Candle Lake offers great snowmobiling and ice fishing opportunities. The Resort Village grooms cross-country ski trails for those looking for a quieter experience. Enjoy a day or a weekend and explore all that Candle Lake has to offer in any season!

## Park Facts

Established in 1986 as a provincial recreation park, Candle Lake Provincial Park covers 78 square kilometers or 7,874 hectares. The park was designated to protect the 'fringe' of the northern forest and to offer a variety of recreation opportunities in all seasons. So get out there and experience the 'fringe'!

## What to do...

### Fishing

Candle Lake is home to walleye, pike, perch, burbot, whitefish and sucker. Although the odd lake sturgeon still inhabit Candle Lake, they are rare to see.

**Musker Trout Pond:** Wet your line even if you don't have a boat or can't get out on windy days. The trout pond is stocked with catchable size trout and has a wheelchair accessible fishing platform. Pack a lunch and enjoy a picnic. The trout pond is located on the west side of Candle Lake 1.5 km NW of Sandy Bay Campground.

**Fisher Creek:** A great place to fish from shore and enjoy a picnic.

### Play at the Beach

Candle Lake is well known for its beaches. Choose from public beaches at Sandy Bay on the west side, Wasketeena on the south side and Minowukaw on the east side of the lake.

Wasketeena is very shallow; great for small children. Please remember, pets are not allowed on the beach.

### Minowukaw Sand Dunes

The dunes are a result of thousands of years of wind and water erosion. Dunes are uncommon to this area of the province and support a fragile community of trees and plants that act to stabilize the drifting sand. To prevent further erosion, please stay on boardwalks and existing paths.

### Minowukaw Fishway

Check out the unique way that fish move between Candle Lake and the Torch River. The dam prevented the normal spawning movement of fish each spring, so in 2002 the fishway was constructed to better allow fish to travel between the Torch River and Candle Lake. Interpretive signs tell the story of the fishway. For your own safety, please obey all signs.

### Minowukaw Trail

Due to high water levels, the trail is no longer recommended for hiking. In winter this trail is great for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

### Experience the Area

Golf, Mini-Golf, Ball Diamond, Sport Park, Curling, Shopping, Restaurants, Ice Cream, Groceries, Gas Bars, Art Gallery, Homestead Heritage Hiking Trail, Heritage Lake.

### Events

Canada Day Parade – In the Resort Village

Parks Week – The 3rd week in July

Park Programs – Held throughout July and August

Breakfast in the Park – August Long Weekend

*See Entry Gates for More Information on all Events*

### Imagine the History

Candle Lake's first settlers were trappers, homesteaders and loggers. The major subdivisions surrounding the lake have been named for former homesteaders.

Sandy Bay boasted fantastic sand dunes before the road was built.

Fisher Creek was the site of a former Hudson Bay Trading Post.

Minowukaw Beach was once a pre-historic campsite. Archeological finds indicate the site had been used for thousands of years as hunting and fishing camps.

## For Your Comfort and Safety

### Public Safety

Although Park Enforcement Officers patrol the park, please do not leave valuables unattended or in plain view. If you have a problem/concern please call the Park Watch Line at 1-800-667-7188.

### Pets

**Please be a responsible pet owner.**

For your safety and the enjoyment of others please keep your pet(s) on a leash at all times. Pets are not allowed in any public structures such as washrooms, change houses, or picnic shelters; nor are they allowed on the beach. Dogs running loose or left barking in campsites can disturb the enjoyment of other park visitors.

### Bears

Bears are present in Candle Lake Provincial Park and should be treated with respect. Take precautions to avoid encounters with bears. Carefully store food and dispose of garbage in air-tight containers. Never tease or try to feed bears.

### Park Guidelines & Regulations

- No camping in areas other than designated park campsites
- Alcohol may be consumed only in your campsite. Alcohol is not permitted in other areas including beaches, picnic areas or roadways
- Fires are permitted in park barbecues/ fire pits only
- All vehicles are restricted to park roads at all times
- ATV's, UTV's, and dirt bikes are not allowed on parkland.

### Emergency

If you need assistance please call the appropriate phone number listed below:

**Park Emergency**..... 1-800-667-1788

**Emergency** ..... 911

**Fire Watch** ..... 1-800-667-9660

**Turn-In-Poachers** ..... 1-800-667-7561

### Park Business

**Park Office** ..... (306) 929-8400

**Sandy Bay Campground** . (306) 929-8410

**Minowukaw Campground** . (306) 929-8409

**Email:** ..... [candlelake@gov.sk.ca](mailto:candlelake@gov.sk.ca)

The Park is for you and future generations to enjoy. Please help maintain and preserve it. Take care not to harm the environment. Leave plants, rocks and trees where they are. Do not harm or harass the animals in the park.

