

# Buffalo Pound Provincial Park



**Welcome to Buffalo Pound Provincial Park. We hope you enjoy your stay and are able to enjoy the many recreational activities that are available.**

## What to do...

### Camping

The Park has eight campgrounds; Maple Vale, Shady Lane, Trails End, Elmview, Lakeside, Lower Chalet A, Lower Chalet B and Valley. Buffalo Pound Park offers a trailer sewage dump station, firewood, playground and picnic areas, boat launch, paved barrier-free campsites and one group camping area. All park services are available from mid-May to the September long weekend.

### Fishing

Buffalo Pound Lake is a great fishing spot for pike and walleye, both in the summer and winter months. The boat launch for the lake is located east of the Elmview swimming pool. The trout pond, to the southeast of the Entry Gate Office, is wheelchair accessible and offers the fun of the sport without the need for a boat. Wheelchair accessible fish filleting building, toilet, picnic sites and pathways are also available.

### Swimming Pool

Elmview Pool is open from mid-June to mid-August and admission fees are charged. Public swim times will be posted. Group bookings are available. Red Cross swimming lessons are offered. Register online at [www.saskparks.net](http://www.saskparks.net).

### Nicolle Flats Nature Area

Nicolle Flats is rich in wildlife, vegetation and history and is located in the southeast corner of the Park. The marsh is home to birds, plants, insects and other marshland animals which can be viewed from the marsh boardwalk (wheelchair accessible). The nearby Nicolle Flats trail leads to the Nicolle Homestead built by Charles Nicolle and his family in 1903. The Nicolle Flats nature area can be visited year round.

### Walking and Hiking Trails

Buffalo Pound Park has numerous walking and nature trails located in the southeast corner of the Park. The Dyke Trail / Trans Canada Trail is at the confluence of the north, west, and east branches of the Trans Canada Trail. From here the Trans Canada Trail branches out in all

three directions eventually reaching all three of Canada's bordering oceans. This trail is 4.5 kms in length and circles the marsh and the marsh boardwalk that extends over the water. The Valley Interpretive Trail heads farther into the prairie landscape to the floodplains of the Moose Jaw and Qu'Appelle Rivers (1.5 kms). The Nicolle Flats Trail is 3 kms in length and connects the marsh area with the Nicolle Homestead. The Bison View Interpretive Trail is 2.9 kms long and follows the bison paddock fence line. This trail provides an opportunity to view a captive herd of plains bison and benches provide a rest stop on the top of the hill.

### Mountain Biking Trails

The park offers some of Canada's most challenging mountain biking courses. Over the years the park has hosted local, provincial and national competitions including the Canada Cup. The park has partnered with a local mountain bike association to develop and maintain new mountain biking trails.

### Plains Bison

Buffalo Pound received its name after evidence was found that Plains Indians had hunted and captured bison in this area. Today, plains bison are kept in a hillside pasture in the southeast corner of the park and can be viewed from the Bison View Interpretive Trail and the bison observation tower.

### Park Visitor Program

Summer programs are offered throughout July and August and include grassland hikes, marsh tours, visits to Nicolle Homestead, Junior Naturalist, bird watching, nature discoveries, arts and crafts, guest performers, games and much more. Program information will be posted on the park website and bulletin boards and handouts will be available for pickup at the Entry Gate/Campground office. An interpretive centre as well as sign out kits for fishing rods, bocce ball, bird-watching and pond dipping nature kits is located at the Entry Gate/Campground office.

### Food Services and Stores

Lessee grocery store is open from mid-May to Labour Day and is located near the Maple Vale Campground. The fast food concession has varied hours. The concession stand is located near the Elmview Swimming Pool. (306) 691-5578

### Mini Golf/Climbing Wall/Paddle Boats and Bike Rental

Offered by a lessee, this is located south of the boat launch, just east of the Elmview Pool.

## 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, please call Park Watch at **1-800-667-1788**. Fires are permitted in park barbecues/ fire pits only. All vehicles are restricted to park roads and parking lots at all times.

**ATV's, UTV's, dirt bikes and snow mobiles are not allowed on parkland.**

### 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, picnic shelters or concessions; nor are they allowed on the beach. Dogs running loose or left barking in campsites can disturb the enjoyment of other park visitors.

### 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
- ATVs are not allowed.

### Emergency

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

**Entry Gate/  
Campground office ..... 306-694-3229**

**Moose Jaw RCMP / Ambulance ..... 911**

**Moose Jaw  
Union Hospital ..... 306-694-0200**

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

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

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.