



DISCOVER NORTH SASKATCHEWAN & THE ROLLING HILLS

Travel time: 16 days from/to Edmonton

Distance: Approximately 2,332 km

Discover the secrets and stories only found in Saskatchewan's north. Allow the energy of the boreal forest and the many pristine lakes to energize and rejuvenate you. Make your way to Saskatoon for a touch of urban flair, then meander west for prairie, rolling and unique ranch life.

Day 1: Arrive in Edmonton, Alberta

Welcome to Edmonton, Alberta's capital city. Pick up your rental car and explore Edmonton's downtown or pay the Royal Alberta Museum a visit. It pulls back the curtain on the province's landscapes and culture. The museum takes visitors on a remarkable journey, from the time of prehistoric dinosaurs to ancient petroglyphs through to the stories of generations upon generations of Indigenous Peoples to new beginnings on the windswept prairies. End the day with a pleasant walk along the shore of the North Saskatchewan River. <https://exploredmonton.com>

Day 2: Drive to Makwa Lake Provincial Park, Saskatchewan (380 km)

Leaving Edmonton, travel east on the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway 16 to Lloydminster. Makwa Lake Provincial Park is 137 km northeast of the city via Highways 17, 3 and 26. Lush boreal forest and a string of five lakes provide a picture-perfect setting. The park features three campgrounds, multiple sandy beaches, service centres and hiking trails. Visit nearby Steele Narrows Provincial Park, the site of the final battle of the 1885 Northwest Resistance.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/917/makwa-lake-provincial-park

Day 3: Makwa Lake Provincial Park

Within the park and nearby are several lakes that are great for swimming and have beautiful beaches. Stroll along the park's nature trails and enjoy the company – the area is home to a variety of birds and wildlife species. Five hiking trails range in length from approximately 1-2.4 km.



Day 4: Drive to Lac La Ronge Provincial Park (437 km)

Your travels will lead you through the wilderness of northern Saskatchewan to Lac La Ronge Provincial Park. Along the way, check out Naturally Nice Orchard & Market at the Meadow Lake Farmers' Market (Fridays) and at Loon Lake's market (Saturdays) from June until October. The haskap and rhubarb crumble is a top seller! After the long drive you will be ready for a hike. The winding trails through the Canadian Shield are famous for their dense moss beds and unique lake views.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/1430/lac-la-ronge-provincial-park

Day 5: Lac La Ronge Provincial Park

Today is all about canoeing and you are in the right place. Lac La Ronge Provincial Park is Saskatchewan's largest provincial park and boasts more than 100 lakes. At the centre is Lac La Ronge, which is 64 km long and home to more than 1,000 small islands. Otter Rapids and Nistowiak Falls are must-see sites within the park. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, a Provincial and National Historic Site, is situated along the Churchill River at Stanley Mission, and can only be reached by boat. Travellers without their own paddling gear are in good hands with the experienced team at Churchill River Canoe Outfitters. The company offers equipment rental and single- and multi-day guided canoeing tours. Looking for a sustainable accommodation option? Ask owner, Ric Driediger about Forest House Wilderness Lodge. The accommodation is located in the heart of the boreal forest and is only accessible by canoe or floatplane.

Day 6: Day 6: Drive to Missinipe on Otter Lake (78 km)

The short drive today brings you a little further north to the tiny community of Missinipe, on Otter Lake – a perfect base for angling adventures of all kinds. You may choose to stay at beautiful Thompson's Resort or fly-in to Twin Falls Lodge.

www.adventuredestinations.ca

Day 7: Otter Lake

Spend your day on or around Otter Lake. Known for its exceptional season-long walleye fishing, the lake also offers many more activities. There are interpretive boat tours showing local Indigenous rock paintings and evening pontoon boat cruises which offer an incredible opportunity for sunset viewing. Scenic flights, Otter Rapids and canoe and kayak rentals are also available in addition to many trailheads nearby.



Day 8: Drive to Waskesiu, Prince Albert National Park (257 km)

Take your time and enjoy the drive south to Prince Albert National Park (PANP). Opened in 1928, PANP delights visitors with its forests, lakes, beaches, trails and resident wildlife. Its centrepiece is Waskesiu Lake, which boasts long sandy beaches and an impressive marina. The park is also home to Canada's only herd of Plains bison in their historic range.

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/sk/princealbert>

Day 9: Prince Albert National Park

Hiking, canoeing, swimming, mountain biking, fishing, ziplining, wildlife viewing – PANP offers all of this and more. Explore nature through interpretive programs, guided hikes and outdoor theatres. Learn about Grey Owl, the famed conservationist, and journey to his cabin on the shore of Ajaawan Lake.

Day 10: Drive to Wakaw (153 km)

Today's trip takes you south to the unique little community of Wakaw, from where you can see Saskatchewan by train. The Wheatland Express Excursion Train operates between Wakaw and Cudworth. It is more than just a train ride. Choose from a selection of signature tour experiences that showcase the region's rich arts, culture and heritage, and enjoy prairie inspired menus with locally sourced ingredients. <https://wheatlandexpresstrain.ca>

Following the train tour, travel an additional 63 km (approx. 45 minutes) to Champêtre County, a unique western-themed accommodation located in Saskatchewan's beautiful countryside. <https://champetrecounty.com>



Day 11: Drive to Saskatoon (52 km)

Following a leisurely breakfast, travel to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's largest city. Saskatoon has a vibrant cultural scene and picturesque cityscape. Seven bridges cross the South Saskatchewan River, which winds its way through the city, earning it the nickname "Paris of the Prairies". In the evening, enjoy the sunset while strolling along the idyllic waterfront.

www.tourismsaskatoon.com

Day 12: Saskatoon

A stroll through downtown Saskatoon offers numerous shopping opportunities, as well as cultural attractions. At the Western Development Museum, a complete 1920s western town has been recreated, bringing the experiences of early settlers back to life. Art lovers will appreciate the Remai Modern, an art gallery featuring impressive exhibits from across the globe, as well as showcases local talent. Wanuskewin Heritage Park, a National Historic Site that has yielded evidence of human occupation dating back 6,400 years is also a must visit. <https://wdm.ca/saskatoon>

<http://reaimodern.org> <https://wanuskewin.com>

Day 13: Drive to La Reata Ranch (233 km)

Today's drive takes you through the rolling prairies to southern Saskatchewan. Your destination – La Reata Ranch. German-born host and owner George Gaber and his ranch hands introduce guests to the "cowboy way of life." Accommodations are comfortable log cabins with private bathroom – the perfect "home away from home." www.lareataranch.com

Day 14: La Reata Ranch

Discover your inner cowboy. Ranch activities are suitable for beginners or experienced riders. Explore the open range and enjoy the picturesque landscapes along Lake Diefenbaker. La Reata Ranch is a working ranch. Guests are welcome, but not required, to help with traditional ranch duties. The ranch stretches more than 14 km along the lake. Activities such as canoeing, fishing, water skiing, swimming or relaxing on the beach offer a relaxing change after riding the range. In the evening, gaze at the starlit prairie sky or swap tales of your adventures of the day at La Reata Saloon.



Day 15: Drive to Drumheller, Alberta (399 km)

Your destination of the day is Drumheller, Alberta, also known as the Dinosaur Capital of the World. A first-class exhibition about the dinosaurs and the earth history of this region awaits you at the Royal Tyrrell Museum. The 56-km long Dinosaur Trail also begins here. It leads you into the contrasting landscape of the Red Deer River Valley. Highlights along the trail include Horseshoe Canyon, Horse Thief Canyon and Orkney Lookout. Visit the nearby Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site, which commemorates coal mining. Not far from the mine is the Hoodoos Trail. Stop to admire the numerous sandstone pillars formed by erosion over millions of years. <https://traveldrumheller.com>

Day 16: Drive to Edmonton (280 Km)

Your memorable journey ends today in Edmonton. Depending on your departure time, you may wish to spend an extra night here. For shopping fans, a trip to West Edmonton Mall is an absolute must. North America's largest shopping mall offers much to see and do. In addition to hundreds of shops, there is an indoor waterpark, amusement park and more than two dozen restaurants.