

DISCOVER MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN PARKS

Travel time: 11 days from/to Winnipeg

Distance: Approximately 1,265 km



Discover southwest Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan by visiting their national, provincial and regional parks. Explore a region rich in natural beauty, wildlife and history. Enjoy adventures on land or water.

Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Welcome to Winnipeg, Manitoba's capital city. At its heart is The Forks, a national historic site located where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet. Vibrant and unique, The Forks is famous for historic warehouses converted into shops and restaurants. Ample green space is dedicated to festivals, concerts and exhibits. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights makes its home here. Nearby, the Exchange District is known for its well-preserved, early 20th-century architecture and numerous art galleries, boutiques and restaurants. www.tourismwinnipeg.com

Day 2: Drive to Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba (270 km)

Heading east, your destination is Riding Mountain National Park. Wasagaming, the main townsite is located at the south gate of the park along Highway 10. Wasagaming Campground is conveniently located within walking distance of the townsite. Hiking in Clear Lake Country is easy to access and stunningly scenic. Visitors enjoy a variety of options, from short walks to back country treks. www.discoverclearlake.com

Day 3: Riding Mountain National Park

Spend the entire day exploring everything that Riding Mountain National Park has to offer. Start with Clear Lake's Whitehouse Bakery and Restaurant, legendary for its cinnamon buns. Another favourite food destination is TR McKoys featuring Italian fine dining in a quaint bistro setting. The restaurant is booked days in advance, so call ahead for a reservation. Enjoy the day at the beach, tennis court, or golf course. Check out the marina on Clear Lake, which offers watercraft rentals and daily boat cruises aboard The Martese. Head to the bison enclosure at Lake Audy to spot the herd of majestic Plains bison who call the area home. Sightings of moose, black bear, beaver and other species are frequent. <https://parklandtourism.com/riding-mountain-national-park>



Day 4: Drive to Assessippi Provincial Park, Manitoba (155 km)

The Assessippi Provincial Park is settled at the south end of Lake of the Prairies, a man-made lake flanked by the magnificent valley walls of the Assiniboine and Shell Rivers. The park features camping facilities and hiking trails. Boating, swimming and water sports are popular activities, and the lake is home to some of the best walleye fishing in the province. <https://parklandtourism.com/assessippi-provincial-park>

A number of historic buildings are located in the area. The remnants of the abandoned townsite of Assessippi can be found along the shores of the Shell River, west of Provincial Trunk Highway 83 near Inglis. The community sprang up in anticipation of the coming rail line, but disappeared soon after the railway was diverted elsewhere.

Day 5: Drive to Duck Mountain Provincial Park (109 km)

Today you will cross the border into Saskatchewan. Duck Mountain Provincial Park is popular for its rolling hills, lakes and boreal forest setting. Accommodation options range from wilderness camping to electrified campsites to a comfortable lodge with modern cabins and townhouses. Duck Mountain offers in-park accommodations for every season.

The family-friendly park boasts a wide range of recreational opportunities. Fish Madge Lake for pike, walleye or perch, or try one of the various other lakes within the park or nearby. Bike a section of the Trans Canada Trail or explore other self-guided interpretive trails. Discover a compelling chapter in Saskatchewan's history at the National Doukhobor Heritage Village site in Veregin.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/1808/duck-mountain-provincial-park

Day 6: Drive to Yorkton (113 km)

The friendly city of Yorkton is rich in heritage, cultural and agricultural traditions. Enjoy the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery or relax in the hot tub or steam room at the Gallagher Centre Waterpark, which also features a wave pool. Take a stroll through city central and enjoy a refreshment while gazing at the vibrant downtown murals. Stay the night at York Lake Regional Park, located 3 km south of the city off Highway 10. www.tourismyorkton.com

www.saskregionalparks.ca/park/york-lake

Day 7: Drive to Crooked Lake Provincial Park (85 km)

Nestled in the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley, Crooked Lake Provincial Park features stunning valley views and a beautiful lake. This park has numerous campsites, including several lakeside units, and offers a service centre, hiking trails, boat launch, fishing and nearby golf course.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/1006/crooked-lake-provincial-park



Day 8: Drive to Moose Mountain Provincial Park (120 km)

One of Saskatchewan's oldest parks, Moose Mountain Provincial Park offers year-round adventure for the whole family. With beautiful stands of poplar and birch trees along with hilly topography, this park provides an ideal location for visitors to enjoy camping, swimming, boating and outdoor recreation.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/1011/moose-mountain-provincial-park

Day 9: Moose Mountain Provincial Park

Enjoy the entire day exploring the park and area. Stop by the visitor centre, located in a stately stone chalet surrounded by flower gardens and affording a scenic lake view. Check out the Artist's Colony or step back in time and learn about settler life by exploring historic Cannington Manor. During its heyday, the villagers of Cannington Manor took part in foxhunts, dramatic societies, poetry clubs, tennis, cricket and croquet. For a nostalgic movie night, check out the Prairie Dog Drive-In Theatre.

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/provincialpark/1005/cannington-manor-provincial-historic-park



Day 10: Drive to Turtle Mountain Provincial Park, Manitoba (180 km)

Today, you will return to Manitoba. On your way to Turtle Mountain Provincial Park, you will pass Whitewater Lake and Boissevain, a community steeped in history and beauty. It offers four museums and a giant outdoor art gallery that features over 20 murals. Turtle Mountain Provincial Park is dotted with lakes and marshes – a favourite destination for nature lovers. Hikers, mountain bikers, and wildlife fans will appreciate the area. The park is home to an abundance of species, including moose, and white-tailed deer. A chorus of birds features loons, grebes and many others. Adam Lake campground offers both basic and electrical sites, while Max and William Lakes offer basic service sites. Close by is the International Peace Garden. www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/parks/park-maps-and-locations/western/turtle.html

Day 11: Drive to Winnipeg (260 km)

On your way back to Winnipeg, stop for a break in the multicultural city of Brandon, set on the banks of the Assiniboine River. Its stunning streetscape is a mix of old and new. Heritage buildings have been repurposed into eateries, galleries, museums and other unique attractions. A small detour will take you to Spruce Woods Provincial Park, with its Spirit Sands – Manitoba's only sand desert and spiritual site of the Cree. www.brandontourism.com
www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/parks/park-maps-and-locations/western/spruce.html