



The Forks Top Ten

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Esplanade Riel Bridge (N49°53.429 W097°07.678)*
Stroll over this pedestrian bridge that retraces the original Broadway Bridge of 1882. Constructed in 2003, the Esplanade is a symbol of the connection between downtown Winnipeg and the French Quarter of St. Boniface.

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Lookout to St. Boniface and the French Quarter
(N49°53.350 W097°07.652)
See the impressive facade of the 1908 cathedral, the fifth built in this location. Through the rose window opening you can also glimpse the sixth cathedral designed by architect Etienne Gaboury. To the left (north) is the final resting place of famous Métis leader Louis Riel.

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Variety Heritage Adventure Park (N49°53.302 W 097°07.707)
Parks Canada and Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba are pleased to showcase the distinct chapters of The Forks' history in this one-of-a-kind Adventure Park for children 2-12 years of age and their caregivers.

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Manitoba Children's Museum (N49°53.265 W097°07.729)
Don't miss the oldest building at The Forks! Constructed in 1889, it was known as the Boilers and Brakes (B&B) Building and had a roundhouse for engine repairs and a blacksmith shop.

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Oodena (N49°53.216 W097°07.735)
Try to spot some constellations! Oodena, pronounced Ooh-DEN-ah (Ojibwe for "Centre of the City") features sculptures, a "naked-eye" observatory and a sundial (where you are the centre arm).

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Junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers (N49°53.167 W097°07.754)
View the junction of these two famous prairie rivers, first named "La Fourche" by La Vérendrye in 1737. The Red was named a Canadian Heritage River in 2007 and is one of only a few rivers in North America to flow north.

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Prairie Garden (N49°53.196 W097°07.782)
Explore this colourful Tall Grass Prairie, a tribute to Winnipeg's roots, containing over 150 native plant species.

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Flood Markers (N49°53.215 W097°07.829)
Walk under the canopy near The Forks Market and look for coloured bands on the posts. These markers show the water levels during the major floods. The bottom marker represents the 1950 flood, the middle marker the 1852 and 1997 floods, and the top marker the devastating flood of 1826.

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The Forks Market & Johnston Terminal (N49°53.241 W097°07.851 and N49°53.226 W097°07.804)
Dine and shop! Originally two historic stable buildings now joined by a glass atrium, The Forks Market is home to one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants, and live music. Ride the elevator to the top of the Tower and snap some pictures of the Assiniboine River. Originally a warehouse during the early days of the railway in Manitoba, the Johnston Terminal houses specialty shops, an antique mall, and restaurants, as well as the Explore Manitoba Centre.

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Union Station-VIA Rail (N49°53.323 W097°08.098)
Stop and read the plaque in the rotunda (domed hall) to learn about this national architectural site, built from 1907-11. It was designed by Warren and Whetmore, the same architects who designed Grand Central Station in New York City. Don't miss the historical photos of the railway's presence in Winnipeg, located near the ticket counter.



Lookout to St. Boniface

*GPS Coordinates





Welcome to The Forks National Historic Site

