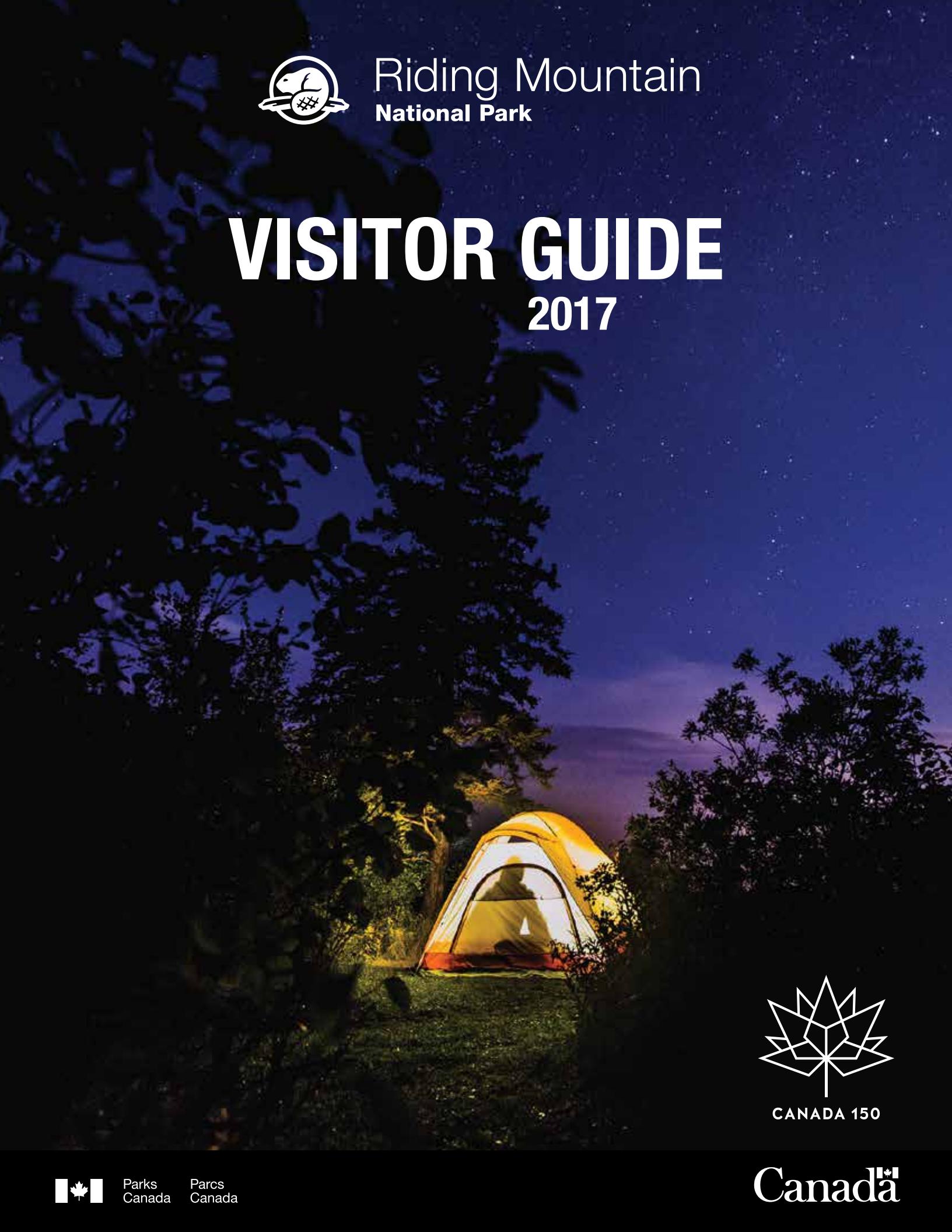




Riding Mountain
National Park

VISITOR GUIDE

2017



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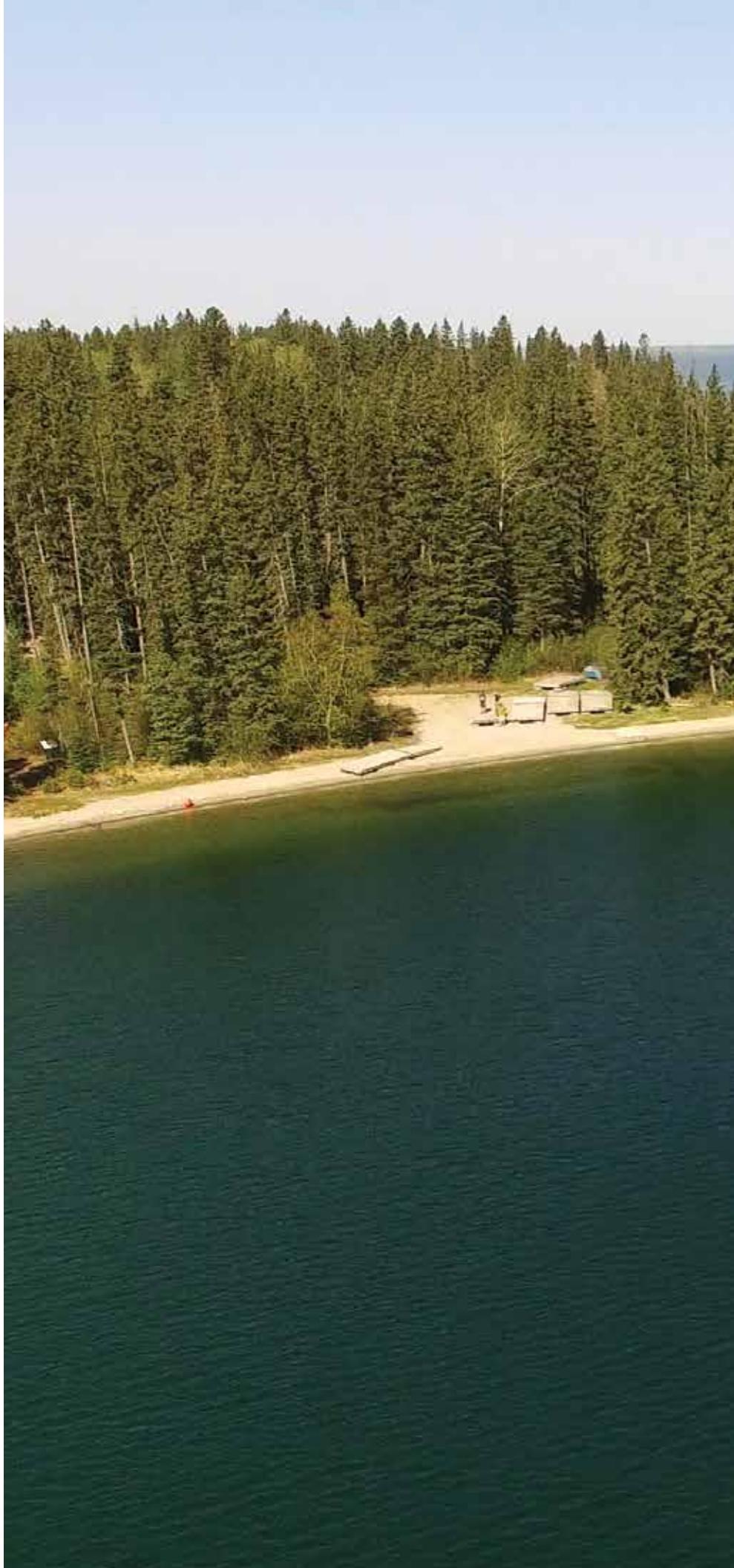


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XPLORERS
PARKS CANADA

Discover and Xplore the park

Get your Xplorer booklet at the Visitor Centre and begin your journey through Riding Mountain. Best suited for 6 to 11-year-olds.

Parks Canada Discovery Pass

The Discovery Pass provides unlimited opportunities to enjoy over 100 National Parks, National Historic Sites, and National Marine Conservation Areas across Canada. Parks Canada is happy to offer free admission for all visitors to all places operated by Parks Canada in 2017 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

For more information regarding the Parks Canada Discovery Pass, please visit pc.gc.ca/eng/ar-sr/lpac-ppri/ced-ndp.aspx.



CANADA 150

Join the Celebration with Parks Canada!

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation and we invite you to celebrate with Parks Canada! Take advantage of free admission to national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas for the entire year.

Get curious about Canada's unique natural treasures, hear stories about Indigenous cultures, learn to camp and paddle and celebrate the centennial of Canada's national historic sites with us. Find adventure, fun for the whole family or a short break from the everyday in more than 200 special places across the country.

Message from the Superintendent

Hello, bonjour, aaniin!

It truly is an exciting year to visit Riding Mountain National Park and East Gate National Historic Site as well as other Parks Canada sites across the country. 2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation and we invite you to take advantage of free admission all year long! It's the perfect time to get curious about Canada's unique natural treasures, hear stories from Indigenous cultures, learn to camp, and enjoy unique Parks Canada programs and events across the country. The possibilities are endless.

As you explore Riding Mountain National Park, I'm confident you will not be disappointed with the abundant experiences available to you. Whether you want to experience, see, relax, enjoy a tasty treat or a fabulous meal, you will find what you are looking for in Riding Mountain. Wasagaming, one of the few townsites located within a national park, is home to countless shops, hotels, restaurants, cafés, and even a log movie theatre. It also provides a great launching point onto Clear Lake, one of the park's jewels. While Wasagaming may be the first stop for most visitors, I encourage you to venture outside of town in to the vast landscape of trails and lakes in Riding Mountain.

One of my favourite places to visit is Lake Audy. From this one place it is possible to visit a herd of bison, camp alongside a lake, easily catch a fish or take in a beautiful view of the night sky.

Riding Mountain sits within the traditional territory of the Anishinabe People. We are in Treaty 2 territory, which is also at the crossroads of First Nations that belong to Treaty 1 and Treaty 4. Together, Parks Canada and the Coalition of First Nations work to protect and present Riding Mountain National Park. Don't forget to visit the Anishinabe Sharing Lodge, participate in cultural activities, or join in on the Aboriginal Day celebrations.

This year, with your free 2017 Discovery Pass, you can visit us in every season as each season brings its own magic and unique opportunities for discovery. I hope you enjoy your visit and the Canada 150 celebrations in Riding Mountain National Park. This is your park and we look forward to hosting you in 2017.

Sincerely,

Michaela Kent, Superintendent
Riding Mountain National Park

Events 2017

January

15 World Snow Day

February

10 – 12 Winter Adventure Weekend

11 Canada 150 Heritage Hockey Game

18 – 20 Louis Riel Weekend Activities

March

4 Riding Mountain Loppet

5 Family Fun Day

May

19 Victoria Day Long Weekend. Visitor Centre opens

June

9 – 11 Grey Owl Golf Tournament

24 National Aboriginal Day, Weekend Celebrations

24 Moonlight Madness

July

1 Canada Day Celebrations

8 Clear Lake Day

10 – 16 Riding Mountain National Park Film Festival

15 Parks Day

August

12 – 13 Chamber Days parade and activities

18 – 26 Tamarack Golf Tournament

19 Riding Mountain Triathlon

20 Riding Mountain Kids of Steel

26 Boo in the Park

TBD Tamarack Golf Tournament

TBD Canada 150 Free Concert

September

1 – 9 Dark Sky Week and Pride Week

TBD East Gate Registration Complex grand reopening

16 Learn-to Camp Backcountry

16 – 17 Sonics and Sojourns

17 Riding Mountain half marathon

October

9 Thanksgiving

21 Friends Fright Night

27 – 29 Creepy Hollow Hauntings

November

18 – 19 Photos with Santa

December

TBD Winter Bird Count

For more information about events in Riding Mountain National Park visit pc.gc.ca/riding or our community partners Clear Lake Country, Riding Mountain National Park at discoverclearlake.com.



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CONSEIL DES ARTS DU MANITOBA

Connect with some of Manitoba's Best Artists

Take part in an interactive theatre performance, listen to some live music, participate in a workshop or just sit back and enjoy a reading. These are just a few artistic opportunities for you to experience this season.

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency provides professional artists with an opportunity to be inspired and create their works in the park's setting. In return these professional artists invite visitors to interact with them and uniquely discover the park through their eyes and works.

This program is offered through the Manitoba Arts Council and Riding Mountain National Park. For more information go to www.artscouncil.mb.ca or drop by the Visitor Centre.

The Franklin Exhibition Interactive Exhibit

In September 2014, a breakthrough was made when an expedition led by Parks Canada discovered the wreck of HMS Erebus, one of the ships of the ill-fated Franklin Expedition of 1845 seeking the fabled Northwest Passage.

Parks Canada is pleased to announce that an interactive exhibit will be hosted in Riding Mountain National Park's Visitor Centre during May and June of 2017, Canada's 150th year of Confederation. The exhibit will share the story of this historic discovery, connecting the hearts and minds of visitors to an important part of Canada's cultural heritage.

Visitor Centre

133 Wasagaming Drive, Wasagaming, Manitoba

Stop by for information about:

Guided hikes and outdoor adventures

Nature Shop

Discovery Room

Theatre

Organically managed English Gardens

Passes, permits, and licenses

Park rehabilitation projects

Visitor Centre Hours:

Open seven days a week

May 19 – June 29

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

June 30 - September 3

9:30 AM – 8:00 PM

September 4 – October 9

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM





July 2 – August 25, 2017

Summer Guided Experiences

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9 AM

Family Fat Bike Rally

3 hours

▲ \$

Cultural Demonstration:
Smudging Circle

1.5 hours

○ \$

Junior Naturalists

2 hours

▲ \$

Paddle Clear Lake

2.5 hours

▲ \$

Delights of the English Gardens with tea and scones

1.5 hours

▲ \$

Explore Gorge Creek

3.5 hours

▲ \$

Junior Naturalists

2 hours

▲ \$

Junior Naturalists

2 hours

▲ \$

Junior Naturalists

2 hours

▲ \$

Paddle Clear Lake

2 hours

▲ \$

Learn-to Fish

1.5 hours

▲ ○

10 AM

1 PM

1:30 PM

2 PM

4 PM

7 PM

7:30 PM

8 PM

Under the Discovery Dome:
Learn-to Camp

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Bison

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Bats

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Aquatic Aliens!

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Wolves

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Animal Tracks

Come and go

▲ ○

Under the Discovery Dome:
Learn-to Camp

Come and go

▲ ○

Junior Naturalists

2 hours

▲ \$

Little Critters Camp

1 hour

▲ \$

Cultural Workshop

2 hours

▲ \$

Little Critters Camp

1 hour

▲ \$

Young Explorers

2 hours

▲ \$

Young Explorers

2 hours

▲ \$

Young Explorers

2 hours

▲ \$

Home on the Range: Tipis in
Bison Country

2.5 hours

▲ \$

Paddle Clear Lake

2 hours

▲ \$

Call of the Wild:
RMNP Parkway Caravan

2 hours

▲ \$

Home on the Range: Tipis in
Bison Country

2.5 hours

▲ \$

Paddle Clear Lake

2 hours

▲ \$

Call of the Wild:
RMNP Parkway Caravan

2 hours

▲ \$

Fun 'round the Fire:
Bear Aware

1 hour

▲ ○

Fun 'round the Fire:
Songs of Riding Mountain

1 hour

▲ ○

Fun 'round the Fire:
Bats, Man!

1 hour

▲ ○

Fun 'round the Fire:
Alien Invasion

1 hour

▲ ○

Fun 'round the Fire:
Culture Time!

1 hour

▲ ○

Fun 'round the Fire:
Wilderness Wisdom

1 hour

▲ ○

Bikes n'
Beers: Bike Rally
for Grown-ups

2 hours 18+

▲ \$

Fun 'round the Fire:
Songs of Riding Mountain

2 hours

▲ ○

- Meet at the Visitor Centre
- Meet at Friends of RMNP Learning Centre
- Anishinabe Sharing Lodge
- Wasagaming Campground
- Friends of RMNP Program
- Vehicle Required
- Fees Apply
- Free Admission

Summer Guided Experiences

July 2 – August 25, 2017

Join the Riding Mountain National Park interpretive staff for all sorts of fun activities – from hikes to bikes, bears to bison. We'll give you friendly suggestions to round out your visit!

Pre-registration may be needed. *Fees may apply



Highlights

Family Fatbike Rally / Bikes n' Beers

Fun-seeking families can pedal the town during Sunday's rally, while more adventurous adults can cruise the local trails Saturday evening until happy hour.

Paddle Clear Lake

Explore the aquatic intricacies of the jewel of Riding Mountain's crown: Clear Lake. All while paddling a kayak!

Home on the Range: Tipis in Bison Country

The local Anishinabe culture and the bison are tightly interwoven. Join this cultural caravan to learn more about this sacred relationship, as well as current scientific study surrounding this symbol of the prairies.

Learn-to-*BACKCOUNTRY*-Camp!

Join park guides for an overnight experience in the backcountry of RMNP. Backcountry food, s'mores and a campfire are just some of the fun activities involved. Mountain Equipment Co-op gear will be showcased to help you plan future outings.



Fall Guided Experiences

August 26 – October 9: Call of the Wild Car Caravans

From the comfort of your car, golden aspen leaves serve as a beautiful backdrop for the bugling elk and rutting moose in September and October, the mating season. Keep your eyes open for other large mammals, including bison and deer.

September 2 – 3: Heritage Camping Experience

Wake on the shores of Lake Audy to the west and the open bison range to the east during this overnight experience in a tipi encampment. Explore and use cultural crafts that would once have furnished this dwelling. Enjoy traditional fare as you immerse yourself in the culture of the First Peoples of the region.



September 1 – 9: Dark Sky Week

Join us for a week of *Dancing with the Stars!* Stargazing treks and special guests are some of the quirks and quarks of this galactic week.

For Kids!

Children age 2 – 5

Come join Club Parka

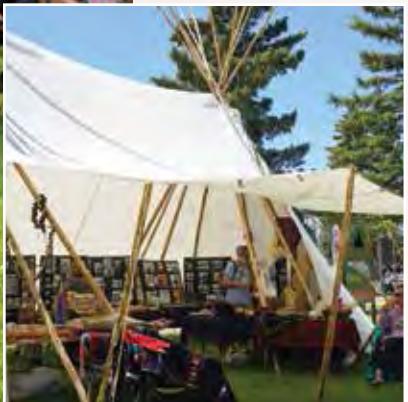
Pick up your *Club Parka* booklet at the Visitor Centre or download Parka's Photo Missions App for free. Kids completing an activity in the Club Parka Booklet or a Photo Mission will receive a Club Parka souvenir!

Children aged 6 – 11

Become a Parks Canada Xplorer

Pick up your NEW 2017 *Xplorers Booklet* at the Visitor Centre. Children will receive an Xplorers booklet filled with fun activities that will guide your discovery of each unique place you visit. After discovery, the kids will receive a certificate and an official collectable souvenir recognizing them as Parks Canada Xplorers!





Anishinabe of Riding Mountain

For the Anishinabe, Turtle Island, also known as North America, was chosen as their homeland by the Creator, Kichi Manitou. It is a common understanding that this has been home since time immemorial.

The Anishinabe have maintained traditional connections to the land and waters, and with Parks Canada work to protect and present Riding Mountain National Park.

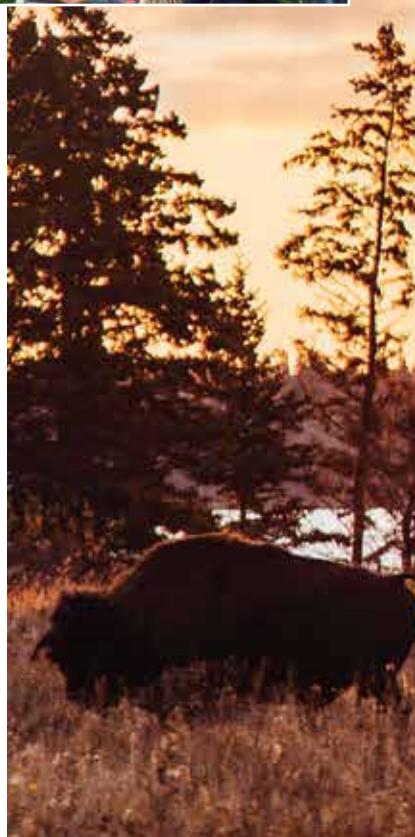
The Coalition and Parks Canada

Parks Canada and the Coalition of First Nations with interest in Riding Mountain National Park, established the Riding Mountain Forum to share and put ideas into action.

The Coalition of First Nations with interests in Riding Mountain is composed of nations from Treaty 2, 4 and 1 including Keesekoowenin Ojibway First Nation, Ebb and Flow First Nation, Waywayseecappo First Nation, Gambler First Nation, Rolling River First Nation, Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve and Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation.

The Forum is a small part of reconciliation between the Coalition and Parks Canada. In 2016, we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the Riding Mountain Forum.

Visit us at the Anishinabe Sharing Lodge on 126 Ta-Wa-Pit Drive, Wasagaming for more information about activities and events.



Mashkode Bizhiki

Explore the Bison Range

The Anishinabe term for bison is “Mashkode Bizhiki” which translates to *Prairies Cow*. There are many ways to learn more about this special relationship between the bison, the land and Indigenous Peoples:

- Join the Parks Canada interpretation team for a guided tour of the bison range or drive out to the range for your own self-guided tour.
- Bison themed activities under the Parks Canada Discovery Dome.
- Visit the Anishinabe Sharing Lodge to see crafts, learn history, or participate in activities.
- Stop by the Parks Canada Visitor Centre to see what cultural activities are being offered.
- Join in on the National Aboriginal Day fun June 24, 2017.

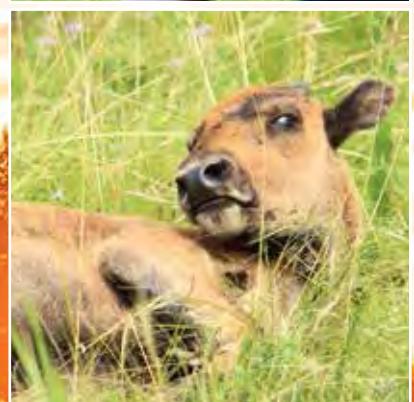
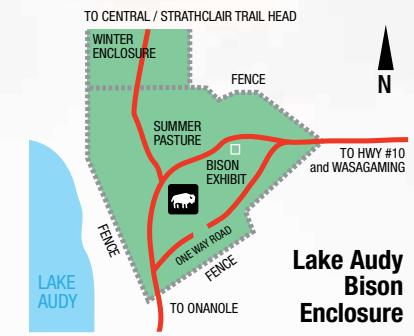
For more information on these experiences visit rmpn.info@pc.gc.ca or call **204-848-7275**.

Wondering Where to Spot Wildlife?

Ask the friendly staff at the Visitor Centre or check the wildlife observation boards located in the lobby of the Visitor Centre or Administration Office for the latest sightings. Record your observations here as well.

Always Keep your Distance

No matter how tame they may seem, ALL park animals are unpredictable and potentially dangerous.





Camping

oTENTiks

An oTENTik is a mix between a cabin and a tent with wood floors and canvas siding, picnic table, fire pit, and propane barbecue. Sleeping won't be a problem with bunk beds that sleep six comfortably. Riding Mountain National Park's 30 oTENTiks also have the comforts of home with electric heat, interior lighting, USB plugs, and interior and exterior electrical outlets. Don't forget about Riding Mountain's one Yurt, which comes with the similar comforts of home.

Campgrounds

Riding Mountain National Park has five front-country campgrounds for you to choose from. In the Wasagaming Campground campers will be able to choose from a total of 460 sites, including 358 serviced sites from electrical to full-service—128 which are newly serviced—and enjoy newly paved roads. Riding Mountain's has four other campgrounds located throughout the Park. These unserviced campgrounds are first-come first-serve camping with self-registration mid-May to mid-October.

*When reserving your campsite in the Wasagaming Campground, please note that site numbers have changed.

Cairns Cabin and Backcountry Camping

New for 2017, all 16 backcountry campgrounds, including Cairns Cabin, are now reservable online! Hike, bike, or horseback to one of Riding Mountain National Park's backcountry campsites, each equipped with a fire pit, firewood, privy, picnic table, and food storage container.

For reservations call
1-877-RESERVE
(1-877-737-3783)
For group camping call
204-848-7275
or visit
reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca

CAMPGROUND SERVICES

CAMPGROUNDS

Wasagaming	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Moon Lake	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Audy				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Whirlpool Lake				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Deep Lake				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Group Camps				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cairns Cabin				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Micro-Cube and Double-Tent

The Micro-Cube offers a unique experience with a panoramic window that makes up one side of the cube, and includes a double bed, two chairs, and a table.

The Double-Tent consists of a smaller interior tent inside a larger exterior tent. The interior tent contains a bed and a small table and chairs. The exterior tent is equipped with comfortable chairs and a table to relax. The exterior tent is bug proof, allowing you to relax outside without the nuisance of bugs.

Visitors will need to bring their own cooking equipment and bedding. Cooking is prohibited inside both accommodations. Plan ahead to be equipped for colder days as the Micro-Cube and Double-Tent are not heated. Reservations can be made by calling **204-848-7275** only.

oTENTik Winter Camping

NEW! Winter camp in an oTENTik! Starting winter 2017, five oTENTiks are available to rent. They are newly insulated and are equipped with woodstoves and electric heat to stay warm. There are also plenty of nearby ski trails to keep you busy. Just a 10 minute walk away is the town of Wasagaming where you can grab some food or go for a skate behind the Parks Canada Visitor Centre.



Trails



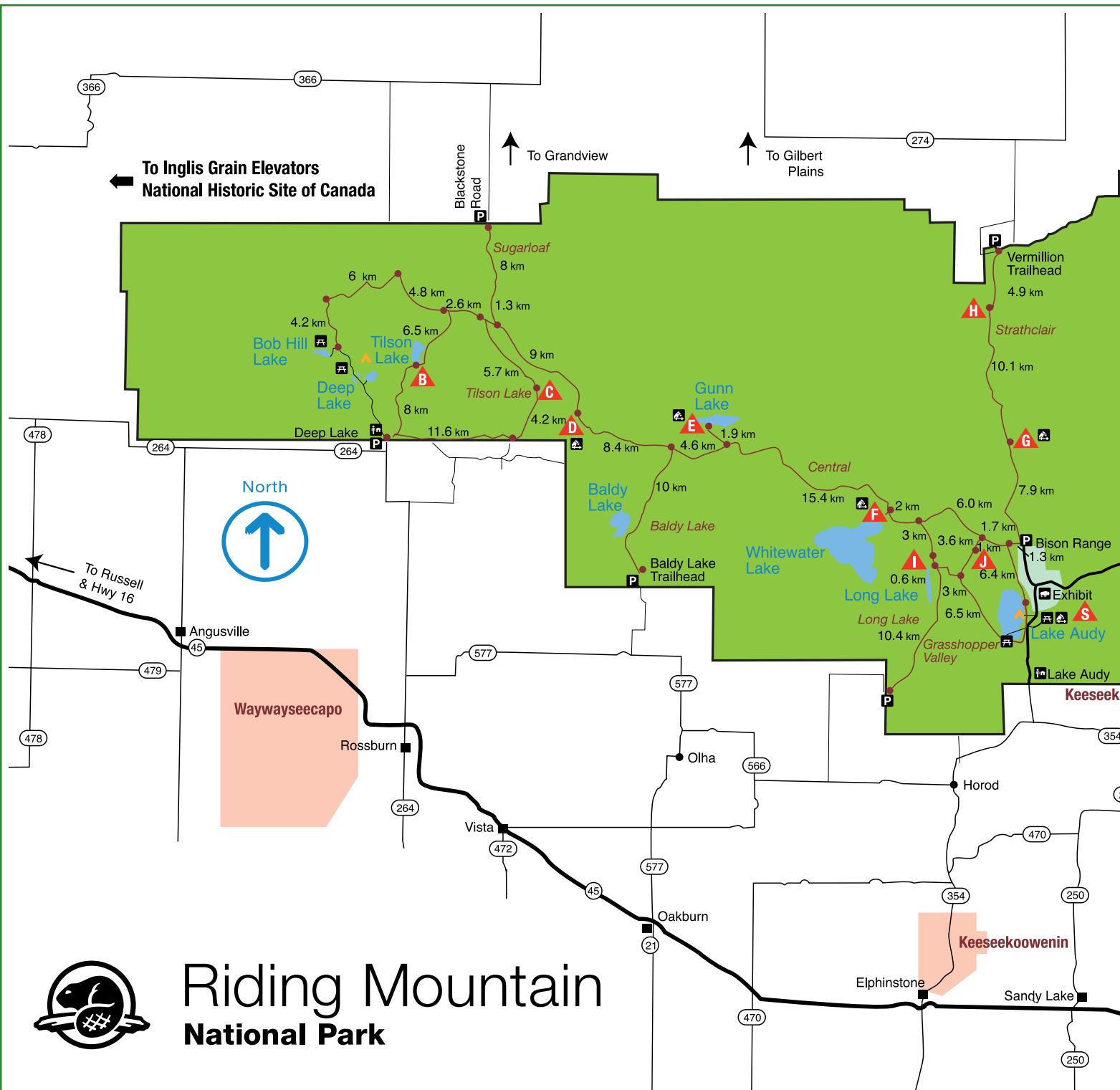
For details on each trail, a trail guide is available for purchase at the Nature Shop in the Visitor Centre.
For updated trail information please go to parkscanada.gc.ca/riding.

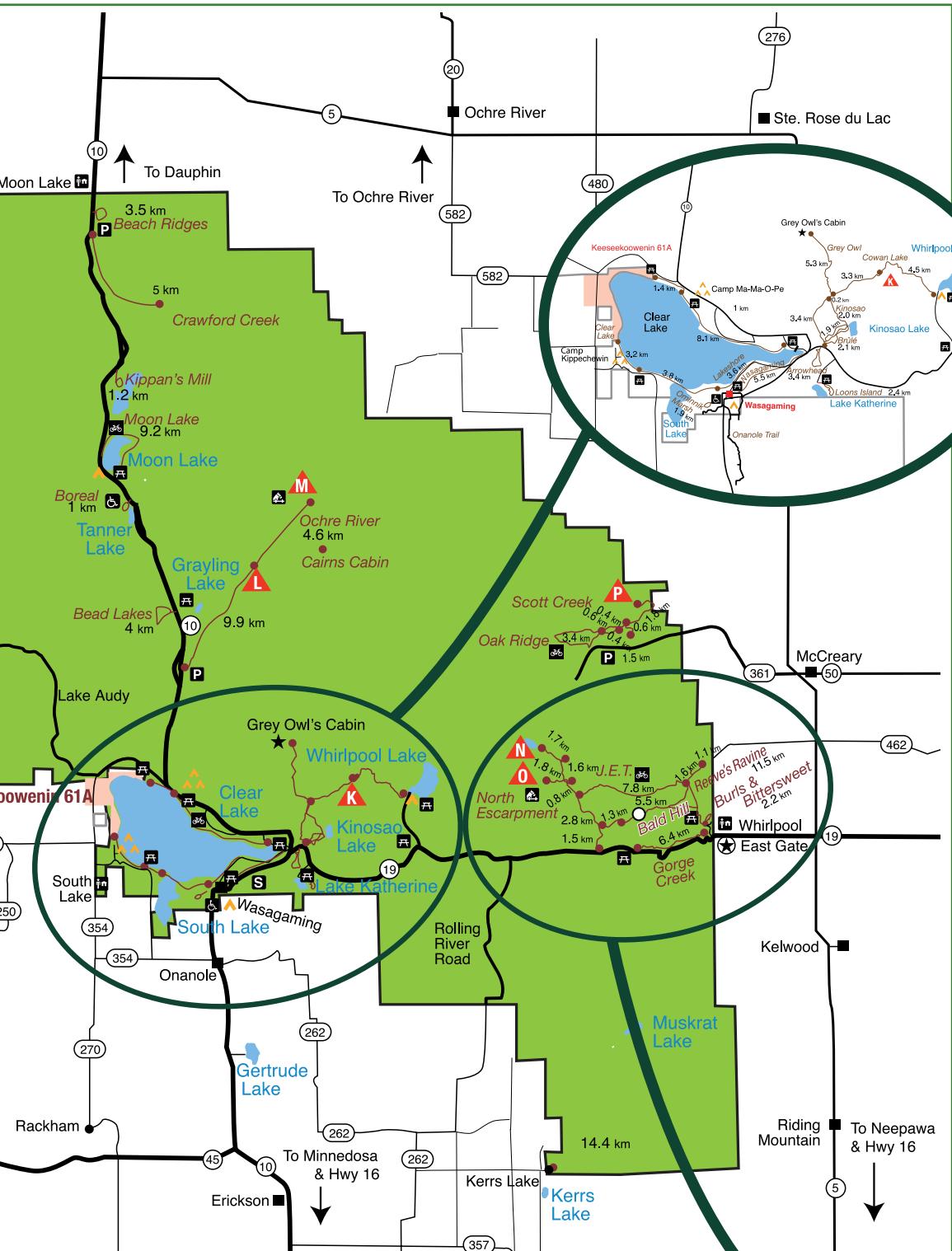


Name	Difficulty	Type	Distance
Arrowhead	Blue	Hiking	3.4 km, loop
Bald Hill	Blue	Hiking	8.4 km, one way
Baldy Lake	Blue	Hiking	10 km, one way
Beach Ridges	Green	Hiking	3.5 km, return
Bead Lakes	Blue	Hiking	4.0 km, return
Boreal	Green	Hiking	1 km, return
Breezy Hill	Blue	Hiking	1.8 km, one way
Brûlé	Green	Hiking	2.1/4.2 km, return
Burls & Bittersweet	Green	Hiking	2.2 km, return
Central Trail	Blue	Hiking	66.3 km, one way
Clear Lake North Shore	Blue	Hiking	19 km, return
Clear Lake South Shore	Green	Hiking	14 km, return
Crawford Creek	Blue	Hiking	10 km, return
Cowan Lake	Blue	Hiking	7.8 km, one way
Gorge Creek	Blue	Hiking	6.4 km, one way
Grasshopper Valley	Blue	Hiking	20.5 km, loop
Grey Owl	Blue	Hiking	17.8 km, return
Gunn Lake	Blue	Hiking	1.9 km, one way
J.E.T.	Blue	Hiking	7.8 km, one way
Kinosao	Blue	Hiking	3.9 km, one way
Kippian's Mill	Green	Hiking	1.2 km, return
Lakeshore Long Loop	Green	Hiking	7.2 km, return
Lakeshore Short Loop	Yellow	Hiking	1 km, return
Long Lake	Blue	Hiking	14 km, one way
Loon's Island	Green	Hiking	2.4 km, return
Moon Lake	Green	Hiking	9.2 km, loop
North Escarpment	Blue	Hiking	8.4 km, one way
Oak Ridge	Blue	Hiking	3.1/6.4 km, return
Ochre River Campsite	Blue	Hiking	29 km, return
Omnink Marsh	Green	Hiking	1.9 km, return
Reeve's Ravine	Blue	Hiking	11.5 km, return
Scott Creek	Green	Hiking	2.4 km, one way
Strathclair	Blue	Hiking	22.9 km, return
South Lake	Blue	Hiking	3.4 km, return
Sugarloaf	Blue	Hiking	8 km, one way
Tilson Lake	Blue	Hiking	38.6 km, return
Wasagamaging Bike Trail	Blue	Hiking	1 km, return

● Easy ● Accessible ■ Moderate ♦ Difficult







Distances from Wasagaming

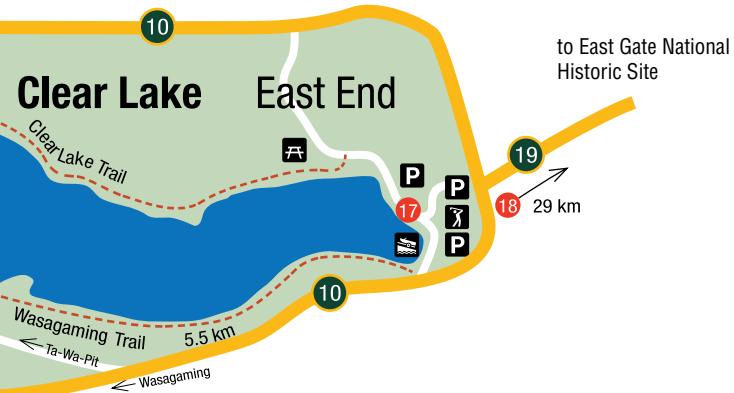
- North Entrance Gate **53 km**
- Deep Lake Campground **113 km**
- Moon Lake Campground **34 km**
- East Entrance Gate **34 km**
- Lake Audy Bison Enclosure **39 km**
- Whirlpool Lake Campground **15 km**

Don't have your own GPS device?

Stop by the **Friends Learning Centre** and you can pick one up.
Call **204-848-4037** for more information.



Wasagaming



Attention boaters

Boaters are required to have their watercraft inspected and obtain a free valid permit as long as the boat stays in park waters in an effort to prevent the introduction of zebra mussels.

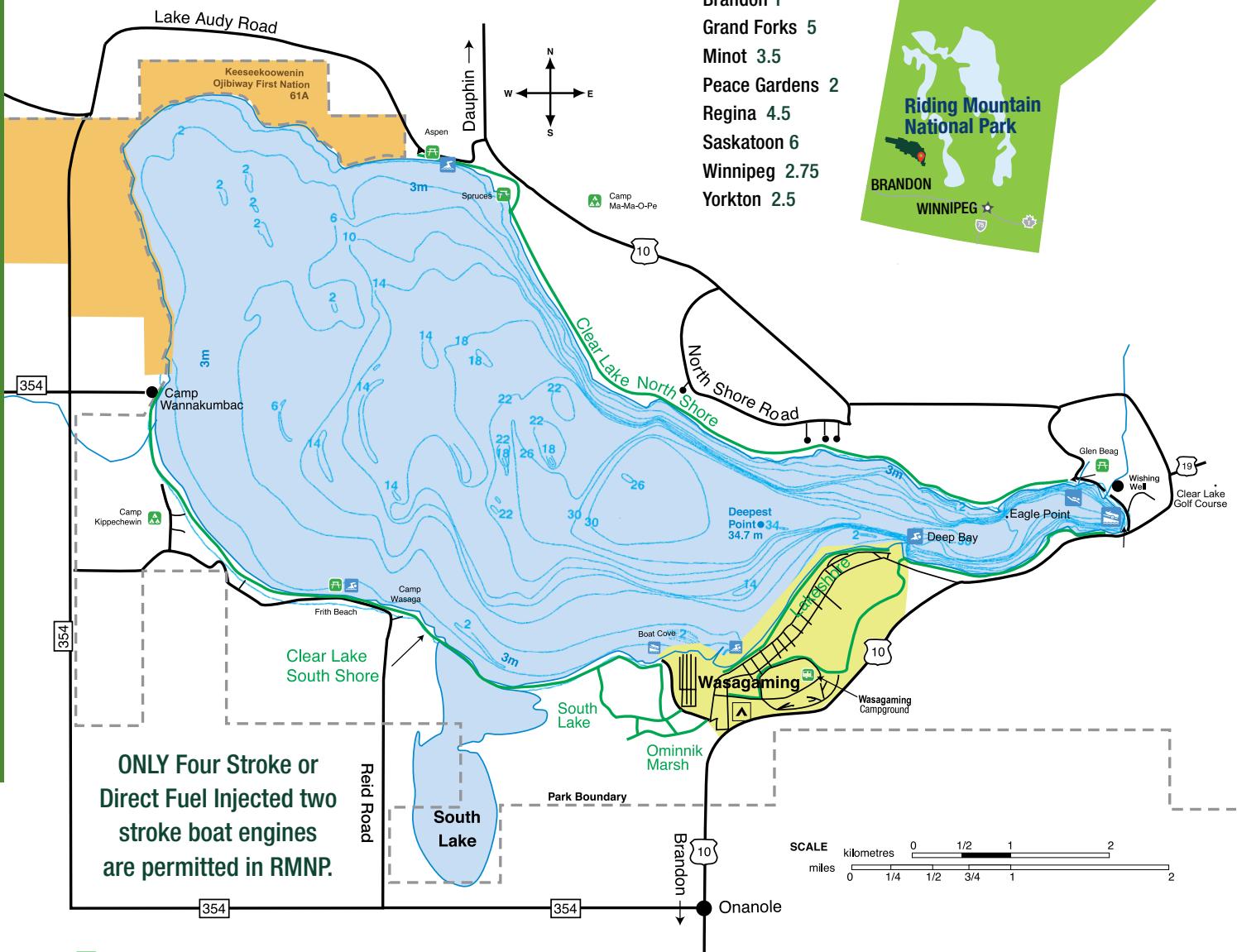


A more detailed map of Clear Lake is available through Friends of RMNP

Distances to Wasagaming

From: (in hours)

Dauphin 1
Brandon 1
Grand Forks 5
Minot 3.5
Peace Gardens 2
Regina 4.5
Saskatoon 6
Winnipeg 2.75
Yorkton 2.5



- Picnic Site
- Full Service Camping
- Group Camping
- Boat Launch
- Swim Areas
- Dive Areas
- Maintained Trails
- Park Boundary
- Streams
- Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation

Clear Lake

Welcome to Wasagaming

discoverclearlake.com
pc.gc.ca/riding



Opening of Riding Mountain

The official grand opening of the park was on July 26, 1933 with around 2,000 people in attendance! In 1932, the Parks Branch proposed an essay competition for children. The winner would win \$50 in addition to having their entry selected as the new name of the Riding Mountain townsite. Edna Medd, a girl from Winnipegos, suggested "Wasagaming," the Cree word for "clear water," which has been the name of the townsite ever since.



A town within a national park.
Everything you need and want
for the perfect getaway.

1933 Relief Camp All Stars Clear Lake,
Riding Mountain National Park
(back row, left to right)
Osmack, Beatty, Abramson, Sweet, Brodack, Dinsdale, Galbraith
(front row, left to right) Johnson, Walter "Turk" Broda, Pickup



Parks Canada Celebrates 100 Years of Historic Sites

Parks Canada offers you 171 remarkable and diverse places where you can walk in the footsteps of history, interact with characters from the past and experience for yourself what makes Canada so unique. Stop by Riding Mountain National Park's very own National Historic Site, the East Gate Registration Complex. The East Gate sits at the edge of the Park by Highway 19, and is one of the last original gates left in Parks Canada. Special centennial events and programs will bring alive stories, people and events that shaped the Canada of today. Come join the celebration and connect with Canada's past in ways that leave you inspired, captivated and amazed.

History of Hockey in Clear Lake

One sunny winter day back in 1933, 10 men stood on the ice at Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park, got their picture taken, then played, and lost a couple of hockey games against the Intermediate hockey team from Dauphin. These men were part of the Riding Mountain Relief Camp All Stars, a group of hockey players from various camps around the lake who would play against teams from the surrounding communities.

Canada's national parks belong to all Canadians and Parks Canada protects and presents these treasures because they tell stories of who we are. Riding Mountain National Park was the only park at the time that had organized sports events for camp workers and on some Sundays, after church of course, a thousand people would gather around the boards to watch the games. Their goalie, Walter "Turk" Broda, from Brandon, would go on to win five Stanley Cups with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Grey Owl

In 1931 Archibald Belaney, his wife Anahareo, and their two pet beavers, Rawhide and Jellyroll, lived at Beaver Lodge Lake where Grey Owl's Cabin is located.



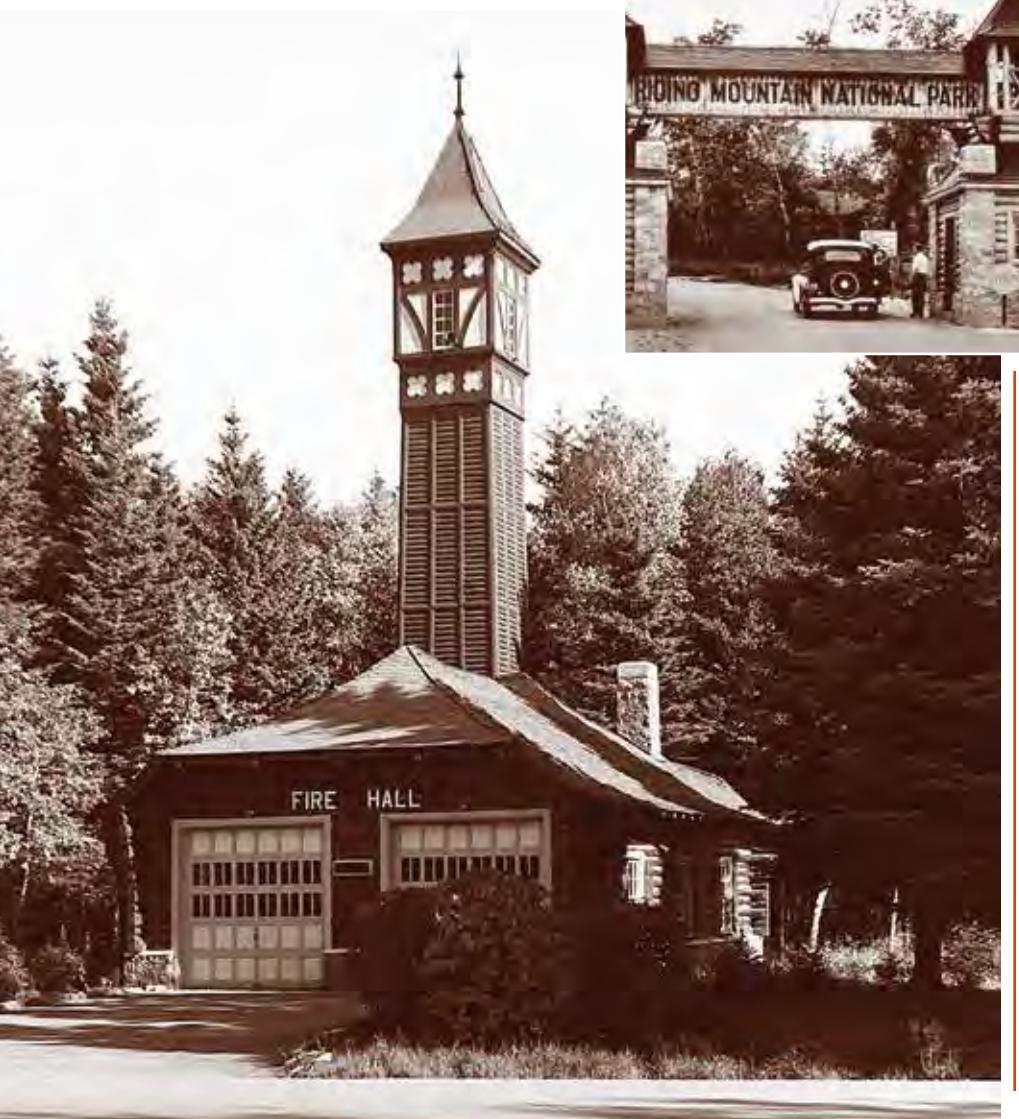
Wishing Well

Toss a coin and make a wish —one of the oldest traditions in the Park.



Riding Mountain East Gate

Riding Mountain East Gate Registration Complex National Historic Site, built in 1930, is the only park gate of its kind left standing in Canada.



Depression Relief

The quick pace and wide spectrum of development at RMNP throughout its first decade could not have been accomplished outside the depression of the 1930s. Failing economic conditions had put a huge labour force out of work and resulted in widespread financial hardship among Canadians. The mounting severity of the situation prompted the Federal Government to enact relief measures designed to make work for the vast population of unemployed.

This federal aid was earmarked for relief work in Canada's National Parks. In 1930, the Unemployment Relief Act was passed. It supplied funds for the establishment of work camps in national parks such as Banff, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, Prince Albert and Riding Mountain National Park. Riding Mountain sustained the largest relief camp operation employing over 1,200 men on various projects between 1934-35.

Depression relief aid also took the form of direct funding supplied through the 1934 Public Works Construction Act. A large portion of these funds was in turn allocated for construction for specific types of buildings in the parks, namely administration and community buildings, garages, warden cabins and staff head quarters. Many of the local craftsmen hired to design and construct these buildings were Swedish immigrants who had settled in the vicinity of the park. With the aid of relief workers through the Depression relief program, park administrators were able to exploit the craftsmen's expertise in log and stone construction. In RMNP 86 buildings of various descriptions, including those at the east gate entrance, were built between 1930 and 1936 through this program.



Your Guide to Clear Lake Country

Day 1

The lake is calling. Pack-up your car and head-out with friends to Riding Mountain National Park, because we're celebrating free entry in 2017! To celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, Parks Canada is providing free entry to National Parks and National Historic Sites across the country. Don't forget to book a place to stay! Riding Mountain has everything from quaint bed and breakfasts, boutique hotels, to stunning resorts. There is also plenty of frontcountry and backcountry campgrounds, and brand new glamping accommodations.

Day 2

It's time to hit the trails. Maybe you want to take it easy with a stroll around Omink Marsh, but if you're looking for adventure load-up your bikes and drive to Reeve's Ravine. We're promising you an epic bike ride with an even more epic view. Don't have a bike? We got you covered with multiple bike rental options around town. On the way back stop at Lake Katherine to grill some hot dogs over a bonfire located just steps away from the lake.

Day 3

Clear Lake doesn't just have the best trails, but the best shopping too. Cruise down the streets of Wasagaming, Riding Mountain's townsite, and weave in and out of some of the best shops in Manitoba. Something is guaranteed to catch your eye. Local business owners have stocked their shelves with everything from designer brands to local wares. Just outside Wasagaming is the town of Onanole where you can also grab pizza, ribs, or head to the grocery store. Try a round of mini golf, browse the shops, or hike back to Wasagaming via the Onanole trail.

Day 4

It's time to relax and Clear Lake has just what you need. Head to the spa for a mud bath, facial, and pedicure to relax both your body and mind. Or perhaps the Clear Lake beach is more your speed. Located off Wasagaming Drive, Clear Lake beach is known for its crystal clear waters and beautiful sunsets. Stop by the marina and pick from an array of boat rentals from kayaks to paddle boards.

Day 5

All good things must come to an end, but just because check-out is at 11 a.m. doesn't mean it's time to leave. There's always time to pick-up some treats from the local bakeries or local handmade goods. Make sure you stop at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and ask about planning your fall or winter adventure in Riding Mountain National Park.

For more information

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DiscoverClearLake.com

The Official Site of Wasagaming
Chamber of Commerce

The Shops at Clear Lake

With fantastic dining options and beautiful accommodations, enjoy exploring this unique National Park townsite and the great diversity in its shops, restaurants, and services. Visit discoverclearlake.com for more information, the official site of the Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce.

Places to Stay

- Arrowhead Family Resort
- Aspen Ridge Resort
- Buffalo Resorts
- Geiler Corner
- Idylwylde Cabins
- Lake House Boutique Hotel
- Manigaming Resort
- Mooswa Resort
- The Cottages at Clear Lake
- The Cove
- Thunderbird Bungalows
- Wasagaming Campground

Information

- Anishinabe Sharing Lodge
- Friends of RMNP Learning Centre
- Parks Canada Administration Building
- Parks Canada Visitor Centre
- Pinewood Museum
- Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve
- Wasagaming Community Arts

Things to Do

- Adventure Mini Golf
- Clear Lake Gas & Bike Rentals
- Clear Lake Golf Course
- Clear Lake Tennis Courts
- Friends of RMNP Learning Centre
- Old Surrey Station Bike Rentals
- Park Theatre
- The Clear Lake Marina

Shopping

- Beachcomber Clothing & Laundromat
- Boardwalk on Clear Lake
- Chocolate Fox
- Clear Lake Trading Post
- From The Earth Jewellery
- Kozy Trends
- Moon Lake Trading Company
- Park Bench
- Prairie Supply Co.
- Seagulls & Sandcastles
- Summer Fashions
- Sun & Sand
- The Bear Behind
- The Cove
- The Gorge Clothing & Beach Club Exchange
- The Nature Shop
- The Peach Tree
- The Spinning Wheel

Food & Beverage

- Boardwalk on Clear Lake
- Chocolate Fox
- Clear Lake Trading Post
- Lake House Ice Cream Shop
- Mano's Pizza & Pasta
- Marina on Clear Lake &The Martese
- Subway
- The Foxtail Cafe
- The Sugar Shop
- The Upper Cup
- TR McKoys
- Whitehouse Bakery
- Wigwam Dining & Lounge

Services

- Beachcomber Clothing & Laundromat
- Clear Lake Gas & Bike Rentals
- Frazer Studio of Photography

Chamber Members

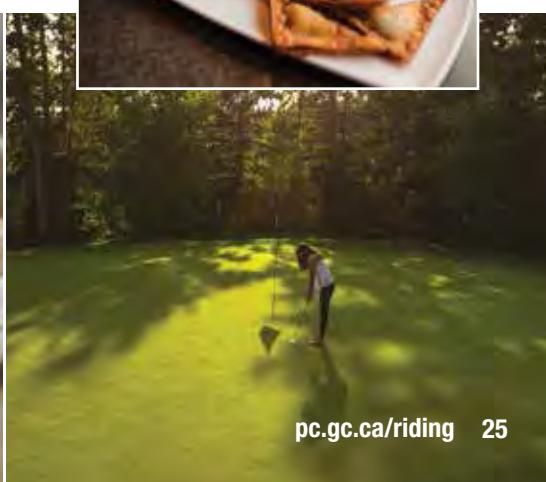
Located Outside of the Park

- 3D Outfitters
- Collyer Construction
- Crooked Mountain Cabins
- Elkhorn Resort & Conference Centre
- Erickson Credit Union
- Gord's Plumbing & Heating
- Honeycomb Bed & Breakfast
- Mountainside Cabin Repair
- Onanole RV Park & Campground
- Popular Ridge Golf Course
- Shuttle Bug
- Sportsman's RV Park
- Sunset Bay Recreation Adventures
- Whirlpool Design
- Woods General Store

Non-Chamber Members

Located Inside the Park

- Beavertails
- Bowling Greens
- Clubhouse 204
- Danceland
- Northshore





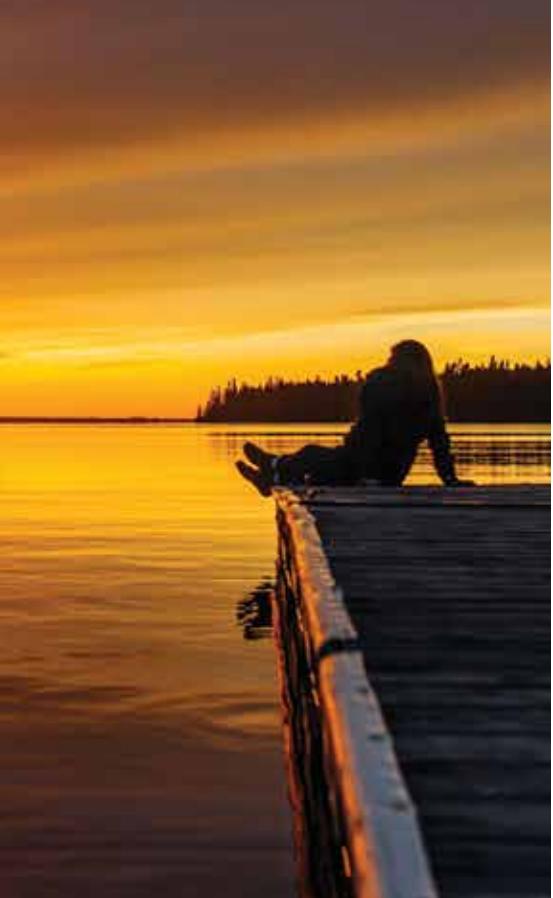
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Clear Lake



Friends of Riding Mountain National Park

154 Columbine Street, Wasagaming



Official Parks Canada Merchandise is available exclusively at the Friends of Riding Mountain Nature Shop in the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and The Friends Learning Centre located at 154 Columbine Street.

**Check out the Parks Canada
made in Canada products at
parkscanadashop.ca**

Profits support national parks,
marine conservation areas,
and historic sites.

In 2017, Friends of Riding Mountain will be celebrating 30 years of promoting and providing opportunities to increase public awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural and cultural heritage of Riding Mountain National Park.

Junior Naturalist Programs

(Friends Learning Centre)

Monday to Friday

(10:00 AM to noon and 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM)

Young Explorer Programs

(Friends Learning Centre)

Tuesday and Thursday

(7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

Li'l Critter Camp

(Friends Learning Centre)

Monday to Friday

(4:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

friendsofridingmountain.ca

friends.rmnp@pc.gc.ca

204-848-4037

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2017 Riding Mountain Photo Contest

Themes

1. Nature
2. Wildlife
3. People in the Park

Prize

First place prize package includes a Riding Mountain National Park Annual Family Pass for 2018.

Eligibility

Contest is open to everyone, including professional photographers. There is also a special Junior Photographer category.

For Full Details

Inquire at the Nature Shop in the Visitor Centre, the Friends Learning Centre at 154 Columbine in Wasagaming, or visit friendsofridingmountain.ca.

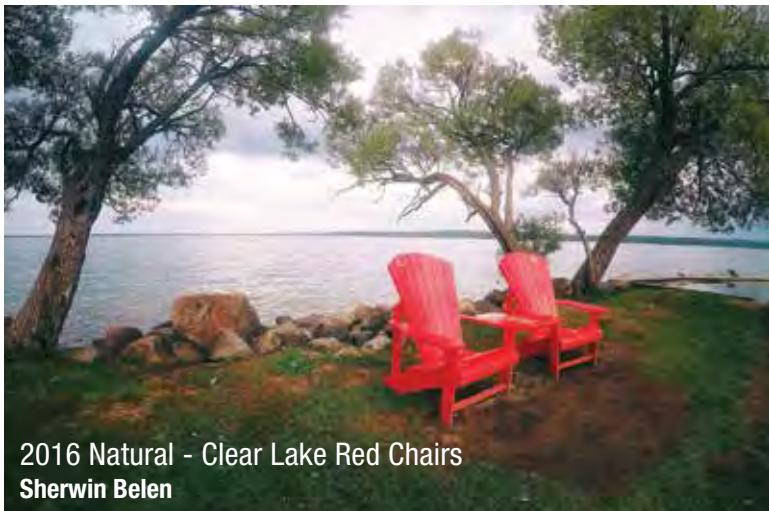
Deadline: December 05, 2017.

2016 Grand Prize- Young Wolf

Matthew Henry



2016 Junior - Moose
Matthew Henry



2016 Natural - Clear Lake Red Chairs
Sherwin Belen



2016 People - Beach Days
Sherwin Belen



2016 Wildlife - Bison in Fog
Anne Klassen

The Riding Mountain Unesco Biosphere Reserve

Riding Mountain National Park is the core protected area of the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) designated Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve, which also includes the 12 rural municipalities surrounding the Park. The Biosphere Reserve fosters and encourages a sustainable, community-based regional economy, with high biodiversity on a rural landscape in order to inspire a positive future by connecting people and nature today.

Life is an amazing series of connections. Between people, between people and nature, between knowledge and action, across time and place. If these connections break, we put our collective quality of life at risk. If we keep them strong, we build a future that inspires us.

The UNESCO Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve is a place where people share a way of living with nature that builds a future we are proud of by championing life, empowering people and modeling solutions together.

Community events and activities:

- At the Farm Gate: Farmers' markets and a listing of local producers and artisans in the Biosphere Reserve.
- Use of native species plants in landscaping.
- Community garden program.
- Adult education workshops and school programs to raise awareness of the conservation of biodiversity.
- New! Canada 150 selfie contest! Visit rmbr.ca for more details.

For more information call **204-636-2085** or visit rmbr.ca.

Projects in the Park

In 2017, visitors in Riding Mountain National Park will notice improvements to infrastructure as a result of the Government of Canada's commitment to preserving our national treasures. These improvements are part of Parks Canada's \$3 billion investment over five years to support infrastructure work to heritage, visitor, waterway and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas across Canada. This investment addresses outstanding maintenance and will improve service to visitors as they join us in celebrating Canada 150.

Campers in the Wasagaming Campground will enjoy newly surfaced roads, upgrades to shower and washroom facilities and the addition of water and electrical service to 128 campsites. The addition of visitor facilities at Mount Agassiz and the East Gate Registration Complex National Historic Site will provide new opportunities to explore the unique natural and cultural history of Manitoba's escarpment.

Visitors will also notice ongoing improvements to Highway 10 and to infrastructure in the townsite of Wasagaming. We would like to remind our visitors to slow down around construction, keep a safe distance from workers and equipment, to respect area closures and to be patient when encountering delays. We are doing our best to minimize construction in busy areas during the peak visitor season as we work to maintain a quality visitor experience today and for the future in RMNP.

For more information about infrastructure projects in Riding Mountain, please contact us at **204-848-7275**, or visit our website at pc.gc.ca/riding.

Doing your Part

Don't Move a Mussel

Stop aquatic invasive species before launching and before leaving.

Zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) are a Prohibited Species under The Fisheries Act. Possession and release of zebra mussels in Manitoba are illegal.

Help protect our precious lakes, rivers, and wetlands by taking a few important precautions when moving watercrafts, trailers, and aircrafts, or before moving any water-based equipment and gear such as docks, nets, bait buckets, ropes, buoys, life jackets, anchors and totes between water bodies.

- 1. Clean** and inspect watercraft, trailer, aircraft, and all water-based equipment or gear. Remove all plants, animals, mud. Rinse using high pressure hot water for at least 2 minutes.
- 2. Drain** all water from watercraft, equipment, and gear including the motor livewell, bilge, bait buckets and toss before transporting. Pull drain plugs and open valves and/or operate pumps to expel water.
- 3. Dry** watercraft, trailer and all water-based gear and equipment for at least five days in the hot sun, 18 days in the spring / fall, or freeze for 13 days.
- 4. Dispose** of unwanted live bait and worms in the trash, and dump all water from bait buckets and totes on land away from any water body.

Fishing in Riding Mountain

Riding Mountain has many fish friendly lakes throughout the park. Anglers are required to have a national park fishing permit. Tackle restrictions include no use or possession of barbed hooks, and no lead tackle under 50g. For more information visit pc.gc.ca/riding

Clear Lake Living Waters

Clear Lake's crystal clear waters attract thousands of visitors every year. Parks Canada, Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation, as well as many stakeholders and volunteers, are working to protect the cultural and ecological qualities of Clear Lake.

Initiatives to keep the lake clear:

- Boat emission guidelines
- Improvements to wastewater treatment facilities
- The use of lake friendly products
- Aquatic monitoring
- Raising public awareness about boating safety and etiquette

The efforts to protect Clear Lake emphasize the value of traditional and local knowledge partnered with scientific research.

Do Not Move Firewood

Invasive forest pests (non-native pests and diseases) can have serious negative impacts on forests, both in your home town and in wilderness areas such as Riding Mountain National Park.

Currently, pests such as the emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian long-horned beetle are threatening Canadian forests. The EAB has killed millions of ash trees in North America, and is spreading toward Manitoba quickly. Forest pests such as the emerald ash borer can be transported to unaffected areas through the movement of firewood.

When you are vacationing this summer, please purchase firewood locally and leave it where you brought it.

Parks Canada staff are working closely with visitors to keep aquatic invasive species (AIS) like zebra mussels out of park waters through watercraft inspections and strict decontamination procedures.

For information visit

pc.gc.ca/riding

or call 204-848-7275.





Protect Yourself from Severe Weather

Severe weather conditions often develop during Manitoba summers. Thunder, lightning, hail and even tornadoes can develop quickly and have the potential to be extremely dangerous.

For your safety, be prepared and plan ahead for what you and your family should do if severe weather approaches:

1. Know the warning signs

- Thunderstorms (often accompanied by hail, lightning, high winds and heavy rain) — Hot and/or muggy days and warm nights often indicate storms are building.
- Tornadoes – Watch for an extremely dark sky (sometimes with green or yellow clouds), a rumbling or whistling sound, and a funnel cloud following heavy rain or hail.

2. Tune in to media warnings

Environment Canada monitors the weather. If you suspect severe weather is imminent, turn on your radio to any national, regional or local station (like CBC 990 AM) and listen for public alerts. You can also check the Environment Canada or Weather Network websites for current warnings and watches.

3. Take shelter

- During a thunderstorm, take shelter in your vehicle, RV, camper, or a sturdy building. Only use your tent as a last resort.
- In case of a tornado, seek shelter in a sturdy building - not your vehicle, RV, camper, or tent as they can be lifted and thrown. If you cannot find shelter, lie down in a ditch or other low-lying area that is free of rising water and away from your vehicle or RV, hug the ground, and cover your head.

For more information see www.pc.gc.ca/riding or www.gov.mb.ca/severeweather/ or connect with us: twitter.com/RidingNP or Facebook.com/RidingNP.



Visitor Safety

Three Steps for a Safe Trip

1. Trip Planning

Plan your travel route. Know the terrain and conditions.
Check the weather and always fill out a trip plan.

2. Training

Obtain the knowledge and skills you need before heading out.
Know and stay within your limits.

3. Taking the Essentials

Always carry the essentials and know how to use them.
Add equipment specific to your chosen activity, season and location.

Black Legged Ticks

Black legged ticks can carry Lyme disease and there is a chance that an infected tick may bite you while in Southern Manitoba. To reduce the risk of Lyme disease infection take steps such as wearing appropriate clothing and tick repellent, doing tick checks after going outdoors, removing any ticks found, and monitoring any bites for the ‘bull’s eye’ rash that often occurs after infection. For more information visit the Riding Mountain National Park website or pick up a pamphlet at any of our information kiosks.

**24 Hour
Park Emergency Service,
Visitor Safety, Wildlife and
Park enforcement**

**Toll-free
1-877-852-3100**

Did you Know?

Fishing

A valid Riding Mountain National Park fishing license is required to fish in park waters.

Leave it for others to enjoy

Take nothing but photos and leave nothing but your footprints.

Backcountry

A valid backcountry permit is required for overnight backcountry visits. For more information visit reservations.parkscanada.gc.ca.

Protect your pets

Wild animals roam free in National Parks. Keep your pets on a leash and supervised so that they do not harass wildlife, provoke attacks or endanger people. Please be courteous and clean up after your pets.

REMINDER: if you register yourself “out”, then you must, by law, register yourself back “in” to prevent an unnecessary and costly search. Call **1-877-RESERVE** to check-out of the backcountry.



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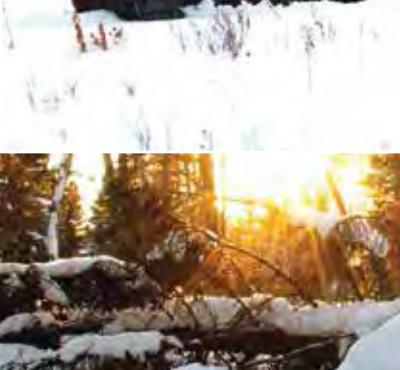
Winter a Season to Play...

Riding Mountain National Park reinvents itself with the first blanket of snow and it's something you need to experience!

Some of our winter activities include:

- Bring your own or rent a fat bike from Friends of Riding Mountain National Park.
- Enjoy one of our many cross country ski trails throughout the Park.
- Pick-up a Riding Mountain fishing permit and spend your day ice fishing.
- Rent snowshoes from Friends of Riding Mountain National Park and explore the Park by foot.
- Winter camp in an oTENTik! Five winter oTENTiks are now available to rent. They are newly insulated and are equipped with woodstoves and electric heat to stay warm.
- Are you looking for a little more camping and less glamping? Winter camping options are available by visiting reservations.parkscanada.gc.ca.
- Strap on your skates and glide through the trees on the skating paths behind the Visitor Centre. After, heat up the insulated warming shelter and enjoy hot dogs over the fire.

Depending on snow conditions, snowshoe, cross-country ski, fat bike, and winter walking trails are ready for you to try as early as December. For updated information about winter activities visit parkscanada.gc.ca/riding or discoverclearlake.com.



**Emergency 911
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Wasagaming Campground Reservations

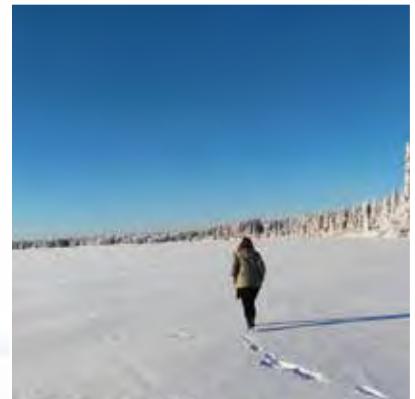
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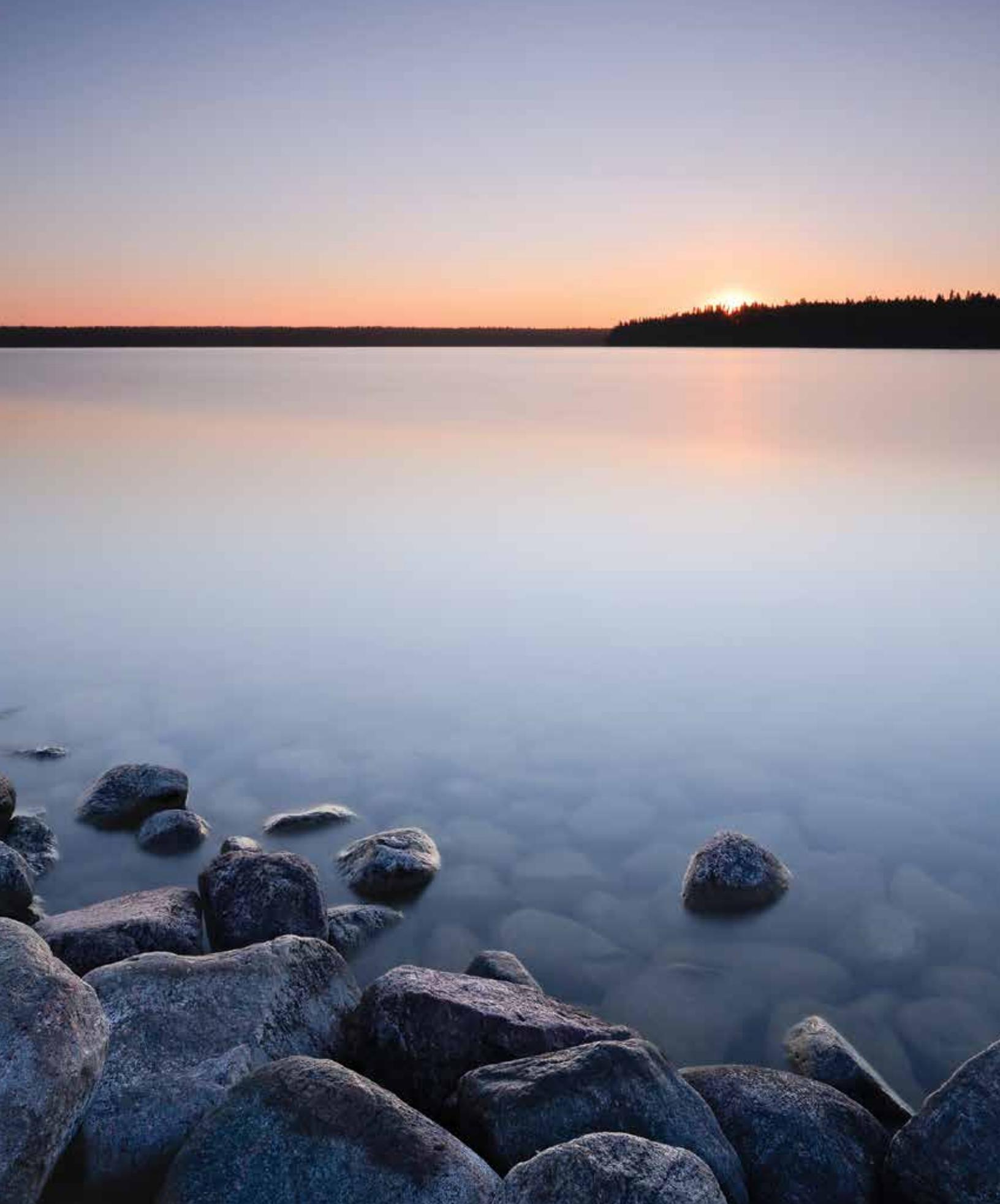
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