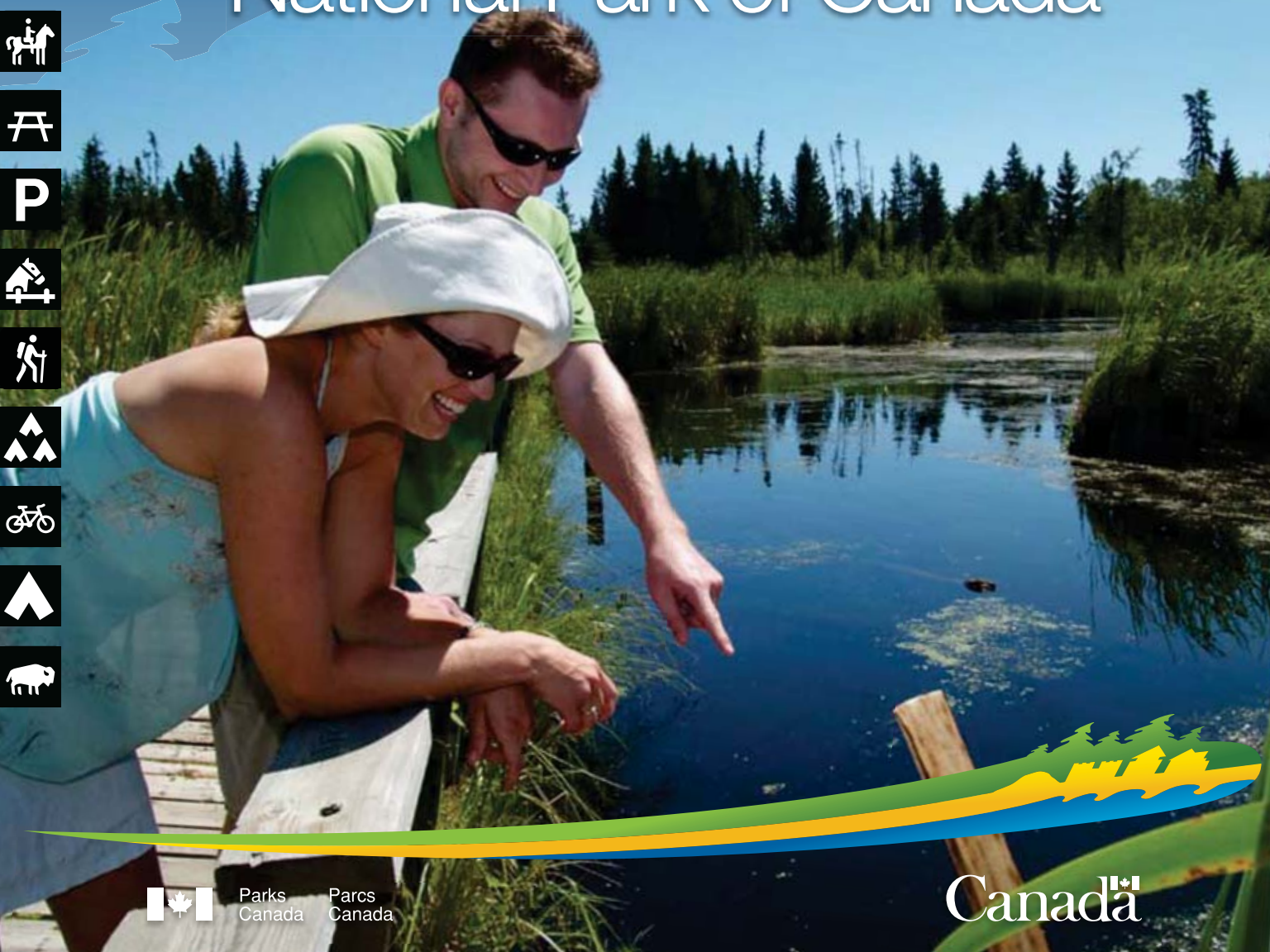


2012 **Visitor** Guide

# Riding Mountain

## National Park of Canada



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# Welcome

## **...to Riding Mountain National Park!**

Welcome to 3000 km<sup>2</sup> of possibilities, where the boreal forest, the aspen parkland, and the fescue prairie greet visitors of all ages and abilities. Our welcoming community and pristine wilderness will help you to reconnect with the best of Manitoba and Canada, and offer you a vast array of opportunities for relaxation, laughter, discovery and fun.

The picturesque town of Wasagaming, which bustles on busy summer days, has been creating indelible family memories for generations. The East Gate Registration Complex National Historic Site reminds us of the early days of Canada's national parks system, a system which just celebrated its 100th birthday.

Riding Mountain has something to offer everyone. Whether you spend time listening for the bugling of elk in the fall, or getting the jump on the lively summer season with an early spring hike. Whatever experiences you are looking for, you will find something for everyone here at Riding Mountain National Park.

Our national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas are an important part of what makes Canada such a great place to live. From coast to coast to coast you can explore the very essence of Canada through these special places.

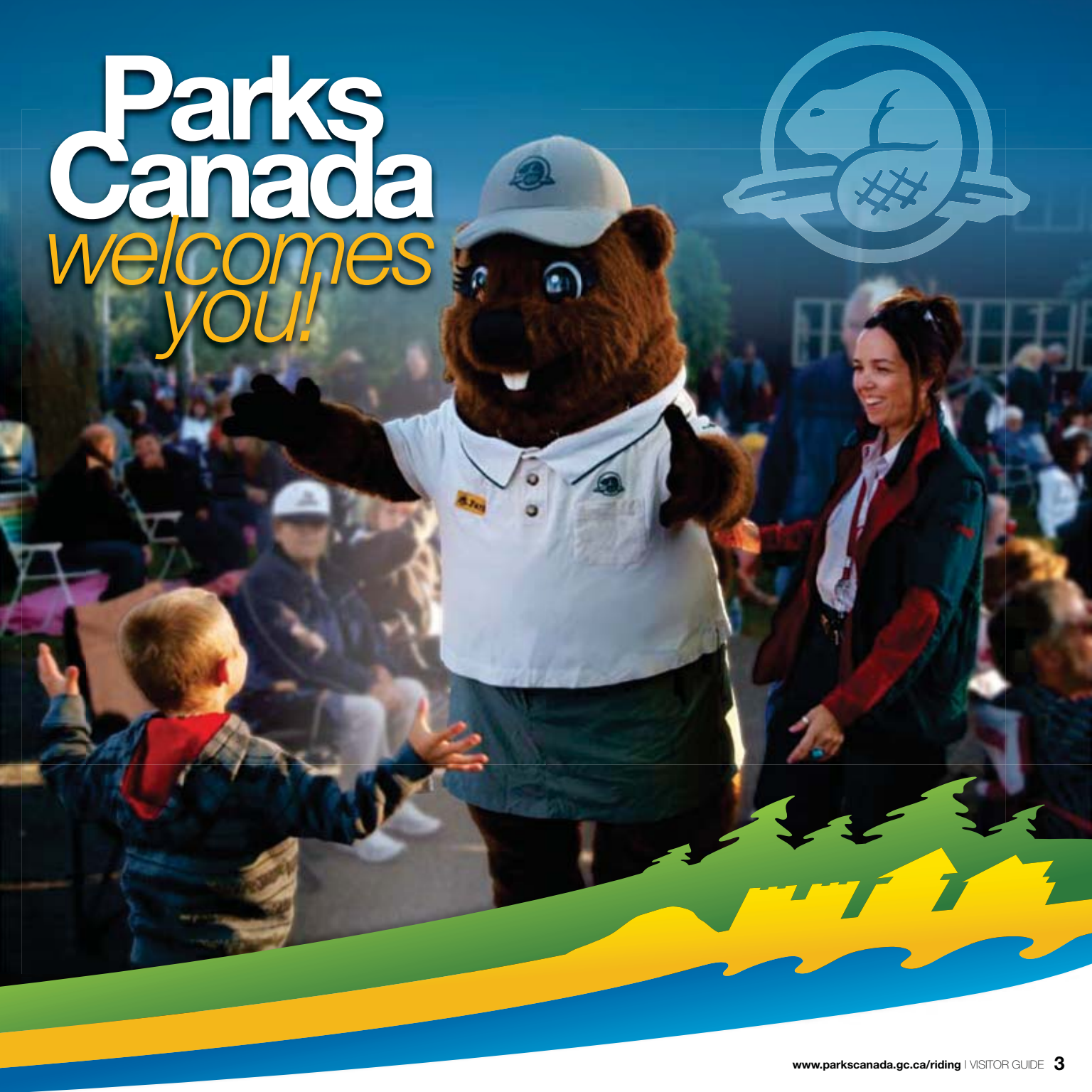


Along with all of our partners and neighbours in the Parkland region, let us be your starting point for an inspiring discovery of all that the area has to offer... we're sure you'll find something here to treasure!

Robert Sheldon  
Superintendent



# Parks Canada *welcomes you!*



# 2012 Special Events

Our list of Special Events is always changing. You can get updates at the Visitor Centre by calling 204-848-7275 or by visiting [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/riding](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/riding).



**July 29**  
RCMP Musical Ride



**June 21**  
National Aboriginal Day



**July 1**  
Canada Day



**July 14**  
Clear Lake Celebration Day



**July 21 & September 2**  
Prisoner of War Wagon Tour



**August 10 to 12**  
Wasagaming Weekend



**August 18 to 19**  
Riding Mountain Triathlon  
& Kids of Steel

**May 18-21** May Long Weekend – Summer Kickoff!

**May 27** Walk for MS - Lakeshore Walk

**June 9-10** GPS Adventure Quest

**June 16-17** Learn to Camp Event

**June 21** National Aboriginal Day

**June 30** Free Outdoor Concert -  
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

**July 1** Canada Day

**July 7** Bioblitz

**July 14** Clear Lake Celebration Day

**July 21** Parks Day

**July 21** Prisoner of War Wagon Tour

**July 29** RCMP Musical Ride - Onanole

**Aug. 10-12** Wasagaming Weekend  
(Parade & Kiddie Parade)

**Aug. 18-25** Tamarack Golf Tournament

**Aug. 18-19** Riding Mountain Triathlon & Kids of Steel

**Aug. 18** Supper-in-the-Field at the East Gate

**Aug. 21-26** Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival

**Aug. 25** Boo in the Park

**Sep. 2** Prisoner of War Wagon Tour

**Sep. 8-9** RONA MS Bike Tour

**Sep. 19** Clear Lake Cleanup

**Sep. 21-23** Sonics & Sojourns

**Oct. 20** Friends Fright Night

**Dec. 18** Christmas Bird Count





# Visitor Centre

**Journey into the Visitor Centre in Wasagaming, a remarkable 1930s Federal Heritage Building.**



- Information about guided hikes and outdoor adventures
- Nature Shop
- Discovery Room
- Theatre
- Organically managed English Gardens
- Passes, permits, and licenses

**Accessibility** - The park is accessible to persons with mobility, hearing and visual impairments. The Administration Building, Visitor Centre, campgrounds, day-use areas, and selected trails are wheelchair accessible. Wheelchairs and all terrain strollers are available at the Visitor Centre.



A vibrant, sunny day in a park. A paved path winds through lush green trees towards a lake. In the foreground on the right, an artist's easel stands on a wooden stand, displaying a colorful painting of a forest scene. Several people are seen in the distance: some are riding bicycles along the path, while others are gathered near the water's edge. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

# Wasagaming

**A town within a national park, unique  
charm with everything you want and  
need for the perfect getaway!**  
[www.discoverclearlake.com](http://www.discoverclearlake.com)





Photo credit: 4jills



# Camping

**Reserve. Relax. Experience.**

For Wasagaming Campground, oTENTik and Yurt Camping call 1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783) or visit [pccamping.ca](http://pccamping.ca).

For Cairns' Cabin, Group, Backcountry, Yurt (November to April) and Winter Camping, visit the Park Office or call **204-848-7275**.



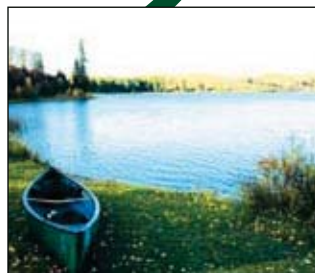
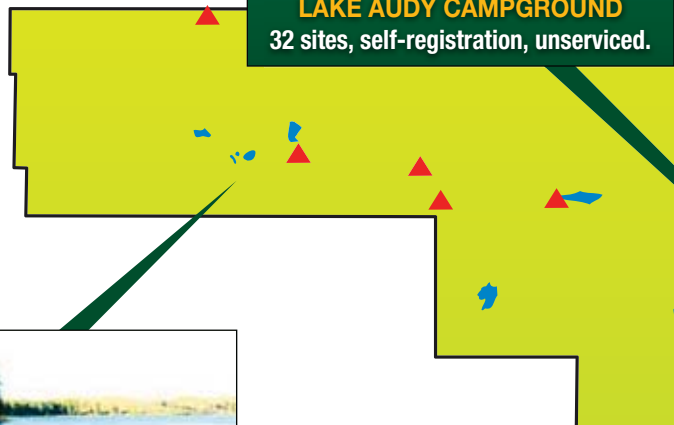
Canada Parks Canada  
**oTENTik**  
Canada Parks Canada

**NEW for 2012!**

- Beds sleep up to six people, spacious and comfortable
- All-weather accommodation
- Woodstove & propane BBQ
- Quiet shady sites in Wasagaming Campground



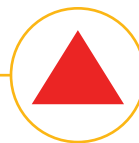
**LAKE AUDY CAMPGROUND**  
32 sites, self-registration, unserviced.



**DEEP LAKE CAMPGROUND**  
12 sites, self-registration, unserviced.

**CAMP KIPPECHEWIN GROUP CAMPING**  
1 site, reservations only, unserviced.

16 Backcountry campsites in wilderness areas, reservations only, unserviced. For reservations call 204-848-7275. See page 16 for more complete Backcountry Camping list.







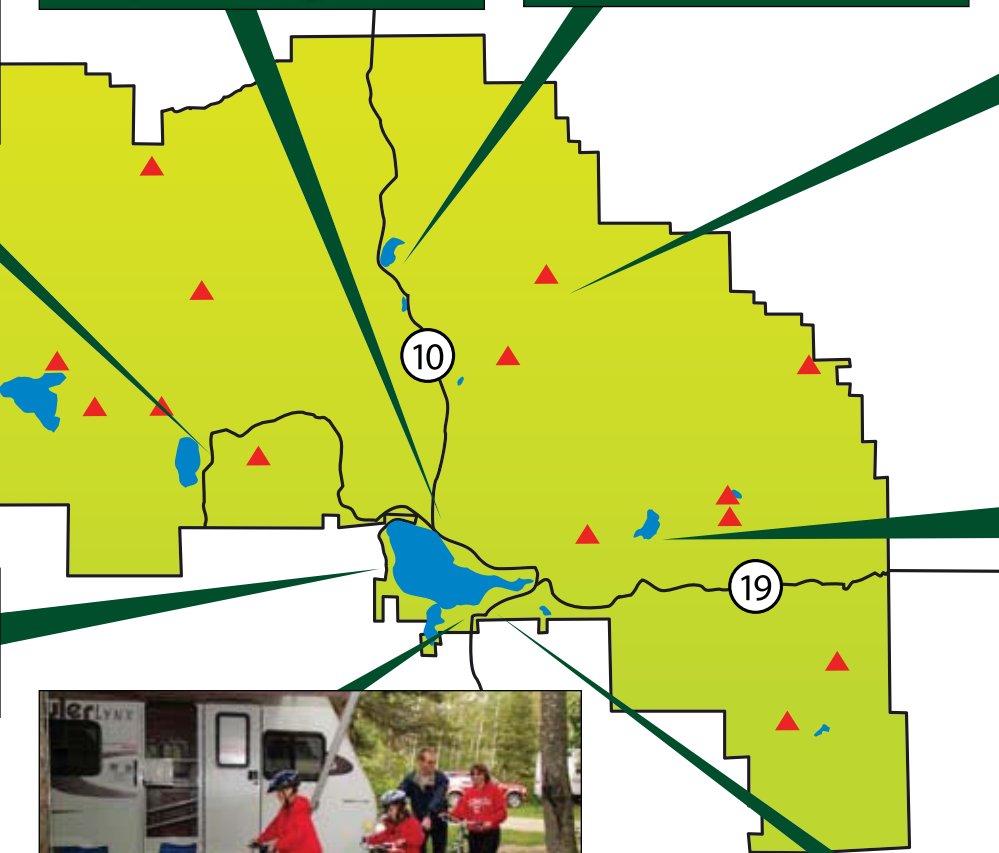
**CAMP MA-MA-O-PE GROUP CAMPING**  
1 site, reservations only, unserviced.



**MOON LAKE CAMPGROUND**  
29 sites, self-registration, unserviced.



**CAIRN'S CABIN**  
14.4 km down the Ochre River Trail.  
Rustic cabin.  
Reservations only, unserviced.



**WHIRLPOOL LAKE CAMPGROUND**  
Walk-in access only, 15 sites,  
self-registration, unserviced.



**WASAGAMING CAMPGROUND**  
506 sites. Reservations recommended.  
Serviced and unserviced.  
For reservations call 1-877-RESERVE  
or visit [www.pccamping.ca](http://www.pccamping.ca)



**YURT CAMPING**  
Year-round soft-shelled accommodation.  
Sleeps five people. Reservations only.

# Guided Experiences

## Journey. Laugh. Relax. Learn. Play.

Whatever your mood, no matter your age, our interpretive experiences have something for you! Sign up for your experience today. Morning Hikes, Afternoon Interpreter in Action Stations, Citizen Science and Magical and Mysterious Evening. For more information visit the Visitor Centre or call 204-848-7275. Pre-registration is advised. Fees may apply.

## New This Season

**New! Into the Wild Car Caravan** - Start your night by enjoying some of the remarkable sights Riding Mountain National Park has to offer from the comfort of your car! A couple short stops along the way will highlight the splendour the park has to offer! Finish the night by cozying up next to a forested campfire, with a comforting mug of hot chocolate in hand, while you investigate and discover clues that have you becoming a detective and solving the great Moon Lake Boreal Mystery!

**New! Lake Audy Bison Safari & Campfire** - Spend an evening with North America's largest land mammal while losing yourself in the gently rolling terrain of the fescue grasslands they call home. Follow an interpreter while they show you the best spots to catch a Bison in their natural habitat, all from the comfort of your own car! Tune in on the radio while you learn fascinating facts about these gentle giants. Finish the night off with a stunning view of the sun setting over the calm waters of Lake Audy, while sitting around a prairie campfire.

**New! Fire - From Foe to Friend Hike** - Come take a walk on the wild side of things to decide if fire is good or bad for the landscape. Join an interpreter while you hike along a recently burned trail to learn how dynamic fire really is.

**Also new this season** - Eco-Nerd Live Theatre, Wilderness Wisdom Campfire, Puppet Show and "Where Does the Water Wander?" - Watershed Demo.

# July & August

## SUNDAY

### MORNING

**Gorge Creek Hike**  
10 am 📍 🚗

### AFTERNOON

**Interpreter in Action Station:**  
**New! Puppet Show**  
Playground  
2 pm & 3 pm 🎭

### EVENING

**New! Into the Wild Car Caravan**  
7 pm 📍 🚗 🍷

**Bear Aware Campfire**  
Wasagaming Campground  
7 pm 🍷

**Moon Lake Mystery Campfire**  
Moon Lake Campground  
8:30 pm 🍷



## MONDAY

### MORNING

**New! Fire-From Foe to Friend Hike**  
10 am 📍 🚗

**Jr. Naturalist**  
10 am 📍

### AFTERNOON

**Jr. Naturalist**  
1:30 pm 📍

**Afternoon with a Scientist: Citizen Science**  
Assist with ongoing research on Clear Lake  
1 pm 📍

**Interpreter in Action Station: Making the Mountain Escarpment Demo**  
2 pm 📍 🎭 🍷

### EVENING

**New! Lake Audy Bison Safari & Campfire**  
Bison exhibit at Lake Audy  
7 pm 📍 🚗 🍷

**Behind the Research: Discovery Series**  
7 pm 📍

**The Grassland Mystery Campfire**  
Lake Audy Campground  
8:30 pm 🍷

## TUESDAY

### MORNING

**Grasshopper Valley Hike**  
10 am 📍 🚗

**Jr. Naturalist**  
10 am 📍

### AFTERNOON

**Jr. Naturalist**  
1:30 pm 📍

**Interpreter in Action Station: Songs of Riding Mountain**  
2 pm 📍 🎭 🍷 😊

### EVENING

**Songs of Riding Mountain Campfire**  
Wasagaming Campground  
7 pm 🍷

**"Firefly Hikes"**  
7 pm to 9 pm 🍷





## WEDNESDAY

### MORNING

#### Gorge Creek Hike


10 am  

#### Jr. Naturalist

10 am 

### AFTERNOON

#### Jr. Naturalist

1:30 pm 

#### Interpreter in Action Station:

Kippan's Mill  
2 pm   

### EVENING


#### New! Into the Wild Car Caravan

7 pm   

#### Marsh Walk

7 pm 

#### Moon Lake Mystery Campfire

Moon Lake  
Campground  
8:30 pm 

## THURSDAY

### MORNING

#### Garden Tour

10 am 

#### Jr. Naturalist




10 am 

### AFTERNOON

#### Jr. Naturalist



1:30 pm 

#### Interpreter in Action Station:

New! "Where does  
the Water Wander"  
– Watershed Demo  
2 pm   

### EVENING



#### New! Eco Nerd Live Theatre

Live theatre  
7 pm  

## FRIDAY

### MORNING

#### Adopt-A- River

Hip waders & life  
jackets provided  
10 am  

#### Jr. Naturalist

10 am 

### AFTERNOON

#### Jr. Naturalist


1:30 pm 

#### Interpreter in Action Station:

Prisoner of War  
2 pm   

### EVENING

#### New! Wilderness Wisdom Campfire

Wasagaming  
Campground  
7 pm 

## SATURDAY

Check  
monthly  
special  
events  
calendar  
for a list of  
Saturdays'  
learning  
experiences



Meet at  
Visitor Centre



Family Friendly



Vehicle Required



Beach by Pier



Come & Go / Drop-in



Campfire



Meet at Friends  
Learning Centre



Busking Station



### Junior Naturalist Program

Gives children ages 5-12 the opportunity to learn about nature, wildlife and the cultural / archaeological history of RMNP.

**Monday to Friday - 10 am to noon;  
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

### Li'l Critter Camp

Featuring arts, crafts and games. A great end to the afternoon. Ages 5 and up.

**Monday to Friday - 4 pm to 5 pm**

### Young Explorers Programs

Geared towards children ages 7 to 14.

**Firefly Hikes** – Explore a forest at night with only a flashlight. Tuesday 7-9 pm.

**Tires and Tracks** – Head out into the unknown on your bikes.

**Saturday - 10 am - noon**

**To register: Call 204-848-4037 or  
visit [friendsofridingmountain.ca](http://friendsofridingmountain.ca)**



# First Nations

## Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the Riding Mountain First Nation communities at the Keesee Sharing Lodge.

Tour Manitoba's first aboriginal-run museum, speak with elders, artists, cultural leaders and spiritual teachers. Take part in workshops to learn about traditional drumming, crafts and medicines. Gifted storytellers narrate accounts of life in Washagama Saageygun, the Anishinabe term for "clear water lake", now commonly called Clear Lake.

For more information about programming please email: [keeseelodge@mts.net](mailto:keeseelodge@mts.net) or visit [www.keeseekoowenin.com](http://www.keeseekoowenin.com)



The Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation has a special relationship with Riding Mountain National Park. As landowners along the north and west shores of Clear Lake, they have a connection to this place that goes back for generations.

It is thought that the First Peoples have been living in the Riding Mountain area since the great glacier moved off the land around 10,000 years ago.

First Peoples and their descendents share a deep connection to this place that goes beyond the rich

resources the area offered them. For them, the land represents a gift from the Creator, because all parts of it are sacred.

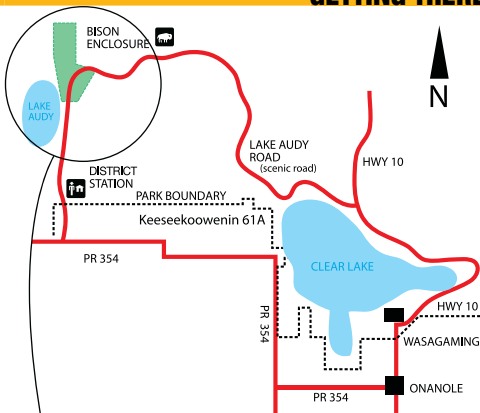
Clear Lake captures the attention – and hearts – of all those who come to its shores, or spend time on its waters. To the Anishinabe the deep groundwater-fed lake is derived from the Creator and the underground springs that feed it are the veins of Mother Earth.

Parks Canada and the Anishinabe share a common interest of protecting this very special place and will continue to work together to do this.

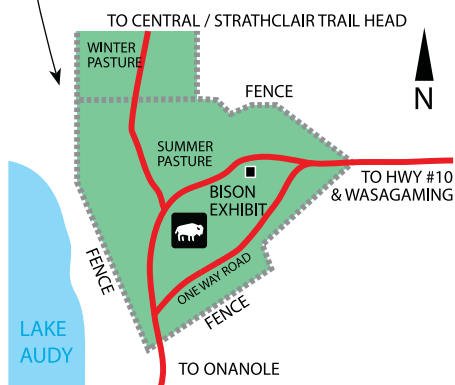




## GETTING THERE



## LAKE AUDY BISON ENCLOSURE



## WHAT DID YOU SEE?



Calves are born from April to May. They are lighter brown in colour than the adults. 27 kg. (60 lbs.) on average.

**HOW MANY?**

Calves



3–17 years old. 545 kg. (1,200 lbs.) on average.

**HOW MANY?**

Cows



3–20 years old. 900 kg. (2,000 lbs.) on average.

**HOW MANY?**

Bulls

# Audy Fescue Grassland



From the comfort of your vehicle, view the bison of Lake Audy roaming the rough fescue grassland plains, an increasingly rare example of natural prairie in Canada.

Home to numerous birds, insects and mammals including close to 40 bison, the fescue grassland of RMNP also support a diverse assemblage of plants and wildflowers found only in this type of grassland.

Bison can quickly reach speeds of up to 50 km / hr. For this reason, exercise caution while driving in the Bison Enclosure and please stay in your vehicle; these are wild animals!

### A Special Relationship with Bison

The Anishinabe term for bison is Mashkode Bizhiki and means “prairie cow”. This great animal provided sustenance for First Nation peoples for centuries.

Today, there is still a special bond between the bison and the First Nation communities with ceremonies conducted to respect and honour the Bison Nation.



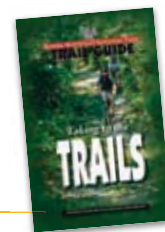
# Trails





● Accessible ● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Difficult

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 [www.parkscanada.gc.ca/riding](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/riding)



Name • Difficulty • Type • Map Reference • Distance

### FAMILY FRIENDLY (less than 1 hour)

Lakeshore short loop	●	♿	5I	1.0 km, one way
Ominnik Marsh	●	♿	5I	1.9 km, return
Boreal	●	♿	3I	1.0 km, return
Kippan's Mill	●	♿	2I	1.2 km, return
Burls & Bittersweet	●	♿	4K	2.2 km, return
Scott Creek	●	♿	3K	2.4 km, one way
Loon's Island	●	♿	5J	2.4 km, return

### GREAT HIKES

Brûlé	●	♿	5J	2.1/4.2 km, return
Oak Ridge	●	♿	3K	3.1/6.4 km, return
Beach Ridges	●	♿	2H	3.5 km, return
Lakeshore long loop	●	♿	5I	7.2 km, return
South Lake	■	♿	5I	3.4 km, return
Arrowhead	■	♿	5I	3.4 km, return
Kinosao	■	♿	5I	3.9 km, one way
Bead Lakes	■	♿	4I	4.0 km, return
Clear Lake South Shore	■	♿	5I	7.0 km, one way
Gorge Creek	◆	♿	5K	6.4 km, one way
Moon Lake	◆	♿	3H	9.2 km, return
Tilson Lake	◆	♿	2C	38.6 km, return

### CYCLING ADVENTURES

Cowan Lake	●	♿	4J	7.8 km, one way
Strathclair	●	♿	3G	22.9 km, one way
Wasagaming Bike Trail	■	♿	5I	5.5 km, one way
Grey Owl	■	♿	4I	8.9 km, one way
Clear Lake North Shore	■	♿	4I	9.5 km, one way
J.E.T.	◆	♿	4K	7.8 km, one way
Bald Hill	◆	♿	4K	8.4 km, one way

### HORSE AND WAGON TRAILS

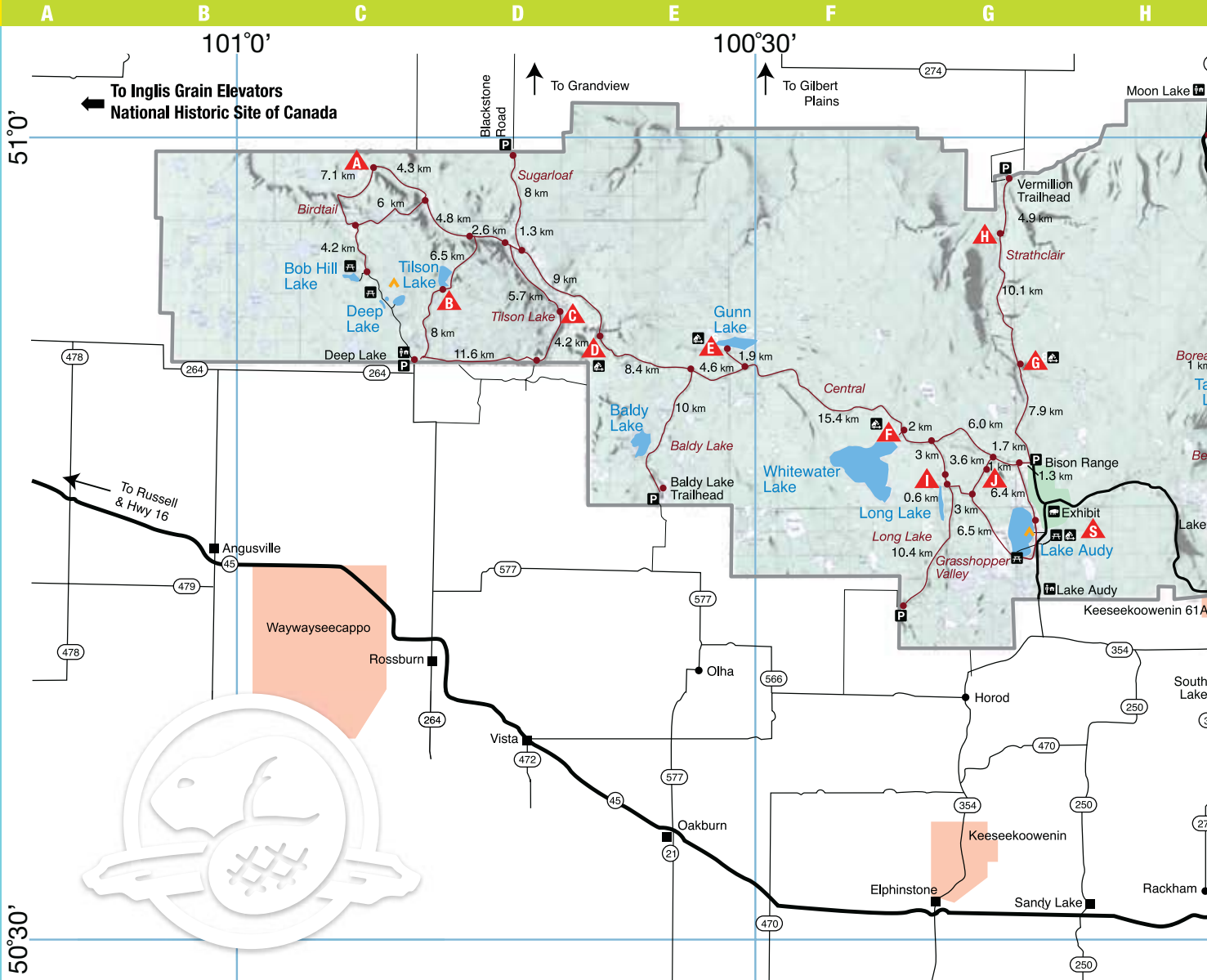
Breezy Hill	●	♿	4K	1.8 km, one way
Baldy Lake	●	♿	4E	10 km, one way
Long Lake	●	♿	4G	14.0 km, one way
Grasshopper Valley	●	♿	4G	20.5 km, loop
Sugarloaf	●	♿	2D	8.0 km, one way
North Escarpment	■	♿	4K	8.4 km, one way
Crawford Creek	■	♿	2I	10.0 km, return
Birdtail	■	♿	2C	11.4 km, one way
Central Trail	■	♿	3F	66.3 km, return
Gunn Lake	◆	♿	3E	14.6 km, one way
Packhorse	◆	♿	4K	11.5 km, return
Ochre River	◆	♿	4I	24.9 km, one way
Muskrat Lake	●	♿	6K	9.3 km, one way



### Adventures just for kids!

Discover and explore the park through fun-filled adventures and brain busters! Get your Xplorer booklet today and begin your family's unforgettable journey in Riding Mountain. Best suited for 6-11 year olds.

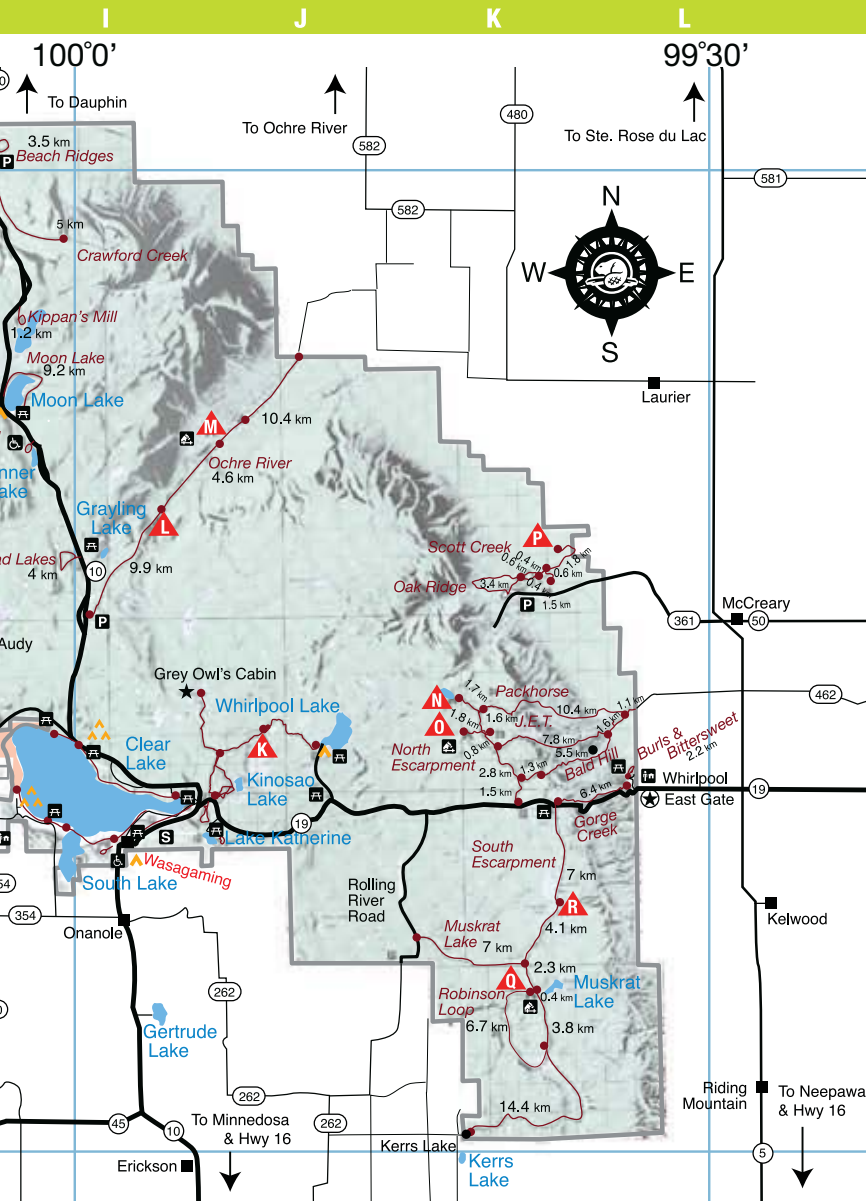




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## Distances from Wasagaming

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

Visit [www.cachingridingmountain.ca](http://www.cachingridingmountain.ca) to find out more about Geocaching in the Riding Mountain area. You can download coordinates to some of the park's hidden treasures onto your GPS unit and then go exploring!

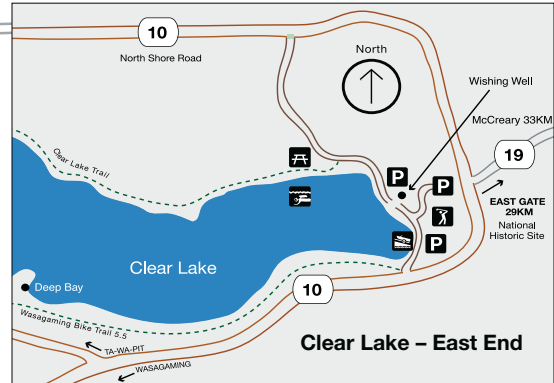
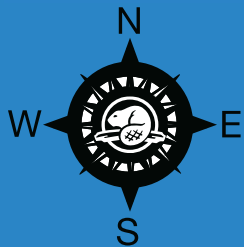
**Don't have your own GPS device?** That's ok. Stop by the Friends Learning Centre and you can pick one up. Call **204-848-4037** for more information.



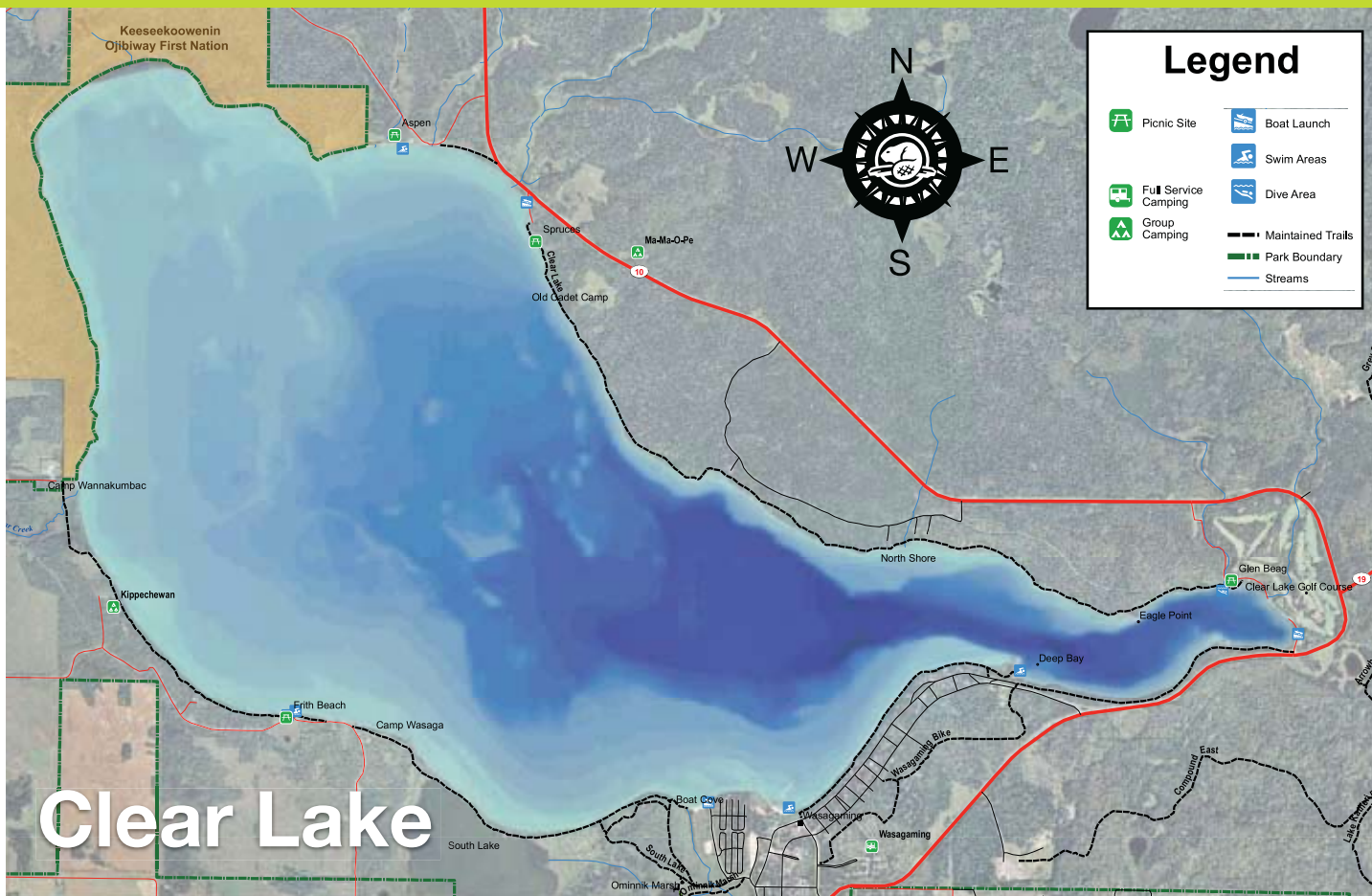

## LEGEND

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| National Historic Site    | Kay's                  |
| Tenting                   | Tilsen Lake            |
| Group Tenting             | Birdtail               |
| Bald Hill                 | Gunn Creek             |
| Other Attractions         | Gunn Lake              |
| Warden Station            | Whitewater Lake        |
| Picnic Area               | Kinnis Creek           |
| Wheelchair Accessible     | Vermillion River       |
| Viewpoint                 | Long Lake              |
| Bison Enclosure           | Minnedosa River        |
| Parking                   | Cowan Lake             |
| Horse Corral              | Elk Creek              |
| Provincial Roads          | Ochre River            |
| Provincial Trunk Highways | East Deep Lake         |
| Trail                     | Breezy Hill            |
| Town                      | Scott Creek            |
| Landmark                  | Muskkrat Lake          |
| First Nations             | Campbell Lake          |
|                           | Lake Audy Horse Corral |

# Wasagaming

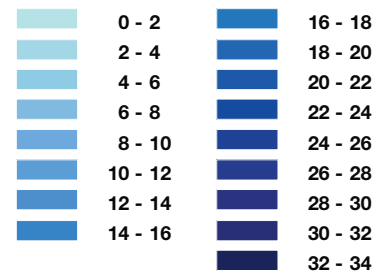






**ONLY** Four Stroke  
or Direct Injected  
Two Stroke engines  
are permitted in  
RMNP.

**WATER DEPTH** (in metres)



# Experiencing Riding Mountain





Paddle along the quiet natural surroundings of Whirlpool Lake.

Quietly discover the loons on Lake Katherine.

Have your face painted at one of our special event days.

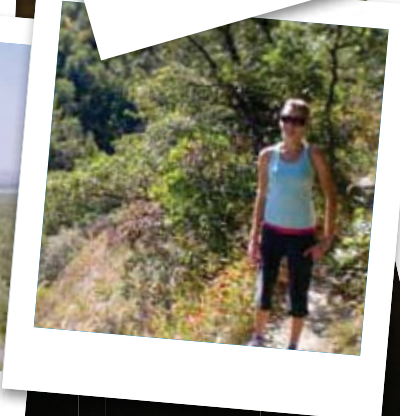
Let the sounds of the Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival August 21st - 26th, 2012 resonate within you.

Test your limits during the Riding Mountain Triathlon.

Feel goose bumps as you gaze over the striking mix of forest, ravine and distant Manitoba farmland on the Gorge Creek trail.

Savour the simple pleasures with your nearest and dearest during a family picnic.

Seize the day and celebrate while you make the most of your 2012 visit to Riding Mountain!





# Wildlife

Out on the trail or from your vehicle, the incredible diversity of animal species within the park makes it a perfect destination for wildlife watchers.



Moose  
moonz



# Always Keep Your Distance

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

## Wondering where to spot wildlife?

- Join a Call of the Wild Car Caravan – Register at the Visitor Centre.
- 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.

English and Anishinabe spellings



Pine Marten



Black Bear  
makwa



Wolf  
maingan



Beaver  
amik



Eagle  
migizi



Fisher  
ojiig



Lynx  
bizhiw



Fox  
waagosh(ag)



Elk  
waabidiy



Cougar  
assinibizhiw



White-tailed deer  
waawaashkeshi

## Spruce Budworm update for the Clear Lake Area – Spring 2012

The current outbreak of spruce budworm (SBW) in RMNP was first detected in the spring of 2005. SBW monitoring began in 2006 and one of our key measures is a moth count conducted in July each year. Average moth counts in 2010 and 2011 were significantly lower than previous counts.

This may signal an end to the Spruce Budworm outbreak in RMNP, but Park staff will continue to monitor the situation and will provide further updates in the future. Manitoba Conservation, Forestry Branch, is predicting “light” defoliation for RMNP in 2012.



# SAVE OUR WILDLIFE!



**Keep bears wild and alive, maintain a wildlife attractant free lot or campsite.**

Please leave any items that will attract wildlife in a hard sided vehicle when your picnic or cook shelter is unattended for **ANY** length of time.

**Feeding wildlife may...**

- Cause animals to become a nuisance.
- Result in the animal being destroyed.
- Can lead to a maximum fine of \$5,000 under the Canada National Parks Act.

**Items that attract wildlife...**

- Food / Coolers
- Garbage & food packaging
- Pet food / pet dishes
- Bottles & cans
- Toiletries, suntan lotion, insect repellent
- Any items associated with food preparation or clean up
- Grey water pails
- BBQ's and bird feeders



**Current trail conditions, bear information and to report bear sightings, please call 204-848-7275**  
**For wildlife emergencies please call 1-877-852-3100**

## HELP PROTECT MANITOBA'S TREES

# Do Not Move Firewood!

***Emerald Ash Borer***



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

Currently, pests like the emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian long-horned beetle are threatening Canada's forests.

The EAB has killed millions of ash trees in North America, and is spreading toward Manitoba quickly. Forest pests like 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 bought it. **Do not move any firewood!**

***Asian Long-horned beetle***





# Park History



## Riding Mountain East Gate

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



## Prisoner of War Camp

440 German POWs were sent to Whitewater Lake during WWII. To take part in one of the POW Wagon Rides held on July 21 and September 2, call 204-848-4037.



## Wishing Well

Toss a coin and make a wish – one of the oldest traditions in the park!



## Park Theatre

The largest all-log theatre in North America, built in 1937.



# Partners

## Friends of RMNP

Promoting and providing opportunities to increase the public's awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural and cultural heritage of Riding Mountain National Park.

- Friends Learning Centre
  - Nature Shop
- Junior Naturalist Program (ages 5-12)
- Critter Camp (ages 5 & up)
  - House Concerts
  - Geocaching, GPS training & kits
- Ominnik Marsh kit rentals
- Eco-Science Camp for Grade 7 & 8 students
  - Park Passes / Fishing Licenses



Visit us at 154 Columbine in Wasagaming  
or call 204-848-4037 or visit  
[www.friendsofridingmountain.ca](http://www.friendsofridingmountain.ca)



# Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

The Biosphere Reserve is made up of a core protected area, RMNP, and is surrounded by 15 rural municipalities. The Biosphere Reserve fosters and encourages a sustainable community-based regional economy, with high biodiversity on a rural landscape.

- [www.cachingridingmountain.ca](http://www.cachingridingmountain.ca) – explore the biosphere reserve during this annual GPS adventure
- Photo Contest – share your memories and experiences of the Biosphere Reserve and have a chance to win great prizes
- At the Farm Gate – farmers markets and a listing of local producers and artisans in the Biosphere Reserve



Call 204-636-2085 or visit [www.rmbr.ca](http://www.rmbr.ca)

## Meet the Artist

Unwind with friends at the “*Meet the Artists*” evenings and discover how new works of art are created.

During the summer the historic Deep Bay cabin is home to Manitoba writers, actors, visual artists, dancers, choreographers, musicians and composers, providing them with time to reflect, experiment and create while living and working for two weeks in this awe-inspiring setting.

Throughout the season the artists feature their work through the “*Meet the Artists*” evenings hosted in and around Wasagamung. Look for posters or ask at the Visitor Centre for a listing of events.



# Public Safety

## Need to Know

Whether you are looking to connect with nature, experience adventure, or escape from your daily routines, we want to share some simple safety precautions to make sure that you stay safe and enjoy your visit.

# Water. Road. Trail.

## Plan & Prepare before you set out.

**Do** you know the weather forecast?

**Did** you plan your route and bring a map?

**Did** you tell someone where you were going and when you plan to return?

**Did** you pack extra food and clothing?

**Do** you stay alert for hazards and wildlife?

**Do** you know what to do in an emergency?

## What to do if you get lost...

Keep your group together.

Stay on the trail and retrace your steps.

Be prepared to stay overnight...a search takes time.

## In Winter...

Know the signs of fatigue, hypothermia and frostbite.

## Water Safety

Whether you are swimming at the beach or on the water in a pleasure craft, please keep in mind that water safety saves lives.

- Be a lifeguard for your children
- Swim with a buddy
- Make sure every trip is a round trip and drive responsibly
- Pleasure Craft Operator cards are required in RMNP

## Safety Registration

Parks Canada offers a Safety Registration service for people engaging in potentially hazardous activities.

**\*Reminder:** If you register yourself **“out”** then you must – by law – register yourself back **“in”** to prevent an unnecessary and costly search.





# Did you know?

## Fishing.

A 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 backcountry permit is required for overnight backcountry visits. Fees apply.

## 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.



## 2012 Riding Mountain

# Photo Contest

### Themes

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

### Prize

1. First place prize package includes a Riding Mountain National Park Annual Family Pass, and the first place photo will appear in the park's 2013 Visitor Guide.

### Eligibility

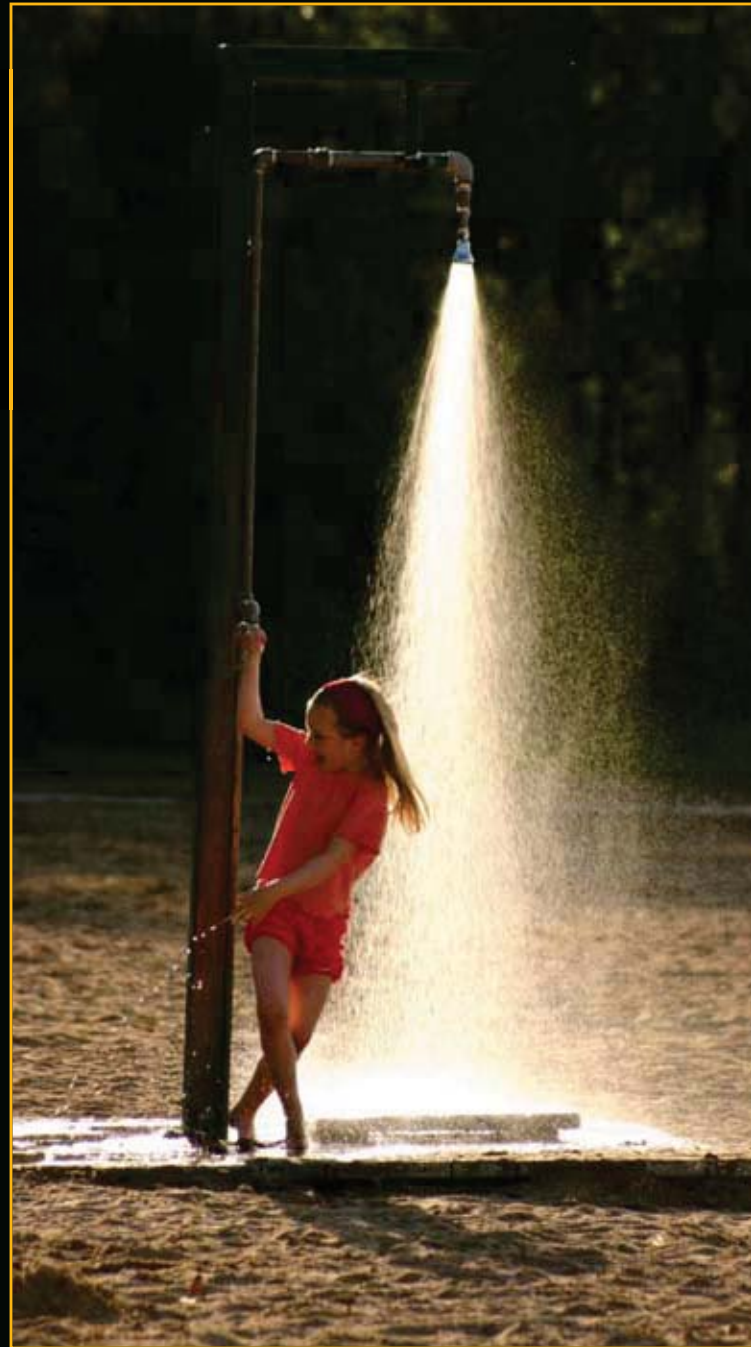
Contest open to everyone, including professional photographers. A Special Junior Photographer category.

### For Full Details

1. Visit [www.friendsofridingmountain.ca](http://www.friendsofridingmountain.ca).
2. Ask at the Nature Shop in the Visitor Centre, or the Friends Learning Centre at 154 Columbine, in Wasagaming.

**Entry deadline:** December 7, 2012

Last years photo contest winner:  
Tony Lopez







## Contact Information

### Riding Mountain National Park

Toll Free 1-888-773-8888  
1-204-848-PARK (7275)

Hearing impaired, TTY  
1-866-787-6221

rmnp.info@pc.gc.ca  
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/riding

### Wasagaming Campground Reservations

Toll Free 1-877-737-3783  
1-877 (RESERVE)  
www.pccamping.ca

### Emergency 911

Police | Fire | Ambulance

### Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

1-204-848-2442

### 24-Hour Park Emergency Service

Toll Free 1-877-852-3100  
Public safety, wildlife  
& park enforcement

## Further Reading & Resources



Friends of RMNP  
204-848-4037  
friendsofridingmountain.ca



Travel Manitoba  
1-800-665-0040  
travelmanitoba.com



Tourism Westman  
1-866-234-8687  
tourismwestman.ca



City of Dauphin  
1-877-566-5669  
tourismdauphin.ca



Parkland Tourism Association  
1-888-528-6484  
parklandtourism.com



Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve  
204-636-2085  
rmbrc.ca



Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation  
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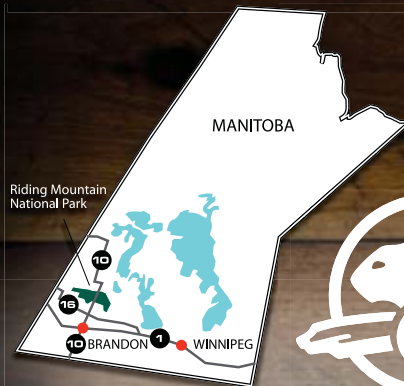
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**Distances To: Wasagaming**  
**From: (in hours)**

Banff National Park (14)

Brandon (1)

Grand Forks (5)

Minot (3.5)

Peace Gardens (2)

Regina (4.5)

Saskatoon (6)

Winnipeg (2.75)

Yorkton (2.5)



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call the park directly at 204-848-7275 or  
visit [www.parkscanada.gc.ca/riding](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/riding)