

Riding Mountain National Park

2016 VISITOR GUIDE



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Celebrating the road to 2017

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Welcome to Riding Mountain National Park, where over 3000 km² of boreal forest, aspen parkland, and fescue grasslands greet visitors of all ages and abilities. Endless opportunities to discover, laugh, and relax help you reconnect with the pristine wilderness which lies within traditional Treaty land of the Anishinabe people. Riding Mountain National Park is filled with memories waiting to be made — it's time to explore.

to Riding Mountain National Park











For more information on specific dates and events, please visit pc.gc.ca/riding or discoverclearlake.com

January World Snow Dav

February Winter Adventure Weekend

March Riding Mountain Loppet Family Fun Day

May May Long/ Victoria Day, Summer Kick-off

June Grey Owl Golf Tournament Learn-to Camp Aboriginal Day Weekend Celebrations

July

VENTS

Canada Day, Citizenship Ceremony Clear Lake Celebration Day Riding Mountain Film Festival Parks Day Great Canadian Camp-Out

August

Wasagaming Chamber Days Outdoor Concert Tamarack Golf Tournament Boo in the Park

September Sonics & Sojourns Weekend

> October Friends Fright Night

December Christmas Bird Count

GENTRE Journey into the Visitor Centre in





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
- Park rehabilitation projects

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

Visitor Centre Hours

133 Wasagaming Drive

May 20 - June 29 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Everyday)

June 30 to September 4 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM (Everyday)

September 5 to October 10

9:30 ам – 5:00 рм (Everyday)



Call 204-848-7275 for more information







SUNNER

July 2 to August 26

For more information visit the Visitor Centre, call 204-848-7275, or go online at pc.gc.ca/riding Pre-registration is advised. *Fees may apply











Your own National Park safari

Nature awaits you as you follow an interpreter on a drive through the park during the Call of the Wild car caravan. Be on the lookout for bears, moose, and elk from the comfort of your car. Or you can join a driving safari to see the Riding Mountain bison herd up close.

Guided Hike

Challenge yourself to explore the stunning vistas of the Gorge Creek Trail with a guide. For more information visit the Visitor Centre. Tuesdays 10:00 AM

Learn-to-Fish

Bring the kids to learn the ins and outs of rods, lures, casting, and the fish species of the Park. Help them write their first fish story about "the one that got away!"

Paddle Clear Lake

Explore the beauty of Clear Lake while gliding across its waters on a kayak. The length of this program varies, please check in with the Visitor Centre.

Wolf of Willow Wisdom

Wander by the waters of Washagama Saageygun (Clear Lake) in search of the Wolf Willow, a plant traditionally used for medicine and to beautify clothing and other personal belongings. Guided by the Anishinabe of Noozaawiinijiw (Riding Mountain).

Beginning August 27 – October 10

For more information visit the Visitor Centre, call 204-848-7275, or go online at pc.gc.ca/riding Pre-registration is advised. *Fees may apply

Elk Expedition

Follow a park interpreter from the comfort of your own vehicle and share stories about elk and the park in autumn. Keep your eyes and ears open for other large mammals such as moose, deer, and bison. Pre-registration is advised.

Trek to the Stars

Why go to the planetarium when you can see the real thing? Look-up and learn about the blanket of stars that cover you. *Weather permitting.





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GUIDED EXPERIENCES

Wasagaming Campground

300 sites, serviced and unserviced, oTENTiks, and Yurt. Reservations recommended.

Cairns Cabin

October long weekend to April 1. Reservations only, unserviced. 14.4 km down the Ochre River Trail from Highway 10. Rustic cabin.

Yurt Camping

Soft-shelled accommodation. In Wasagaming Campground. Reservations only.

Whirlpool Lake Campground

Walk-in access only, 14 sites, self-registration, unserviced.

Lake Audy Campground

32 sites, self-registration, unserviced, and group camping. Accomodates RVs, tents, and trailers.

Deep Lake Campground

12 sites, self-registration, unserviced. Accommodates RVs, tents, and trailers.

Group Camping Ma-Ma-O-Pe and Kippechewin

1 site, reservations only, unserviced.

Moon Lake Campground

29 sites, self-registration, unserviced. Accommodates RVs, tents, and trailers.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

16 Backcountry campsites in wilderness areas, **reservations only,** unserviced. For reservations call **204-848-7275.**

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See page 15 for a more complete Backcountry Camping list.

For Cairns Cabin, group and backcountry camping visit the Park Administration building or call 204-848-7275.

For Wasagaming Campground, oTENTik, and Yurt camping call 1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783) or visit reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca







Limited wifi now available at Lake Audy Campground



A unique blend of comfort with a taste of outdoor adventure.

We're bringing you closer to nature while providing a roof over your head and a floor beneath your feet. Share a moment and create new memories. Book your next Parks Canada vacation today.



30 oTENTiks now available





Anishinabe of Riding Mountain

Tour Manitoba's first Indigenous-run museum and speak with elders, artists, cultural leaders, and spiritual teachers about traditional music, dance, art, and spirituality. Gifted storytellers narrate accounts of life in "Washagama Saageygun," the Anishinabe term for "clear water lake," which is now commonly called Clear Lake.

A common belief among Indigenous groups in Canada is that North America has been home to their people since time immemorial. Oral history and archaeological records support this belief, and that the First Peoples have been residing in the Riding Mountain area since the great glacier moved off the land at least 10,000 years ago.

For the Anishinabe, North America, also known as "Turtle Island," was chosen as their homeland by their creator "Kizhe Manitoo." This ancestral oral tradition has been passed down through many generations to the Anishinabe of today. The First Nations of Ebb and Flow, Gambler, Keeseekowenin, Sandy Bay, Waywayseecappo, and Tootinawaziibeeng are recognized Anishinabe nations that have maintained traditional connections to the Riding Mountain area. As a result of this kinship with the land, these seven First Nation communities share a common interest and work together with Parks Canada to protect this very special place.

Visit us at the Anishinabe Sharing Lodge at 126 Ta-Wa-Pit Drive in the townsite of Wasagaming, to learn more about the First Peoples of Riding Mountain.

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Explore the Bison Enclosure

From the comfort of your vehicle, view the bison of Lake Audy roaming the rough fescue grasslands bison enclosure, 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 diversity 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

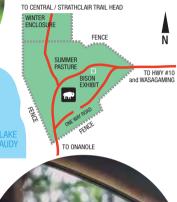
The Anishinabe term for bison is "Mashkode Bizhiki", and means "the fire under the bison's feet as they stampede into the sunset."

Join a driving safari to see the Riding Mountain bison herd up close. For more information visit the Visitor Centre or call **204-848-7275**. *Pre-registration is advised. *Fees may apply*





Lake Audy Bison Enclosure



The bison is not only important spiritually, but they were an important resource. Here are some of the ways parts of the bison can be used.

Bones: tools Hide: clothing, ropes, snowshoes and drums Hooves: glue, rattles Horns: utensils, cups, ladles and decoration Fat: soap and candle tallow Liver and brain: tanning solution Stomach: water bottle

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**

ATTENTION HIKERS AND BIKERS

Explore Riding Mountain National Park's newest trail, Reeve's Ravine.

The Reeve's Ravine trail has been developed in partnership with the Manitoba Escarpment Trail Society and various volunteer groups and is ideal for mountain bikers seeking a new adventure.

This unique escarpment experience along the ravine's edge boasts some of the most spectacular views in the park.



Difficulty Type Legend Distance Name

CYCLING ADVENTURES

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Grey Owl	竹 200	41
Clear Lake North Shore	竹 砂 神	41
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Bald Hill	🕴 🤺 👬	4K
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GREAT HIKES

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Lakeshore Long Loop	- 🎢 🍜
South Lake	为两
Arrowhead	州
Kinosao	竹栖
Bead Lakes	州
Clear Lake South Shore	竹砂炉
Gorge Creek	♦ Ki
Moon Lake	外 4%
Tilson Lake	🕴 🎢 🏍 州
Wasagaming Trail	竹 ൽ

4J	7.8 km, one way
3G	22.9 km, one way
41	8.9 km, one way
41	9.5 km, one way
4K	7.8 km, one way
4K	8.4 km, one way
4K	11.5 km, loop

5J	2.1/4.2 km, return
3K	3.1/6.4 km, return
2H	3.5 km, return
51	7.2 km, return
51	3.4 km, return
51	3.4 km, return
51	3.9 km, one way
41	4.0 km, return
51	7.0 km, one way
5K	6.4 km, one way
3H	9.2 km, return
2C	38.6 km, return
51	5.5 km, one way

HORSE AND WAGON TRAILS

Breezy Hill	
Baldy Lake	
Long Lake	
Grasshopper Valley	
Sugarloaf	
North Escarpment	
Crawford Creek	
Birdtail	
Central Trail	
Gunn Lake	
Ochre River	

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24.9 km, one way

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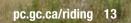
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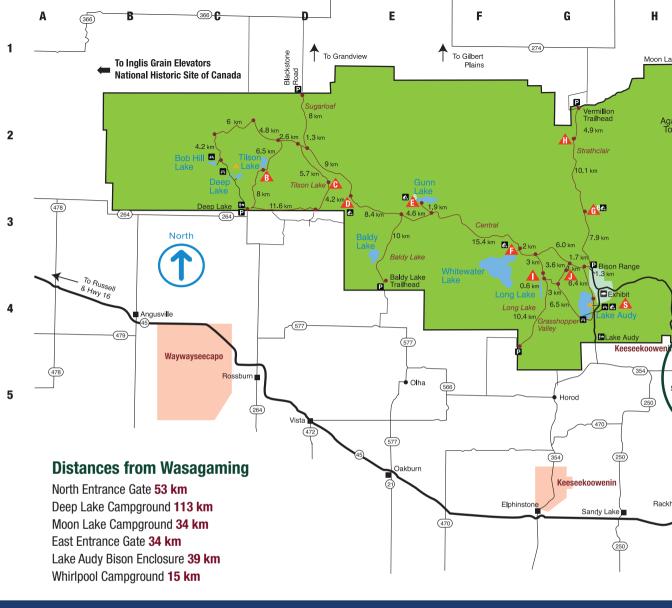
Easy

Accessible

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Difficult







Riding Mountain National Park

Don't have your own GPS device?

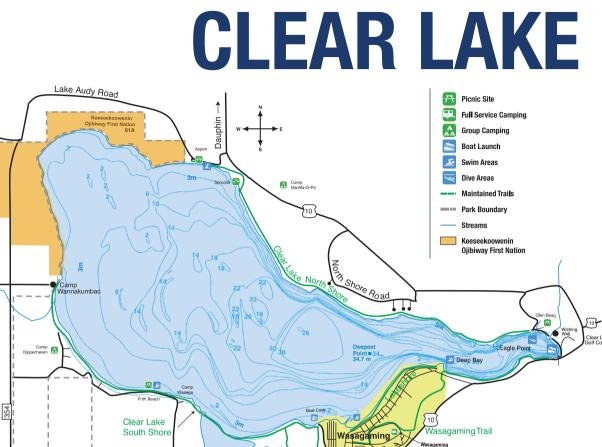
Stop by the **Friends Learning Centre** and you can pick one up. Call **204-848-4037** for more information.



LEGEND

	Backcountry Campsites
	National Historic Site
€∧	Tenting
~~	Group Tenting
	Bald Hill
\bigstar	Other Attractions
ţ n	Warden Station
Ħ	Picnic Area
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i.	Viewpoint
a r	Bison Enclosure
Ρ	Parking
Å .	Horse Corral
	Provincial Roads
-•-	Provincial Trunk Highways
—	Trail
	Town
	Landmark
	First Nations
	Tilson Lake
	Birdtail
	Gunn Creek
	Gunn Lake
	Whitewater Lake
	Kinnis Creek
	Vermillion River
	Long Lake
	Minnedosa River
	Cowan Lake
	Elk Creek
	Ochre River
	East Deep Lake
	Breezy Hill
	Scott Creek
	Lake Audy Horse Corral
	Onanole Trail





Wasagaming Camporound South Lake Ominnik Marsh **ONLY Four Stroke or** Reid Road Direct Fuel Injected two Park Boundary South stroke boat engines SCALE kilometres Lake Brandon 210 are permitted in RMNP. 354 Onanole 354

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



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

> discoverclearlake.com pc.gc.ca/riding

Plan Your Visit



Visitor Centre

Discover the mysteries of the park while talking with park interpreters and exploring the park museum. Riding Mountain interpreters are more than happy to share their knowledge and suggest activities.



The Ominnik Marsh Experience the beauty of Riding

Mountain on the Ominnik Marsh Trail. Visit the Visitor Centre and grab an explorer's kit for catching critters andwalking on the marsh in the presence of beavers, ducks, and beautiful pond life.

Start your day with a coffee

Stop by one of the many local coffee shops and cafés in Wasagaming that offer delicious specialty coffees and baked goods.

Take a hike

Grab a group of friends and hit the trails. Spend your morning hiking the Gorge Creek and see some of the most beautiful sights of the east escarpment. For a complete list of trails visit **pc.gc.ca/riding**

Playground

Share some laughs while you slide down the slides or swing on the swings. There are no monkeys in the park except you!

Grab some grub

The Wasagaming Townsite has many local restaurants to choose from. Want to get out of the townsite and explore more of the park? Check out the Clear Lake Golf course for an amazing steak, or the tenth hole snack bar for the infamous bear-paw burger.

The Martese

Enjoy the beautiful parkland sunset while coasting the great lake water on the park's biggest boat—The Martese. Choose from an afternoon cruise, dinner cruise, or sunset cruise.

Lawn bowling

Who said bowling lanes should only be inside? Test your bowling skills at the Clear Lake Lawn Bowling Green.

Cook shack

End your day dining amidst nature. Riding Mountain gives access to many cook shacks and fire pits dispersed throughout the park. Visit the Visitor Centre or **pc.gc. ca/riding** to find the best spot to enjoy a barbecued meal.

Cruise the park on a bike

Try something new and rent a specialty bike from the Clear Lake Tempo, or try the Surrey bikes at the Old Surrey Bike Rentals!

Beach volleyball

Challenge some friends to a game of beach volleyball in the west corner of the Main Beach. Nestled beside the main pier and the clear lake, this beach volleyball court is a perfect place to let off some steam.

Paddle boats

Spend an hour paddling along Clear Lake watching the fish swim below your feet. It's a great way to watch the sun set. You can rent these from the Marina on the Main Pier.

Dive in

Located on Wasagaming Drive, the main beach is home to Clear Lake the clearest lake in Manitoba. Enjoy your sunny afternoon swimming off the docks, or relax on one of the many beaches. Dive into the great depths of Deep Bay, the deepest beach in the park, lay amongst the sand beach of the Main Beach, or play along the sand bars of South Beach.

Mini golf

Practicing for the PGA tour? Show off your skills at mini golf, just beside the Clear Lake Tennis Courts. Some friendly competition never hurt anyone.

EXPERIENCE RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Park Activities

Be sure to check the local bulletin boards for information on activities that are occuring during your stay at Riding Mountain. These activities include yoga, mountain biking, social events, and more.

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**.

Family Picnic or Cookout

Riding Mountain has many beautiful locations available for visitors to enjoy the outdoors while cooking. Stop by the cook shacks located in the Wasagaming townsite or explore other locations which have access to fire pits! Find out which park locations have access to fire pits by visiting the Visitor Centre or online at **pc.gc.ca/riding**.

Prove Management of Management

2016 will be an exciting year for Riding Mountain National Park and Parks Canada sites throughout the country. In 2015, the Government of Canada announced significant investments in national parks and historic sites. This investment will allow Riding Mountain in particular to address some outstanding maintenance in order to better serve your experience in the park. This will include, but is not limited to, improvements to campgrounds, Highway 10, Wasagaming townsite, and visitor facilities. In Riding Mountain National Park we are doing our best to minimize construction activities in high-traffic areas during the peak visitor season. We would like to remind our visitors to slow down around construction, keep a distance from workers and equipment, to respect area and building closures, and to be patient when encountering delays. Maintenance to national parks and historic sites is important in order to maintain a quality visitor experience and the future of the park.

For more information about infrastructure projects in Riding Mountain, please contact us at **204-848-7275**, visit our website at **pc.gc.ca/riding**, or come down to the Visitor Centre open May 20 to October 10.

> Aboriginal Day Celebrations June 18 and 19

Learn-to Camp

Learn-to Camp at Riding Mountain National Park! It's time to start the tradition and make some memories. Parks Canada and Mountain Equipment Co-op are teaming up to show hundreds of people how to camp. Phone **1-888-773-8888** or visit **parkscanada.gc.ca/riding** to plan the ultimate camping experience.

Fun 'round the Fire

Bring the kids and join interpreters for some fun times and park themed activities around the campfire – it's free! Every evening 8:00 PM

Park History



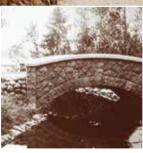
Riding Mountain Prisoner of War East Gate

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



Camp

440 German POW's were sent to Whitewater Lake during WWII.



Wishing Well

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



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.

The official grand opening of the park was July 26, 1933 with around 2000 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 Winnipegosis, suggested "Wasagaming," the Cree word for "clear water." which has been the name of the townsite ever since.

FIND OUT MORE!

Visit the Pinewood Museum, the Sharing Lodge, or the Visitor Centre for more information on the fascinating history of Riding Mountain National Park.

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Go out and explore



Riding Mountain National Park has placed **10** pairs of red chairs throughout the park for **YOU to DISCOVER.**

#SharetheChair



Take a picture of your Red Chair experience and share it with us (#RidingNP) and we'll add your image to our Facebook and Twitter feeds.



Follow us! Facebook.com/RidingNP Twitter.com/RidingNP

#TimeToConnect



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve

The Riding Mountain UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

The Biosphere Reserve is made up of a core protected area, RMNP, and the surrounding 12 rural municipalities. The Biosphere Reserve fosters and encourages a sustainable, community-based regional economy, with high biodiversity on a rural landscape.

- 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 and develop community garden program.
- Adult education workshops and school programs to raise awareness of the conservation of biodiversity.

For more information call **204-848-2085** or visit **rmbr.ca**

MEET THE ARTIST

Unwind with friends at the "Meet the Artists" events and discover how new works of art are created.

The Deep Bay Cabin at Riding Mountain National Park was renovated by Parks Canada in 2006 to become the home of the Manitoba Arts Council's Deep Bay Artists' Residency program. Here, in the beautiful natural setting of the Park, artists reflect, experiment, and create new art. Throughout the season the artists feature their work through the "Meet the Artists" events hosted in and around Wasagaming. Look for posters or ask at the Visitor Centre for a listing.

artscouncil.mb.ca/ across-manitoba/deep-bay/

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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 Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce.

Accommodations

Aspen Ridge Buffalo Resort Idylwylde Bungalows Lake House Mooswa Resort New Chalet Thunderbird Bungalows

Information / Non-Profit

Friends of RMNP Learning Centre Pinewood Museum Wasagaming Community Arts Centre Riding Mountain National Park Visitor Centre Riding Mountain National Park Administration Building Anishinabe Sharing Lodge

Services

Clear Lake Gas & Bike Rentals Frazer Studios Gorge Book/Coffee Shop Marina on Clear Lake Beachcomber Laundromat

Clothing & Accessories

The Boardwalk Chocolate Fox Deep Bay Clothing From the Earth Jewellery Gorge Clothing Co. Kozy's Trends Peach Tree Seagulls & Sandcastles Summer Fashions Sun & Sand The Cove Moon Lake Trading Co. Beachcomber Clothing Shop

Food & Beverage

Boardwalk Restaurant / Ice cream Chocolate Fox Manos Pizza Subway Lake House The Sugar Shop T.R. McKoy's Italian Restaurant Upper Cup Whitehouse Restaurant & Bakery Wiowam Restaurant & Lounge

Grocery Stores

Clear Lake Trading Post The Boardwalk on Clear Lake

Recreation

Clear Lake Gas & Bike Rentals Clear Lake Tennis Courts Old Surrey Station Bike Rentals Park Theatre

Giftware / Home Decor

Bear Behind Moon Lake Trading Co. Prairie Supply Co. The Spinning Wheel Gift Shop The Park Bench Sun & Sand The Nature Shop

Businesses Located Outside Townsite:

Visit DiscoverClearLake.com for more information The Official Site of Wasagaming Chamber of Commerce

> Clear Lake Golf Course Crooked Mountain Cabins Duff's Steakhouse Elkhorn Resort Trailhead Ranch Sportsman's Park Onanole RV Park & Campground Poplar Ridge Golf Course Shuttle Bug Honeycomb B & B

Chamber members located outside the park:

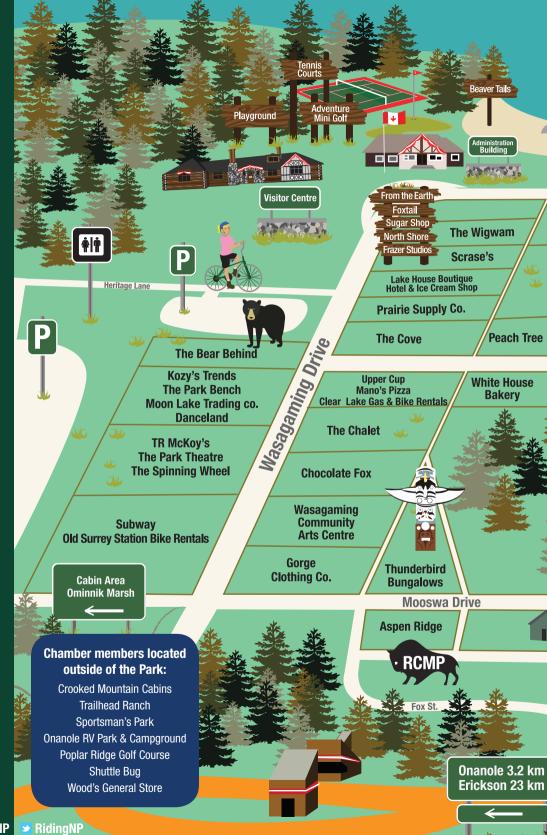
Crooked Mountain Cabins Sportsman's Park Onanole RV Park & Campground Poplar Ridge Golf Course Shuttle Bug

Non-Chamber Members:

Beavertails Bowling Greens Clear Lake Golf Course Cottages at Clear Lake Danceland Duff's Steakhouse Northshore The Foxtail Cafe



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Save our Wildlife

Keep bears wild and alive. 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. When using the cookout behind the Visitor Centre, there are bear proof boxes for your use.

Feeding wildlife may...

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

Items that attract wildlife...

- Food, coolers, bottles, and cans
- Garbage and food packaging
- Pet food / pet dishes
- Toileteries, suntan lotion and insect repellent
- Any items associated with food preparation or clean up
- · Grey water pails
- BBQs and bird feeders

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

Wondering Where to Spot Wildlife?

Ask the friendly staff at the Visitor Centre or check the wildlife observation boards located in the lobby or in the Administration Office.

Always Keep Your Distance.

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



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.

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.

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer, aircraft, and all waterbased equipment or gear. Remove all plants, animals, mud. Rinse using high pressure hot water for at least 2 minutes.
- Drain all water from watercraft, equipment, and gear including the motor livewell, bilge, bait buckets and toss before transporting.
- **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 bail buckets and totes on land away from any water body.



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.

Friends of Riding Mountain National Park

Promoting and providing opportunities to increase public awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural and cultural heritage of Riding Mountain National Park. Official Parks Canada Merchandise is available exclusively at the Friends of RMNP Nature Shop in the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and The Friends Learning Centre located at 154 Columbine Street.

Friends of

Riding Mountain National Park

Learning Centre

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)

Contact friends.rmnp@pc.gc.ca for more information.



Check out the Parks Canada made in Canada products at **parkscanadashop.ca** Profits support national parks, marine conservation areas, and historic sites.

Main Pier at Dusk 2015 grand prize winner Pierre Emmanuel Chaillon

2016 Riding Mountain Photo Contest

Themes

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

Prize

First place prize package includes a Riding Mountair National Park Annual Family Pass.

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, 2016



Visitor Safety

Play it safe — and enjoy your experience!

Whether you are looking to connect with nature, experience adventure, or escape from your daily routines, we want to share with you the 3 T's — Trip Planning, Training, and Taking the Essentials — to make sure you stay safe and enjoy your visit.

Trip Planning

Plan your route. Know the terrain conditions. Check the weather. Always fill out a trip plan and leave it with a family member or friend. Trip plans are available online www.adventuresmart.ca or at the Visitor Centre.

Taking the Essentials

Carry the essentials and know how to use them. Add other equipment specific to your activity, the season, and location.

- Flashlight
- Fire making kit
- Signalling device (ie. whistle)
- Extra food and water
- Extra clothing

- Navigational/ Communication devices
- First aid kit
- Emergency blanket/shelter
- Pocket knife
- Sun protection

Training

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

24 Hour Park Emergency Service, Visitor Safety, Wildlife and Park enforcement Toll-free 1-877-852-3100

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.

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.



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