

2018 SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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OVERNIGHT oTENTik PROGRAM

all ages

Teachers, have you always wanted to take your students camping, but are discouraged with all the logistics and costs? This year we have the perfect solution for you! We are welcoming you with no entrance fees and a special oTENTik rate.

Riding Mountain National Park's 30 oTENTiks make it easy to camp with groups. oTENTiks are exclusive to Parks Canada. They are a cross between an A-frame cabin and a prospector tent with canvas siding and wood floor. This water resistant accommodation is built to withstand diverse weather conditions and no set-up is required by campers.

oTENTiks include:

- 6 people per oTENTik
- USB ports
- Barbeque
- Exterior and interior outlets
- 10 with wood stoves
- Electric heat
- Interior lighting
- Fire pit
- Bunkbeds

So, for **\$90**, maximum six people per tent, you could camp in Riding Mountain National Park hassle free! Make sure you calculate how many guests will be sleeping over in order to reserve the correct number of oTENTiks.

This special oTENTik rate runs only for May, June, and September. Reservations begin January 15, 2018. Call **1-877-737-3783** or visit Friends of Riding Mountain National Park.

Don't forget to book a school experience to go along with your overnight oTENTik stay!



Students and teachers will appreciate and enjoy the natural and cultural environment of Riding Mountain National Park. Participate in a field program; enjoy the familiarity and history of the Visitor Centre on a guided tour; or immerse your senses on a guided adventure – your learning experience can be created here.



GUIDED SCHOOL EXPERIENCES



GRASSLAND SAFARI

grades 4-6

Students use simple monitoring techniques to study the soil, plants, insects and animals of the Manitoba prairie. They will explore the diversity of remnant fescue grasslands in Riding Mountain National Park and recognize the endangered status of grasslands in Canada and around the world.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

DISCOVERING THE FOREST

grades K-2

Using their five senses throughout this program, students discover some of the plants and animals that make the forest their home. The sights, sounds, and smells of Riding Mountain National Park come alive with the help of teachers, group leaders, and is guided by a park interpreter. *This program requires an adult for every 5 students

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

BOREAL EXPLORER

grades 3-6

Spruce trees, wolves, moose and fire are all part of the “northern” or Boreal forest. Students will explore the extreme interactions within this forest community. The program will develop knowledge, skills and student commitment to responsible behaviours and actions concerning boreal forests.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES CONTINUED...

ESCARPMENT ODYSSEY

grades 5-8

Students will be guided on a rugged and spectacular 6km hike down the Gorge Creek Trail - an experience not easily forgotten! Awareness and knowledge will be developed concerning the geology, history, flora and fauna of the Manitoba Escarpment in Riding Mountain National Park.

Length: 3 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

**4 1/2 hours with travel time from Wasagaming*

BISON BOOTCAMP

grades 6-8

March to the command of the Queen of the Herd Bison Sergeant, roam into the world of bison and ruminate about intricate connections to First Nations and the health of our grasslands. Includes bannock making, tea sampling. *
*Allergy alert **

This program takes place at Lake Audy Bison Enclosure which is an additional 45 min drive from Wasagaming

Length: 3 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

**4 1/2 hours with travel time from Wasagaming*

THE WOLVES AND ELK OF THE RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK REGION

grades 9-12

Riding Mountain National Park Interpreters guide groups through a field program in the Lake Audy area of the Park. Students use methods in research and monitoring wolves and elk such as radio telemetry. This program takes place at Lake Audy Bison Enclosure, which is a 45 minute drive from Wasagaming.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

**3.5 hours with travel time from Wasagaming*

THE BEAVERS OF THE RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK REGION

grades 9-12

In the field students will monitor and learn about the diversity that these "ecosystem engineers" provide to the surrounding landscape and some of the issues facing management of wild and not so wild spaces.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.90 per student

VISITOR CENTRE TOUR

all ages

Length: 30 minutes

Fee: \$1.00 per student

HUG A TREE AND SURVIVE

grades k-2

This is an AdventureSmart program that helps lost children survive in the woods. It teaches children how not to become lost in the woods, and what to do should they become lost.

Length: 30 minutes

Fee: Free when added to a paid program

School programs are available from May 1 to June 22 and may be booked January 15 to May 1, 2018. Space is limited.

To book visit <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/mb/riding/edu/edu2/c.aspx>

Friends of Riding Mountain National Park is a non-profit organization, committed to increasing awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of Riding Mountain National Park. Through innovative programming in partnership with Parks Canada and other like-minded organizations, Friends of Riding Mountain National Park provide valuable educational opportunities that inspire environmental stewardship.

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GUIDED SCHOOL EXPERIENCES BY FRIENDS OF RMNP

PLANT A WILD FLOWER

grades K-3

Enlighten students in a fun hands on way about biodiversity and the importance of native species of plants for wildlife and for us. Plant a wildflower, make wildflower seed bombs, create plant pounding art or include a wildflower drawing lesson.

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$4.00 per student

UNEARTHING THE PAST

grades 3-6

The clues to Manitoba's precontact period lay just beneath our feet! Examining real artifacts unearthed from archaeological sites in Manitoba, students will discover how bones, stones and pottery are puzzle pieces used by archaeologists to understand our past. Using precontact methods, students will make and take home their own replica Laurel or Blackduck pot.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$6 per student

SPECIES AT RISK: BATS IN THE BIOSPHERE

grades 5-8

Bats are more than just scary creatures of the night. They play an important role in our ecosystems. Unfortunately, many of our bat species are currently in decline because of White Nose Syndrome. Through awareness and understanding, we can all play an active role in the protection of Manitoba's bats and those that live in the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve region.

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$3.00 per student

BONES AND STONES

grades 5-8

Knowing how to flint knap and throw an atlatl were just two of the skills needed to survive in Manitoba thousands of years ago. In this program, students will examine the bones and stones recovered from archaeological sites and learn how hunting techniques changed over time. Students will be able to try their hand at flint knapping and learn how to throw an atlatl.

Length: 2 hour

Fee: \$4.00 per student

LIVING BY THE WATER'S EDGE

grades 6-8

The water's edge is a busy place. Animals, birds, bugs and humans all require healthy lakes and rivers to survive. But did you know that everything is connected in a watershed? What happens in one area affects the health of another area! Learn about our roles and responsibilities in maintaining our waterways and help us ensure our waters stay healthy for future generations.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.00 per student



"CACHING" RIDING MOUNTAIN

all ages

This program showcases GPS technology and the activity of Geocaching as a means of participating in innovative learning. GPS & Geocaching programs are flexible to suit the needs of the groups. Basic, intermediate and advanced programs available.

Length: 2-5 hours

Fee: \$4.00 per student (basic & intermediate programs) / \$5 per student (advanced programs)



MARSH MARVELS

grades K-3

Follow the floating boardwalk through Ominnik marsh; students will have the chance to see what lives in this water wonderland. Wetland dip netting and critter identification are just some of the possible activities. Program emphasis is on the value of wetlands for wildlife and people.

Length: 2 hours

Fee: \$4.50 per student



LOOKING FOR MORE?

Just because your program is done doesn't mean we want you to leave! There is still plenty to do in Riding Mountain National Park. Our town site, Wasagaming, has plenty to offer from ice cream to mini golf.

Take a look at our business listings today!

Website: discoverclearlake.com

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