



Riding Mountain
National Park

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A Guide to Working with Parks Canada



Riding Mountain National Park

- Established by Order-in-Council in 1929, and officially opened in 1933.
- Covers almost 3,000 square kilometres.
- Protects ecosystems representative of the Southern Boreal Plains and Plateaux Natural Region of Canada.
- Representative example of the Manitoba Escarpment which rises 457 metres from the surrounding lands.
- One of the last remnants of woodland existing in the heartland of North America.
- Part of the traditional territory of the Anishnabe people with 7 First Nation communities in the Treaty 2 Area and RMNP region.
- Partner in the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve to harmonize areas of human use and environmental protection.
- Major tourism destination and recreational resource for the Province of Manitoba, including the heritage Community of Wasagaming.
- Provides protected habitat for elk, moose, wolf, black bear and other species.

Riding Mountain East Gate Registration Complex National Historic Site

- Built in 1933-1934, designated as a National Historic Site in 1992 and commemorated in 1995.
- A nationally significant example of the Rustic Design Tradition of the 1930s in Canada's National Parks.
- Consisting of a registration building and two staff cabins, the site was constructed of indigenous materials by skilled local craftsmen hired through the Federal Government's Depression Relief Program.
- An enduring landmark that is symbolic of early auto-tourism and outdoor recreation.

Family of Protected Heritage Areas

These are part of a Canada-wide family of special places, including:

- 46 national parks;
- 171 national historic sites;
- 4 national marine conservation areas
- 1 Urban Park, 1 Canadian Landmark, 1 International Historic Site.



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“So You Want To Do Something in Riding Mountain National Park.....”

Working Together for our Visitors

We are interested in working with you to expand the services, activities and experiences for our visitors. This guide is meant to be the first step in understanding what's possible and who to talk to about your ideas as there is always some questions or requests when you first start out with something. Our goal is to work with you to have these ideas, questions or requests come together to fit within our mandate.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Getting Started

I'm interested in....

...Becoming a Volunteer

We are interested in expanding our volunteer programs to give Canadians that first hand opportunity to connect with the park in ways that relate to their interests.

Who to contact:

Visitor Experience Manager, 204-848-7255
Friends of Riding Mountain National Park, 204-848-4037

...Becoming a Guide

Guiding visitors into the backcountry on horseback, mountain bikes or along hiking trails can be a rewarding venture. There are certain requirements and training needed to fulfil this service.

Who to contact:

Product Development Officer, 204-848-7246

...Business Development

A variety of businesses exist within the townsite of Wasagaming. From year to year the business community changes with the needs of our visitors. We welcome new ideas and would be open to discussions with you.

Who to contact:

Manager of Townsite and Realty, 204-848-7243

...Partnering

Riding Mountain National Park is interested in engaging with the for-profit and non-profit sector for projects or programs. If your business, agency or group would like to discuss a venture that would be of mutual benefit and help connect Canadians to our national parks and national historic sites, we are interested in having a conversation with you.

Who to contact:

External Relations Manager, 204-848-7251

...Events

Riding Mountain National Park offers a variety of special events throughout the year to provide our visitors with an enjoyable and meaningful connection to our park. We are open to working with groups or organizations on becoming involved in existing events or hosting new events. If you have an event in mind that could fit within a national park setting, we're interested in hearing from you.

Who to contact:

Events Coordinator, 204-848-7233

..Weddings

The park has been a favourite setting for weddings and family gatherings for many years. Wedding ceremonies can be held at many places in the park and there are reception services at some private businesses in the park townsite of Wasagaming and in neighbouring communities. Call in advance to make your bookings and we can fill you in on the details.

Who to contact:

RMNP, 204-848-7275 (PARK)

...Conducting a Tour or Special Group Activity

Whether by tour bus, car, bike or on foot, Riding Mountain National Park has provided wonderful opportunities for touring companies and private organizations wanting to learn more about Riding Mountain area in southern Manitoba. We are interested in working with you to help you design that special tour for your customers and guests.

Who to contact:

Interpretation Coordinator, 204-848-7236

...Research & Collection Permits

Universities, colleges and a variety of agencies have conducted research in and around Riding Mountain National Park for decades. Traditional collection of medicines under permit also takes place in the park. We are interested in working with others on gathering knowledge and conduct research in the natural and cultural sciences, tourism and Indigenous studies.

Talk to us about what work has been done, what's ongoing and what ideas you have?

Who to contact:

Resource Conservation Manager, 204-848-7205

...Promoting a New Activity or Technology

Parks Canada has recently expanded the type of activities and technologies that are acceptable within a national park. New recreational uses within national parks can be evaluated to ensure the various uses do not damage the very reason why Canadians see the park as such a special place. If you've got an idea or questions on what type of activities are permitted, we'd like to talk to you.

Who to contact:

Product Development Officer, 204-848-7246

...Owning a Cabin or a Cottage in the Park

There are over 800 privately owned cabins and cottages within Riding Mountain National Park on long term leases. On any given year several of these come up for sale through a variety of local real estate agents or through private sale. Please watch your local newspapers for sales opportunities. If you want to learn more about what the requirements are for cottage and cabin owners, give us a call.

Who to contact:

Manager of Townsite and Realty, 204-848-7243

Have we missed something?

If we've overlooked something that you have in mind that would help build awareness and strong connections between Canadians and visitors to Riding Mountain National Park, we would be happy to talk to you.

Who to contact:

Visitor Experience Manager, 204-848-7255

