

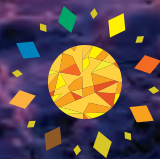
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Main: Margaret Laurence Home, Neepawa; Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum, Brandon; Right: Spruce Woods Provincial Park.



In rural Manitoba, we don't customarily toot our own horn, but being home to these outstanding venues, we are proud to lay claim to nine of the Province's 57 Star Attractions. Offering a unique and iconic experience for visitors, you don't want to miss these destinations during your stay.

The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum is the only museum in Canada dedicated entirely to the airmen who trained and fought for the Commonwealth during World War II. Showcasing aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia from the time period, it's easy to see why this site has been named one of only six designated Signature Museums in the Province. Situated next door to the Brandon Regional airport, many of the site's original buildings serve as the backdrop for a snapshot in our military history.

Straddling the Canadian-U.S. border between the towns of Boissevain, Manitoba and Dunseith, North Dakota, the **International Peace Garden** offers 25 acres of scenic outdoors and botanical artistry. Offering trails for walking and biking, the garden also offers an onsite café, seasonal camping and plays host to a number of sport and music camps each year. Situated in a unique location, between recognized border crossings, it welcomes guests from both sides of the 49th parallel.

Fans of Canadian fiction may be familiar with the fabled community of "Manawaka" as featured in the writing of novelist Margaret Laurence. Her work is commonly believed to be based on her hometown of Neepawa where she spent her childhood. **The Margaret Laurence Home** is now a designated heritage site and features a wealth of original furnishings as well as artifacts which celebrate the writer's career.

Featuring more than 20 giant historical murals, Boissevain's **Outdoor Art Gallery** has been a source of pride for the community for many years.

Brochures are available to allow visitors to embark on a self-guided tour of this growing public art collection and celebrate the area's history and culture in vivid, life-like detail.

You may want to start your visit to the Brandon area with a stop at the city's **Riverbank Discovery Centre**. A year-round visitor information depot, the site offers local and regional travel information as well as a variety of indoor displays and outdoor recreation space. The Centre serves as a starting point for the extensive Assiniboine Riverbank trail network and regularly hosts special events throughout the year.

Canada's award winning **Royal Canadian Artillery Museum** tells the story of Canadian and Manitoba military history from colonial times to the present in a 24,000 square foot air-conditioned setting. With regular changes of the interior exhibits, the museum is also home to outdoor artillery displays. The RCA Museum is located in Shilo, and open year round to accommodate individuals and groups.

The iconic attraction in Souris is the famous **Souris Swinging Bridge**. First constructed in 1904, the span holds the distinction as Canada's longest suspension bridge, measuring 604 feet (184 metres). Last re-constructed in 2013, the latest evolution of the bridge still features elements of its predecessors, though has been emboldened to carry up to 1,000 persons at a time.

One wouldn't expect to find a desert on the Canadian prairies, but that's just one feature of **Spruce Woods Provincial Park** that awaits visitors. Providing a habitat for such rare species as the western plains hognose snake and the northern prairie skink, the park offers a beach and camping in the summer, as well as an excellent venue for cross country skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. The park is situated between the communities of Carberry and Glenboro.

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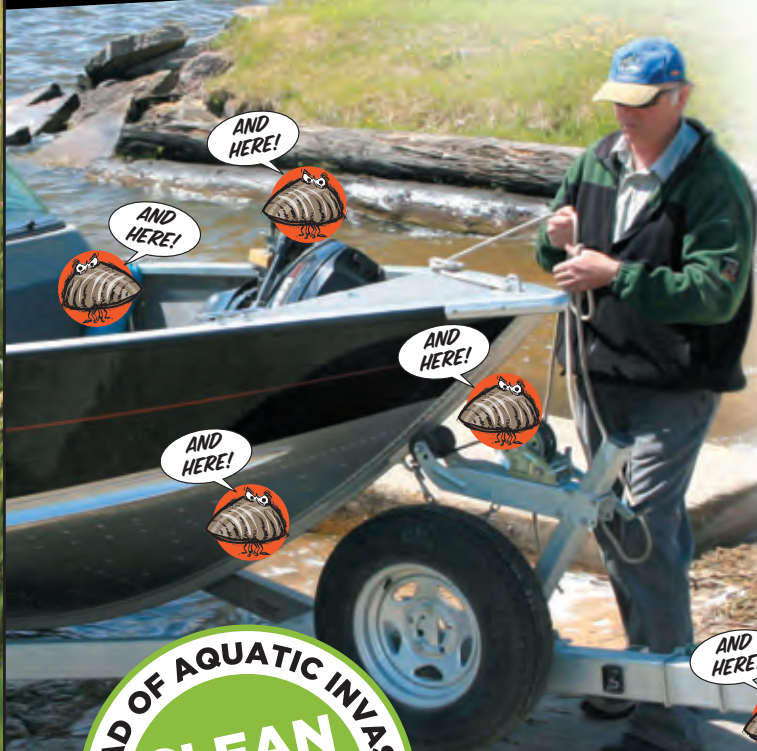


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*Sunny the Banana and
Breezy the Blue Jay, Melita*



We're **LARGER** *than life*

The prairies are often characterized as wide open spaces where you can see for miles and miles. So you can imagine the surprise that many visitors experience when they happen upon one of southwestern Manitoba's five towering roadside attractions along their journey. Each bearing their own significance to their home community as well as the surrounding region, **these monuments have served to become the ever-lasting symbols of each town and are enjoyed by visitors from near and far every year.**

Happy Rock, Gladstone



Once famous as the host site of an annual turtle derby race weekend, the town of Boissevain erected the 8 metre (28 foot) painted turtle monument in 1974 as a tribute to the activity which best identified their community. Though the derby was discontinued in 2001, **Tommy Turtle** remains as a symbol of friendship among neighbouring nations that share the landscape of the adjacent turtle mountains.

The huge snow goose sculpture in the town of Dunrea recognizes the community's relationship to the annual migration of geese across North America. **Cabrea the Snow Goose** turns to face north during the spring migration of birds to the area and faces south during the outbound migration of these seasonal fowl in the fall.

Standing along the roadside on Highway #16, **Happy Rock** greets visitors to the town of Gladstone. Since 1993, the community's mascot has stood atop the town's seasonal visitor information centre. Standing 11 metres (36 feet) high and tipping the scales at an estimated 3,000 pounds, the smiling face that visitors associate with Gladstone has even been immortalized on a postage stamp.

Glenboro's most obvious attraction, **Sara the Camel** stands 7 meters (23 feet) high and is emblematic of the area's Spirit Sands, commonly referred to as the Manitoba desert. Sara has become widely recognized as a symbol of the Glenboro community and Spruce Woods Provincial Park. You can find Sara at the junction of Highway #2 and Cochrane Street.

Located at the corner of Highway #83 and Front Street, this smiling 10 metre (33 foot), 6500 pound banana welcomes you to the "Banana Belt" in Melita. **Sunny the Banana** holds **Breezy the Blue Jay** in his hand and sports a t-shirt that reads "IBA" or "Important Birding Area" in observance of the area's reputation as a birder's paradise.

C.P. Station, Virden;
Right: Turtle Mountain
Flywheel Club, Killarney.



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Across the prairies of southwestern Manitoba, visitors have the opportunity to re-trace the steps of some of the region's first pioneers and, if only for a moment, to share the view that was enjoyed by our ancestors. Our region is home to a number of heritage sites – municipal, Provincial and National, which each pay homage to a distinct portion of history and our area's role in that time period.

Located across from the Veteran Park Rest stop in Baldur, the **Argyle Museum** holds distinction as a municipal heritage site. Celebrating the pioneering efforts of local doctors and dentists, medical devices dating back more than a century are on display for visitors. The museum also pays tribute to the Icelandic heritage of the area and celebrates Tommy Johnson, a local hockey player whose career included time in the National Hockey League.

Visitors can walk the trenches and experience the challenges of soldiers from the First World War at Carberry's **Camp Hughes**. Manitoba's only National Historic site dedicated to the 'Great War' offers self-guided tours of the training trenches that prepared Canadian troops for battle. The Friends of Camp Hughes hosts an annual Heritage Day at the site.

Constructed in 1900, Virden is home to the **C.P. Station**, a historic railway depot which is recognized as one of a kind due to its bell-cast gabled hip roof and chateaux style architecture. Restored and renovated to house the local arts council office, gift shop and art gallery, the station pays homage to the region's railway history which was instrumental in the growth of the prairies.

In Deloraine, the **Prairie Skills Inc.** community resource centre not only assists area residents with their future, but the building itself also serves to celebrate the town's past. The 1896 historic fieldstone building stands as a monument of the prairie settlers' faith, determination and resourcefulness. The building is still used daily by area citizens, a testament to the durability of its original design and construction.



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One room school houses were common on the western plains during the earliest days of settlement in the west and the **River Valley Historical Site** at Virden pays tribute to that history with an original 1896 school, equipped with original furnishings. Open by appointment only, the adjacent grounds also feature picnic areas and campsites.

Moved by road on a metal skid from its original location to the center of Mather as a commemorative marker, **The Rock** was balanced on the skid with railway ties and due to the friction of the road and skid that the heat created was enough to ignite the railway ties during the move. Visitors can check out the display of the rail line which was abandoned in July 2008.

The history of power machinery is celebrated at the **Turtle Mountain Flywheel Historic Village** in Killarney. As many as one hundred engines are on display, ranging from a one horsepower unit to a Ruston-Hornsby diesel that powered the community's first Pool elevator. Open from spring to fall, the museum features a number of operational machines in its collection.



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*Main: Gladstone and District Museum;
Bottom: Antler River Historical Museum, Melita.*



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Standing like a castle along the shores of the Souris River, the **Hillcrest Museum** holds designation as one of Canada's most important historical properties. Originally built as a family home for a founding clan in the region, the home was converted to a museum in 1967. Open each summer for July and August, and situated right next to the Souris Swinging Bridge, Hillcrest Museum is a must-see destination for visitors to Souris.

A magnificent display of wildlife including grizzly and polar bears are yours to examine at the Irvin Goodon International **Wildlife Museum** in Boissevain. Located just steps away from the community's iconic Tommy Turtle monument, the museum celebrates animal species from around the world displayed against a backdrop which re-creates their natural habitat. An ample gift shop and interactive displays for the youngsters are also a part of this museum which is open seasonally from May to September.

Canada's largest collection of operational vintage farm machinery has been attracting visitors to Austin's **Manitoba Agricultural Museum**. More than 500 implements and vehicles dating back to the 1880's are featured and a 20 building homesteaders village helps to give guests a look at life on the prairies for those who first took up farming here more than a century ago.

More than 100 automobiles from the turn of the century up to the 1970's are on display at the **Manitoba Automobile Museum** in Elkhorn. This site also features an extensive agricultural display including steam engines and pioneering farm implements, a Robert Clarke Indian artifact collection and many other curiosities. The museum is open seasonally from May to September.

Shoal Lake is home to one of the longest serving police detachments in Canada and hosts Manitoba's official museum honoring the Northwest Mounted Police. Built in 1984, the **Shoal Lake Mounted Police Museum** has been fashioned as a replica of the police barracks established here more than a century earlier. Open during July and August, it celebrates the roots of community police services on the prairies.

Brandon's **Daly House Museum** was introduced to the community as the home of the city's first Mayor. The home features many period pieces from the 19th century as well as an immaculate Victorian Garden. Unique displays in this collection include a turn of the century grocery store and the Magnacca Research Centre. This municipally designated historic site is open for visitors year round.

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Souris

- Hillcrest Museum
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- Souris Railway Museum
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- The Plum Museum
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Strathclair

- Strathclair Museum
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Virden

- Currahee Military Museum
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- Virden Pioneer Home Museum
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Waskada

- Waskada Museum
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Wawanese

- Sipiweske Museum
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The ART SCENE
SIZZLES *in the Southwest*



Main: Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon;
Top: 1894 Art Centre, Boissevain.

It may be generally considered that the hub of fine art would be nestled deep within the heart of a larger urban center, however that's not the case when you see the bountiful harvest of art that has found a home in southwestern Manitoba. Far displaced from the black tie affairs of the big city, rural Manitoba is emerging as a Canadian art capital, with galleries opening in commercial districts and emerging artists are being developed right from the fertile soil that has nurtured our communities for generations.



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The Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba in Brandon is a non-profit, public venue which offers contemporary art exhibits of regional, national and international significance. With an emphasis on Manitoba art, the gallery and gift shop features the wares of local artisans. The gallery hosts exhibits, school tours and art classes and is open throughout the year, located at 710 Rosser Avenue in the Town Centre building.

Originally built as the Union Bank in 1905, Hamiota has found a purpose for the distinguished century-old building by making it the home of the **Mid-West Arts Council**. The setting provides the perfect backdrop for various forms of art, serving as the only exhibition space in its district. "Tea at the Bank" is a weekly Thursday attraction from June to September each year which has been a popular event to engage local residents and visitors to experience the site.

Souris has seen an explosion of interest in art stemming from a series of oil painting classes offered by local artist Kathleen Lagasse. Within a year, the program had grown so popular that it led to the opening of a commercial art gallery on Crescent Avenue. **Lagasse's Studio of Fine Art** has continued to expand and evolve with the addition of new artists regularly. Classes and workshops are still a major part of the studio's programming which runs throughout the year.

The story is similar for the **Inspire Studio of Fine Art** in Minnedosa. Opened by Marlies Soltys in December 2015, Soltys was already established as a tile mosaic artist with commissioned pieces and home interior work in high demand throughout the region. Her gallery, featuring local artists in a variety of art disciplines, has become a "must see" destination for the community known as Manitoba's Valley Paradise.

Virden is recognized as the Oil Capital of Manitoba, but with the volume of activity that takes place throughout the year at the community's **Art Mosaic** space, it's possible that the art community is growing competitive for top billing. The local arts council was formed in 1982, but since occupying space in the CPR Heritage Centre in the community, they have been better equipped to host exhibits and workshops which expose rural residents and visitors to art of all varieties.

The story behind the creation of Boissevain's **1894 Art Centre** is one which is worth discovering. Founders Casey and Christina Guenther were originally just looking for a home in the community after travelling internationally when they discovered the opportunity that awaited to purchase the vacant legacy building. They renovated the upper floor as a residence and developed the main floor as an art gallery and venue for hosting exhibitions and classes in various art disciplines.

Birtle is situated in an area of exceptional beauty rivalled only by the many beautifully landscaped gardens open to visitors every summer. **Gallery in the Garden**, featuring emerging and established artists is a popular event celebrating gardens and art and welcomes many visitors from across the Province. In 2018 (July 7th, rain or shine) – the event will feature a Garden Tour with up to six gardens, including Val's Garden which, as a lifelong gardening endeavour, is renowned for its scope, variety of garden "rooms" and charming rural setting.



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These are just some of the fabulous venues for art in western Manitoba. If you are a connoisseur of the arts, there are a growing number of destinations in southwestern Manitoba that you will want to experience. Whether as a passive observer, or if you want to roll up your sleeves and unleash your inner artist, you can experience it all in our region this year.



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Top: Lake William,
Turtle Mountain
Provincial Park; Right:
Rivers Provincial Park.



For many, nothing signals a prairie vacation quite like getting back to nature and with the wide assortment of national and provincial parks rooted in our region, you're sure to answer the call of the wild during your visit.

Described as an island of wilderness surrounded by a sea of farmland, **Riding Mountain National Park** boasts 3,000 square kilometres of wilderness to be explored. The park is one of only five national parks to also be home to its own resort town site. Thousands of visitors flock to the park each year to take advantage of land and sea recreation on Clear Lake through hiking, horseback riding and of course, camping. Featuring more than 500 serviced and unserviced camp sites, a growing number of guests are experiencing the site's 30 oTENTik wood and canvas-framed structures that offer the rustic camping experience, with the comfort of home. Many native species call the park home including black bears, elk, moose, bison and lynx.

Most popular for its beach and as a destination for fishermen angling for pike, walleye and perch, **Rivers Provincial Park** is comprised of 38 hectares of mixed grass prairie. Situated on man-made Lake Wahtopanah, a native word meaning "canoe people", the park is a jewel of the town of Rivers, just a short drive northwest of Brandon.

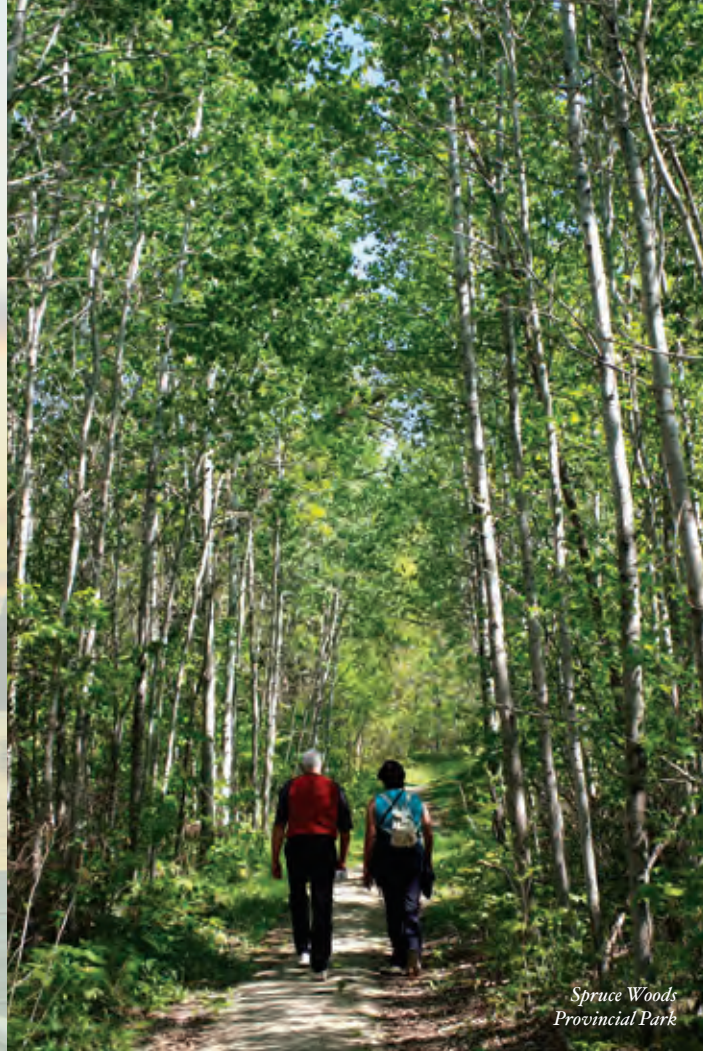
Straddling the international boundary with the United States, the **Turtle Mountain Provincial Park** features a vast deciduous forest and more than 200 lakes and wetlands. The park offers a wealth of recreational activities including skiing, skating, tobogganing and snowmobiling in winter, to cycling, hiking and canoeing in summer. It is not uncommon for visitors to encounter a wide variety of wildlife that makes its home in the park, both on land and in the water.

Located just east of Turtle Mountain Provincial Park is another discovery that outdoor lovers will want to be sure not to miss. **William Lake Provincial Park** is well-liked by windsurfing enthusiasts because of its rounded shape, clear water and gas-motor restrictions. But that's not all there is to experience. Panoramic views await those who hike the Turtle's Back Trail. Fishing, swimming and seasonal interpretive shows in the park's amphitheater are also enjoyed by park visitors each year.

One of the most unique parks in Southwestern Manitoba is the heritage site which celebrates two pioneer families who are celebrated for their contributions to science, art, sports and culture. The **Criddle/Vane Homestead Provincial Heritage Park** includes hiking trails, the site of the first entomological field station in western Canada and other notable features which harken back to first settlement.

If your visit to Southwestern Manitoba includes a celebration of the area's unique geography and natural history, you're sure to enjoy a visit to any of these great parks.

See also: **Spruce Woods Provincial Park**, a Manitoba Star Attraction, featured in *"Be Sure To See Our Stars"* on page 6.



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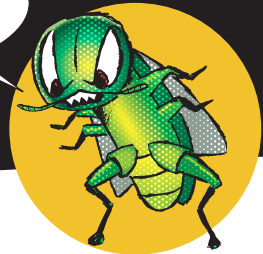
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Main: Baseline Dragway, Rivers; Left: Banana Days, Melita; Bottom: Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze.



You're sure to find a seasonal attraction that the whole family will enjoy through the schedule presented by the **Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba**. Making their home at Brandon's Keystone Centre, the organization hosts three large events annually – The Royal Manitoba Winter Fair at the end of March, The Manitoba Summer Fair each June, and the Manitoba Ag Ex in October. Showcasing local agriculture, these events each include their own distinct entertainment and attraction line up for visitors of all ages.

2018 will mark the 64th year for Canada's largest pioneer heritage festival at the **Manitoba Thresherman's Reunion and Stampede in Austin**. This event offers visitors a glimpse into the pioneering past of Manitoba with an operating village, horse competitions, vintage farming demonstrations and more. In 2016, a world record was set at this event for the largest number of vintage threshing machines in operation at the same time.

Banana Days in Melita offers three days of family fun each August. The event "blast off" features the community's famous one scoop banana split for all attendees and continues with a full weekend of free swimming, free bowling, mud bog and activities that are sure to appeal to the whole family. With a focus on getting people out and active, the event aims to be budget-friendly for all families.

Now in its 15th year, **Rockin' the Fields of Minnedosa** has welcomed visitors from far and wide for a three day rock music festival on the eastern shores of Minnedosa Lake. Held every year on August long weekend this event has hosted stars such as Bret Michaels, Honeymoon Suite, Bif Naked, and more incredible acts celebrating the past and present of this musical genre. Featuring on site camping, two stages of acts, and other events throughout the weekend, even the occasional rain can't dampen the spirits of festival goers.

When Tundra Oil & Gas Place gets converted from a hockey rink to a rodeo arena, you know you're in for a weekend of excitement at the **Virden Indoor Rodeo & Wild West Daze**. Featuring bull riding, steer wrestling and barrel racing, the rodeo attracts competitors from across North America. Held in the third weekend in August, this event also includes a number of other community activities, in addition to a demolition derby, one of the last remaining attractions of its kind in Manitoba.

The **Harvest Moon Festival** celebrates the harvest season and local food production, while providing an opportunity to link those from rural and urban communities. Started in 2001, the festival attracts more than 2,000 visitors annually, providing an important economic boost for the town of Clearwater. Featuring local produce and live music from home grown artists, you may want to spend part of your summer this year beneath a harvest moon.

These are just some of the dozens of community-driven celebrations and annual events that fill our calendar in Southwest Manitoba. Visit our website at www.tourismwestman.ca for a full calendar of all the area's annual and special events.

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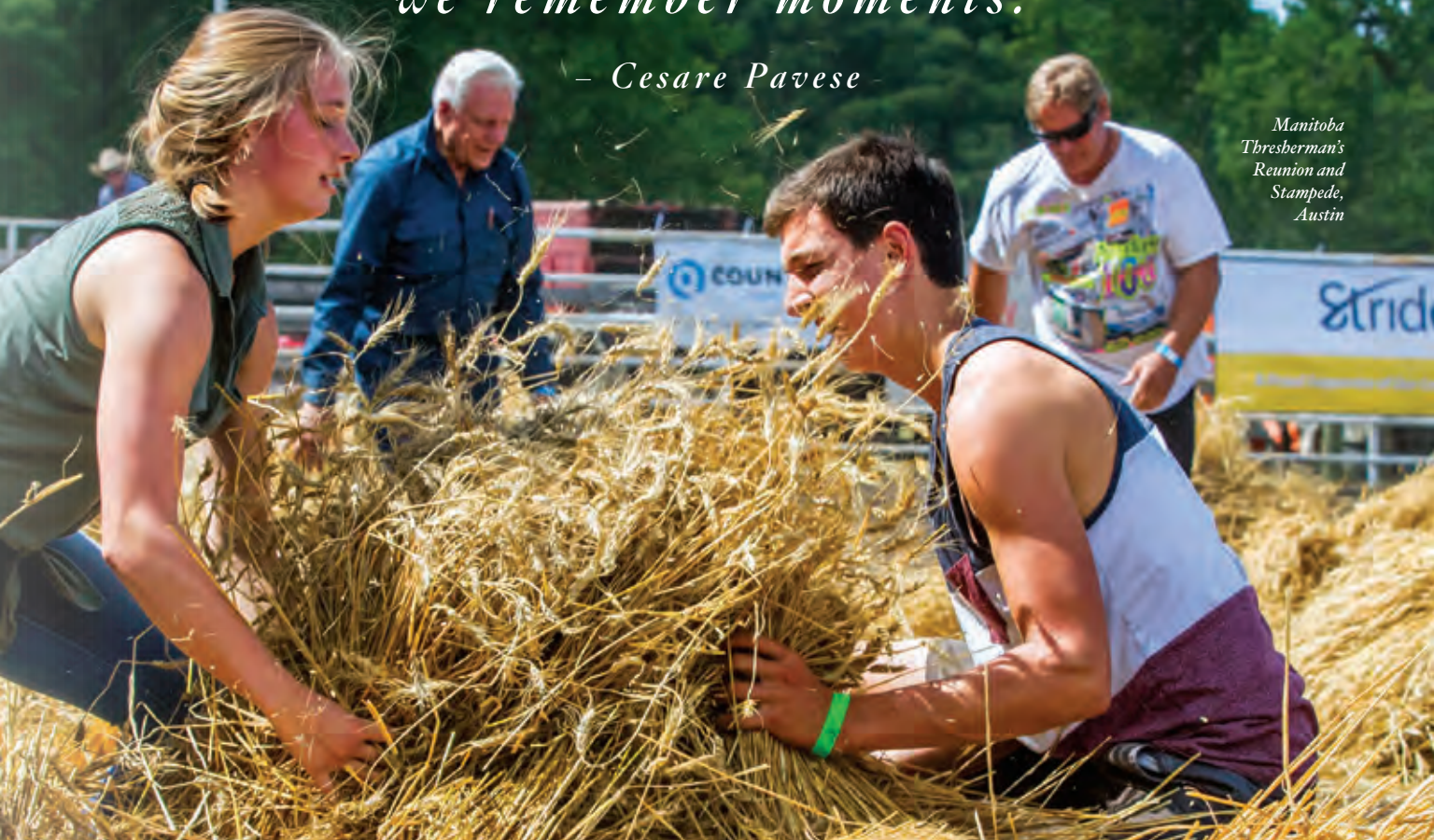
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2018

March 3, 2018

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March 5 – 7, 2018

Brandon Career Symposium

March 8, 2018

31st Annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala (Brandon)

March 10, 2018

11th Annual Northern Pike Classic Fishing Derby (Rivers)

March 11, 2018

Wildlife Search Snowshoe Trek (Sprucewoods Provincial Park)

March 13, 2018

Snowed in Comedy Tour (Brandon)

March 15 – 17, 2018

Brandon Jazz Festival

March 26 – 31, 2018

Royal Manitoba Winter Fair (Brandon)

April 6 – 8, 2018

52nd Annual Brandon Home & Leisure Show

April 16 – 21, 2018

Strathclair Drama Club Annual Music Production: Singin' In The Rain!

April 19 – 22, 2018

Brandon Rock, Gem & Mineral Show

May 18 – 20, 2018

Birdtail Valley Pasture Pickin' Jamboree (Birtle)

June 2, 2018

Cromer Stick Horse Rodeo (Reston)

June 6 – 10, 2018

136th Manitoba Summer Fair (Brandon)

June 13, 2018

15th Annual Tribute to Tourism Awards Gala (Gladstone)

June 22 – 23, 2018

Sinclair Redneck Days

June 24 – 24, 2018

Boissevain Agricultural Fair

June 30, 2018

Souris Fireworks Wellwood Day Celebrations

July 1, 2018

Birtle Downhill Derby & Canada Day Celebrations Minnedosa Beach Canada Day Celebrations

Brandon Canada Day Celebrations

Boissevain Canada Day Celebrations

July 6 – 8, 2018

Minnedosa Fun Fest Carberry Agricultural Society Fair & Races

July 7, 2018

Gallery in the Garden (Birtle)

July 7 – 8, 2018

Souris Fair

July 13 – 15, 2018

Pipestone Fun Days

July 14 – 15, 2018

Deloraine Agricultural Fair

July 20 – 22, 2018

34th Brandon Folk, Music & Art Festival

July 21, 2018

Plumas Agricultural Fair

July 26 – 29, 2018

64th Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede (Austin)

July 28 – 29, 2018

Reston Fair

August 3 – 4, 2018

Birtle Agricultural Fair

August 3 – 5, 2018

Rockin' The Fields of Minnedosa

August 3 – 6, 2018

Ponderosa Days (Cartwright)

August 9 – 12, 2018

Hartney Hopper Days

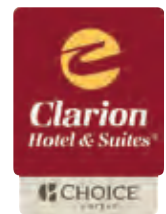
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& Wild West Daze

August 19, 2018

Bullmania (Gladstone)
Minnedosa Heritage Day

September 2, 2018

Dunrea Flea Market (Boissevain)

September 21 – 23, 2018

Souris Scarecrow Days

September 22, 2018

Langruth Harvest Fall Festival

September 28, 2018

Reston Fun Fair

October 6, 2018

Carnival of Crafts (Pierson)

October 24 – 27, 2018

Manitoba Ag Ex (Brandon)

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January 31 – February 2, 2019

Westman Multicultural Festival
(Brandon)

February 16 – 17, 2019

Skate the Lake (Minnedosa)



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A full-page photograph of a golfer in mid-swing on a golf course. The golfer is wearing a dark blue polo shirt, patterned shorts, a light-colored cap, and sunglasses. He is captured from the back, showing his powerful swing. The background features a lush green golf course with trees and a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the distance, a golf cart is visible on a path.

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*Main: Souris & Glenwood Community Golf Course;
Left: Townsend Valley Golf Course, Melita;
Bottom: Minnedosa Golf & Country Club*



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It's interesting to note that the **Clear Lake Golf Course** was built in two stages over a six year period between 1928 and 1934 when it opened to the public. Situated on the east end of Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park, this course boasts being one of the most unique and beautiful courses in Manitoba.

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| BELMONT | Pleasant Valley Golf Club | (204) 537-2487 | 18 | 5874 | 71/71 | YES |
| BINSCARTH | Binscarth Golf Club | (204) 532-2480 | 9 | 1715 | 35/34 | NO |
| BIRTLE | Birtle Riverside Golf Club | (204) 842-5364 | 9 | 2615 | 35/34 | YES |
| BOISSEVAIN | Boissevain Golf Club | (204) 534-2365 | 9 | 2700 | 34/33 | YES |
| BRANDON | Deer Ridge Golf Course | (204) 726-1545 | 9 | 5276 | 35/35 | YES |
| BRANDON | Glen Lea Golf Club | (204) 728-9090 | 18 | 5609 | 72/70 | YES |
| BRANDON | Northern Pines Golf Course | (204) 728-6967 | 9 | 1915 | 32/31 | YES |
| BRANDON | Sunnyside Golf Club | (204) 728-2374 | 18 | 6193 | 70/72 | YES |
| BRANDON | Wheat City Golf Course | (204) 729-2177 | 18 | 6067 | 72/71 | YES |
| CARBERRY | Carberry Sandhills Golf & Country Club | (204) 834-2325 | 9 | 3228 | 36/36 | YES |
| CARTWRIGHT | Cartwright Town & Country Club | (204) 529-2260 | 9 | 2427 | 35/35 | YES |
| CROMER | Cromer Golf Course | (204) 556-2620 | 9 | 2496 | 34/34 | NO |
| DELORAINE | Deloraine Golf & Country Club | (204) 747-2411 | 9 | 2933 | 36/36 | YES |
| ELGIN | Whitewater Centennial Park & Golf Course | (204) 769-2404 | 9 | 1345 | 30/29 | NO |
| ELKHORN | Elkhorn Golf & Country Club | (204) 845-2161 | 9 | 2530 | 35/33 | NO |
| GLADSTONE | Gladstone Golf & Country Club | (204) 385-2998 | 9 | 3180 | 39/36 | YES |
| GLENBORO | Glenboro Golf & Country Club | (204) 827-2856 | 9 | 3020 | 36/35 | YES |
| HAMIOTA | Hamiota Golf Club | (204) 764-2341 | 9 | 2404 | 33/33 | YES |
| HARTNEY | Hartney Golf Club | (204) 858-2011 | 9 | 2783 | 36/35 | YES |
| KILLARNEY | Killarney Lakeside Golf Course | (204) 523-8277 | 18 | 6180 | 71/71 | YES |
| MACGREGOR | MacGregor Town & Country Golf Club | (204) 685-2600 | 9 | 2936 | 38/35 | YES |
| MELITA | Townsend Valley Golf Course | (204) 522-3820 | 9 | 3063 | 37/35 | YES |
| MINIOTA | Miniota Golf Club | (204) 567-3553 | 9 | 1947 | 32/32 | YES |
| MINNEDOSA | Minnedosa Golf & Country Club | 1-888-867-3151 | 18 | 6452 | 72/72 | YES |
| NEEPAWA | Neepawa Golf & Country Club | (204) 476-5711 | 18 | 6538 | 72/72 | YES |
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| ONANOLE | Lakewood Hills Golf Course | (204) 848-2450 | 9 | 2806 | 36/35 | YES |
| ONANOLE | Poplar Ridge Golf Course | (204) 848-2382 | 18 | 6642 | 75/72 | YES |
| PILOT MOUND | Pilot Mound Town & Country Golf Club | (204) 825-2766 | 9 | 3012 | 36/36 | YES |
| RAPID CITY | Valleyview Golf Club | (204) 826-2515 | 9 | 3063 | 35/34 | YES |
| RESTON | Reston Golf Course | (204) 877-3511 | 9 | 2843 | 34/34 | YES |
| RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK | Clear Lake Golf Course | (204) 848-4653 | 18 | 6076 | 75/72 | YES |
| RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK | Elkhorn Resort Golf Course | 1-866-355-4676 | 9 | 1500 | 30/30 | YES |
| RIVERS | Riverdale Golf & Country Club | (204) 328-7122 | 9 | 3061 | 72/70 | YES |
| SANDY LAKE | Sandy Lake Golf Course | (204) 585-5227 | 9 | 2885 | 38/34 | YES |
| SHILO | Shilo Country Club | (204) 765-3623 | 18 | 6605 | 71/72 | YES |
| SHOAL LAKE | Lakeside Golf Club | (204) 759-2002 | 9 | 3040 | 37/36 | YES |
| SOURIS | Souris & Glenwood Community Golf Course | (204) 483-2956 | 9 | 3098 | 36/35 | YES |
| VIRDEN | Virden Wellview Golf Club | (204) 748-1721 | 9 | 3110 | 36/36 | YES |
| WASKADA | Waskada Golf Club | (204) 673-2699 | 6 | 1536 | 22/22 | NO |

* All of the above highlighted courses are members of Tourism Westman and can be found in the Tee Up Westman Booklet!



Nepawa Golf & Country Club

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Main: Fun in the Park, Boissevain; Left: Farmer's Market, Minnedosa; Top: Neepawa Swimming Pool.

The delighted squeals of children serve as the soundtrack for some of the area's most popular all ages attractions and events, offering not only recreational outlets but also opportunities for cultural enrichment and awareness. If you're looking for somewhere to take the kids this summer, be sure to consider this line up of attractions and events.

The opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of domestic and exotic animals awaits at the **Westwood Ranch Garden Centre** in Elkhorn. Lemurs, llamas, wallaroos and even a zebra are among the menagerie of species that make their home at the ranch. The garden centre includes seven greenhouses, a gift shop & snack stop. Great for a family day trip, the ranch is also available for group tours and school bookings.

You can expect a day of outdoor fun with a slate of interactive features for your youngsters when you visit **Meandher Creek Pumpkin Patch** northwest of Oak Lake. Promoted as the place "where fun grows", the Patch opens for September and October each year featuring a corn maze, hay bale fun park, a rubber duck race track, train rides, and also a selection of farm produce and baked goods. Reap a bountiful harvest of fun for all at the pumpkin patch.

With a weekend that kicks off with hundreds of children filling the streets for a bicycle parade the **Minnedosa Family Fun Fest** is a popular event that many families await with excitement every year. Bringing vitality to the heart of the business district, the festival features a street market, live music, a family fun zone at Tanner's Crossing Park and more. Many community organizations also plug into the event with their own contributions to the weekend, held typically during the second weekend in July.

If you can't get to the nearest lake, there are still plenty of options to cool off when the mercury rises each summer. When the temperatures climb, Westman is home to a number of both indoor and **outdoor waterparks**. In Souris, the heated outdoor waterpark features four slides, a lazy river and beach entry that makes the pool accessible to all ages and mobility levels. In Wawanessa, the pool and waterpark is located in the community park and features a five lane junior Olympic pool, deck sprays and a ten foot diving board.

Of course, if it's water recreation that you're after, one of Westman's premiere destinations is Brandon's **Community Sportsplex**. This facility is home to an arena, 50-metre accessible swimming pool with waterslide, and multi-level diving boards, as well as racquetball courts and track and field facilities. Also in Brandon is the **Dood Cristall Family YMCA** which has been recently renovated with a 25-metre lap pool, recreational waterpark with lazy river, spray features and waterslide.

See also the Westman Reptile Gardens and the Riverbank Discovery Centre, featured in "Be Sure to See Our Stars" on page 6.

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*Left: Gladstone Pool;
Bottom: Melita Outdoor Pool.*



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Treat YOUR
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Main: Blarney Stone Pub & Restaurant, Killarney;
Bottom: Farmery Brewery, Neepawa.



With selections that vary from hearty traditional cuisine to dishes which you might only expect to find at trendy bistros in the city, western Manitoba is home to a diverse menu of dining options for even the most discerning palate. In fact, a number of our restaurants and cafes have been featured in the "From Scratch" culinary tourism booklet and offer up some of the finest dishes you will find across the country.

Breathing new life into a former village church, **DiviniTea Gift & Tea House** is a must stop, shop and eat destination in Mather. Showcasing the talents of local crafters and artisans, this is a site for delectables and collectibles. With home-cooked breakfasts, lunch specials and desserts; stop in if you're hungry, or just need a little retail therapy.

Expect a small town diner with a home-style menu and homemade food when you visit **The Gardens** at Elkhorn. Offering friendly service, good food and excellent value, the Gardens is most famous for its signature "Best Damn Denver Sandwich" which has received worldwide endorsement. Holding the distinction as the first Manitoba restaurant for eastbound travellers from Saskatchewan, the establishment features menu items for young and the young at heart alike.

If you crave the taste sensations of dishes made from scratch, then Virden's **Gopher Creek Coffee Company** is where you should be headed on your next outing. In-house prepared cakes and other specialties including vegan and gluten-free dishes highlight the menu and a wide variety of specialty coffees and teas are sure to hit the spot. Be sure to check out themed cooking classes hosted by our chefs.

A traditional German buffet awaits you at **Hansel and Gretel's Schnitzel House** in Brandon. Enjoy authentic German schnitzels, homemade bratwurst sausage, spaetzli, sauerkraut and many other Bavarian and Canadian favorites. You'll understand why reservations are recommended when you sample the homemade daily desserts, a pint of beer or a glass of wine all set to the tune of traditional German music. Order from the full menu, or treat yourself to the buffet.

Make time to wander through the award-winning gift shop with its artful displays filled with vintage furnishings, trendy home décor and vibrant personal accessories at **Lady of the Lake Shop, Café & Pub** in Brandon. Their menu features locally sourced, seasonal ingredients to create some unique artisanal dishes. Be sure to visit Talia, the teacup truck; a vintage farm truck beautifully decorated in a tea cup mosaic, dedicated to the love of tea!

Boissevain's **Sawmill Tea & Coffee Company** is a place with a special purpose. Created as a site to develop social connections in the community and skills training for people with intellectual disabilities, this popular establishment operates with two staff and a supporting cast of volunteers. With a menu that varies daily, you're sure to find a dish to satisfy your palate on each visit. **Handcrafter's Gift Shop** on site; a full-scale woodworking shop selling furniture & other wood crafts and treasures!

Prairie Firehouse, located in the heart of Brandon and in the city's old fire station pays homage to the historic building by keeping as much of the original fixtures as possible. The atmosphere is warm, inviting and a great place to celebrate local culture with friends & family. The menu focuses on local traditions while embracing the idea that food can be a little adventurous. The Old Fire Hall is brought to a new age with live entertainment, delicious food, great drinks & a little edge!

The draw of the wood-fired specialty pizzas might pique your interest to visit the **Woodfire Deli** in Souris, but the experience that awaits is so much greater. A full service restaurant and specialty grocery market, the café was inspired by the real food movement incorporating a flavourful combination of textures, tastes and spices for unique dishes that go beyond the basic deli fare. Offering catering and hosting workshops, expect a hip, urban experience on the prairies with a visit to this flavour destination.

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Explore southwestern Manitoba and experience the tastes of Westman when you visit these great dining venues. But this is just the tip of the iceberg. Be sure to explore other eateries during your stay and you may find that you have a new vacation favorite for future trips.



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A man in a blue jacket is crouching on the left, tending to a campfire. A young boy in a green shirt is sitting on the right, watching the fire. The fire is burning brightly in a stone fire pit, with many sparks flying upwards. The background is dark, suggesting a forest at night.

Summer nights by a
CAMPFIRE



Main: Family Camping; Left: Lions Riverbend Park, Neepawa; Top: Deloraine Elks Campground.



Enjoy Manitoba's clear and starry skies with the crackle of a camp fire in your ears and the company of those you hold dear this summer. Our region is home to some of the finest settings for camping and getting back to nature. Whether your camping preferences are roughing it in a tent, or you lean more toward the latest trend of "glam-ping", maintaining a level of the comforts of home while you travel, you're sure to find a campground that will become a favorite for years to come.

Situated just nine kilometres south of the Trans-Canada highway is the prairie oasis known as **Oak Island Resort**. With 400 seasonal campsites available, visitors have access to a public beach, swimming pools, splash pad, mini golf as well as the Oak Island Golf Course – one of Manitoba's finest 18 hole courses. Oak Lake is observed as a fisherman's paradise all year round – offering pickerel, northern pike and perch.

Recognized as a premiere destination for water sports enthusiasts, **Happyland Campground** situated on the north shore of Pelican Lake is a popular summer destination for families and individuals each year. Featuring 65 sites – serviced and unserviced options are available for visitors including electrical and water hook ups. If you are looking for a getaway to enjoy windsurfing, sailing, boating and water skiing, be sure to keep this spot in mind.

Conveniently located on the Trans-Canada Highway at Brandon's North Hill, **Meadowlark Campground** is home to 75 sites with both 30 and 50 amp full hook ups. A laundromat as well as clean showers and washrooms, a small convenience store and wireless internet access on site add to your comfort during your visit. Open from April to October, Meadowlark is a popular destination for travellers criss-crossing the prairies each year.

Not far from Riding Mountain National Park, **Sandy Lake Campground** is centrally located and offers a great summer getaway with a varied slate of attractions and activities. A popular year-round destination for hunting, snowmobiling and ice fishing, Sandy Lake is a busy place in the summer as everyone residing locally is just a short walk from the boat launches, swimming, and beautiful picnic sites.

Spacious and shaded sites are the highlight for the **Shady Oaks R.V. Resort & Campground**, located on the Trans-Canada Highway between Brandon and Portage La Prairie near Austin. This campground features cabin rentals, a heated pool, modern shower facilities and WiFi service for those that want to stay connected.

Whether rest and relaxation is on the menu or you're looking for a more active adventure during your vacation, the **Riverside Park and Campground** in Birtle might have just what you're looking for. Offering 32 serviced camp sites, this venue offers tennis on plexi-pave courts, a sloping sandy beach, kayaking, walking trails and picnic areas.

See also "Be Sure To See Our Stars" on page 6 and "At Peace in the Great Outdoors" on page 30 for more great camping destinations.



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Park*

A vibrant scene at a campsite. In the foreground, a child in a blue shirt and a bright green helmet is riding a bicycle. To the right, another child is riding a purple bicycle. In the background, a man in a light blue shirt and a woman in a black tank top are standing near a white car. A dog is lying on the grass. A white RV is parked behind them. The scene is set in a green, wooded area.

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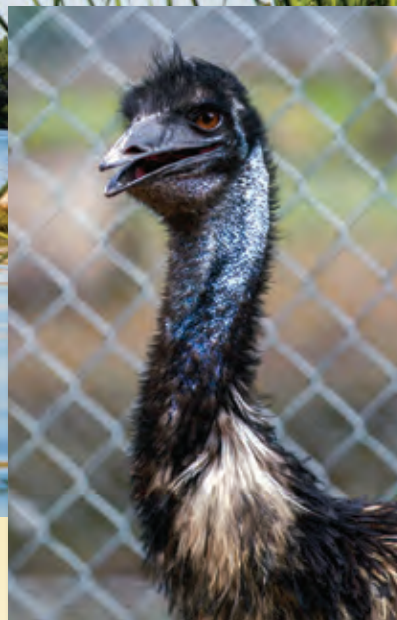
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| Manitoba Agricultural Museum Campground Austin · (204) 637-2354 | | 64 | | | | • | M | | | | | | | | • |
| Argyle Centennial Park – Baldur · (204) 535-2176 | 12 | 8 | | | 15 | • | M | • | | • | | | | | |
| Birtle Riverside Park – Birtle · 800-417-1022 | 4 | 18 | 13 | | 15/30 | • | M, N | | P, B | • | | | • | | • |
| Boissevain Lions Campground Boissevain · (204) 534-6472 | | | 12 | 22 | 15/30 | • | M | • | P | • | | | • | | • |
| Aspen Grove Campground – Brandon · (204) 855-2260 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 181 | 30/50 | • | M | • | P | • | • | | • | • | |
| Grand Valley Park & Campground – Brandon · (204) 573-3798 | 10 | 20 | 6 | | 15 | • | M | | | | | | • | | • |
| Meadowlark Campground – Brandon · (204) 728-7205 | | | 10 | 65 | 15/30/50 | • | M | • | | • | • | | | • | • |
| Turtle Crossing Campground – Brandon · (204) 571-0750 | 50 | | 100 | 65 | 15/30 | • | M | • | | • | • | | • | • | • |
| Heritage Park Campground – Cartwright · (204) 529-2363 | | | 10 | | 15/30/50 | | M | • | B | • | • | | | | |
| Rock Lake Campground – Cartwright · 529-2365 | | | 9 | 13 | 15/30 | | M | • | B | • | • | • | | | |
| Deloraine Elks Campground – Deloraine · (204) 747-2416 | 15 | 28 | 6 | | 30 | • | M | • | P | • | | | • | | • |
| Whitewater Recreational Park & Golf Course Elgin · (204) 741-0905 | | | 18 | | 20 | • | M | | B | • | • | • | • | | |
| Elkhorn Campground – Elkhorn · (204) 845-2161 | 10 | | | 10 | 30 | • | M | | | • | | | • | | • |
| Erickson Campground – Erickson · (204) 636-2431 | 23 | | | 12 | 30 | | M | • | | • | | | • | | • |
| Williams Park Campground – Gladstone · (204) 385-2332 | | 12 | 35 | | 15/30 | • | M | • | P | • | • | | • | | • |
| Spirit Sands Lodging RV Park Glenboro · (204) 827-2607 | | | | 12 | 15/30 | • | | • | | • | | | • | | |
| Hamiota Municipal Park – Hamiota · (204) 764-3050 | 9 | 10 | | 45 | 30 | • | M | • | P | • | • | | • | • | • |
| Hartney Swimming Pool & Campground Hartney · (204) 858-2536 | | | | 18 | 30 | • | M | • | P | • | | | • | | • |
| International Peace Garden Campground International Peace Garden · (204) 534-2510 | 6 | 8 | 20 | | 15/20 | • | M | • | | • | | | • | | • |
| Killarney Ag Society Campground Killarney · (204) 523-4699 | | | 20 | 89 | 20/30 | • | M | • | B | • | | • | • | • | • |
| Kerry Park Campground – Killarney · (204) 523-6000 | | 32 | | 138 | 15/30 | • | M | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| River Park Campground – Melita · (204) 522-3413 | | | 25 | | 15/30/50 | • | M | • | P | • | • | • | • | | • |
| Sourisford Municipal Park – Melita · (204) 522-3263 | | | 2 | | | | N | • | | • | | • | | | |
| L & F Campground – Melita · (204) 522-3183 | | | | 15 | 30/50 | • | | • | P | • | • | | | • | |
| Miniota Campground – Miniota · (204) 567-3553 | | | 11 | | 15/30 | • | M | • | | • | | | • | | |

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| Minnedosa Campground – Minnedosa · (204) 867-3450 | 32 | 31 | 62 | 29 | 15/30 | • | M | • | B | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Lions Riverbend Park – Neepawa · (204) 476-7676 | 5 | 26 | 15 | 16 | 15/30/50 | • | M | • | P | • | | | • | | • |
| Happyland Campground – Ninette · (204) 528-2653 | 30 | | 18 | 8 | 15/30 | • | M | • | B | • | | • | • | | |
| Pelican Lake Riviera – Ninette · (204) 724-4456 | | | | 20 | 30 | | | | B | • | | • | • | • | |
| Pelican Shores RV Park – Ninette · (204) 528-2624 | | | 51 | 51 | 30/50 | • | | • | B | • | • | • | • | • | |
| Oak Island Resort – Oak Lake · (204) 855-2307 | | | 63 | 238 | 30 | • | M | • | P, B | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Deleau-Sifton Centennial Park – Oak Lake · (204) 855-2423 | | | | | | | N | | | • | | | | | |
| Strathcona Park – Pelican Lake · (204) 537-2583 | | 30 | 10 | | 15/30 | • | M | | B | • | • | • | • | | • |
| Pierson Campground – Pierson · (204) 634-2231 | | 6 | 6 | | 15/30 | • | M | • | | • | • | | • | | |
| Community Campground – Pipestone · (204) 854-2978 | | 12 | | | 30 | | M, N | • | | • | | | | | • |
| Rapid City Centennial Park – Rapid City · (204) 826-2679 | | 8 | | | 30 | | M | | B | • | • | • | • | | • |
| Reston Campground – Reston · (204) 877-3327 | | | 20 | | | • | M, N | • | | • | | | | | • |
| Sleep-Eze Park – Reston · (204) 877-3187 | | | 4 | | | | N | • | | • | | | • | | |
| Rivers Provincial Park – Rivers · 1-888-482-2267 | 11 | 18 | | 30 | 15/30 | • | M, N | • | B | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Last Resort Campground – Sandy Lake · (204) 585-2725 | | | | 46 | 30 | • | M | • | B | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Sandy Lake Lions Campground Sandy Lake · (204) 585-2525 | | 29 | 26 | | 30 | • | M | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| Sandy Lake Motel & Campground Sandy Lake · (204) 585-2595 | | | | 20 | 30 | • | M | • | B | • | | | • | • | |
| Lakeview Park – Shoal Lake · (204) 759-2629 | 8 | 12 | 4 | | 15/30 | • | M | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| Marshall Chambers Park – Shoal Lake · (204) 759-2565 | 5 | | 22 | | 15/30 | • | M | • | B | • | • | • | • | | |
| Shady Oaks Campground – Sidney · (204) 466-2777 | 40 | 33 | 7 | 18 | 15/30 | • | M | • | P | • | • | | • | | • |
| Victoria Park – Souris · (204) 483-5212 | | | 60 | 5 | 15/30 | • | M | • | P | • | • | | • | | • |
| Kiche Manitou Campground Spruce Woods Provincial Park · 1-888-482-2267 | 87 | 107 | | | 15/30 | • | M, N | • | B | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Salt Lake/Thomas Lake – Strathclair · (204) 365-2196 | | 40 | | | 20/30 | | M | | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| Adam Lake Campground Turtle Mountain Provincial Park · 1-888-482-2267 | 24 | 45 | 36 | | 15/30/50 | • | M, N | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| Max Lake Campground Turtle Mountain Provincial Park · 1-888-482-2267 | 19 | | | | | • | M, N | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |
| Virten Lions Park – Virten · (204) 851-1371 | 12 | | 19 | 40 | 15/30 | • | M | • | | • | | | • | | • |
| Waskada Park – Waskada · (204) 673-2401 | | | 3 | 2 | | • | M | • | | • | | | | | • |
| Wawanesa Lions Park – Wawanesa · (204) 824-2513 | 15 | 12 | 15 | | 30 | • | M | • | P | • | | | • | • | • |
| William Lake Provincial Park William Lake · 1-888-482-2267 | 52 | | | | | • | M, N | • | B | • | | • | • | | • |

CAMPGROUND LEGEND: SWIMMING: B = Beach P = Pool • WASHROOMS: M = Modern N = Non-modern



Chart your own
ADVENTURE



*Main: Killarney Wilderness Trail;
Top: Killarney Lake; Right: Bird
Sanctuary, Neepawa.*

Though western Manitoba is home to a number of scheduled events and popular attractions that greet thousands of visitors each year, you may find that your rural adventure calls you to explore some of the region's unpopulated wilderness for an escape that is all your own. **Exploring trails, watching wildlife, or even spending time on the prairie soil** that still appears as it did a century ago offers a self-directed expedition that will nourish your soul.

A birder's paradise awaits in southern Manitoba, with important **bird watching areas identified in the communities of Pierson, Melita and Boissevain** as well as the plains between these communities. This region attracts bird enthusiasts from around the world to visit the Manitoba Grasslands Birding Trail for an opportunity to spot some of the region's native upland birds including pheasants, partridges and prairie chickens. At the center of this birding oasis is Whitewater Lake, a seasonal home to a number of migratory fowl.

Walking tours through the scenic cliffs that border the valley community of Wawanesa, or exploring the river by canoe are two popular activities for visitors to Seddon's Landing. This site allows you to see the community just as David Thompson may have when he surveyed the area for the North West Company in 1797.

Seventeen miles of recreational trails connect the communities of Ninette and Belmont on the Strathcona Centennial Trail which follows the path of the previous rail line right of way. Travellers can access the trail at various points to experience the diverse prairie ecosystems from agricultural prairies to wetlands and enjoy sightseeing on foot, bicycle, ATV, or even by snowmobile in winter months.

Hamiota is home to two trails, each offering a distinct experience for visitors. The Chumah Trail takes visitors west of the community. With more tree and bush cover, this is a popular choice for cross country skiers in winter and provides a great venue for birdwatching as well as enjoying prairie grasslands and native vegetation in summer. The Pitlockery Trail takes visitors east of town to experience the prairie wetlands and experience the sights and sounds of migratory waterfowl that make their summer home here.

An urban trail system, the **Assiniboine Riverbank Trail System stretches 17 kilometres through the heart of the city of Brandon**. The trail system ranges from natural river bottom forest to paved, illuminated walkways with access to sports sites as well as local dining and shopping venues. Make a day of it and plan for a picnic at any of the parks and outdoor shelters that accompany the trail.



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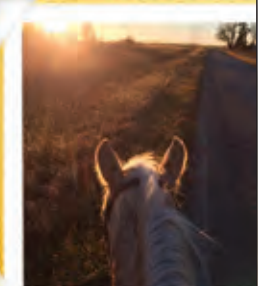
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Erin Park, Killarney

A sandy beach with large playground and picnic area already contributed to **Erin Park's** reputation as a summer hotspot in Killarney. The addition of a recently constructed spray park and the nearby access to the Beach Hut restaurant and adjacent mini golf course as well as ample camping opportunities in and around the park create additional opportunities for recreation and leisure during your stay.

Straddling the Canada – U.S. border, **Lake Metigoshe** welcomes visitors from all parts of North America to celebrate the unique relationship between our two neighbouring nations. But more than just public beaches greet you upon arrival. Metigoshe's reputation as a tourist hot spot have contributed to the development of restaurants, vendors, groceries, play areas, boardwalk, picnic area and observation tower with interpretive trails. Water recreation on site is merely part of the attraction.

Dubbed Manitoba's Valley Paradise, it's a reputation that the community has certainly earned because of the popularity of **Minnedosa Beach**. Situated on the eastern shore of Minnedosa Lake, a man-made reservoir along the Little Saskatchewan River, the beach welcomes visitors as soon as the temperatures make water recreation possible. Recognized as western Canada's premiere venue for paddling and rowing, the lake is regularly used by kayakers, dragon boaters and other water sport activities.

Boasting its status as the largest navigable body of water in Southwest Manitoba, measuring 22 kilometres long and 2.5 kilometres wide, **Pelican Lake** is great for swimming and boating, but is also popular with fishermen and bird watchers. The geography of the area makes this lake a premiere destination for wind surfing and sailing and is even home to its own yacht club that hosts regattas and races each year. Ever wanted to learn how to sail? Pelican Lake offers a premiere destination for those who want to pick up that skill with sailing lessons offered each summer.

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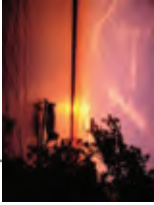
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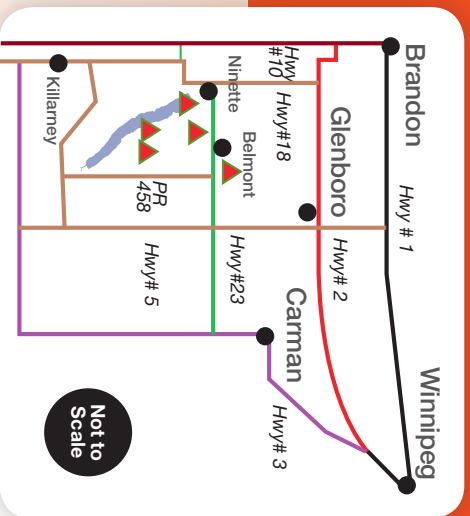
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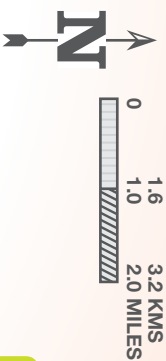
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While rural Manitoba is readily recognized as a favorable destination in summer, **the volume and variety of available recreation does not wilt with the changing of the seasons.** In fact, it's possible that Southwest Manitoba is even busier in the winter with the arrival of snow.

The annual **Westman Multicultural Festival** in Brandon is a three day event held each year in late January/Early February which celebrates the cultural mosaic that makes up the population of our region. Offered for free to all who attend, the cultural celebration includes samplings of traditional food and presentations of culture and the arts from a broad mix of cultures that make up the fabric of our modern prairie communities.

Many communities in the region have developed a network of groomed trails that create ideal conditions for **snowmobile** use across the southwest corner. Through the participation of locally-based clubs, or as an individual, there is an active network of routes to be enjoyed whether you are looking to get your pulse racing for just an hour or two or you crave a more adventurous expedition.

The gentle elevation changes and light foliage that decorate the landscape make **cross country skiing** a popular activity among winter outdoor lovers. Whether accessing established community trails, or carving your own path across the fresh snowfall that blankets the prairies, many enjoy skiing as an individual or as a group every winter.

If downhill skiing is more your speed, **Ski Valley**, just north of Minnedosa offers an automated chair lift to the top of the peaks for your choice of nine groomed trails to test any skill level. Popular with traditional skiers as well as snowboarders, this destination offers lessons and equipment rentals for those experiencing this popular winter pastime for the first time.

The **Power Smart Waterfall of Lights** in Brandon sets the stage for an outdoor winter venue that is decorated with beautiful light displays which provide a welcoming setting for outdoor skating at the West end of McGregor Avenue. Open seasonally from December through February depending on weather the site includes music, fire pits, warm up shacks and washroom facilities to meet the needs of all guests.

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A 1914 farmhouse sitting on a prairie waterway is the setting for the **Fairmount Bed & Breakfast** located near Basswood. The site lends itself to relaxation with a close up view of area wildlife, relaxation on the back deck or in the screened sun room, and a night time view of the moon reflected on the water. The menu of food selections offer choices made on site from scratch using many ingredients grown right on the farm. The Fairmount also offers “hands on” culinary tourism packages from time to time.

Experience the best of life on the homestead with a visit to **Fraser Family Farm** near Minto. The family-operated farm features a relaxing atmosphere with fun-filled adventure for all visitors. Stay in your own cabin and enjoy hearty, home-cooked meals. Get up close and personal with animals such as goats, rabbits, horses, chickens, ducks and turkeys. Situated close to a number of area attractions at Boissevain, Killarney and Souris the farm is also a great place to stay while visiting the region.

If your vacation requires a destination that allows you to refresh and recharge, then the **Journey Home Artist Retreat** at Waldersee may be just what the doctor ordered. Offering yurt accommodation set out in the country, 45 minutes northeast of Neepawa, Journey Home offers not only packages and rates for nightly stays but also experiential packages for "Health and Wellness", "Creative Recovery" and culinary offerings.

A guest house which sleeps groups of up to eight people, the **River Crossing Guest House** located near Wawanesa at the Treesbank Crossing offers rustic accommodation with endless opportunities to explore nature. Open year round, the facility offers year round recreation from canoeing and hiking in the summer to snowshoeing and snowmobiling in the winter. More than a rental cottage, this is a vacation retreat.

If sustainability and your relationship to the Earth is a focus for you, then you may want to discover the **Room to Grow Guesthouse** at Boissevain. Situated on one hundred and sixty acres of organically managed woodland, you're invited to make the entire property your home during your stay. Everything from water and waste management to heating and appliances in the guest houses considers the environment. Experiential packages offered include wilderness skills, organic farming, as well as orientation in medicinal and culinary herbs at their on-site greenhouse.



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Check out this list of 22 popular fishing destinations (page 88) and the game that you can hope to catch on your next outing.

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Assiniboine River

Burbot, Channel Catfish, Freshwater Drum, Goldeye, Northern Pike, Perch, Sturgeon, Walleye

Birdtail River

Northern Pike

Boissevain Reservoir

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Bower Lake

Rainbow Trout

Elgin Reservoir

Brown Trout, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye, Bullhead

George Lake

Smallmouth Bass, Northern & Yellow Pike, Whitefish

Killarney Lake

Bullhead, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch

Lake Irwin

Carp, Northern Pike, Walleye

Lake Metigoshe

Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye, Catfish, Bullhead, Bluegills

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Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Minnedosa Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Oak Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye

Pelican Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye, Carp

Rock Lake

Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye, Carp

Sandy Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Little Saskatchewan River

Burbot, Goldeye, Northern Pike, Perch, Sturgeon, Walleye, Whitefish

Shoal Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye

Souris River

Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye, Bullhead

Turtle Head Dam (Deloraine Reservoir)

Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye

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Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye, Rock Bass

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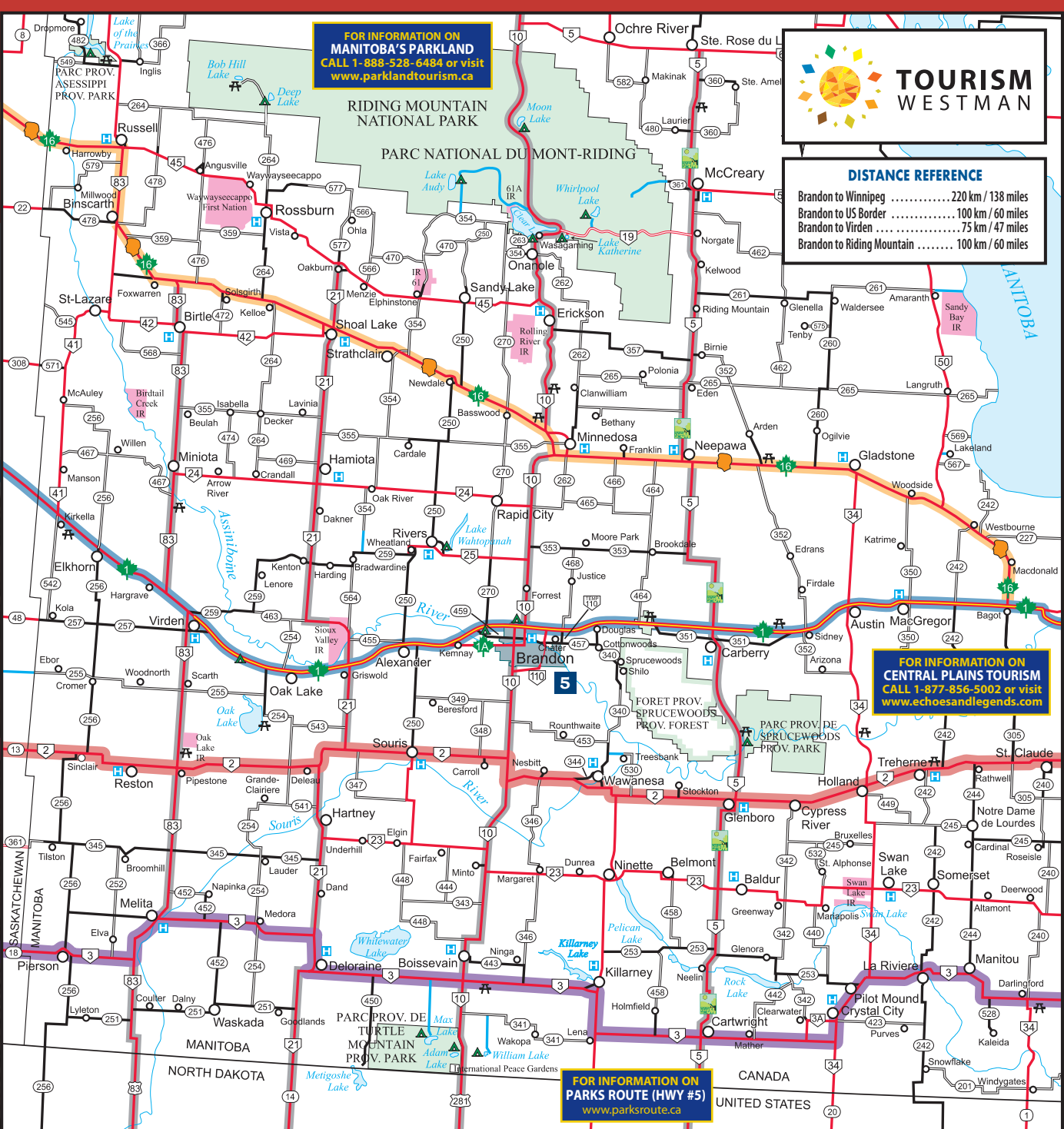
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3 **TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY**
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4 **YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY**
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