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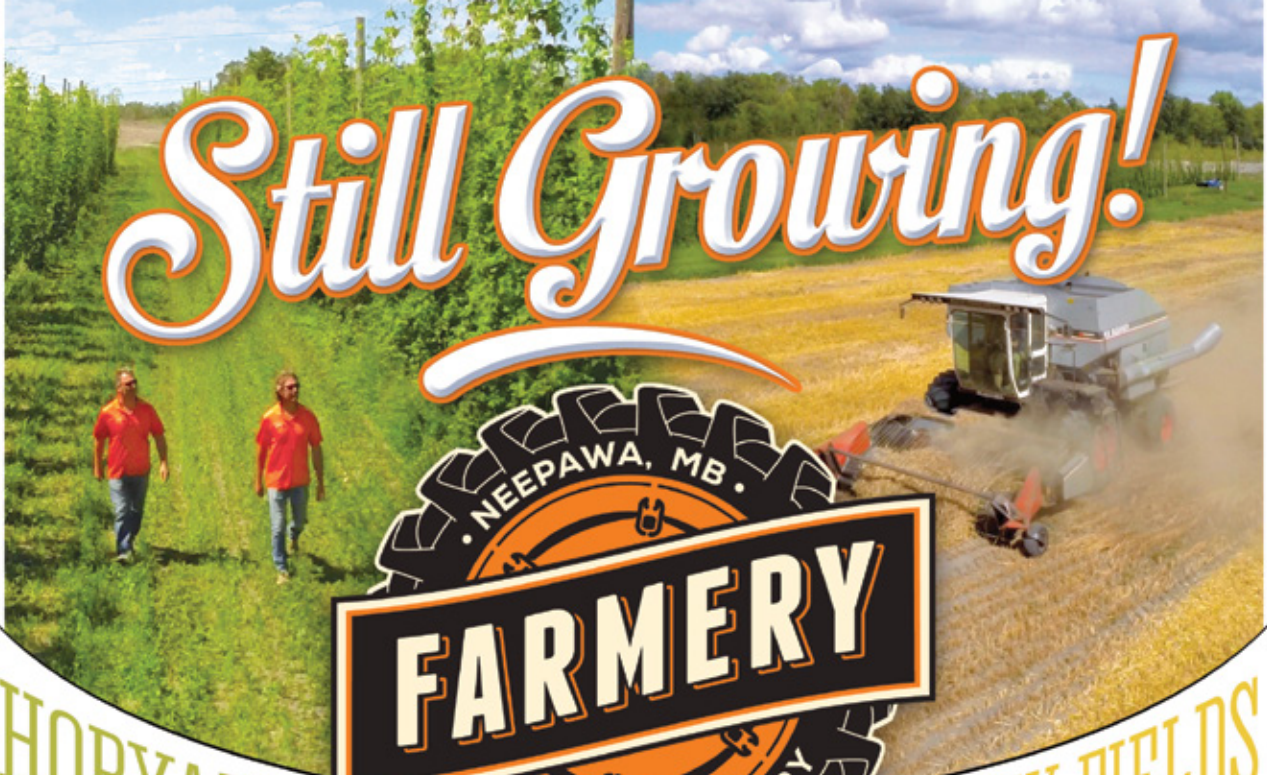
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In rural Manitoba, we don't customarily toot our own horn, but being home to these outstanding venues, we are proud to lay claim to 12 of the Province's 63 Star Attractions. Offering a unique and iconic experience for visitors, you don't want to miss these destinations during your stay.

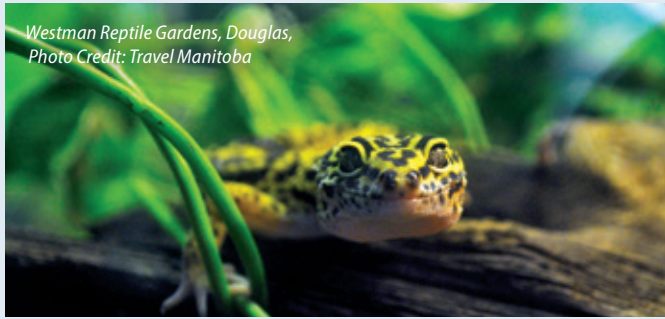
The Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum is the only museum in Canada dedicated entirely to the airmen who trained and fought for the Commonwealth during World War II. Showcasing aircraft, artifacts and memorabilia from the time period, it's easy to see why this site has been named one of only six designated 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. **ATTENTION CANADIAN RESIDENTS:** *Visiting the International Peace Garden is considered international travel. Before returning to Canada, you must use ArriveCAN (free App or website) to submit mandatory information regardless of your vaccination status or how long you've been away. As always, please bring your passport or driver's license with birth certificate to present at customs upon departure. Restrictions or access may change at any time – for current status, please call the Canadian Border Services Agency at (204) 534-6820.*

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.



Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum, Brandon



Westman Reptile Gardens, Douglas,
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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.

For a taste of the exotic, the **Westman Reptile Gardens** offers an up close and interactive experience with a wide array of reptiles, amphibians, arachnids and bugs. With a menagerie of animals including alligators, crocodiles, giant pythons, cobras, rattlesnakes and more, visitors are treated to a fun and educational introduction to many animal species. Expect the unexpected when you visit the gardens in Douglas, Manitoba.

After years of success in the food and beverage industry, Chris and Lawrence Warwaruk combined their farming experience with their service industry savvy and launched Farmery beer. Using natural, homegrown ingredients, they created a beer that encompasses the taste of the prairies and built North America's first estate brewery, **Farmery Estate Brewery** on their family farm near Neepawa. Visitors can see first-hand how the ingredients are grown and how the product is made from start to finish!

The **Manitoba Agricultural Museum** in Austin holds the largest collection of vintage farm machinery in Canada with more than 500 implements, most dating back to the Pioneer era of Manitoba. The Homesteaders' Village represents village life in the late 19th century with an 1883 schoolhouse, a post office that once served all of northwestern Manitoba, the typical log houses of the era, an elegant clapboard mansion, a general store, a railway station, and more! The Manitoba Agricultural Museum's annual festival, the Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion and Stampede, runs in late July featuring vintage farm machinery in action, daily machinery parade, children's activities, pioneer fashion show, music and more.

Visit **Sandhills Casino** near Carberry and you'll soon find out why it is an award-winning casino! With over 300 slot machines, Blackjack, Double Deck Blackjack, Roulette, and Live Poker for you to experience; their customer service is what sets them apart. Relish in the best dining experience in the area on site at Dunes restaurant, featuring themed buffet nights. Relax and enjoy yourself at Oasis Lounge; the perfect spot to relax with friends, catch a game on one of the big screens, or listen to free live music on weekends.



Watch for the Symbol

Wherever you see this symbol, you can be assured that you're on the right track to enjoy one of Manitoba's premier visitor experiences.



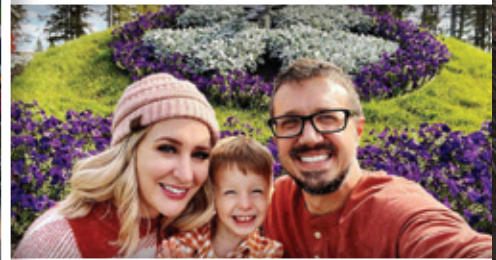
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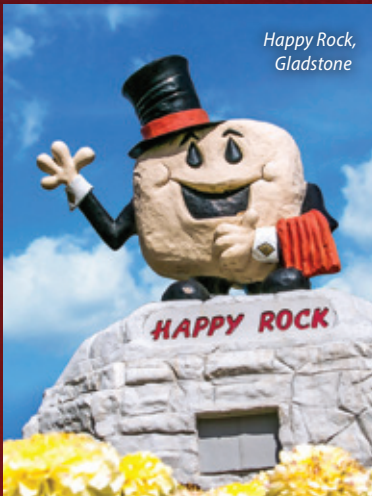




We're
LARGER
than life

Tommy Turtle,
Boissevain

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.



*Cabrea The Snow
Goose, Dunrea*

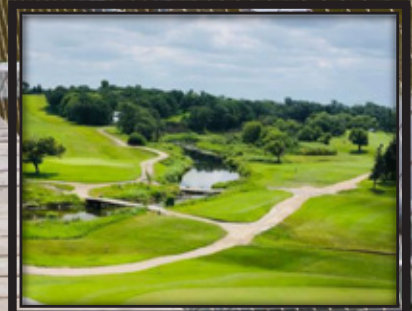
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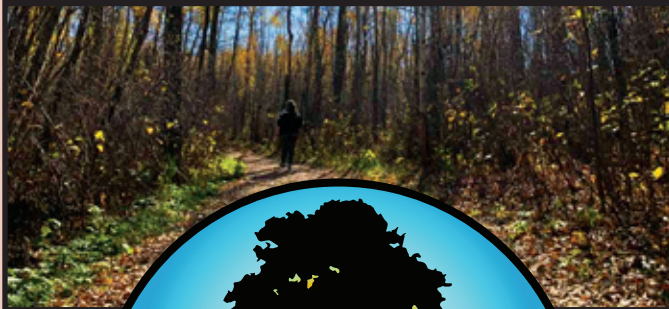
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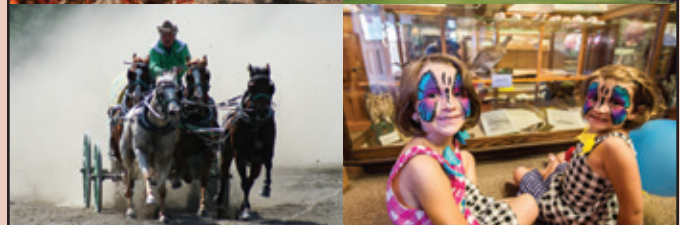
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A person with dark hair, wearing a black and white striped shirt, is seen from the back, looking out over a scenic landscape. The landscape features rolling hills with trees in various shades of green and yellow, suggesting an autumn setting. In the distance, a prominent cliff face is visible. The sky is a clear, light blue. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Their story
LIVES ON...

Clay Banks
Bison Jump,
Cartwright



Take a moment, standing in the wide open of the Manitoba prairie and imagine life here before the roads and rail carved a path across the plains to connect an emerging Province and country. A period of time when the livelihood of families was integrally connected to the land, water and wildlife nourished their bodies as well as their souls. This rich history can still be discovered when one takes the time to seek it out. Experience the Indigenous heritage of these traditional lands shared by the Dakota and Ojibway and the home of the Métis community.



Wakpa Tanka Look Out, Miniota

Re-discovered in 1992, the **Wakpa Tanka Look Out** near Miniota offers a rare opportunity to see a single component Indigenous campsite historically used by the Sioux First Nation. It is believed that this was the winter home to the First Nation, allowing them to take advantage of the river and access to food and resources to survive the harsh climate. This site, accessed by the Silver Bend trail is believed to be the only one of its kind in Canada. Guided tours can be booked by calling 204-567-3757 or e-mailing cdc@myprairieview.ca.

Hundreds of years ago, bison herds were plentiful across the prairies, and were critical to the survival of the people. It wasn't just for the meat that the animal would provide, but also the animal hides for clothing and shelter and nothing was left to waste when managing this precious resource. Hunting for these animals in the era before firearms were introduced to North America required strategy, stealth and the use of the area's geography to subdue their prey. One of these sites remains just north of Cartwright. The **Clay Banks Bison Jump** is a self-guided site featuring interpretive signage helping visitors to visualize the techniques used to hunt during this era.

Held annually on June 21 to honour the summer solstice, the **National Indigenous Peoples Day** celebrations in Brandon serve not only as a celebration of local Indigenous culture, but also as an opportunity to bring cultures together to engage and share the diversity of people that have contributed to the history and traditions of our land and our communities. This full day of cultural activities, entertainment and cuisine is free and welcomes guests of all nationalities and ages. The event promotes cross-cultural engagement for acceptance, collaboration and the preservation and advancement of Indigenous traditions.

On the corner of Broadway and South Railway Street in Boissevain, you will find a **Manitoba Heritage Council Plaque** in Commemoration of **Manitoba's first explorers**; Aboriginal people who entered the region from the south over 11,000 years ago. At that time, only a small portion of the province was accessible, as most of it was covered by an ice sheet or glacial lakes. These first people hunted now-extinct species of Ice Age animals and manufactured a distinctive style of stone spear point. The scarcity of such artifacts indicates that the earliest explorers were members of a small, highly mobile population whose territory included present-day southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

When visiting Brandon, you may find yourself wondering about the tipis you find about the City. The **Tipi Tours Legacy Project** features numerous large structures, decorated with the four colours of the traditional medicine wheel can be found around the city. Each one serves as a reminder of the relationship that we each have with ourselves. Originated in 2017, each tipi incorporates a different teaching that is relevant to the site where it stands. The project connects Brandon residents to the area's history as well as creates a unique visitor experience for guests to the city.



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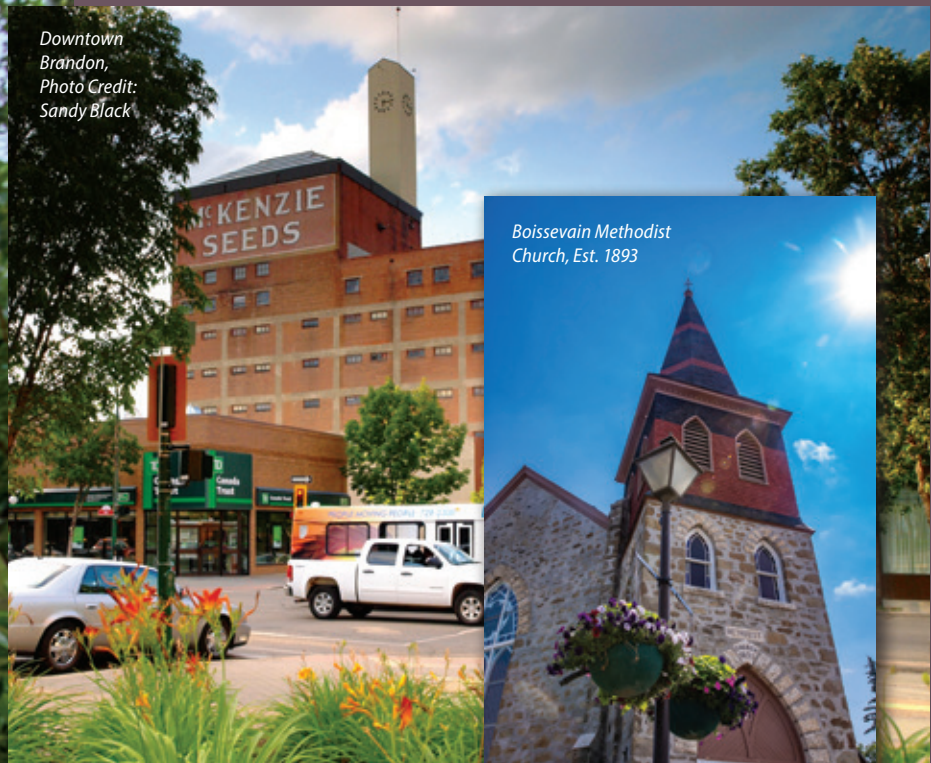
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*Downtown
 Brandon,
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 Sandy Black*

*Boissevain Methodist
 Church, Est. 1893*

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.

Recognized as the largest piece of unbroken prairie between the Turtle Mountains and the Souris River, the 25.1 acre **Low Family Natural Heritage Area** southeast of Waskada is open year round and offers an authentic, undisturbed representation of the prairie landscape. Visitors can experience the prairies just as the original First Nations residents and European settlers would have more than a century ago.

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.

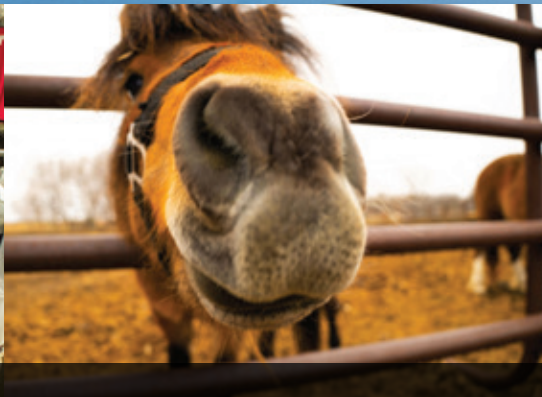
The history of power machinery is celebrated at the **Turtle Mountain Flywheel Historic Village** in Killarney. As many as one hundred engines are on display, ranging from a one horsepower unit to a Ruston-Hornsby diesel that powered the community's first Pool elevator. Open from spring to fall, the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

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Sandy Lake



Southwestern Manitoba is home to some of the most eclectic collections of our prairie past as featured in a number of museums throughout the region. Preserving the story of our journey from European settlement and rough life on the western frontier and the chapters of our lives since, **our museums maintain an important duty to ensure that our history is never forgotten.** We are also home to sites which celebrate the history and evolution of agriculture, automobiles, the railroad, regional policing, as well as our region's unique wildlife.

A celebration of culture and bird habitat on the prairies highlights a visit to the **Antler River Historical Museum** in Melita. Situated in one of the community's oldest buildings, the 1893 structure includes a vast collection of First Nations artifacts, a display featuring 325 mounted birds and displays which represent life at the start of the 20th century in Southwestern Manitoba. Open by appointment only, guests are encouraged to call to arrange a visit.

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 Antique 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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- Argyle Museum
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- Belmont & District Museum
204-537-2574
- Evergreen Firearms Museum
204-537-2647

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- Birdtail Country Museum
204-842-3363

Boissevain

- Beckoning Hills Museum
204-534-6813
- Chokecherry Junction
204-534-3797
- Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum
204-534-6662
- Kentner's Great Northern Railway Museum
204-534-2395
- North American Game Warden Museum
204-534-2510
- The Moncur Gallery
204-534-6689

Brandon

- Brandon General Museum & Archives
204-717-1415
- Carousels and Dolls Doll Museum
204-728-1245
- Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum
204-727-2444
- Daly House Museum
204-727-1722

- 26th Field Regiment RCA/XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum
204-728-2559

Carberry

- Carberry Plains Museum
204-834-2668
- The Seton Centre
204-834-2509

Cartwright

- Blacksmith Museum
204-529-2363
- Heritage Park Museums
204-529-2363

Crystal City

- Crystal City Printing Museum
204-873-2095

Elgin

- Elgin & District Historical Museum
204-873-2095

Elkhorn

- Manitoba Automobile Museum
204-845-2161

Foxwarren

- Foxwarren Museum
204-847-2080

Gladstone

- Gladstone and District Museum
204-385-2551

Glenboro

- Burrough Of The Gleann Museum and Archives
204-827-2105

Hamiota

- Hamiota Pioneer Club Museum
204-764-2552

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Isabella

- Isabella Museum
204-568-4573

Killarney

- J.A.V. David Museum
204-523-7325
- Turtle Mountain Flywheel Club Museum
204-523-4333

Melita

- A.F. "Fred" Jensen Trophy Room
204-522-3438
- Antler River Historical Museum
204-522-3729

Minnedosa

- Minnedosa Heritage Village & Museum
204-867-3542
204-867-3816 (*off-season*)

Miniota

- Miniota Municipal Museum
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Neepawa

- Beautiful Plains Museum
204-476-3896
- Margaret Laurence Home
204-476-3612

Oak Lake

- Oak Lake & District Museum
204-855-2406

Pilot Mound

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- Pilot Mount & District Museum
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- English Museum
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Sandy Lake

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- The RCA Museum
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- Shoal Lake Mounted Police Museum
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The ART SCENE
SIZZLES
in the Southwest





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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.



Lagasse's Studio of Fine Art, Souris

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.

The Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art is a unique facility operated for and by the students in Brandon University’s Visual and Aboriginal Arts programs. Located at the southwest corner of the campus at BU, this important community resource produces exhibitions of students and staff open to the public between September and April.

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The Killarney Turtle Mountain Arts Council (KTMAC) provides opportunities for Killarney citizens of all ages to enjoy and participate in the arts and cultural activities of our community. Through the **Heritage Home for the Arts**, Killarney's community arts and culture centre, the Council is able to provide stimulating, thought-provoking and appealing exhibitions that showcase local and regional artists and that attract people from all over the province. The only such space in Killarney, the Heritage Home is a public amenity, a hub of activity and a gathering place for learning.

In 2019, a handful of otherwise unremarkable walls in the City of Brandon's downtown core were brought to life thanks to an assortment of colorful murals! Completed by artists originating from various points across Canada, the vibrant collection of works features themes ranging from a reminder of the importance of family and relationships to a nod to our interconnectedness. As a way of weaving it all together, the City of Brandon has launched an **Interactive Self-Guided Mural Walking Tour**. A map and accompanying write-ups with info on each of the downtown creations can be found on the city's website.

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.



Self-Guided Mural
Walking Tour,
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FRESH
from the **FARM**



Brandon Global Market,
Photo Credit: Sandy Black

At the heart of Southwestern Manitoba is our strong agricultural economy. Our fertile lands and wide open prairies continue to be a key to our success as a region. Nowhere is that more evident than at the region's many farmer's markets which offer **seasonal produce, home-baked family favourites produced from local ingredients and the handmade wares of local artisans.** We invite you to experience the farm fresh difference at these and other great community markets.

Started in 2011, **Brandon's Global Market** boasts a creative, open gathering space for all to enjoy in the heart of downtown. With vendors changing from week to week, you never know what you may find at this permanent outdoor market. Offering live music, delicious food, handmade treasures and opportunities for the community to buy and sell their wares, the market continues to grow in both size and popularity. The market welcomes vendors from all cultures, making it one of the most 'globally inclusive' markets of its kind in rural Manitoba.

Fridays from July to September bring people from miles around to the Romance on the Railway Park and the **Boissevain & Morton Farmer's Market**. This market offers twelve different meal specials sponsored by a different community organization for each week of the summer market and an engaging slate of live music throughout the season. Come for lunch and treat yourself to locally grown and crafted fare.

Treat yourself to a taste of valley life when you take in one of the two weekly events hosted by the **Minnedosa Farmer's Market**. Fridays from late June through to mid-September all of the action and home-grown goods can be found in the heart of downtown at the Covenant Church parking lot. On Sundays, guests are treated to a beachfront market on the basketball courts just steps away from Minnedosa beach. With new vendors always welcome, you can never be sure what you might find at these popular markets.

Under a canopy of shady trees in the town centre parking lot, identified by locals as the Whitfield Pharmacy lot, the **Souris Farmer's Market** greets visits on Saturday mornings from early July until late September. Home to an active community of artisans, you're sure to find some unique hand-crafted pieces in addition to local honey, jams, baked goods and fruits and vegetables.

Best known for their enormous onions, super sweet carrots and the freshest pickling cucumbers around, **Brown Sugar Produce** is a popular source for Manitoba grown vegetables through their seasonal stand outside the Lady of the Lake café in Brandon. With increased attention to food security and the quality of the food they produce, Brown Sugar takes a traditional approach to their crop management, using row cover to protect crops from pests instead of harmful pesticides and are presently striving for organic certification for their growing processes.



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Reunion,
Austin*



Food Truck Warz, Brandon

Live entertainment and amusements are peppered throughout the calendar in Southwest Manitoba, providing a spicy menu of options for those looking to get their heart racing and experience the vibrant communities of our region. Not only do we actively celebrate our agricultural past and present, but visitors are treated to a growing variety of summer music festivals which offer a tempting menu to satisfy the most eclectic tastes.

2022 will mark the 68th year for Canada's largest pioneer heritage festival at the **Manitoba Thresherman's Reunion and Stampede** (July 28th to 31st, 2022) 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.

Food Truck Warz is a three-day fun-filled event held in September and packed full of food and entertainment! The 2022 event, being held at Brandon's Keystone Centre from September 15th to 18th, will feature 26 gourmet food trucks serving savory comfort food, delicious international dishes, scrumptious sweet treats, as well as entertainment, a carnival/midway, Farmery Beer Gardens and more!

An annual tradition for more than four decades, the **Dakota Nation Winterfest** brings together Indigenous culture and sport as part of a four-day festival, taking place January 26th – 29th in 2023. Highlighted by a youth and adult hockey tournaments which include players with WHL and Junior A experience, the event also features a talent show, square dancing competition, wacipi and moccasin games among its jam-packed slate of events. Brandon's Keystone Centre hosts this event, allowing guests to attend all of the activities under one roof.

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.

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.

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.

The fields of Minnedosa will rock again! After a two-year hiatus that no one could foresee, **Rockin' the Fields of Minnedosa** will be welcoming visitors from far and wide for a three-day rock music festival once more. Being held July 29th to July 31st in 2022, organizers are happy to announce that not only were they able to secure most of the previously announced lineup, but able to enhance and expand it further; with confirmed acts by Nazareth, Finger Eleven, Our Lady Peace, Big Wreck and Chilliwick and more incredible musicians celebrating the past and present. 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 annually on the third weekend in August (Thurs-Sun), 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.

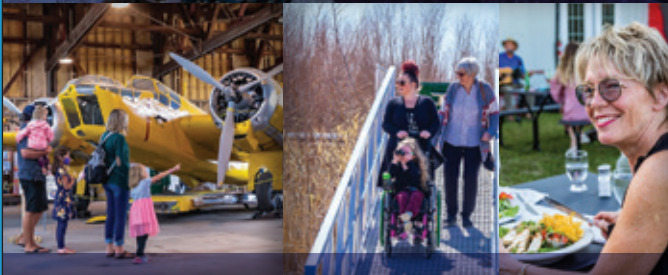
These are just some of the dozens of community-driven celebrations and annual events that fill our calendar in Southwest Manitoba. Visit our website at tourismwestman.ca for a full calendar of all the area's annual and special events.

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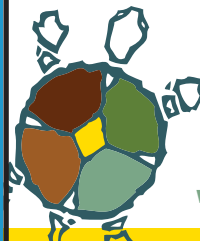
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Antlers & Oak Diner Souris
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Woodfire Deli, Souris

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Forbidden Flavours **Brandon**
Specialty coffee shop and roastery; featuring a large selection of hot and cold beverages. Small daily menu of healthy snacks, treats and breakfast/lunch items.

Gladstone Bakery **Gladstone**
Great lunch spot; offering soups and sandwiches, friendly service and delicious baked goods. Try their cinnamon buns and long Johns – known for being some of the best in the area!

Country Crocus Bakeshop & Tea Room **Hamiota**
Known for their award-winning donuts in Manitoba. Delicious pies, cookies, butter tarts and more!

Bison General **MacGregor**
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4 SUMMER SHACK DRIVE-INN
 Carberry

5 LICKETY-SPLITS DRIVE-IN
 Gladstone

6 WHAT'S THE SCOOP AT McANDREW'S DRIVE-IN
 Hamiota

7 THE BEACH HUT
 Killarney

8 DARI ISLE DRIVE-IN
 Minnedosa

9 THE DAIRY BAR
 Souris

10 ICE CREAM ISLAND
 Virden



The Beach Hut, Killarney

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Bromley's Menswear **Brandon**
Quality well-fitting men's garments. Full range of suits, dress shirts and ties as well as casual wear and accessories. On-site tailor.

Samantha's Boutique **Elkhorn**
Offering a wide range of made-in-Manitoba products, including ladies' fashion and accessories, home décor, giftware, gourmet food, florals designed by an experienced on-site florist.

It's Time Fashions **Neepawa**
Comfortable and stylish shopping atmosphere. Great selection of ladies' fashion and accessories, home goods, body care and more.

All Things Hanna **Rapid City**
Gorgeous 2000 sq. ft. old renovated church featuring a gallery, where local artists are featured as well as a nice selection of stylish womenswear hand picked by Hanna, the owner. Complimentary coffee, tea and refreshment bar for shoppers.

Shari Lyn Fashions **Viriden**
Expect to find a large selection of trendy brands such as Free People, Levis, Papillon, Matt & Nat, Joseph Ribkoff, Kut and more. Carries sizes ranging from XS – 3XL.



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Heart and Soul Balance Gladstone

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Bison General MacGregor

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Farmhouse 50 Minnedosa

Part coffee house, part gift shop and all Manitoban; offering a plethora of products that are hand-made in the Province, many of which are even crafted in the Westman region!

Flower Attic & Gifts Virden

Full-service florist and gift wares shop, offering the finest floral arrangements and gourmet gift baskets for any occasion. Two floors filled with good; ranging from fun kitchenware to funky textiles.

GOURMAND

Two Farm Kids Brandon

Wide range of natural specialty culinary products, as well natural body and personal care, household products, supplements, gift trays and more!

Boho Soul Kombucha Minnedosa

Small indoor market offering in-house small batch fermented food items such as Kombucha, Sauerkraut, Kimchi, and more. Subscription Ferment Boxes available.

Farmery Estate Brewery Neepawa

Famous range of Farmery beers, t-shirts and hoodies, hats, winter accessories, culinary products (flapjack, chocolate cake and beer bread batter) featuring their malted barley; body care hemp oil-infused products, glassware, beer cozies and other goodies. Themed gift packs often available.

SPECIALTY

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Charlow Brandon

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Toymasters Brandon

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The Green Spot Brandon

Plentiful selection of gorgeous and healthy plants, home decor, ladies and men's fashion and accessories, kitchen wares, gift ware, goodies (including Mordens chocolates) and much more!

Union Shoe Store Brandon

Large selection of high quality brand-name footwear, Smart Wool socks, leather mitts, purses as well as Pendleton blankets and towels.

ART GALLERIES/ LOCAL WARES

Dundee Designs Alexander

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Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba

. Brandon
Non-profit, public venue. Gallery and gift shop features the wares of local Manitoba artisans; featuring one-of-a-kind items that are perfect for adding a personal touch to your space.

Studio 83 Gallery & Gifts Miniota

Carved wooden vases, handcrafted jewelry, sculptures, soft toys, home goods, local art and more.

Inspire Studio of Fine Arts Minnedosa

Local art, home décor, fresh flower arrangements, leather goods, children's items, bath and beauty products, planters and 'Valley Life' Swag.

Lagasse's Studio of Fine Arts Souris

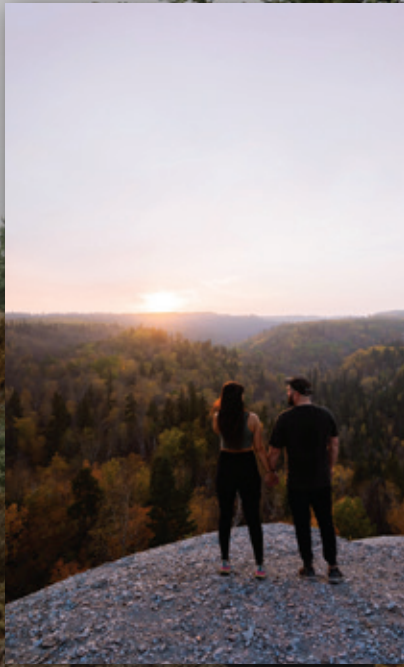
Treasure trove of locally made goods, including home wares, clothing and accessories, jewelry, children's books and clothing, moccasins, leather purses, self-care products and of course; a gorgeous selection of Manitoba-made art!

Many stores are offering online orders and/or virtual shopping options for curbside pickup or delivery. Please check in with each individual business for more information.

A person wearing a grey beanie, a dark puffer jacket, and a backpack is hiking away from the camera on a dirt trail. A black and white dog is walking alongside them. The trail is surrounded by evergreen trees and some snow patches. The overall scene is peaceful and outdoorsy.

At peace in the
GREAT OUTDOORS

Spruce Woods
Provincial Park;
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Top: Bald Hill, Riding Mountain National Park @steph.explores
Right: Lake Metigoshe @steph.explores

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.



Top: Turtle Mountain Provincial Park ©@BrooklynBerg
Right: Spruce Woods Provincial Park ©@NadineAdventures

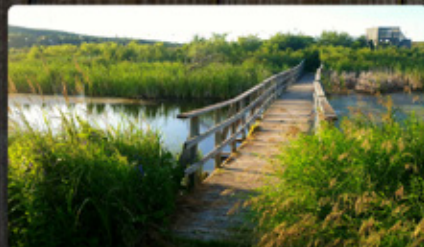
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Pleasant Valley Golf & Country Club



Carberry is home to the **Sandhills Golf & Country Club**, offering a relaxed and enjoyable nine hole course. Offering practice facilities, a licensed clubhouse nearby camping and a casino, you may want to plan to stay in the area for a few days in addition to playing this course.

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.

Offering a challenging but responsive course for golfers of all skill levels, the **Neepawa Golf & Country Club** offers breathtaking views from elevated tees throughout the course. Built along the escarpment of the Whitemud River, the natural beauty of this course is second to none. The well-established trees and natural terrain is complimented by the winding river that weaves through the area. Stop in and play 18 holes on their par 72 course.

With A-4 bentgrass greens and four tee decks on each hole, the **Oak Island Resort** encourages golfers to escape to the Island for the spectacular scenery of a course that winds through prairie wetlands. Offering a licensed restaurant, fully stocked pro shop and a fleet of 75 rental carts, Oak Island offers an 18-hole course for golfers of all skill levels.

Three blind holes and plenty of water hazards contribute to a challenging day on the links at the **Souris & Glenwood Community Golf Course**. A licensed clubhouse offering full course meals offers a panoramic view of the course at the ninth hole. Players are invited to bring their own cart or rent from the available fleet on site.

The **Hartney Golf Club** offers nine holes of action on a newly restored course with a fully licensed club house overlooking the scenic surrounding landscape. Re-designed and improved after devastating floods of 2011, this is a course that challenges you to try and conquer it this golf season.

Set in the picturesque south end of Pelican Lake, **Pleasant Valley Golf Club** is a one of a kind family owned and operated golf course. Elevations rise up 125' on beautiful tree lined fairways, a winding creek meanders throughout the course and large, manicured, undulating greens challenge you on every hole!



Oak Island Resort, Oak Lake



Sandy Lake Golf Course



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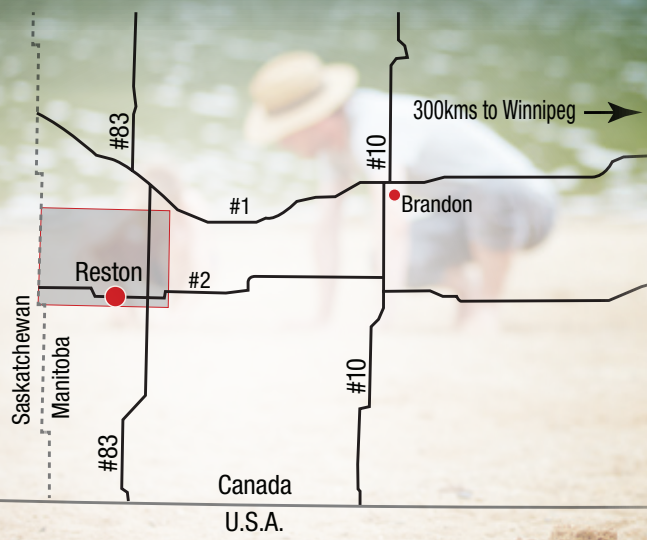


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BELMONT	Pleasant Valley Golf Club	(204) 537-2487	18	5874	71/71	YES
BINSCARTH	Binscarth Golf Club	(204) 532-2480	9	1715	35/34	NO
BIRTLE	Birtle Riverside Golf Club	(204) 842-5364	9	2615	35/34	YES
BOISSEVAIN	Boissevain Golf Club	(204) 534-2365	9	2700	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
DELORAINE	Deloraine Golf & Country Club	(204) 747-2411	9	2933	36/36	YES
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
OAK LAKE	Oak Island Golf Resort	1-888-855-2262	18	6700	72/72	YES
OAK LAKE	Oak Lake Golf Club	(204) 855-2641	9	1992	32/32	YES
ONANOLE	Lakewood Hills Golf Course	(204) 848-2450	9	2806	36/35	YES

*All of the above highlighted courses are members of Tourism Westman.

TOWN	NAME	PHONE NO.	HOLES	YARDS	PAR(W/M)	RENTALS
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



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Main: Souris Pool & Waterpark
 Top: Lucky Break Ranch & Tack, Rivers
 Top Right: Crow's General Store, Brandon



The delighted squeals of children serve as the soundtrack for some of the area's most popular all ages attractions; offering not only a recreational outlet but also opportunities for educational enrichment. If you're looking for somewhere to head for some fun this summer, be sure to consider this line up of sure to please spots!

The opportunity to see and admire a variety of domestic and exotic animals awaits at the **Westwood Ranch Garden Centre** near Elkhorn/Kola. Zebras, llamas, wallaroos, miniature donkeys, parrots are among the collection of species that make their home at the ranch. The garden centre includes ten Greenhouses, a Gift Shop & Snack Stop. Great for a family day trip, the ranch also offers horticultural workshop days and is available for group tours and school bookings.

Enjoy a scenic horseback adventure through the valley, where the buffalo roam, and visit with the many animals on the Ranch. **Lucky Break Ranch & Tack** is nestled away in amongst gorgeous mature trees, just 12km south of Rivers. Lucky Break Ranch offers a wide range of activities through out the year. It's not just a place you and your friends can come and spend the day on horseback, it is also a place to build on those friendships and make new friends threw a variety of Equine Therapy programs for youth and adults, men and women, even companies can look into some great team building programs. Whether you're looking to rent the arena, throw a birthday party, attend Summer Camp, or take in the exciting Barrel Racing Jackpots and clinics, Lucky Break Ranch has something for everyone. No experience necessary, the friendly folks at the Ranch will be more than happy to take care of you and provide you a safe, fun, memorable time!

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 Wawanesa, 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. In Minnedosa, you will find Manitoba's very first floating Splish Splash Water Park at Minnedosa Beach. Have fun getting launched from the jumping pillow, blasting down the big slide or hanging from the jungle bar on the 100-person water park playground and one of a kind attraction!

Every now and again a person stumbles into a location, or some local attraction, that makes them ask themselves "how did I not know that this place existed before?". **Crow's General Store** in Brandon is just one of those places that is a must see for locals and out of towners. The main floor of the building has been converted into a throwback ice cream shop complete with an old soda fountain, classic milkshake mixers, sundae glasses, coke machines and signage that takes a person back down memory lane. It is the perfect spot to head out for a nature walk, grab an ice cream, and enjoy both the craftsmanship and detail that has gone into this unique attraction!

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.

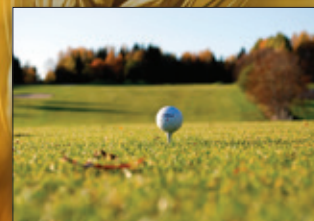
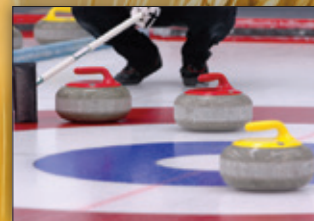
See also the Westman Reptile Gardens and the Riverbank Discovery Centre, featured in "Be Sure to See Our Stars" on page 6.



Splish Splash Water Park, Minnedosa Beach



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Aspen Grove Campground, located conveniently between Virden and Oak Lake, is one of Westman's best kept secrets! Whether heading out for the weekend, cross country road trip or continental travel, you're sure to find something to suit your needs. Some on-site amenities include an outdoor heated pool, laundromat, C-Store, hot showers, modern play structure, mini golf and walking & biking trails. Come & enjoy a campfire at your site while making memories that will last a lifetime!

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.

Situated along beautiful Pelican Lake, **Strathcona Park** is a popular summer destination for families and individuals each year. Featuring 40 sites – serviced and un-serviced options are available for visitors including electrical and water hook ups; with an ice cream/convenience store on-site. If you are looking for a getaway to enjoy nature, watersports & nearby golfing at the scenic Pleasant Valley Golf Course, look no further! This place has it all.


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.

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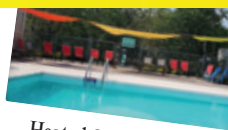


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CAMPGROUND LISTING

NAME & CONTACT DETAILS
(Alphabetically by location)

	BASIC SERVICE SITES	ELECTRICAL SITES	ELECTRICAL /WATER SITES	FULL SERVICE SITES	HOOK-UP AMPERAGE	SEWAGE DISPOSAL	WASHROOMS	DRINKING WATER	SWIMMING	GOLF COURSE (Nearby)	CONVENIENCE STORE	BOAT LAUNCH	BBQ PITS	LAUNDROMAT	SHOWERS
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 · 1-800-417-1022	4	18	13		15/30	•	M, N		P, B	•			•		•
Boissevain Lions Campground Boissevain · (204) 534-6472			12	22	15/30	•	M	•	P	•			•		•
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 · (204) 529-2365			9	13	15/30		M	•	B	•	•	•			
Sourisford Park – Coulter · (204) 522-3263 or (204) 634-2231			8		30		N			•		•			
Crystal City Campground – Crystal City · (204) 873-2591			5	7	30	•	M	•		•	•		•		•
Deloraine Winchester Campground Deloraine · (204) 747-2655	10	10	1		15/30	•	M	•		•			•		•
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				19	15/30	•	M	•		•	•	•		•	•
L & F Campground – Melita · (204) 522-3183				15	30/50	•		•	P	•	•			•	
Miniota Campground – Miniota · (204) 567-3553			11		15/30	•	M	•		•			•		
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) 730-0241				49	30/50			•		•			•	•	
Aspen Grove Campground – Oak Lake · (204) 855-2260	3		15	180	30/50	•	M	•	P, B	•	•		•	•	•
Deleau-Sifton Centennial Park – Oak Lake · (204) 855-2423							N			•					
Oak Island Resort – Oak Lake · (204) 855-2307			63	238	30	•	M	•	P, B	•	•		•	•	•
Oak River Campground & Driving Range Oak River · (204) 566-2146	2	2	4	4	15/30	•		•		•	•		•		
Strathcona Park – Pelican Lake · (204) 537-2583		30	10		15/30	•	M		B	•	•		•	•	•
Pierson Campground – Pierson · (204) 634-2231		6	6		15/30	•	M	•		•	•		•		
Pilot Mound Campground – Pilot Mound · (204) 245-0680				24	30	•	M	•	•	•	•		•		•
Community Campground – Pipestone · (204) 854-2978		12			30		M, N	•		•					•
Hidden Valley RV Park – Pleasant Valley · (204) 825-0165	50	50	50	50	30/50	•	M		B	•			•	•	•
Rapid City Centennial Park – Rapid City · (204) 826-2515		8			30		M		B	•	•		•	•	•
Reston Campground – Reston · (204) 877-3327	0	4	0	18	30	•	M	•	•	•	•		•		•
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	•	•		•	•	•
Sandy Lake Lions Campground Sandy Lake · (204) 585-2525		29	26		30	•	M	•	B	•			•	•	•
Sandy Lake Motel & Campground Sandy Lake · (204) 585-5530				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	•			•	•	•
Virdeon Lions Park – Virdeon · (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**



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Pitlockery Trail,
Hamiota

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.**



Rosburn Subdivision Trail, Sandy Lake

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.

A perfect gift for anyone that loves the outdoors is inviting them on an adventure.

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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.

The new **HyLife Back Forty Multi-Use Trail Park** is a family-friendly, naturally distant recreation space that will make Manitoba proud. The 40 acre park is located at the north end of Neepawa and provides free a recreation and active living area for all ages. Word of mouth is already drawing cyclists from across southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The 6 km cycling course includes trails with increasing levels of difficulty, a pump track and a skills loop with wooden features. The natural grade plus man-made hills combine short technical climbs and flow trail descents. Cyclists say there is nothing 'like it' in the Province!

Located in the beautiful town of Souris, **River Rat Rentals** is an all-season outdoor adventure rental company established in 2021 that offers canoe, kayak, paddle board, party island, water mat, fat bike, cruiser bike, and snowshoe rentals – with more to come! Locally owned and operated by two passionate women who spend most of their free time in nature with their families and want to share their love of the outdoors with others, because as their slogan says – *Life Is Better On The River!*

The Westman ATV Association (WATVA) is a family orientated all-terrain vehicle club that operates out of Brandon Manitoba and whose core values include inclusivity, rider safety, promoting respectful ATV use, and community involvement. This club consists of members mainly from the Westman area, but also has members from all over Manitoba. WATVA has been working hard to have designated ATV trails in the Westman area and regularly hosts family friendly group rides for all ages and skill levels. If you are new to ATV'ing or just want a great group to go riding with, be sure to find them on Facebook and send them a message!"

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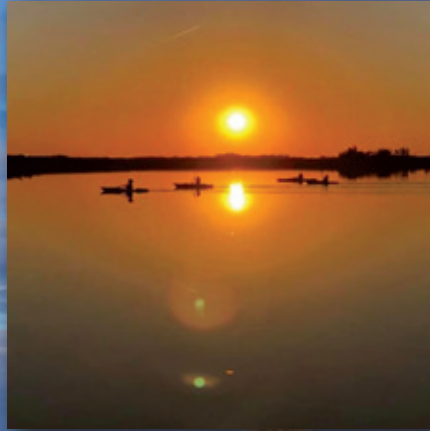
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Adam Lake,
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Pelican Lake Yacht Club, Ninette



Given our national reputation as a leading Province for agriculture, it may surprise visitors to learn that Southwestern Manitoba is home to some of the Province's finest beaches and lakes. Attracting return visitors annually from all across the country and beyond, here are some of the outstanding locations where you can bring the whole family to soak up the sun or make a splash.

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.



Sandy Lake Beach



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A young boy in a blue and white striped shirt, dark shorts, and red sneakers is fishing on a dock. He is wearing a grey cap and glasses. He is holding a fishing rod and reel, and a line is visible in the air. Another person is partially visible behind him. The dock is made of light-colored wood. In the background, there is a large body of water, trees, and houses. A tall white pole is visible in the background. The sky is blue with a few clouds.

Reel in a TROPHY CATCH

Sandy
Lake

William Lake, Turtle Mountain Provincial Park



Adam Lake,
Turtle Mountain
Provincial Park



Southwest Manitoba is a popular destination for anglers from across Canada and the United States, owing to our plentiful lakes and wide variety of more than 20 species of fish that populate our lakes and waterways. But the great treat in Manitoba is that fishing isn't restricted only to fair weather seasons. When the rivers and lakes freeze over, the surfaces populate with a seasonal community of ice shacks as hardy fishing enthusiasts brave the elements with hopes of catching the big one.

Check out this list of 22 popular fishing destinations (page 82) and the game that you can hope to catch on your next outing.

FISHING LISTING

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

Bullhead, Brown Trout, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

George Lake

Smallmouth Bass, Northern & Yellow Pike, Whitefish

Killarney Lake

Bullhead, Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch

Lake Irwin

Carp, Northern Pike, Walleye

Lake Metigoshe

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

Max Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Minnedosa Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Oak Lake

Northern Pike, Perch, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye

Pelican Lake

Carp, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Rock Lake

Carp, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

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

Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

Turtle Head Dam (Deloraine Reservoir)

Perch, Northern Pike, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass

Lake Wahtopannah (Rivers Reservoir)

Northern Pike, Perch, Rock Bass, Walleye

Whitemud River

Freshwater Drum, Northern Pike, Perch, Walleye

William Lake

Brown Trout, Perch, Smallmouth Bass

** A Manitoba fishing license is required*

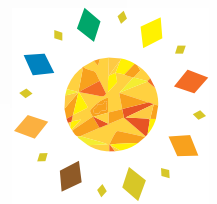


Pelican Lake, Ninette



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A person in winter gear stands by a glowing fire pit in a snowy forest at night. In the background, a wooden cabin with warm interior lights is partially visible, surrounded by snow-covered trees. The scene is illuminated by the fire and the cabin's lights, creating a cozy atmosphere.

GO PLAY
in the snow

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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.

Located approximately eight kilometres west of Brandon's Corral Centre, **Tubin' at Grand Valley Park** operates Thursday to Sunday throughout the winter, weather permitting. The park offers an outdoor winter experience in a fun, safe, and family friendly environment and consists of three snow tube lanes and a handle tow lift so you can relax on your way back uphill! No equipment is needed as each rider is supplied with a specialized winter tube. Helmets are mandatory for children 12 and under and will be available for rent. Tickets for two-hour increments are available online.

If you're looking for an affordable way to have fun and get active this winter, we encourage you to check out **The Valley View Tubing Hill** near MacGregor! The Tubing Hill runs from mid December to mid March (weather permitting) and is open to the public as well as groups. Use of tubing hill is by pre-booking only. Bookings must be completed online at tubinghill.ca prior to arrival. Facilities include a fully groomed hill, tow rope system, outdoor warm-up area with fire pit and chalet building with bathrooms, wood stove, tables and canteen.

A scenic site for cross-country skiing in Western Manitoba; **Hellman's Cross Country Ski Trails** can be found three kilometres east of Virden. The groomed trails span approximately five kilometres, winding through valleys and over hills. The network of trails run through the property and range in their level of difficulty, from beginner, to challenging ones. Access to both trails is found on the far side of the parking lot. The Hellman Ski Trails are free of charge.

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.

North of Neepawa lies **Big Valley**; an example of glacial meltwater spillway of the last ice age. The valley is a popular recreational area for hiking and tobogganing, as you can slide down the winding valley road for minutes at a time! The area is known for its natural beauty; surrounded by birch trees, a winding spring-fed creek and shale slides. The nearby **Rosedale Farm Trail** is an all-season trail that offers stunning views to the East of the Riding Mountain Escarpment. Interpretive signage helps to explain the history and features of the farm. Also in close proximity is the **Rosburn Subdivision Trail**, which makes for a great snowmobiling route in the Winter.

The **Brandon Hills** (just a few minutes South of Brandon), have long been a haven for outdoor recreation and wildlife. With gentle rolling hills and aspen-oak parkland this beautifully forested area offers the perfect setting for nature lovers and photographers. The trail system is comprised of a variety of pathways ranging in distance from 2 km to 7.5 km. A map at the starting point outlines each loop. They are often nicknamed, the "Blue Hills of Brandon" because of their distinct colour seen from a distance in the summer time. The groomed cross-country trails are a skiers' paradise; offering a quiet and picturesque white wonderland.

Groomed after every snowfall by the Neepawa & Area Ski Club, **Langford Winter Park's** trails offer something for everyone! There are 10 km for classic skiing (with 5 km double tracked) and 2.5 km for skate skiing. There is also a warming cabin along the trail, toboggan hill, and 7 km of snowshoeing trails. The trails are well sheltered, passing through the woods on flat or gently rolling terrain. You will also find a tobogganing hill for the kids (and inner kid in you) for plenty of opportunity for Winter fun!

The **Manitoba Hydro 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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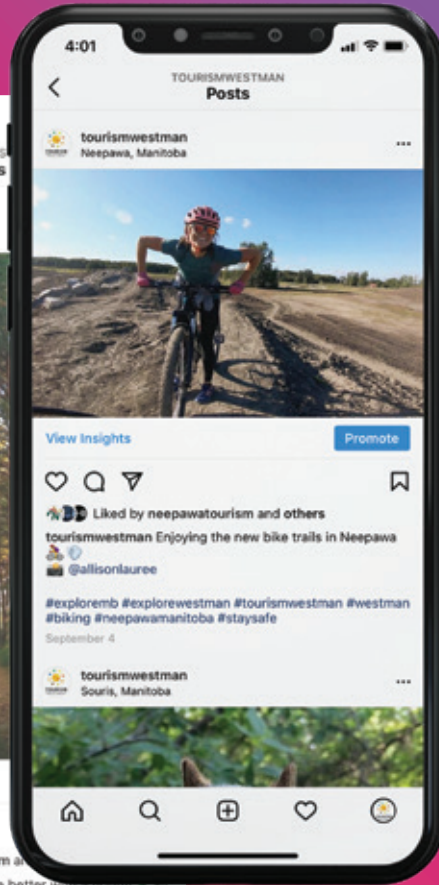
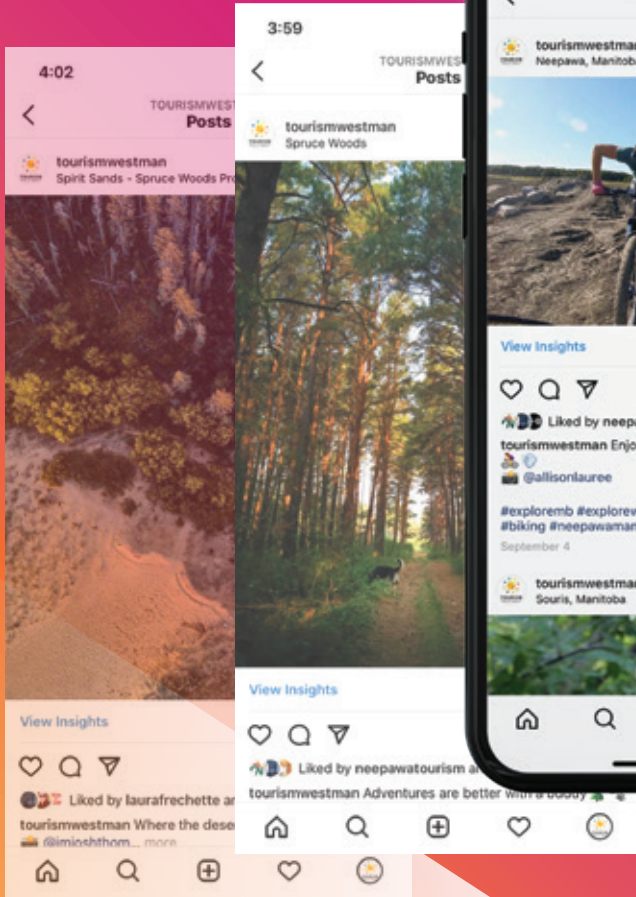


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A geodesic dome tent, constructed from a white metal frame and translucent fabric, sits on a wooden deck. The tent is partially open, revealing a white interior. The background is a dense forest with bare tree branches and some green foliage.

When you think about a vacation getaway, one of the first questions that you want to answer is “where will I stay?” Southwestern Manitoba is home to a number of great hotel and motel facilities, including recognized national chains. However, if you’re looking to experience Manitoba hospitality in a new way, you may want to explore one of our premier bed and breakfast destinations for your next visit. You’re sure to enjoy surroundings that offer more than just a place to rest your head. In fact, these destinations may become a focal point of your trip.

Set at the picturesque South end of Pelican Lake at Pleasant Valley Golf Course, **Moonlit Canopy** is a place to disconnect, experience starry nights and inspiring landscapes. Their glamping domes boast king sized beds and a queen in the mezzanine, a modern kitchenette with all the cooking necessities, full bathroom and a panoramic bay window. The accommodations are equipped with a gas stove, rugs, living area and elegant décor. The domes are installed on wooden platforms, elevated off the ground for 100% nature-friendly approach creating an unparalleled experience with a sense of nature and all the comforts of home.

Nestled in the Turtle Mountains adjacent to the shores of Lake Metigoshe is where you will find the **Turtle Mountain Resort**. Whether you seek a hub for a family vacation, a relaxing unplugged getaway or an adventure packed outdoor experience, Turtle Mountain Resort can be at the centre of your stay. Stay in a rustic cabin, visit the on-site licensed Velvet Antler Café, where they do Breakfast & Burgers right and stop by the Trading Post; a one-stop shop for all your convenience needs. Come experience the call of the wild!

On the banks of the Souris River on an idyllic old time farm enjoy the quiet country life at **Rustic Retreat**. Two unique rustic theme cabins equipped with modern conveniences. One cabin is in the heart of farm yard, the other right on the bank of the Souris river. Watch the horses graze and cats play. Birds are chirping and occasionally a rooster crows. Beautiful view of the river down the hill behind. Sit on the porch swing in the summer or by the wood fireplace in the winter. This farm is a wonderful place for a quiet weekend getaway or a large family gathering. Perfect venue for your dream wedding. Come and enjoy the prairies!

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 Farms** 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.


Stay awhile at the brand-new **Farmhouse 50 Bed & Breakfast Loft!** Recently entirely renovated and updated, their bright and fresh loft style apartment is now available to book for your next stay in beautiful Minnedosa. With its sleek modern farmhouse style and all of the amenities available at your fingertips, including Farmhouse 50 restaurant and shopping right downstairs, the Farmhouse loft is sure to please all guests.

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.


Turtle Mountain Adventure Huts are the perfect basecamp for all your four-season adventures in Turtle Mountain Provincial Park! Locally designed, built and operated; these huts pack a lot into their small 160 square foot footprint. They feature a modern design, wood burning stove, cooking area, eating and sleeping space, plus storage racks for your gear. Outside the huts are a cooking area, deck space and storage for your skis or bikes. Each hut has their own outhouse, wood storage, fire pit and picnic table. Modern washrooms and non-potable water are located at the Adam Lake trailhead – just a short walk away.




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Colonial Inn Brandon · 204-728-8532	87	\$72 – \$110	U	I	•	•	
Comfort Inn Brandon · 204-727-6232	81	\$80 – \$150				•	
Comfort Inn & Suites Virden · 204-707-6020	60	\$135 – \$189		I			
Days Inn & Suites Brandon · 204-727-3600	76	\$95 – \$185		I	•	•	
Desjard-Inns & Suites Birtle · 204-842-3889	6	\$89 – \$109				•	
Elkhorn Resort Onanole · 204-848-2802	57 Rooms 64 Chalets	\$129 – \$299	L	I	•	•	•
Gladstone Hotel Gladstone · 204-385-2770	7	\$75	L			•	
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Keystone Motor Inn Brandon · 204-728-6620	41	\$80 – \$100	L			•	
Lakeview Inn & Suites Brandon · 204-728-1880	66	\$106 – \$165		I	•		
Morningstar Inn Deloraine · 204-215-2534	35	\$105 – \$119	U			•	
Redwood Motor Inn Brandon · 204-728-2200	61	\$62 – \$79		I		•	
Royal Oak Inn & Suites Brandon · 204-728-5775	156	\$125 – \$199	L	I	•	•	•
Spruce Woods Inn Glenboro · 204-827-2648	13	\$55 – \$65	L				•
The Souris Hotel Souris · 204-483-3373	29	\$110 – \$165				•	
Victoria Inn Brandon · 204-725-1532	131	\$125 – \$199	L	I	•	•	•

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Fairmount Bed & Breakfast Minnedosa · 204-874-2165	3	\$70	\$90	N/A	•	•		PB & SB
Farmhouse 50 Bed & Breakfast Loft Minnedosa · 204-867-2292	1	\$109	\$109	\$109	•	•		PB
Fraser Family Farms Bed & Breakfast Minto · 204-776-2176	1	\$75	\$95	N/A	•	•		PB
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Journey Home Artist Retreat Waldersee · 204-352-4096	2	\$150+	\$150+	\$150+		•		PB
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The Guest Room Souris · 204-483-3246	2	\$89 – \$99	\$89 – \$99	N/A	•	•	<i>Upon Request</i>	PB
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Spirit Sands

Road Trips

Wanting to visit Westman but wondering where to start and how to tie it all together without the fuss of planning?

Take the guesswork away by following one of these pre-planned road trip itineraries and discover what Westman has to offer today!

Bridging the West

This summer fun road trip is packed with quirky roadside attractions, unforgettable hikes and cute small towns.

DESERT ADVENTURES

Ready for some outdoor adventure? Find the forest blended with sandy hills and the meandering Assiniboine River at **Spruce Woods Provincial Park**. To get there, pass through **Glenboro**, home to Sara the Camel. Located at the junction of Cochrane Street and Highway 2, she is emblematic of the desert-like Spirit Sands of Spruce Woods Provincial Park. Find a bed and breakfast or head to the park to set up camp at the Kiche Manitou Campground.

The main beach is a true family playground, with clear waters and canoe and paddleboat rentals. But one of the most popular activities in Spruce Wood Provincial Park is hiking. The Hogsback Trail is just over one kilometre and provides beautiful views of the park, from the sandhill prairies to freshwater springs to the scenic Assiniboine River valley.

Sand, cacti and prairie-slithering skinks make up this desert-like landscape of the **Spirit Sands**. The most challenging trail at Spirit Sands will take you to the Devil's Punch Bowl, a bowl-shaped depression 45 metres deep to reveal a pool of blue-green water. The route can be difficult in the heat of summer, so bring plenty of water.



Souris Pool & Waterpark



Sara The Camel

OLD TOWN SIGHTS AND SWINGING DELIGHTS

Just north off Highway 2, nestled deep in the valley of the Souris River – and situated at the backdoor of the Spruce Woods Forest – is the small town of **Wawanesa**. One of Canada's largest insurance companies has its humble beginnings in this idyllic prairie town. The original one-storey Wawanesa Mutual Insurance office is a designated historic site and home to the **Sipiweske Museum**.

Walk the town's streets to see the Souris River bridge and historic churches, or head down the self-guided trail along Cliff Street for sweeping views of the Souris River valley. Interpretive signage along the trail offer insight into the geology of the cliffs that are unique and an unexpected discovery in the middle of the prairies. A campground here offers spots close to the pool and splash pad and alongside the Souris River. The nearby dam touts good fishing in a region sparse of many freshwater lakes.

Continue on to the next leg of the journey to the town **Souris**, known for its **swinging bridge**, its free-roaming peacocks (which have earned distinction as honorary ambassadors of the community) and its park. Sip tea at **Souris Visitor Centre** and **The Plum Museum**, a heritage church museum and Victorian tearoom. Or get to know the town's history at the **Hillcrest Museum** and **Souris Railway Museum**.

Kids will love the opportunity to once again splash the day away at the **Souris Community Pool**, with four slides, a lazy river and a beach-like entry. It's easy to pass a few hours walking the trails at **Victoria Park**, a 20-acre oasis that is one of the oldest parks in the country. You can't visit Souris without



Victoria Park

crossing Canada's longest swinging pedestrian bridge. The 184-metre bridge was completely rebuilt after the floods of 1976 and 2011. Another way to explore the town is by kayak or by bicycle, both available to rent from **River Rat Rentals** located at the town dock.

As a small town, Souris packs a punch when it comes to dining options. Casual favourites like ice cream and burgers are a sure thing, while you can also find authentic Chinese and an Irish pub. For overnight stays, there are a number of options in Souris and the surrounding area, including **The Souris Hotel, Victoria Park Campground** and a handful of bed and breakfasts, like the **Dolmage House Bed & Breakfast** and the nearby **Rustic Retreat Bed and Breakfast**.

Big Skies, Big Blooms

Get to know Manitoba's southwestern corner with this exciting road trip that combines gardens and larger-than-life statues with plenty of outdoor adventures.

WELCOME TO TURTLE MOUNTAIN

Located on Highway 10 in southwestern Manitoba, start in **Boissevain**, where the 28-foot Tommy the Turtle welcomes you to the Turtle Mountain region. Start your Boissevain explorations by snapping a picture with this iconic statue before continuing into town. Stroll down South Railway Street to see a handful of historic buildings and 17 murals that paint the history of the town.

Next, grab fresh sandwiches, a tasty burger or delectable treats from a local coffee house, drive-in or bakery to-go and enjoy a picnic at **Arts Park**. This flower and sculpture garden pays homage to the seasons and the town's agricultural identity. The **Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum** is Boissevain's wildlife gallery, tucked inside the town's



Goodon International Wildlife Museum



Rustic Retreat

visitor centre. It doubles as a wonderful science classroom for all ages. Over 40 species of taxidermy creatures are curated with artful backdrops, often depicting the rawness of the predator versus prey relationship.

Stay overnight here at a hotel, bed and breakfast, guest house (including one made of straw bales offered by Room to Grow) or campground in or near Boissevain. Or head about half an hour away to **Lake Metigoshe**, a quaint lake community that straddles the United States border. A great home base for exploring the community is **Turtle Mountain Resort**, a small cluster of rustic cabins. Also on-site, the Velvet Antler Cafe will keep you and your family fuelled for adventure. Bannock plays a supporting role in many dishes.

The main public beach on Lake Metigoshe will keep kids entertained on a floating dock or a play structure. There's a second public beach around the bend. The Lake Metigoshe trail is an easy 1.5-kilometre loop for young families to trek. The trail takes you to an observation tower where you can see for miles over the lake and into the U.S.

DISCOVER THE CHARMS OF KILLARNEY

For the last stop of this road trip, take the short drive east on Highway 3 to the small town of **Killarney** for a beach day. The main beach on Killarney Lake is located right at the end of the main drag in town, enveloped in the greenery of Erin Park. Be sure to take a stroll down the park trails to find Killarney's

own version of the Blarney Stone. And then pay a visit to the **J.A.V. David Museum** and get to know the history of the area through many pieces of period clothing, furniture, books, room exhibits, pre-contact artifacts and more.

Killarney's challenging 18-hole course is perfect for all levels of golfers. Frosty beverages on the clubhouse's sunny deck are just the ticket after a hot game. For something more family-friendly, grab some ice cream at the local drive-in and opt for a round of minigolf.



Killarney Lakeside Golf Course

Follow the Yellowhead Highway

The Yellowhead Highway is an interprovincial highway connecting Manitoba with its western neighbours. Crossing into Manitoba, the Yellowhead is Highway 16 until it meets with Highway 1 at Portage la Prairie. While you won't find any wizards or wicked witches, we're certain you'll find a little magic in the three communities profiled on this road trip.

MAKE FRIENDS WITH HAPPY ROCK

If you're starting from the eastern end of the Yellowhead, your first stop has to be **Gladstone**. Waving at you from the side of the highway is Happy Rock, a top hat-clad smiling rock. Visit the **Gladstone District Museum** for a glimpse into the region's prairie past — including an impressive replica of the town from its early settlement made by a local resident. There are other heritage sites in the region, including the 1902 former Galloway Bros. Department Store — one of the first department stores to be built outside a major city in Manitoba. Be sure to stop by the



Gladstone Bakery

Gladstone Bakery to get the most delicious goodies to keep you fuelled while you shop at the nearby **Heart and Soul Balance**; a flower and gift shop offering a large variety of unique items!

Golfers can enjoy the beautifully landscaped nine-hole **Gladstone Golf & Country Club** and bird watchers can head just north of town to Big Grass Marsh. As an important birding area of Canada, **Big Grass Marsh** is a great place to see waterfowl, including mallards, snow geese and Canada geese, especially during the fall migration period. The area is also home to **Hollywood Beach**, featuring a large natural sand beach as well as a campground in nearby Langruth. Gladstone also has a campground, including full service as well as riverside sites.

WHERE STORIES TAKE A BEAUTIFUL TURN

Just 35 kilometres west of Gladstone is the lovely town of **Neepawa**. One of its most famous attractions is the **Margaret Laurence Home**, the famous Canadian literary icon's childhood house. This heritage site is a museum and cultural centre that hosts events like writers' workshops. Pick up a copy of your favourite Margaret Laurence book at the gift shop before visiting the titular stone angel statue in the **Riverside Cemetery** along with the author's final resting spot. For more history check out the **Beautiful Plains Museum**, a 1902 heritage rail station. Wander through three floors of stories, including theme rooms depicting a general store and medical hall.



Margaret Laurence Home

Neepawa has one hotel and two motels along with a campground located next to the town's outdoor pool.

Check out the **Lily Nook**, home to over 1,500 varieties of lilies, including several hybridized by the owners. Peak blooming season is usually around mid-July when potted lilies are available for sale.

EXPERIENCE VALLEY LIFE

If you continue west along the Yellowhead for another 30 kilometres, you'll arrive in **Minnedosa**. Its name means flowing water in the Dakota language, which is why a dam was constructed here on the Little Saskatchewan River in 1912. While the dam no longer provides hydroelectricity to the town, its infrastructure has left a legacy, including the popular recreation destination, **Minnedosa Lake**.

Now, you're probably ready to spend some time outdoors, soaking up the beautiful views of the area. The **Neepawa Golf and Country Club** is a great place to start, with 18 holes built on top of the Whitemud River escarpment. If you're looking for a little more adrenaline, bring your bike to the **HyLife Back 40 Multi-Use Trail Park** at the north end of town. Its 5.1 kilometre course has a range of obstacles for riders of different abilities, including a skills loop with wooden features. You don't need to be a cyclist to enjoy this year-round park – walkers can connect to the Neepawa–Langford 10 kilometre portion of the Great Trail.

After all that fresh air, it's time to quench your thirst. Head over to **Farmery Estate Brewery**. This local brewery is the first in Canada to grow its own hops, barley and rye. Take a tour of the brewery and hop yard and enjoy a flight of their latest brews. You can also pick up some beer to take home (who doesn't love souvenirs) from the Farmery Craft Beer Store on Main Street in town.



Minnedosa Heritage Village

The lake boasts a great beach complete with concession, boat launch and rental options for kayaks and other paddling gear. There is a campground next to the beach. Minnedosa Lake is also the site of a floating water park, **Splish Splash Water Park**, which features slides, trampolines and tons of floating fun.

Enjoy the views of the lake and spillway with a stroll along the Flag Walk, showcasing flags from many provinces and countries. It connects the beach with the **Minnedosa**

Heritage Village. This charming museum features nine restored heritage buildings, including the impressive octagon-shaped Agricultural Display Building – one of only three left in Manitoba.

The heritage village is one access point to the Oxbow Trail. This nature trail that follows the river also features a lookout tower and swinging bridge, and takes you past the bison compound. For more ways to enjoy Minnedosa's beautiful scenery, go for a round of disc golf at **River's Edge Recreation Park** or opt for 18 holes at the links-style **Minnedosa Golf and Country Club**, carved into the valley.

Next, it's time to explore downtown Minnedosa. Take the self-guided Stone House Tour to see ten heritage buildings that turn up the charm. These include the impressive post office and railway station and even some heritage homes that are now bed and breakfasts. There are a few B&Bs in town along with a couple of motel options.



Minnedosa Golf & Country Club

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