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It is a region of the province that is vast and mostly untouched, where the waterways have carved their place through the rocks and the forests provide refuge to an abundance of wildlife. But for those who seek a deeper connection, they’ll find the land holds the stories of Indigenous people and the communities here shine with the legends of the past and the potential of the future.

Northern Manitoba is a region that stretches from the 53rd parallel to the northern border with Nunavut and the shores of Hudson Bay. The landscape here shifts from the coniferous forests of the Canadian Shield, to muskeg – boggy land characterized by surface water and slowly decomposing plants – to tundra, dotted by sparse, stunted trees and lichen-covered rocks.

Going back thousands of years, Indigenous people thrived off this land – its fauna and flora providing the necessities for survival. With arrival of the Europeans in 1612 and the development of the fur trade, Manitoba’s North and its Indigenous people paved the way for a thriving enterprise in commerce that would influence the entire history of the province. The next wave of explorers to hit the North were prospectors, as this ancient landscape held treasures beneath its surface. Towns were established and populations grew as mining was a top industry for decades. Today, the communities have diversified and are welcoming visitors to discover their unique charms and proximity to incredible wilderness and natural settings.

Combine these elements – pristine nature, rich Indigenous culture and northern cities and towns redefining themselves through lively festivals and vibrant arts communities – and you have the perfect combination for an adventure. Perhaps it’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see iconic subarctic wildlife in Churchill. Or maybe it’s an annual family camping trip to fish on deep, clear lakes. Manitoba’s North is waiting to be discovered.
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FLIN FLON & AREA

GETTING THERE:

✓ PAVED HIGHWAY ACCESS (HWY 10)
✓ SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE
Explore the Outdoors

Flin Flon is built on top of volcanic rocks. The unique setting offers an impressive backdrop for many adventures. Start your exploration of the water and the wild at Bakers Narrows Provincial Park, just 20 minutes south of Flin Flon. Centred around Lake Athapapuskow, Cree for “rocks all around”, this clear blue lake is known for giant lake trout and walleye all year-round.

A boat launch in the park provides easy access to the lake, or you can rent a canoe or kayak from Bakers Narrows Lodge, which is also a snowmobile friendly stop. While in the park, keep an eye out for wildlife, like moose, beaver or great blue herons and double breasted cormorants. Enjoy the view of the mixed forests of the Canadian Shield from the top of the scenic tower.
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There are many trails in the area, including nearly 30 kilometres of cross country ski trails, groomed by the Flin Flon Ski Club. These include the 7.5-kilometre Race Trail and the 2.3-kilometre Valley Loop with outdoor lighting. Other trail systems include the 240 kilometres of groomed snowmobile trails. Get a Border Explorers Snowmobile Club map at businesses in town.
Discover Culture and History

Begin your exploration of Flin Flon by starting at the statue of its namesake – the fictional Flintabbatey Flonatin from the science fiction novel The Sunless City. Stop into the Flin Flon Station Museum, a former CN Rail station that features artifacts from the city’s mining and pioneering history.

Follow Flinty’s Boardwalk around Ross Lake to Flinty’s Trail and the rest of the city. Be sure to take the Hundred Stairs – a shortcut to reach downtown from Third Avenue. The stairs are constructed on a cliff formed by ancient volcanic activity.
Flin Flon is known for its active arts community. Stop by the NorVA Centre – an artist run studio and gallery cooperative. See local and travelling exhibits and purchase some original art. And the city proudly shows off its artistic talents during the annual Culture Days in September. Last year, Flin Flon hosted the second highest number of events in all of Canada.

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The Pas and Area

From the “true blue” waters of Clearwater Lake Provincial Park to The Pas’ friendly people that celebrate their heritage and share their culture at annual festivals, The Pas and area is your Northern four-season destination.

The Pas Community Development Corporation has been in operation since 1996 and is an independent agency that provides economic, community and tourism development that benefits the residents of The Pas & Area.

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THE PAS/OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION & AREA

GETTING THERE:

- PAVED HIGHWAY ACCESS (HWY 6, 10)
- VIA RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE
- SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE
Explore the Outdoors

The jewel of the North is Clearwater Lake, the dazzling focal point of Clearwater Lake Provincial Park, less than 30 minutes from The Pas. The spring-fed Clearwater Lake is crystal clear – just like its name implies – and its beautiful turquoise colour is beyond impressive. The giant lake takes up almost half of the park with access from sandy beaches as well as public boat launches. Fishing excursions – either on your own or guided – will likely see you set up near an underwater shelf where large lake trout like to gather. Clearwater Lake is also a great ice fishing destination. While deep snow often means access by snowmobile, an auger extension might be a good idea as the ice on the lake can be more than a metre thick.

Another of the park’s unique features are a collection of deep crevices, where rocks split from the cliffs along the shoreline, known as the “caves”. Follow a short self-guided hiking trail on the lake’s south shore and explore the caves from the trail, viewing platform and stairways.

Rent accommodations at one of three lodges on the lake or stay in one of the park’s two campgrounds in your own tent or RV or opt for one of the yurts (wheelchair accessible options are available). You’ll also find a concession at Pioneer Bay for a requisite ice cream cone on the beach.
Built in 1996, The Kikiwak Inn is the only 3.5-star hotel in northern Manitoba. Its architectural design and décor honours our native traditions. With 60 modern rooms over three storeys, the hotel also features an elevator, banquet facilities for up to 240 people, dining room, lounge and vendor, as well as a swimming pool and hot tub.

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Thirty minutes north from The Pas on Highway 10 is Rocky Lake, another favourite for water recreation. Two resorts on the lake offer a range of accommodation options, from cabins to seasonal and transient campsites. Old logging roads have been converted into ATV trails, and Rocky Lake Resort can take you on an exhilaratingly muddy ride to the completely undeveloped Atik Lake to fish for walleye. Watch for wildlife – like moose and bear – along the way.

Birders flock to The Pas and area, as the diverse landscape offers the perfect habitat for species including Northern Pintail duck, Northern Harrier, American Kestrel and many others. Saskeram Provincial Wildlife Management Area, Rosie-Mayne-Nochemak Trail and Grace Lake Road all offer good viewing potential. And golfers will enjoy the scenic setting of the Halcrow Golf Course just minutes from downtown The Pas.

Winter is a great time to visit the area, not only for ice fishing and the groomed cross country ski trails, but to enjoy the 420 kilometres of groomed snowmobile trails in and around The Pas and Clearwater Lake. Maps are available online, search Kelsey Trail Sno-Riders or go to snoman.mb.ca.
Discover Culture and History

Start your exploration in the heart of the town – the former courthouse and current Sam Waller Museum. The oldest brick building in Manitoba now houses an amazingly eclectic collection of artifacts and exhibits. See the dressed fleas, the Cree syllabic typewriter and the two-headed calf – part of Sam Waller’s collection, as well as artifacts detailing the Indigenous history of the area.

During the summer months, the museum offers a walking tour through The Pas and its railway boomtown history. Walk down Millionaire’s Row, seeing the heritage houses once home to prominent citizens and stroll through Devon Park, which features a 10-kilometres path next to the Saskatchewan River.

Explore the rich heritage of the Town of The Pas on the banks of the historic Saskatchewan River.

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See some of the town’s heritage buildings, like the former power house, now the library, as well as Christ Church, The Pas’s second oldest building which proudly displays the 10 Commandments in Cree. The church’s pews were hand-hewn and carved by a group of rescuers who spent the winter in The Pas in 1847 during their search for Sir John Franklin.

And to appreciate today’s modern handiwork, check out the art and other hand-crafted items, including mukluks at White Feather Cree-ations in downtown The Pas. Create a custom pair of moccasins by selecting your leather, fur trim and the beaded top.
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The area is home to two of the North’s top festivals. If you visit in February, take in the fun of the Northern Manitoba Trappers’ Festival, including the World Championship Dog Race and the King and Queen Trapper events, which test the skills needed to thrive in the North.

Across the river in Opaskwayak Cree Nation, celebrate Cree traditions and culture with events like canoe races and jigging contests during Opaskwayak Indian Days in August.

Stop by the Aseneskak Casino, coined as the best little casino in Canada, for a friendly gaming experience as well as great food at Eagle’s Nest Restaurant & Lounge.

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Explore the Outdoors

As the hub of the North, Thompson is truly a jumping off point for many outdoor adventures. Thirty-two kilometres south of Thompson is Paint Lake Provincial Park – a pristine place for a day at the beach or a perfect spot for a family camping trip. The park has 76 basic and serviced sites. Paint Lake Lodge offers a restaurant and marina as well as canoe and kayak rentals – a fitting way to explore the lake and its many islands, considering the area’s history in the fur trade. Paint Lake is also a great winter destination, with recreation options including cross country ski trails, a toboggan hill and cleared ice for skating on the lake.

For more cold-weather adventures, head to Mystery Mountain Winter Park, just 25 minutes north of Thompson. There are 10 kilometres of cross country ski and snowshoe trails. If you’re looking for a little more speed, choose from the 18 downhill runs, serviced by two lifts and a T-bar. There is also a terrain park and half pipe. And get your après ski on in front of a roaring fire at the full service lodge.
The Thompson area is top choice for snowmobilers thanks to its six trail systems that cover almost 700 kilometres, maintained by the Thompson Trailbreakers. South of Thompson, explore the groomed Mid Lake to Ponton trail, which ends at Sasagui Rapids Lodge. Snowmobile maps are available online (thompsontrailbreakers.org) or pick one up at City Hall or the Heritage North Museum.
The Thompson region also boasts one of Manitoba’s most accessible waterfalls. Pisew Falls is set amongst the pine, spruce and tamarack forest, and the area is a haven for wildlife, like the lynx – the animal whose Cree word gives the falls its name. Observation platforms are accessible via a short boardwalk, letting you watch the power of the Grass River tumbling down 13 metres.

Experienced hikers can trek 22 kilometres return to Manitoba’s highest waterfall – Kwasitchewan Falls. Backcountry campsites are available above the falls at the far end of the loop.
Discover Culture and History

Thompson is the largest city in the North and it has managed to meld its urban centre with its boreal forest setting thanks to the 15-kilometre Millennium Trail. At one end of the trail is the Boreal Discovery Centre, located on Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation traditional territory. Explore how people adapted to the boreal region and encounter animal species from the boreal forest, including a display of freshwater fish from the region – like lake sturgeon.

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Part of the Millennium Trail also overlaps with Spirit Way, a 2.5-kilometre self-guided trail that connects points of interest in Thompson. Many of these points celebrate the wolf – the elusive animal that inhabits the area. You’ll find painted wolf sculptures, a carving of wolves in the limestone and a 10-storey painted mural of a Robert Bateman wolf sketch.

Another stop along Spirit Way is the Heritage North Museum, which showcases the natural and human history of the area. This log building houses exhibits that highlight Indigenous heritage – including an authentic caribou hide tipi – and showcases the wildlife of the North. You can find Indigenous artwork, such as beading and carvings at the Arctic Trading Company in the Centre Mall, or visit the studio and shop of renowned local painter Jasyn Lucas, the Gift of Art.

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CHURCHILL & AREA

GETTING THERE:

- SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE
- VIA RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

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Explore the Outdoors

Located on the shores of Hudson Bay, Churchill is the epicentre of three distinct ecozones: boreal forest, tundra and marine coast. Because of this unique ecological and geographical position, the Churchill area supports a wide range of plants and animals. One of the most notable is the polar bear.

The southernmost polar bear population anywhere in the world – and the most accessible – is that of the Western Hudson Bay. The bears’ migration path sends them right past the town of Churchill from about October to mid-November. Tour options vary – you can watch the bears from the comforts of a tundra vehicle, designed to travel safely over the terrain, or you can hike on foot to observe the bears, led by a trained and armed guide. Watch for other northern wildlife, including Arctic fox, Arctic hare and ptarmigan.

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Summer also offers the chance to see polar bears in their natural summer environment. Depending on your tour selection, you may head out on a boat to watch bears lumber along the rocky coast or slip into the water for a swim. Or you can head out on foot, led by a professional guide to watch polar bears lounging or play fighting in the fireweed.

Wapusk National Park is home to an important polar bear denning area. Not accessible by road, the best way to experience this park is with a Churchill tour operator – on a tundra vehicle, by helicopter tour to get an aerial view or on a paddling excursion with Parks Canada on the Owl River.
The only time you won’t see any polar bears in Churchill are the months when Hudson Bay is frozen over, providing the bears access to their main food source – seals. But that doesn’t mean there’s nothing to see in Churchill. Some of the best viewing of the aurora borealis – or northern lights (which can be seen across Manitoba’s North throughout the year) – happens between January and March when the night skies are typically clear. There are several packages and structures to choose from in Churchill for a northern lights viewing excursion.

In the spring, Churchill is a top birding destination. Hundreds of species pass through or nest here during the summer months. Common sights include snow geese, ptarmigan and Arctic terns, while more prized sightings include the rare Ross’s gull. Spend the afternoon on a hike through the blooming wildflowers of the tundra. During low tide, visit the shipwrecked MV Ithaca, stuck on the rocky shore since 1960.
During the summer months, another migrating creature welcomes visitors. Thousands of beluga whales come to the Churchill River estuary to calve and feed, and to say hello to the boats and their passengers.

On a boat tour, listen to the whales’ sounds of chirps and clicks with a hydrophone. You can also embark on a kayak or paddleboard excursion, sharing the water with the curious and friendly creatures.
Discover Culture and History

Start by exploring Churchill’s natural and human history at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in the heritage rail station. Wander down the main drag, Kelsey Street, to browse through the gift shops, pick up some handmade moccasins and Indigenous art at Arctic Trading Company and stop in to see the local artworks from the Churchill Creative Collective pop-up shops and shows. Admire the intricate Inuit carvings and artifacts from the ancient Thule people at the Itsanitaq Museum.

Snap some pics at some of the area’s unique landmarks. See the holding facility for bears that wander into town, affectionately called the Polar Bear Jail and the crashed C46 aircraft dubbed Miss Piggy. These two landmarks, as well as several buildings around town, now feature murals showcasing Churchill’s culture, history and wildlife that were painted by artists from around the world.
For a cultural experience built on speed, head into the boreal forest for a dog sledding adventure. Learn about the importance of dog sledding to the people of the North before settling into the sled for a wild ride led by dogs that just love to run. A cart with wheels means this fun adventure is available all year long.

Walk across the windswept shoreline to Cape Merry National Historic Site, the stone battery built on this site in 1746 to provide protection for Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site located across the river. Most whale watching boat tours include a stop at this nearly 350-year-old fort. Learn about the way of life in the fort from a Parks Canada interpreter, and enjoy the views of the whales from the top of the parapet.

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SNOW LAKE & AREA

GETTING THERE:

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☑ CHARTERED AIR SERVICE

↑ Wekusko Falls
Explore the Outdoors

The town of Snow Lake is right on the shores of its namesake, which makes for a lovely setting. And the town is surrounded by many more beautiful lakes, like Herb, Kormans, Tramping and Osborn Lakes, and is also just 15 minutes away from the massive body of water at Wekusko Falls Provincial Park.

The park has camping, beaches, hiking, fishing and scenic views from the suspension bridges of the Grass River as it tumbles down 12 metres – the impressive Wekusko Falls. There are even walk-in campsites with incredible views of the falls. Across the highway is a full service lodge, a perfect spot for a fishing trip to catch monster northern pike, walleye and lake trout – in both summer and winter. Find a fishing lodge for your next trip by visiting huntfishmanitoba.com.

Groomed trails closer to town feature interpretive signage that identify local birds. The ancient rocks in the area also offer great spots for climbing. Head to the ghost town of Herb Lake Landing off Hwy 39 and follow the marked trail (take caution for hidden drops and crevices) to reach the limestone cliffs at the south end of Wekusko Lake.
Discover Culture and History

Learn about the history of this mining town at the Snow Lake Mining Museum. See exhibits of authentic mining equipment, including mock-ups of mining drifts and a mine rescue centre.

Relax in the cutest community space, the Ladybug Garden before checking out the Sweet Nothings, where exhibits and creations from local artists are on display.

Snow Lake Mining Museum

A boat or canoe ride on Tramping Lake just upstream from Wekusko Falls also becomes a visit to an ancient outdoor art gallery. On the rock face above the water line are images of people, animals and traditional objects painted in red ochre. While there is some debate over how old these images are, seeing them up close conjures clear visions of the artists seated in canoes.

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GILLAM & AREA

GETTING THERE:

✓ PAVED HIGHWAY ACCESS (HWY 280)
✓ VIA RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE
Explore the Outdoors

Gillam is a jumping off point to take advantage of the North’s incredible fishing and outdoor adventure experiences. Find a fishing lodge or fly-in outpost in the region by visiting huntfishmanitoba.com.

In the winter, there are 300 kilometres of snowmobile trails, with great ice fishing to be had on Atkinson, Wilson and Kettle Lakes. Get trail updates from the Gillam Snowmobile Club.

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Discover Culture and History

Take a thrilling jet boat ride from Gillam with Nelson River Adventures to York Factory National Historic Site, watching for wildlife along the way. A fur trade depot going back to 1684, you can visit remains of what was once a bustling community. Wander through the depot building – Canada’s oldest wooden building on permafrost – and see artifacts recovered from the site.
CRANBERRY PORTAGE & AREA

GETTING THERE:

- PAVED HIGHWAY ACCESS (HWY 10)
- RAIL ACCESS
- FLOAT PLANE ACCESS
Going back 2,000 years, Cranberry Portage was an important portage route connecting the Grass and Saskatchewan River systems. And that history can be relived today as the town, located on the western edge of Grass River Provincial Park, is known for its canoe routes. While there are designated back country campsites along the routes, the park also has three campgrounds. Follow the Karst Spring Trail, a calming walk in the woods with a surprising feature – a stream of water that appears to surge from solid rock, the Karst Spring.
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If you are looking to truly get back to nature without losing any of the amenities and the comfort of home - consider Norway House Cree Nation for your next northern adventure. We are proud of our Nation and look forward to hosting you in our community!

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These two First Nations are less than two hours apart and offer a great opportunity to connect with Indigenous communities of Manitoba’s North. Visit Molson Lake Lodge in Norway House for a fishing trip you won’t soon forget. Or visit during one of their annual events, a celebration of culture and heritage, like the annual Treaty and York Boat Days at Norway House.
Almost as far north as you can drive is Lynn Lake. Anglers love Lynn Lake and the surrounding area for its multitude of lakes known for incredible trophy fishing. Just minutes away from the town is Burge Lake Provincial Park, where you can take advantage of the scenic campground for a real rustic outdoor adventure. Amenities for anglers include a boat launch and fish cleaning shed.

And just twenty minutes away is another provincial park at Zed Lake. The park offers free camping at its basic sites, some of which can accommodate RVs. Hike along the sandy eskers or play on the beach. There is also a fish cleaning station and boat launch for serious or recreational anglers looking to catch walleye, northern pike and lake trout.
Come prepared for some outdoor adventure – starting with the ATV trails at Cedar Lake. Then drop in a line for some fantastic fishing year-round at the mouth of the Saskatchewan River at Lake Winnipeg.

While in the area, check out the protected wilderness of Little Limestone Lake Provincial Park. Located on the lands of the Mosakahiken Cree Nation, the lake is one of the world’s best examples of a marl lake – a mineral-rich lake that changes colour from a brilliant turquoise to a robin’s egg blue as dissolved limestone reacts to the heat from the sun. The lake and surrounding area offer habitat to many animals, including a variety of songbirds, lynx, fox, moose and the woodland caribou. There are no amenities in the park and visitors should take care to respect the natural landscape.
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This “instant town” was developed as an experimental model for other northern communities – linking modern conveniences with the northern environment. Check out this unique community on the way to an incredible fishing excursions for northern pike, walleye and rainbow trout on the region’s isolated lakes – word is Turnbull Lake is an ice fishing hotspot. Or you can venture to explore the nearby Churchill River with its rapids and falls as it heads towards the Hudson Bay.

This community is just across the highway from Setting Lake, where a campground offers basic and electrical sites, along with a boat launch for some incredible fishing, making it the perfect location for a fishing derby in August.
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- Paved Highway Access (HWY 10, 83)

Just south of the Northern region is the Swan Valley, an area nestled between the Duck and Porcupine Mountains. Trails for hiking, ATVing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling crisscross through the boreal forest. In fact, this area is known as being sled-friendly, with its 800-km trail system, strategically placed warm-up shelters and many trailside hotels, restaurants and fuel stations. The area’s Thunder Hill Ski Area offers more winter fun, with 22 groomed downhill runs and a snowboard park. Plus, this is the location of a unique anomaly known as Magnetic Hill. Put your car in neutral and it will appear to roll uphill!

Swan Valley is also well known for its fantastic fishing in summer and winter, with both native and stocked species including brook trout, lake trout, northern pike, perch, rainbow trout, splake and more. Learn more about the history and culture of the area at the Swan Valley Historical Museum, featuring heritage buildings and operational clay bake ovens.

**NORTH SEAL WATERSHED**

**GETTING THERE:**

- Chartered Air
- Paved Highway Access (HWY 10, 83)

This vast tract of remote subarctic is ready to be explored with Ganglers North Seal Wilderness Sub-Arctic Adventures. Hop on a fat bike, ATV or simply hike across the eskers – huge deposits of sand and gravel left behind from retreating glaciers. These geological landmarks were often used as travel corridors for Indigenous people and wildlife – you may find traces of both through arrowheads or sightings of wolves, fox or even caribou. And don’t forget, the fishing will be fantastic as will be the five-star meals.

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MARCH

Churchill Aurora Winterfest
Churchill
Celebrate the culture, history and heritage of the North, with fiddling and jigging performances, along with igloo building, snow sculptures and dog mushing.
facebook.com/awfchurchill

Gillam Winter Carnival
Gillam
Coinciding with the Hudson Bay Quest, this week-long event features a strongman competition, entertainment and more.
townofgillam.com

Hudson Bay Quest
Gillam & Churchill
This wilderness dogsled race sees experienced racers travel 341 kilometres across Manitoba’s North. Spectators can cheer on the dogs and their mushers at the starting and finish lines at Gillam and Churchill.
hbqrace.com

Jimmy Jackfish Ice Fishing Derby
Rocky Lake
Catch the biggest jackfish (aka northern pike) at this derby on Rocky Lake.
facebook.com/JimmyJackfishFishingDerby

Pipoon Winter Festival
Norway House Cree Nation
This festival features a powwow demonstration, jigging and square dancing competitions, as well as trapping events that include moose and goose calling, log sawing and tossing and bannock and tea making.
nhcn.ca

Snow Lake Winter Whoot Festival
Snow Lake
Join the festival’s owl mascot for three days of family fun, including the Ice Worm scavenger hunt that features interesting local trivia, snow golf, sleigh rides around town and ski races.
snowlake.com
**APRIL**

**Bill Bannock Classic Ice Fishing Derby**  
*Clearwater Lake*  
Reel in the biggest catch on Clearwater Lake and take home $25,000.  
[billbannock.com](http://billbannock.com)

**Flinty Fishing Derby**  
*Bakers Narrows*  
This Bakers Narrows ice fishing derby pays out at $25,000 for first prize.  
[flintyfishderby.com](http://flintyfishderby.com)

**JUNE**

**National Indigenous Peoples Day**  
*Thompson*  
The North's largest gathering for this national celebration includes a sunrise ceremony, authentic learning experiences and community feast.  
[thompson.ca](http://thompson.ca)

**Pride North of 55 Festival**  
*Thompson*  
This inclusive event features a parade and rally in Mclean Park.  
[facebook.com/PrideNorth/](http://facebook.com/PrideNorth/)

**Thompson Nickel Days**  
*Thompson*  
Marvel at the display of skill and strength at the National King Miner contest, featuring drilling, pipe fitting and ladder climbing. There is also a midway, parade and full slate of live music.  
[nickeldays.ca](http://nickeldays.ca)

**JULY**

**Cross Lake Annual Treaty and Indian Days**  
*Cross Lake*  
This weekend of events includes a canoe marathon, York boat races and a voyageur race, while the Incorporated Community of Cross Lake welcomes campers to the shores of Sand Bay for a family games, horseback rides and live music.  
[crosslakeband.ca](http://crosslakeband.ca)

**Flin Flon Trout Festival**  
*Flin Flon*  
This community event features a fishing derby on Phantom Lake, along with other events including canoe races, Indigenous art exhibitions and a beer garden.  
[flinflontroutfestival.com](http://flinflontroutfestival.com)

**AUGUST**

**Cranberry Portage Trout Challenge**  
*Cranberry Portage*  
This annual catch and release fishing derby is held on Lake Athapapuskow (also known as Big Athapap). There are cash prizes for the top 11 fish, plus a special youth angler category.  
[cranberryportage.net/trout-challenge](http://cranberryportage.net/trout-challenge)

**Blueberry Jam Music Gathering**  
*Flin Flon*  
Bring your musical talents to share with others as musicians of all levels can jam together and sign up to perform with no reservations needed.  
[cityofflinflon.ca/blueberry-jam-music-gathering](http://cityofflinflon.ca/blueberry-jam-music-gathering)
EVENTS

AUGUST

Opaskwayak Indian Days
Opaskwayak Cree Nation
Traditions of the Cree culture come alive with canoe races, a community feast and the Western Canadian Square Dance Championships.
facebook.com/OpaskwayakIndianDays

Treaty & York Boat Days
Norway House Cree Nation
Norway House Cree Nation celebrates its role as a fur trade hub with voyageur canoe races and the World Championship of York Boat Rowing.
yorkboatdays.ca

SEPTEMBER

Culture Days
Various Communities
The Pas, Thompson and Flin Flon host a range of activities during this country-wide event. Flin Flon is renowned for hosting a massive number of events, with upwards of 130 activities, such as photography and crafting workshops, performances, exhibitions and a massive street dance down Main Street.
mb.culturedays.ca

Northern Manitoba Walleye Championship
Paint Lake
This Paint Lake classic sees teams of two compete for $30,000 in prizes.
kickerfish.ca/northern-manitoba-walleye-championship/

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOURS FOR 2019 – 2020

APRIL 24-25 2019: The Pas / Opaskwayak Cree Nation
JULY 3-4 2019: Churchill
OCTOBER 2019: Flin Flon
APRIL 2020: Thompson / Nelson House
JULY 2020: Churchill
(Limited to 20-25 participants per tour.)

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heritagenorthmuseum.ca
GETTING THERE

Many communities in Manitoba’s North are highway accessible year-round. A number also offer scheduled or chartered air service. Plan your trip with Calm Air, Perimeter Aviation, Cranberry Air & Wilderness Outfitters or Wings over Kississing. Via Rail Canada offers passenger rail service and many communities are serviced by bus lines: Kasper Transportation (gokasper.com), Thompson Bus (thompsonbus.com), Maple Bus Lines (maplebuslines.com), Rider Express (riderexpress.ca) and Mahihkan Kelsey Bus Lines 2014 (kelseybuslines2014.com).

24-HOUR GAS STATIONS

**Thompson**

*Northway Gas/Petro-Canada*
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204-778-8555

*Thompson Shell*
745 Thompson Dr
204-677-2023

**Lynn Lake**

*Penner Oil Cardlock*
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204-989-4300

**Waboden**

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Junction Hwy 6 & Flemming Dr

**Grand Rapids**

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Language

Manitoba’s official languages are English and French. English is the most spoken language throughout the province and there are 17 bilingual municipalities in the province. Some service providers offer service in English and French.

Taxes & Tipping

Goods and services purchased in Manitoba are subject to an 8% Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and a 5% Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST). Many cities in the province also charge an accommodation tax.

Tipping between 10 and 20 percent is customary for services provided in Manitoba, including taxi drivers, tour guides, hotel staff and meal service. Gratuity is generally not included on the bill.

Liquor & Smoking Laws

The legal age for alcohol consumption is 18 years. Spirits, wine and beer are available at Manitoba Liquor Marts, private wine stores and hotel beer vendors. Open liquor must be transported in the trunk of a vehicle.

Smoking or vaping cigarettes or cannabis is prohibited in all public places including restaurants, bars, malls, sporting events, parks and beaches. The legal age for cannabis possession is 19.

Mobile Coverage

Wireless coverage is available in the majority of populated areas. Many establishments offer free Wi-Fi. Outside of populated areas, coverage is not guaranteed, and those planning backcountry treks should not rely on cellular access.

PARK PASSES

Provincial Parks

Park Vehicle Permits must be displayed year-round in provincial parks. Permits are available at all park campground and district offices and most business locations sell fishing and hunting licences. Campgrounds and other accommodations in parks should be reserved in advance.

Parks Reservation Service
204-948-3333
toll free: 1-888-482-2267
manitobaparks.com

National Parks

Parks Canada recommends that visitors use the services of a licensed commercial operator when travelling to Wapusk National Park in order to address the various safety risks.
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