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## Welcome!

Whether you're looking for **adventure**, **fun for the whole family**, or **a break from the everyday**, Parks Canada has countless unique experiences to suit your needs. Paddle around a lake, roast marshmallows by an open fire, have a family picnic or enjoy the day exploring a national historic site.

## It's time to connect!

*With nature - with history - with friends and family.*

# FUN

FOR THE

## WHOLE FAMILY



### SASKATCHEWAN

#### BEACH SIDE

With six well-serviced beaches and a bustling lakeside town to explore, Waskesiu Lake is Prince Albert's most popular destination. Visitors can enjoy motorized and non-motorized water activities or access hiking and cycling trails.

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### SASKATCHEWAN

#### KID-FEST

Stroke a cuddly bunny and meet Mr Goat at the petting zoo, discover your inner Métis warrior playing games of skill and strength as pint-sized pioneers hook bison in a fun fishing game.

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### SASKATCHEWAN

#### PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD LIFE IN THE 1900s

From carefully collecting warm eggs from the henhouse to learning how to grind freshly-threshed wheat to make flour for bread, who knew homestead life could be such fun?

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### MANITOBA

#### HI HO, IT'S OFF TO THE FORT WE GO!

Roll up your sleeves and sign on as a labourer for the Hudson's Bay Company. Experience a taste of life in the 1850s in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Pick heirloom veg alongside bonnet and britches-clad staff; learn to march with the first North West Mounted Police force.

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MANITOBA

### VARIETY HERITAGE ADVENTURE PARK

Splash through the water park and dive into 6,000 years of adventure from the tipis of the First Nations to the arrival of the railroad.

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# WONDERFUL WASAGAMING

**5 DAYS**  
**Riding Mountain National Park**

## ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING

### Day 1

Arrive at Wasagaming campground. Unpack your suitcase. Settle into your oTENTik. Family camping has never been so easy!

After supper, enjoy family time by the campfire. Roast marshmallows. Gaze at the stars. Relax.

### Day 2

After breakfast, hop on your bikes and explore the trails. Which one is going to be your favourite?

Head to the beach after lunch. Don't forget to bring sand pails! Build the highest sandcastle!

After supper, join park staff for a Campfire program, take a sunset cruise on Clear Lake.

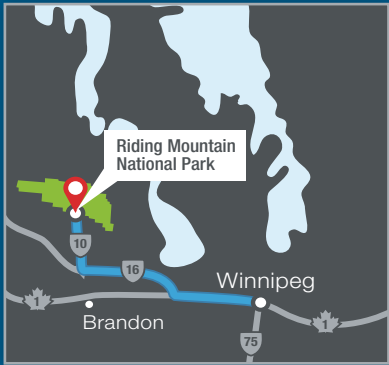
### Day 3

Rent a paddle boat and explore Clear Lake as a family.

Have the kids join in on the interpretive action station. It's **FREE**.

Enjoy an ice cream and take in the entertainment of a local busker.

Hop in your car for a wildlife safari drive in the early evening. What might you see? A White-Tailed Deer, a Black Bear, a Moose or a Bald Eagle?



### Day 4

Meander through the rustic and historic town site. Browse through the quaint shops and eat at a local restaurant. The kids will love playing on the swings and slides at the playground.

Stop in at the Park Visitor Centre and sign-up the kids for the hour-long L'il Critter Camp.

Take in a game of mini-golf or lawn bowling before taking a short drive to the "must-see" wishing well.

### Day 5

As you head home, take a slight detour and explore Lake Audy from the comfort of your vehicle. Arrive home happy, relaxed and refreshed.



A full-page background image showing a rugged, arid landscape with rolling hills and a deep canyon. In the foreground, two hikers, a man and a woman, are standing on a rocky outcrop, looking out over the valley. The man is wearing a green cap and a dark tank top, while the woman is wearing a red shirt and black shorts. A red tent is pitched on a grassy slope in the middle ground. The sky is a clear, warm orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise.

# EPIC ADVENTURES!

## SASKATCHEWAN

### EPIC BACKPACKING ADVENTURE

Get away from it all with an overnight backpacking adventure in the Grasslands backcountry. Traverse rugged coulees of the North Gillespie or spend the night among the hoodoos of the Valley of 1,000 Devils.

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**MANITOBA**

### FRIGHT AT THE FORT

Snap a selfie with a zombie. Flee the flesh-eating Windigo. Shiver as the bell tolls at a Victorian funeral. Dare to survive an encounter with ghosts who haunt the grounds of the Stone Fort.

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**MANITOBA**

### HIKING & BIKING THE MANITOBA ESCARPMENT

For thousands of years people have explored the Manitoba Escarpment, gathering native plants like high bush cranberries and red osier dogwood for food and medicine. Hike or bike in their footsteps 1200 feet above Winnipeg.

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**SASKATCHEWAN**

### A CLASSIC CANADIAN ADVENTURE

The Bagwa Paddling Route is an overnight canoe or kayak loop covering multiple backcountry lakes with portages between. It offers a glimpse of the park's diverse terrain, without requiring a long time commitment or extensive wilderness experience.

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**SASKATCHEWAN**

### PLAY A ROUND OF DISC GOLF

If you can throw a Frisbee, you can play Disc Golf! Suitable for all ages and abilities, have fun exploring the parkland beyond the palisades along the North Saskatchewan river.

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# A BREAK FROM THE EVERY DAY

## SASKATCHEWAN

### WEEKEND OF MEMORIES

Pack a lifetime of memories into one weekend. Start with fireside tales of the open range and a night under the stars, followed by a day of river kayaking and wagon rides, all capped by an outdoor concert.

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## MANITOBA



### BEACH-SIDE FUN AND MUSIC

Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the annual beach-side outdoor concert at Clear Lake Wasagamung in Riding Mountain National Park. Dance under the trees and clap your hands to the music.

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## SASKATCHEWAN



### ROTGUT RUN

Rotgut Runners take to the trails through Saskatchewan's toughest 5 km terrain while walkers enjoy the scent of pines and wildflowers. Back at the Fort hunker down for a day of traditional family fun and games.

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## MANITOBA



### CACHE ME IF YOU CAN

Do you have what it takes to solve a history mystery? Take part in a techno-treasure hunt and explore The Forks on a self-guided geocaching adventure.

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# BISON BINGE

## 2 DAYS

### Saskatoon to Prince Albert National Park via Batoche

## ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING

### Day 1

#### Start Saskatoon to Prince Albert National Park

**Distance:** 230 km  
(add 50 km return to Batoche)

**Driving time:** 2.5 hours

Start your journey at Batoche National Historic Site with our "Journey Through Time" tour.

Go back 130 years, meet living characters and have a "blast from the past."

After your visit, head to the town site of Waskesiu. Book a night in an oTENTik in Beaver Glen Campground. Connecting with nature has never been so easy!

Spend the evening by the campfire or take in our fun program, "Bison Will Rise Again."

### Day 2

#### Waskesiu Lake to West Side of Prince Albert National Park

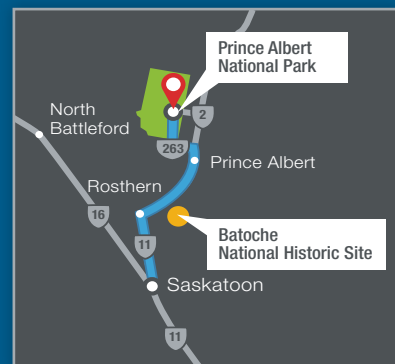
**Distance:** 130 km one way

**Driving Time:** 2 hours

Begin your day at the Waskesiu Visitor Centre. Get directions to the West Side and receive bison safety information.

While there, measure your bison IQ by playing "Match-the-Bison-Horn."

Gather your hiking/biking/camping gear, make a picnic lunch and put gas in your tank. You're off!



Have your binoculars and camera ready for the drive. Will you be lucky enough to see a Sandhill Crane?

### Afternoon

Enjoy your picnic overlooking the beautiful Sturgeon River Valley.

After lunch, hike or bike through aspen forest and pockets of open meadow on the 15.5 km Amyot Lake Trail. Look for bison wallows and tracks along the trail. You never know when that magical sighting will happen!

Head home after a spectacular adventure.



### MANITOBA

## THE SLOOP COVE HIKE

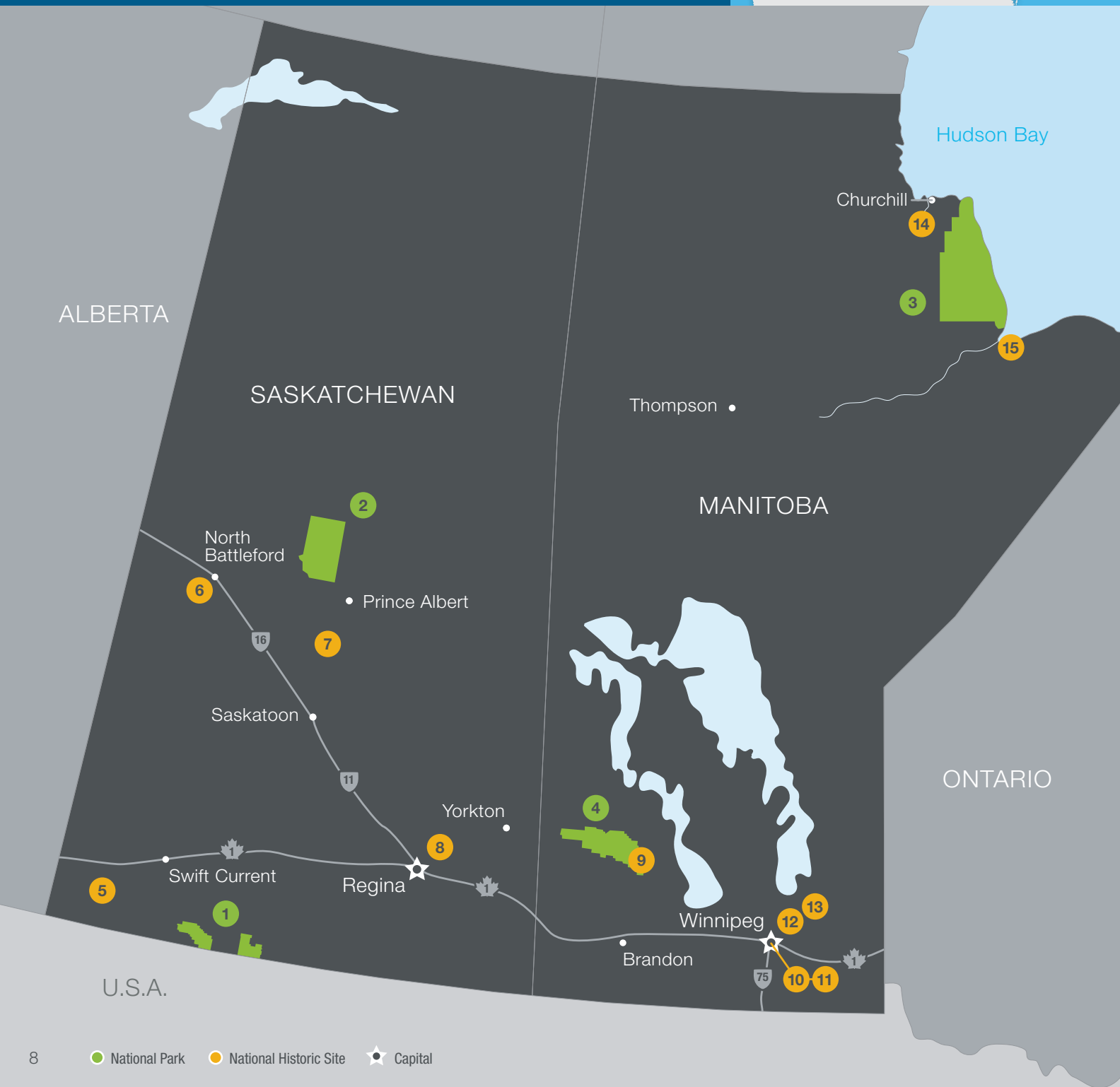
Zodiac to Sloop Cove, the fort's winter harbour, to see 18<sup>th</sup> century signatures engraved in stone belonging to Hudson's Bay Company men before tundra-hiking back amid wildlife to Prince of Wales Fort with stops at archeological sites on the way.

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# Canadian **Prairies**

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada





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### Services and activities legend

The legend below identifies some of the services and activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for these symbols when planning your visit.

 Parking	 Backpacking/hiking
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 Access for the physically disabled	 Golfing
 Restaurant	 Tennis
 Gift shop	 Birdwatching
 Interpretation	 Marine mammals
 Picnic area/shelter	 Beaches
 Playground	 Canoeing/Kayaking
 Camping	 Motorboating
 Recreational vehicles	 Fishing
 Parks Canada oTENTik	 Scuba diving
 Yurts	 Rafting
 Teepees	 Hot springs
 Cabins	 Mountain/Ice climbing
 Cycling	 Winter activities
 Mountain biking	



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## Saskatchewan

### 1 Grasslands



At Grasslands National Park, expanses of dinosaur fossils harken back to a time before history. Tipi rings are testament to First Nations communities, and ruins of prairie homesteads tell of settlers intent on taming the prairie.

**Val Marie, Saskatchewan**  
1-306-298-2257 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/grasslands](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/grasslands)

### 2 Prince Albert



Prince Albert National Park offers accessible wilderness and extensive outdoor recreation in central Saskatchewan. Hike boreal forests, canoe pristine lakes and see free-range bison, with the town of Waskesiu as a convenient base.

**Waskesiu, Saskatchewan**  
1-306-663-4522 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert)

### 5 Fort Walsh



Experience life with James Morrow Walsh and his NWMP troops in the 1870s. Barter for buffalo robes at the trading post, smell sweet lodge pole pines on a hike through the Cypress Hills.

**Maple Creek, Saskatchewan**  
1-306-662-3590 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/walsh](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/walsh)

### 6 Fort Battleford



Step back into a turbulent time in Canada's past, as life on the prairies changes forever for the First Nations and Métis as the newly-formed North West Mounted Police march into Fort Battleford.

**Battleford, Saskatchewan – 145 km from Saskatoon, SK**  
1-306-937-2621 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/battleford](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/battleford)

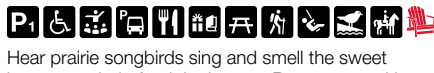
### 7 Batoche



Experience life as a Métis settler in the village community of Batoche and discover the bloody history of the last battle of the Northwest Resistance of 1885, scene of Louis Riel's last stand.

**Wakaw, Saskatchewan – 90 km from Saskatoon, SK**  
1-306-423-6227 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/batoche](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/batoche)

### 8 Motherwell Homestead



Hear prairie songbirds sing and smell the sweet hay as you help feed the horses. Re-connect with Canada's homestead life and bake bread with flour ground from grain harvested from the golden fields outside.

**Abernethy, Saskatchewan – 100 km from Regina, SK**  
1-306-333-2116 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell)

## Manitoba

### 3 Wapusk



A vast subarctic wilderness of tundra and boreal forest, Wapusk protects one of the world's largest known polar bear maternity denning areas, as well as more than 200 bird species, caribou, wolverine, arctic hare and foxes.

**Churchill, Manitoba**  
1-204-675-8863 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/wapusk](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/wapusk)

### 4 Riding Mountain



Find peace on the prairies in a place where the boreal forest and aspen parkland meet. Enjoy superb wildlife and bird watching along more than 4,000 km of trails and sandy lakeside beaches.

**Wasagaming, Manitoba – 270 km from Winnipeg, MB**  
1-204-848-7275 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/riding](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/riding)

### 9 Riding Mountain Park East Gate Registration Complex



Constructed by skilled local craftsman, the East Gate Registration Complex, with its hand-hewn logs and stone walls built from local materials continues to welcome visitors as a shining example of 1930s architecture.

**Wasagaming, Manitoba**  
1-204-848-7275 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/riding](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/riding)





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Wapusk National Park

## 10 Riel House



Travel back to spring 1886, six months after the death of Louis Riel. Visit his family home and discover what life was like for the Riel family and Métis who lived along the banks of the Red River.

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

1-204-257-1783 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/riel](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/riel)

## 11 The Forks



At the place where generations of people have met for 6,000 years or more, discover a history rich in stories of Aboriginal heritage. This is the birthplace of Western Canada.

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

1-204-983-6757 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/forks](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/forks)

## 12 St. Andrew's Rectory



Learn about the significance of the St Andrew's Rectory, an excellent example of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Red River Hudson's Bay Company architecture. Imagine the day to day lives of the Reverend and his Red River settler parishioners in the 1800s.

**St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB**

1-204-785-6050 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/standrewsrectory](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/standrewsrectory)

## 13 Lower Fort Garry



Standing on the bank of the Red River for more than 180 years, Lower Fort Garry tells inspiring tales of innovation, discovery and struggle. Chat with a 19<sup>th</sup> century Red River settler and immerse yourself in the daily life of the Fort's inhabitants.

**St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB**

1-204-785-6050 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgarry](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgarry)

## 14 Prince of Wales Fort



Stone remains of the star-shaped, 18<sup>th</sup> century Prince of Wales Fort stand on Hudson Bay's tundra shore, offering a glimpse into a remote Hudson's Bay outpost amid a wild subarctic landscape alive with polar bears, birds and beluga whales.

**Churchill, Manitoba**

1-204-675-8863 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/princewalesfort](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/princewalesfort)

## 15 York Factory



Perched incongruously amid vast tundra wilderness, York Factory was the Hudson's Bay Company's major trading and administration centre for centuries. Its grounds and grand Depot, filled with artifacts, provide profound insights into a pivotal period in Canada's founding days.

**Churchill, Manitoba**

1-204-675-8863 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/yorkfactory](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/yorkfactory)

## The Wild Side



### Where the Bison Roam!

Once hunted to near-extinction, bison are again roaming the prairies. Don't let their large size (up to 2 metres tall at the shoulder) or weight (over 900 kg) fool you. They can run at speeds up to 65 kilometres per hour!



### Bugling Elk (Wapiti)

The elk or wapiti is a very vocal member of the deer family. Young elk keep in contact with their mothers with squeals, chirps and mews. Barks warn others of danger. Fall is the best time to hear the elk.



### Busy Beaver

Well-known for building dams, canals, and lodges, you can spot these wide-tailed toothy rodents hard at work in streams and ponds. Best time to see this Canadian symbol performing their engineering marvels? Dawn or dusk.



### "Little White Whale"

Nicknamed "sea canaries" for their high-pitched underwater vocalizations, some 3,000 Beluga Whales inhabit the warmer waters of the Churchill River after the ice breaks up. Don't be surprised when their curious nature inspires them to investigate...you.



### "White Bear"

Polar Bears congregate near Churchill, Manitoba during October and early November, and can be seen as early as June in coastal areas when there is no sea ice present. Adult males average 300 to 450 kg. At birth, cubs are about the size of their mother's paw and weigh less than 1 kg.

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