

# Opapiskaw Campground

Whiteshell Provincial Park

## Campground Tips

- Be sure matches are extinguished. Break them in half before discarding.
- Build no fires except in a designated firepit or use a camp stove. Before leaving make sure your fire is completely out.
- Be careful with your cigarettes, cigars and pipe ashes. Crush them thoroughly before discarding. Never toss them from a vehicle.
- Please! Do not litter.
- Be sensitive to wildlife. Bears can be dangerous and should not be fed. Food must be stored away from your campsite, preferably in a locked vehicle, to avoid attracting hungry animals. Do not store food in your tent.
- Warm clothing is needed for cool nights.
- The use of insect repellent will add to your comfort.
- Learn to recognize and avoid poisonous plants such as poison ivy.
- In case of injury or illness contact a Campground Attendant or Park Patrol Officer. They can assist you to reach medical help.
- Canoeists and hikers travelling in backcountry areas should advise a friend of their intended destination and anticipated length of trip.
- Backcountry camping is only allowed at designated campsites.
- It is illegal to use or transport elm firewood.
- Out of Province Firewood can spread harmful pests and destroy our forests - buy it locally, burn it locally.

## Whiteshell

- In the heart of Canadian Shield country



Opapiskaw campground is located adjacent to PR 307 in Whiteshell Provincial Park, in the heart of Canadian Shield country. From archaeological excavations along the Winnipeg River, human presence in the Whiteshell area has been traced back to at least 8000 years ago. Artifacts have been found verifying that early travellers visited to harvest resources and conduct religious ceremonies. Members of the La Vérendrye expedition arrived here in the spring of 1733 and found a Cree settlement at “La Barrière”. The Cree had built a weir to trap spawning sturgeon near the site of what is today Opapiskaw campground. The Whiteshell River, known as “la rivière Pichikoka”, was used by La Vérendrye as an alternative route. The French fur traders’ and explorers’ journey down the Winnipeg River was an important event in the development of the West.

Interpretive programs are available within short driving distance from the campground. Let the interpreters take you on a guided tour of the petroforms or nearby hiking trails. They will teach you about the natural wonders of the area and later put on a nighttime performance at the amphitheatre. Campground talks, family programs, and guest speakers will entertain and inform visitors.

Within the huge base of rock that covers the park and beyond, find rushing rivers, placid lakes, and lush forests full of boreal plants and wildlife.

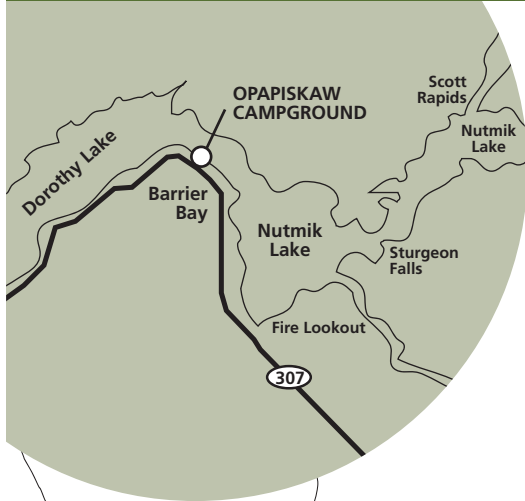
The campground offers two beaches, beautifully surrounded by natural rock landscape, and a peninsula with a footpath leading to rushing waters. In addition to its beautiful scenic location, these waters also provide good fishing opportunities. Activities in the area include volleyball, tennis, boating, hiking, and mountain biking. A store, playground, group use area, and boat launch are located within a convenient distance from the campground.

Rock formations or petroforms, have been attributed to Algonkian-speaking natives of whom the present-day Anishinabe (Ojibwe) are descendants. Although petroforms can be found within various locations throughout the Whiteshell, there is a concentration of them close to the campground. Each summer, interpreters from the Whiteshell Natural History Museum lead tours throughout the area and explain the petroforms’ significance. If you visit the log-constructed museum at Nutimik Lake, be sure to view the displays of the Winnipeg River, First Nations peoples, petroforms, wild rice, lake sturgeon, and wildlife of the boreal forest.

More information on Opapiskaw Campground and Whiteshell Provincial Park is available on request from the park office.

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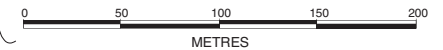
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## LEGEND

	DISABILITY ACCESSIBLE		FISH CLEANING AREA		PLAYGROUND		WASHROOMS (MODERN)
	BEACH / SWIMMING UNSUPERVISED		GROUP USE AREA		RECYCLING DEPOT		WASHROOMS (NON-MODERN)
	BOAT DOCK		PARKING		REFUSE DISPOSAL		WATER SUPPLY
	BOAT LAUNCH		PUBLIC TELEPHONE		SHOWERS (COIN-OPERATED)		E ELECTRICAL SERVICE
	CAMPGROUND OFFICE		PICNIC AREA		TRAILER SANITARY STATION		

## SEASONAL SITES: Bay 5: Sites #1-23



## NOTE:

- For campsite and group use reservations: [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com) or 1-888-4U2-Camp (1-888-482-2267). In Winnipeg call 948-3333.
- Remember, a Park Vehicle Permit is required and must be displayed year round.
- For more information or last minute campsite availability call 1-800-214-6497. In Winnipeg call 945-6784 or visit us at: [www.manitobaparks.com](http://www.manitobaparks.com)
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:**
- RCMP 348-7177
- Ambulance 348-7700