

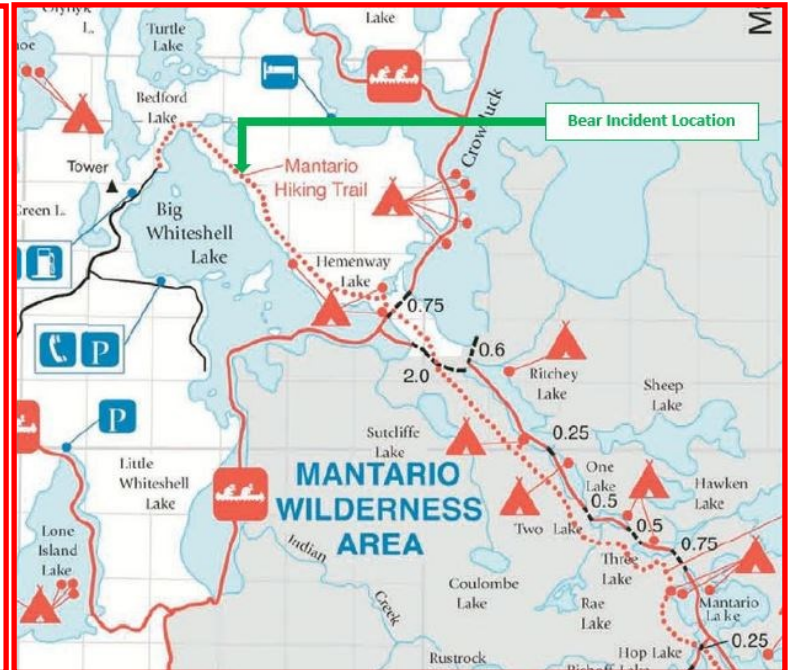
PUBLIC ADVISORY

Dangerous Bear Incident

The Mantario Trail is open for public use, effective August 2, 2018.

Please be advised that an incident wherein a black bear bit a person occurred on the Mantario Trail on July 2, 2018. The approximate location of the incident is marked on the map. To date attempts to capture the offending bear have not been successful, this bear may still be in the area.

Be aware that you are in a wilderness area where black bears and other wildlife may be encountered. It is important that all visitors follow the general precautions below.



General Precautions

- Never feed or approach a bear.
- Travel in a group and make noise. Noise deterrents such as hand clapping, a whistle, rattler, or air horn are helpful.
- Be aware of your surroundings; don't wear earbuds.
- Keep pets on leash at all times.
- Carry bear deterrent spray, keep it accessible and know how to use it properly.
- Watch for signs of recent bear activity, like tracks, flipped-over rocks, or fresh droppings. Avoid these areas.
- Be aware that all food odours can attract bears.
- Keep your campsite clean. Pack out food and garbage. Drain dish water away from your campsite.
- Never bring any food, drinks, cooking equipment, cooking clothes, or toiletries into your tent. Store these attractants so that bears cannot access them.
- Clean fish away from your campsite.
- For more information visit www.manitoba.ca/blackbear.

If You Encounter a Black Bear

Stop. Remain calm. Assess the situation.

- Do not approach the bear, if the animal has not detected you, move away quietly.
- If the bear is aware of you, while watching the bear, slowly back away while talking to the bear in a low monotone voice. Do not scream, turn your back, run, climb a tree, or make direct eye contact. Leave the area the way you came, or take a wide detour around the bear.
- If you are with others, stay together as a group.
- If the bear approaches within range, deploy your bear deterrent spray.
- If a bear persistently stalks/follows you and attacks, or attacks you in your tent, fight back.
- Inform others in the area of bear activity and report all bear encounters to Sustainable Development. Call the local office at 204-369-3153 or the TIP line at 1-800-782-0076.