



## What You Need to Know About Free 2017 National Park Passes

During 2017, Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year, Canadians can visit national parks and historic sites in Manitoba FREE with the [2017 Parks Canada Discovery Pass](#).

BUT before you hit the road, make sure you know the difference between *national* and *provincial* parks in Manitoba, because only national parks are offering free entry in 2017.

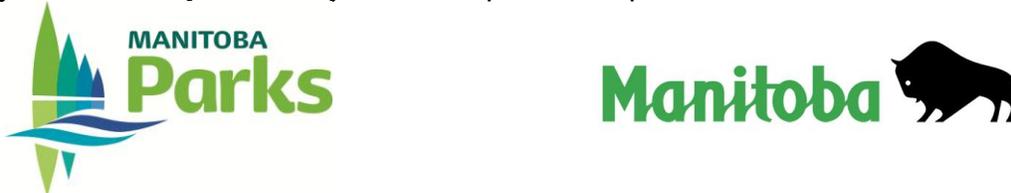
### ***But I got my pass from Parks Canada, and you're parks in Canada?***

Canada's national parks (Parks Canada) are part of the federal government, while Manitoba's provincial parks (Manitoba Parks) are part of the provincial government — we're two completely different organizations.

When you see this, you know you're at a national park:



When you see this, you know you're at a provincial park:



### ***Where do I find out about national parks in Manitoba's?***

Find out about the 11 national parks/ national historic sites in Manitoba at:

[http://www.pc.gc.ca/listing/voyage-travel/recherche-search\\_e.asp?search=&p=1&s=1&m=1&e=1&province=MB&sort=](http://www.pc.gc.ca/listing/voyage-travel/recherche-search_e.asp?search=&p=1&s=1&m=1&e=1&province=MB&sort=)

Riding Mountain is a national park, so you can use the Discovery Pass. But parks such as Birds Hill, Grand Beach, Duck Mountain, and Whiteshell are all provincial parks and you will need to purchase a vehicle permit.

### ***Where do I find out about are the provincial parks in Manitoba?***

You can find the list of Manitoba's 90 provincial parks at:

[manitobaparks.com/popular\\_parks/](http://manitobaparks.com/popular_parks/)



**Can I use the Parks Canada pass to enter Manitoba provincial parks?**

No. The Parks Canada Discovery Pass can only be used to enter National parks.

To enter provincial parks, you can choose from:

- the Explorer Pass, which is the annual permit, valid in all provincial parks (\$40)
- a three-day permit (\$12)
- a daily permit (\$5)

For more information on provincial park fees visit [manitobaparks.com/camping/info/fees.html](http://manitobaparks.com/camping/info/fees.html)

Here's what the 2017 Manitoba Parks Explorer Pass and the Parks Canada Discovery Pass look like:



**Are provincial parks celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday?**

Keep an eye on [manitobaparks.com](http://manitobaparks.com) and follow us on Twitter [@MBGovParks](https://twitter.com/MBGovParks) for information about events in Manitoba Parks during Canada's 150th year.

Manitoba's provincial parks will have free entry weekends on the following dates:

- Family Fishing Weekend – June 10 - 11
- Parks Day Weekend – July 14 - 16
- Labour Day (September Long) Weekend – September 1 – 4

We're excited that many Manitobans will be visiting parks of all types in 2017!

To maximize your enjoyment, take the time to remind friends and family that the free 2017 Parks Canada Discovery Passes are good only for visits to national parks, *not* provincial parks.