



Free Interpretive Programs for Schools and Groups

Manitoba Parks and Natural Areas is pleased to offer free interpretive programs to your school and organized groups in Birds Hill Provincial Park.

Our Park Interpreter led programs emphasize hands-on experiences to deliver a unique engaging experience for your students or group in all four seasons of the year.

All programs are designed to fit into the Manitoba Education curriculums of sciences, social studies and outdoor education. You can choose from a selection of ready-made programming listed on the reverse of this publication, or request additional topics. Programs generally last one hour but can be shortened or lengthened depending on your requirements.

Interpretive programs can accommodate up to 30 students per class. Groups wishing to bring more than one class to the park may be able to have the classes rotate through programs. We can also provide teachers and group leaders with self-guided activities.

Interpretive programs can take place in two areas, depending on the number of students attending and the time of year. We can also offer extension programs at your school.

Interpretive Workshop – This classroom-style building is available year-round and is ideal for programming. The Interpretive Workshop can accommodate 1-2 classes and has access to Nimowin Trail and areas for games and activities. Picnic tables and a fire pit are also located on-site.

Group Use Site – The Group Use Site can accommodate multiple classes for programs in the spring season. The site is equipped with a picnic shelter, tables and fire pits. Access to Chickadee and Aspen Trails nearby allow for a variety of guided hike options.

Extension Programs – Have us come to you for a pre-trip or post-trip visit in-class to supplement your outdoor excursions. *(Available November-April to schools and groups within 50 km of Birds Hill Park).*

To plan your Birds Hill adventure, please call the Senior Park Interpreter at 204-654-6739, email ParkInterpretation@gov.mb.ca or go online at manitobaparks.com.

Programs must be pre-booked to ensure that a spot is open. Programming is available year round, taken on a first come, first serve basis and may be limited due to space and staff availability.

Guided Hikes

All ages

Go straight to the resource and explore the Aspen/Oak Parkland natural region with an interpreter on a guided hike. We can recommend which trail is suitable for your group and present on a variety of topics, depending on your curriculum needs.

Winter Expeditions

Grades 5-12

We'll provide your class with snowshoes as we venture into the tranquil snow-covered forest on a variety of trails and lengths. After your trek, warm-up around a campfire or inside the Interpretive Workshop for another program.

Nature Detective Programs *Preschool Ages 3-5*

Baby Animals

Young animals don't always look like their parents. See if you can match them up and discover what a baby animal needs to grow.

Tiny Trees

Not all trees start off as giants of the forest. Discover what makes a tree grow and how it can provide a home to other animals.

Itsy Bitsy Insects

From egg to six-legged creepy crawlly, discover the changes tiny creatures go through, where they live and their importance.

History & Culture Programs

Way of the Bison

Grades K-4

Discover the historical uses of the plains bison and how every part of the animal benefited the people who hunted them.

Aboriginal Games

Grades 5-12

Learn how the first peoples of the area lived and hunted by playing these fun activities and games.

History of Birds Hill

Grades 7-12

From glaciers to early settlement, from the fur trade to the Folk Fest – discover Birds Hill's past secrets in a most fun and entertaining way.

Junior Naturalist Programs

Grades K-6

Plants and Seeds

Discover the many types of plants in the park, what they need to grow and how their seeds disperse.

Super Soils

Get your hands dirty with the discovery of soils and why they're important to the ecosystem.

Animal Investigation

What makes a bird a bird? A mammal a mammal? Learn about the uniqueness of the living creatures in the park.

Eco-games

Various topics explained and demonstrated through fun, interactive games.

Park Explorer Programs

Grades 6-8

GPS Adventures

We'll provide you with GPS devices for this high-tech scavenger hunt in the park.

Leave No Trace

Develop a sense of awareness, appreciation and respect for wild lands with these fun activities.

Prepared for the Woods

Learn how to be prepared for the woods, build survival kits, start a fire and learn how to be Bear Smart.

Quinzhee Building

Learn how to create this traditional snow shelter used on the prairies.

Teen Programs

Grades 9-12

Picture Perfect Parks

Discover the challenge of managing recreational activities and conserving biodiversity.

Instincts for Survival

A high energy game of role playing an animal either out for the hunt, or running for fear of being hunted.

Mock Muck

Experiment with water purification methods to find how we can clean our water for future consumption.

Snow Ecology

Take a more in-depth look at snowflakes and how it is important to animal survival.

Looking for a program topic, but don't see it here? We have several programming options for multiple topics – give us a call for more options.

Grades indicated are suggestions only – most programs can be adapted to any grade level.