



Whiteshell Provincial Park



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 Whiteshell 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.

Be sure to plan a visit to one of our interpretive centres that highlight the unique natural, cultural, historical and management features of the Whiteshell. All of the centres are wheel-chair accessible and have picnic grounds for those groups that wish to bring a lunch.

Alfred Hole Goose Sanctuary and Visitor Centre - Discover the Canada Goose and other wildlife up-close at the Alfred Hole Goose Sanctuary. The Visitor Centre highlights the biology of geese and the important legacy of Alf Hole. Tours and programs at the Visitor Centre are available from April - October.

Whiteshell Natural History Museum - Built in the form of a trapper's log cabin, the museum is a place where visitors can come and explore the Whiteshell's flora, fauna and cultural history. Tours and programs at the Museum are available June - September.

Whiteshell Fish Hatchery - Tour the Hatchery to learn how Manitoba Fisheries raises fish, works towards a sustainable future and the key role they play in conservation. You will be able to see a variety of fish species and learn all about them. Tours of the Whiteshell Fish Hatchery are available June - September.

To plan your Whiteshell adventure, please call the Senior Park Interpreter at 204-369-3157, 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 Canadian Shield and the boreal forest 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 6-12

Trek a groomed walking trail and learn about the amazing ability plants and animals have to adapt and survive the Manitoba winter. After your hike, hot chocolate will be provided as you warm up around a campfire. *We can also provide snowshoes!*

History and Culture Programs

Beavers, Bugs and Bannock

Grades 2-6

Live the life of a voyageur in the days of the fur trade. Afterwards, try your hand at making bannock over a campfire.

Tours of Bannock Point Petroforms

Grades 5-12

Tour the sacred rock mosaics built by Anishinabe peoples over 1500 years ago, and discover these spiritual places of teaching and healing.

Furs and The Modern Day Trapper

Grades 7-12

Discover the importance of trapping and learn how the practice has evolved by visiting a local trapper at the Whiteshell Trapper's Museum.

Junior Naturalist Programs

Grades K-6

Be Bear Smart

Learn how you can keep yourself and the bears safe while visiting and living in bear country.

Owls of Manitoba

Take flight as we learn the adaptations of owls and the different owl species that live in Manitoba.

Reptiles and Amphibians

Hop and slither along as we distinguish the differences and similarities of these unique creatures.

Park Explorer Programs

Grades 7-9

Leave No Trace

Develop a sense of awareness, appreciation and respect for our wild lands as we play a series of games and activities.

Prepared for the Woods

A basic introduction to how to prepare for outdoor excursions, including how to build a survival kit, fire-starting skills and finding some edible wild plants.

GPS Adventure

We'll provide you with GPS devices for this high-tech scavenger hunt as we uncover the unique features of the Whiteshell.

Teen Programs

Grades 10-12

Picture Perfect Parks

Create your own park to discover the challenge of managing recreational activities and conserving biodiversity.

Ecosystem Dynamics

Be introduced to ecological concepts and an overview of wildlife management techniques used in Manitoba.

Aquatic Invertebrate Sampling

Dip into the waters and discover the insects and other small wonders of wetlands.

Classroom Extension Programs

All ages. **Available November - April, within eastern Manitoba communities only.**

Have a Park Interpreter come by for an in-classroom visit! Have us come to you for a pre-trip or post-trip visit to supplement your outdoor excursions. Extension programs can be any of the listed programs or you can request additional topics.

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.