Pinawa Dam Provincial Park

Campground Tips

- Be Wildlife Smart. Do not feed any wildlife, including birds or squirrels. You are in black bear country - secure all attractants such as food, cooking equipment and trash in a locked vehicle. Do not store food or attractants in your tent.
- Practice Leave No Trace. Pack out all gear and trash to keep the campsites clean for others.
- Keep dogs on leash and clean up after your pet.
- Learn to recognize and avoid poisonous plants such as poison ivy.
- Open fires are prohibited. Use portable stoves or fire pits provided.
- Don't Move Firewood - Moving firewood can spread harmful invasive species and destroy our forests.
- Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Always clean, drain, dry watercraft and water related equipment. Visit *manitoba.ca/stopais* for full regulations.
- In case of injury or illness contact a Park Patrol Officer. They can assist you to reach medical help.

The water flows through the ruins, forming rapids and waterfalls

Pinawa Dam, which started operations in 1906, was constructed for the production of residential and commercial hydro electric power for the city of Winnipeg. In 1951, the dam was closed to allow for the full flow of the Winnipeg River to enter Seven Sisters hydro station . Later, parts of the dam were destroyed by the Canadian Armed Forces when it was used for demolition practice. Today, the water flows through the ruins, forming rapids and waterfalls. The scenic 25-hectare park named after the native word meaning "it is slow, calm or gentle."

The old dam employed many people and the townsite provided families with homes and recreational facilities. Traces of this former town still exist at the site, even though all the buildings have been torn down.

The Old Pinawa self-guiding trail leads you through the landmark of the former town. Take a brochure to find out more about the townspeople's life and experiences and look at the accompanying historic photos.

The park overlooks the Pinawa Channel and is home to fish species like walleye, northern pike, catfish and smallmouth bass. Animals that you might spot wandering along the waterway include white-tailed deer, black bear, fox and otter.

The partnership between Manitoba Conservation and the Friends of Old Pinawa has created an amphithheatre, interpretive signage, walking bridge, picnic shelter and Heritage nature trail. Recreational facilities like a picnic area add to the enjoyment of the park. Hike the variety of trails that weave through the area, including the Trans-Canada Trail that runs through the park or spend the day casting a line to catch some fish.

The town of Pinawa offers many recreational facilities like a marina, golf course, tennis courts and baseball diamonds. Shopping at the Lac du Bonnet Farmers' Market (open Saturdays) and at the Lac du Bonnet House, a mini museum and craft boutique, will complete the day. Lac du Bonnet offers fireworks, a parade, antique car show and other fun events at it's annual Canada Day celebrations.

More Information on Pinawa Dam Provincial Park is available at manitobaparks.com

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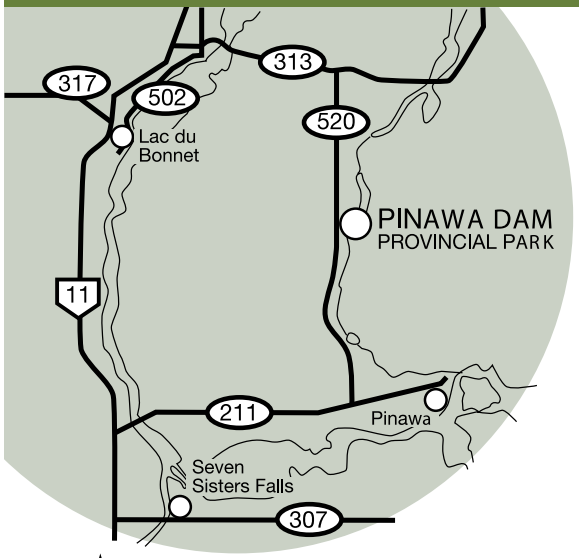

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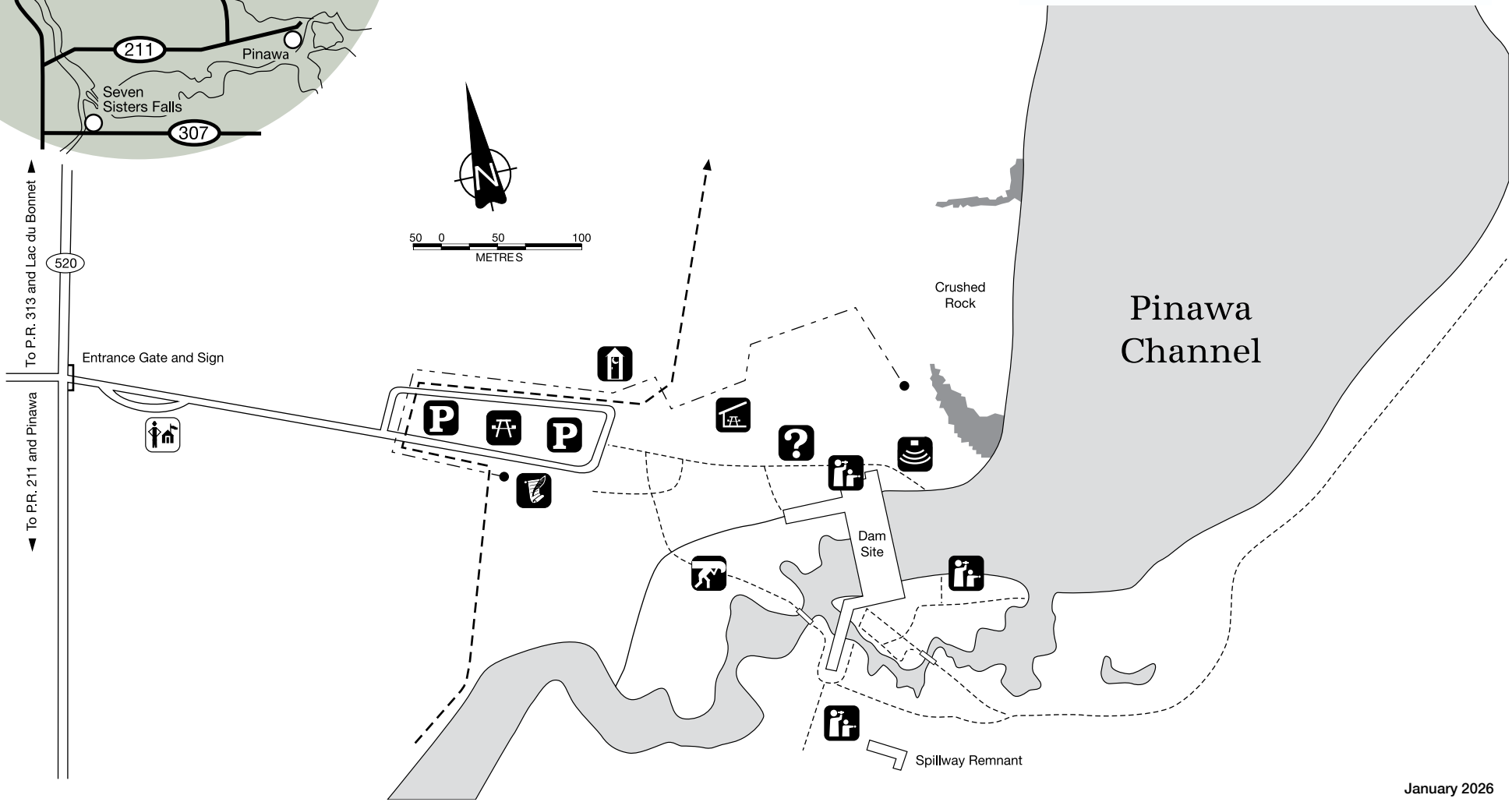
- PICNIC AREA
- INTERPRETIVE TOWNSITE TOUR
- INFORMATION
- PICNIC SHELTER
- TRANS CANADA TRAIL

NOTE:

- Park Attendant is available on occasional basis only.
- Remember, a Park Vehicle Permit is required and must be displayed year round.
- For more information call 1-800-214-6497. In Winnipeg call 204-945-6784 or visit us at: www.manitobaparks.com

• IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911



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