

Asessippi Village Self-guiding Trail

Some 50 Ontario homesteaders called this place home. Here visitors can look down into the winding Shell River valley at one of the earliest settlements in the parkland region. Stroll through the west side of the village and read the nine on-site interpretive signs along the way that describe some of its buildings, businesses and activities. It was a vibrant frontier community during the 1880s and 1890s. In 1882, with the hope of an early railway connection and with a federal land grant, the Shell River Colonization Co. founded the village of Asessippi (Cree for Shell River). The bridge is out: the east side is only accessible by the Trans-Canada Trail. Return distance is 0.9 km. Allow 1 h.



The view is spectacular. The process of glaciation has shaped the landscape of Manitoba. The trail has six on-site interpretive signs that describe the processes of glaciation as one travels the trail. The rolling landscape beyond the trailhead is part of the glacial processes that took place about 8,500 years ago. Today the climate is much warmer and the land is once again free from past glacial events. The landscape today is lush and attracts an abundance of wildlife. As you descend the slope on the return trail, try to picture how the forces of glaciation have altered this landscape like no other force. Return distance is 3 km. Allow 1h 30 min.

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