



Riding Mountain  
National Park

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# Visitor Guide



If you see wildlife while driving,  
**STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.**

All wildlife photos in this brochure were taken  
from a safe distance. A telephoto lens was used.



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# Boozhoo – Welcome

Riding Mountain National Park is in Treaty 2 Territory, where we work with Anishinabe, First Nations from Treaties 2, 4, and 1. We honour, acknowledge, and recognize Indigenous contributions to the park, the province, and Canada.

## We All Work Together - Widokodadiwin

The Coalition of First Nations with Interests in Riding Mountain National Park was established to foster positive relationships between local First Nations and Parks Canada. It includes nations from Treaty 2, 4, and 1: Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation, Ebb and Flow First Nation, Waywayseecappo First Nation, Rolling River First Nation, Tootinaowaziibeeng First Nation, Gambler First Nation, and Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation. Parks Canada and the Coalition of First Nations established the Riding Mountain Forum to work together, share information and put ideas into action.

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For more information about local businesses and tourism services, visit Clear Lake Country at: [discoverclearlake.com](http://discoverclearlake.com)



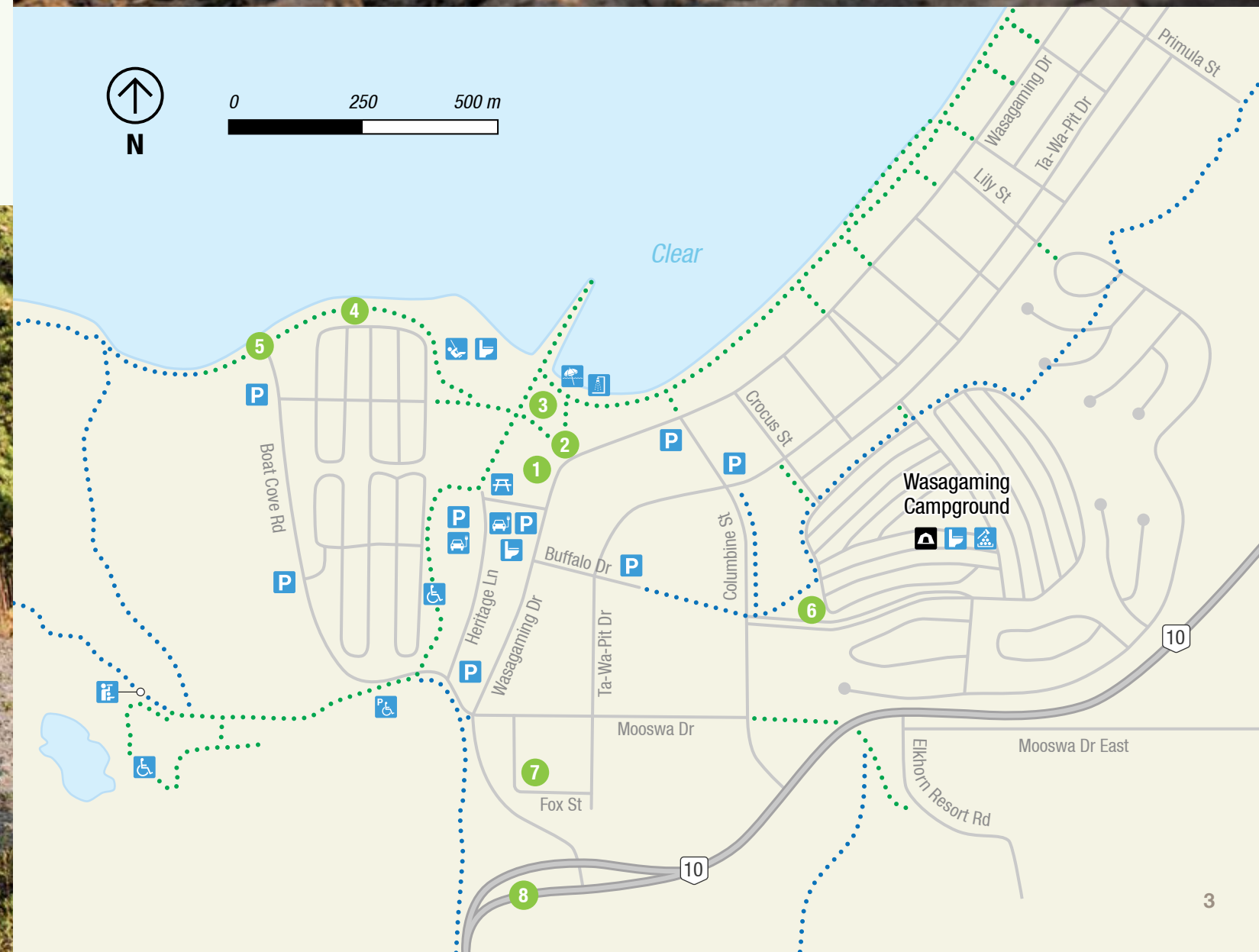
# Wasagaming

## Highlights

- 1 Visitor Centre
- 2 Park Administration
- 3 Bandstand
- 4 Jamboree Hall
- 5 Boat Cove
- 6 Campground Kiosk
- 7 RCMP
- 8 South Gate

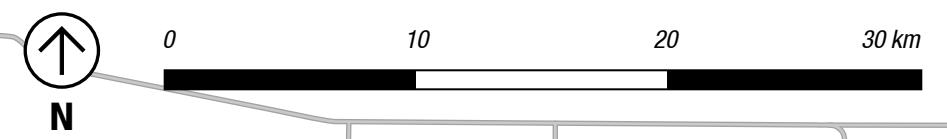
## Legend

- |                      |                               |              |            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| ..... Easy trail     | Accessible                    | Flush toilet | Picnic     |
| ..... Moderate trail | Accessible parking            | Lookout      | Playground |
| — Road               | Electric car charging station | Main beach   | Shower     |
| Camping              | Firewood                      | Parking      |            |





# Riding Mountain National Park



**Legend**

	Camping		Group camping
	Information		Easy trail
	Lookout		Moderate trail
	Parking		Difficult trail
	Picnic area		Road

Drive scenic roads through the park. Savour a meal at your favourite picnic spot. Stretch your legs on the woodland trails.

Road conditions may affect travel times. Visit [parks.canada.ca/riding-roads](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-roads) for information on road conditions and seasonal road closures.

**Highway 10 and Clear Lake (p. 6)**

Travel over the mountain on Highway 10. Marvel in the beauty of woodland and wetlands along the way. Unwind at the beach and bask in the stunning sunsets on Clear Lake. Explore Wasagaming Townsite. Gaze at the stars above your campfire.

**Lake Audy Road (p. 8)**

Drive to the home of Riding Mountain's bison herd. Hike, bike, or ride your horse on trails through grasslands and aspen forests. Overnight at Lake Audy Campground for another day fishing. Or go beyond the road into the wilder regions of the park. Book your backcountry campsite online or by phone: [reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca) or 1-877-737-3783.

**Highway 19 and East Gate (p. 10)**

Go slow on this gravel road and take in the scenic views. Snap a selfie beside the last remaining park gate built in the 1930s. Watch for lynx, bear, and other wild animals along the way. Are you an avid hiker? Tackle a challenging trail on the Manitoba Escarpment.

This is not a suitable map to plan a hike. This map is for summer use only. Find your trail maps at the Visitor Centre or download them online: [parks.canada.ca/riding-visit-trails](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-visit-trails)

# Highway 10 and Clear Lake

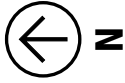
## Beach day or mountain highway? Your choice!

- Swim in the cool waters of Clear Lake.
- Look for wild animals along the way.
- Take a hike on one of our trails.

Trail	Distance	Use
<b>LW</b> Lakeshore Walk	3.6 km one way	
<b>WT</b> Wasagaming	5.1 km one way	
<b>OM</b> Orminnik Marsh	0.5 km loop	
<b>SL</b> South Lake	3.0 km loop	
<b>SS</b> Clear Lake South Shore	7.0 km one way	
<b>NS</b> Clear Lake North Shore	8.0 km one way	
<b>ON</b> Old North Shore Road	2.4 km one way	
<b>OC</b> Ochre River	15.8 km one way	
<b>BL</b> Bead Lakes	3.9 km loop	
<b>BO</b> Boréal	1.0 km loop	
<b>ML</b> Moon Lake	9.4 km loop	
<b>KM</b> Kippan's Mill	1.3 km loop	
<b>EK</b> Edwards Creek	3.0 km loop	
<b>BR</b> Beach Ridges	3.5 km loop	

Highlights	Features
<b>1</b> South Entrance	
<b>2</b> Wasagaming Beach	
<b>3</b> Boat Cove	
<b>4</b> Frith Beach	
<b>5</b> Deep Bay	
<b>6</b> Wishing Well	
<b>7</b> Glenn Beag	
<b>8</b> Spruces	
<b>9</b> Aspen	
<b>10</b> Grayling Lake	
<b>11</b> Moon Lake Campground	
<b>12</b> KM 49 Lookout	
<b>13</b> North Entrance	

Legend	
	Easy trail
	Moderate trail
	Difficult trail
	Road
	Camping
	Red chair
	Boat launch
	Flush toilet
	Kitchen shelter
	Lookout
	Parking
	Picnic area
	Privy
	Shower
	Swimming
	No fishing



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# Lake Audy Road and Bison Enclosure

Trail	Distance	Use
CT Central	67.0 km one way	
SC Strathclair	22.1 km one way	
LL Long Lake	13.7 km one way	
GV Grasshopper Valley	15.6 km loop	
LT Link	3.1 km one way	

Highlights	Features
1 Lake Audy Campground	
2 Bison Exhibit	
3 Lake Audy Dam	

## Go off the beaten track on a gravel road bison safari:

- Watch the herd safely from the bison exhibit viewing platform.
- Paddle the peaceful waters of Lake Audy.
- Listen to the loons where you camp by the shore.

## Mashkode-bizhiki

The Anishinabe name for bison is "mashkode-bizhiki". The connection between Indigenous peoples and bison has been in place since time immemorial. Today, Riding Mountain National Park works with First Nations partners to understand the importance of Indigenous Knowledge in the management of bison.

## Legend

- Easy trail
- Moderate trail
- Road
- One way
- Camping
- Red chair
- Boat launch
- Dam
- Interpretive panels
- Kitchen shelter
- Lookout
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Privy

**Getting There**

The inset map shows Lake Audy and the Bison Enclosure area. It indicates the location of Lake Audy Rd (Highway 10) and Highway 354. A north arrow is also present.

**Bison Viewing in Riding Mountain National Park**

- Riding Mountain protects around 40 plains bison. Bison are wild animals. They are dangerous, unpredictable and may charge without warning.
- Access to the bison enclosure is by motor vehicle. Drive slowly and bison on the road will move out of the way. Do not honk or make aggressive moves.

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# Highway 19 and Historic East Gate



## Get away from it all and explore the east side of Riding Mountain:

- Stroll through spruce and pine forests.
- Escape the crowds and relax by lakes and ponds along the way.
- Enjoy the bird's eye view from one of the lookouts. Bring your binoculars!



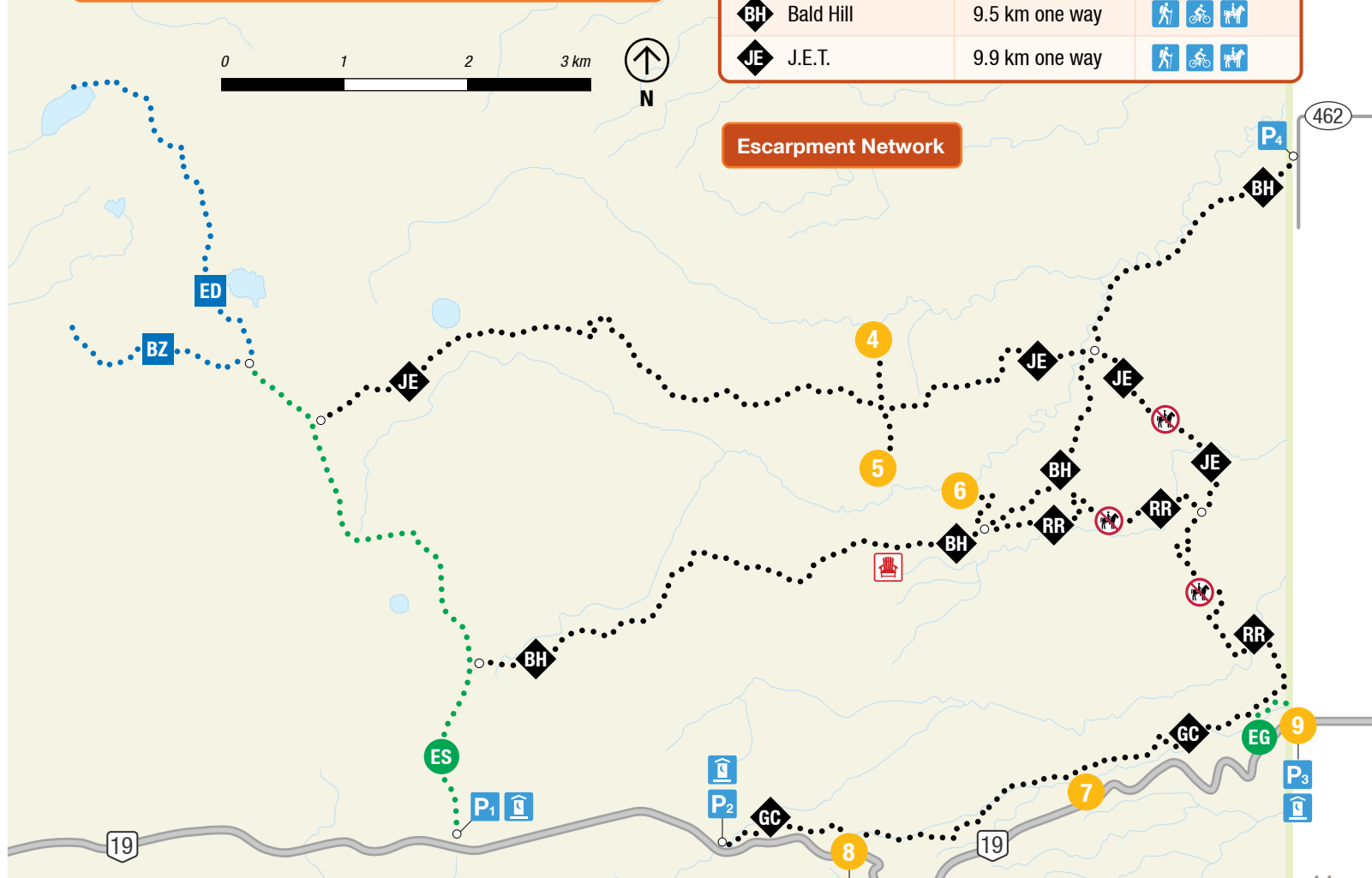
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Highlights	Features
1 Lake Katherine	P, A, U
2 Grey Owl's Cabin	A, U
3 Whirlpool Lake Campground	C, K, P, A, U
4 North J.E.T. Lookout	L
5 South J.E.T. Lookout	L
6 Bald Hill Lookout	L
7 Gorge Creek Lookout	L
8 East Escarpment Lookout	L, U
9 East Gate National Historic Site	P, A, U

Grey Owl Network		
Trail	Distance	Use
AH Arrowhead	3.4 km loop	H, B
LK Lake Katherine	3.5 km loop	H, B
BU Brûlé	2.2 or 4.1 km loop	H, B
KI Kinosa	4.1 km one way	H, B
GO Grey Owl	7.5 km one way	H, B
CL Cowan Lake	3.3 km one way	H, B

Legend		
••• Easy trail	Red chair	A Picnic area
••• Moderate trail	Kitchen shelter	U Privy
••• Difficult trail	L Lookout	No biking
— Road	P Parking	No horses
C Camping		

Escarpment Network		
Trail	Distance	Use
ES Escarpment	5.1 km one way	H, B, C, D
ED East Deep Lake	3.3 km one way	H, B
BZ Breezy Hill	1.8 km one way	H, B, C, D
GC Gorge Creek	5.5 km one way	H, B, C, D
EG East Gate Link	0.5 km one way	H, B
RR Reeves Ravine	6.7 km one way	H, B, C, D
BH Bald Hill	9.5 km one way	H, B, C, D
JE J.E.T.	9.9 km one way	H, B, C, D





# Keep Wildlife Alive



## IT'S THE LAW:

- Do not feed wildlife.
- Do not litter.
- Never leave food or garbage unattended.

### Walking away from your campsite or picnic site?

- **Clean up** to protect wildlife.
- Wild animals see and smell human food and garbage.
- Animals can become aggressive or sick if they get into it.
- Animals who get into human food or scented items are often killed to keep people safe.

Put coolers away. Secure your food and items with a smell in your vehicle or in a food locker.



Leave your site animal proof.  
Do not leave any food or garbage out without supervision.



You **MUST** store away all food, food-related, and scented items (clean, dirty, or sealed).

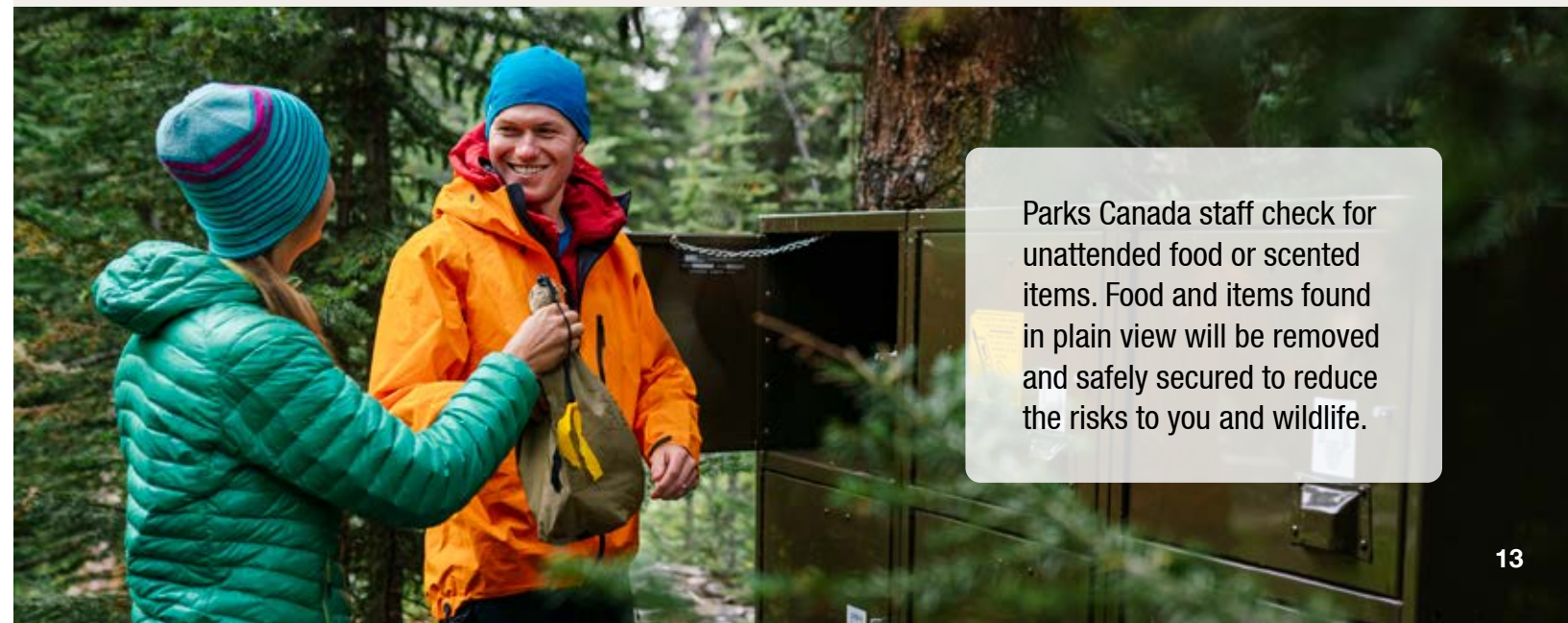
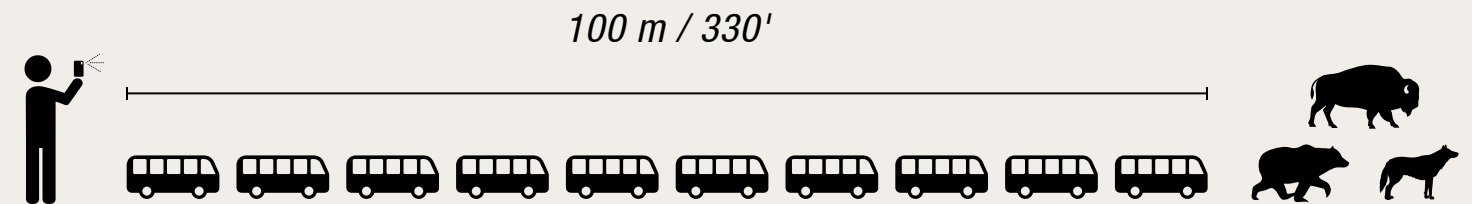


Coolers, stove, and containers also attract animals. Put them away in your vehicle or in food lockers.

### If you see wildlife while driving, STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE:

- Slow down!
- Use your hazards to alert others.
- Only pull over where it is safe to do so.
- Observe, take photographs, and move on.
- Do not stop in driving lanes. It is illegal.
- If a traffic jam develops, move on immediately.

### Safe wildlife viewing distances



Parks Canada staff check for unattended food or scented items. Food and items found in plain view will be removed and safely secured to reduce the risks to you and wildlife.



## Protect These Waters

Anglers need a Riding Mountain National Park fishing permit.



### What are Aquatic Invasive Species?

- AIS are non-native plants, animals, and diseases (often too small to see).
- AIS travel with you from one body of water to another.
- AIS stick to your clothes, gear, watercraft, and pets.

### Why should you care about stopping AIS?

- AIS can make water and beaches not fit for people to enjoy.
- AIS presence can result in closures and restrictions.
- AIS may destroy healthy water and aquatic life.
- AIS damage is often not reversible.

## CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY to prevent the spread of AIS

Make it a habit everywhere you go!



### CLEAN

Remove all mud, sand, plant, and animal parts from all items **before leaving** the shore.



### DRAIN

Drain, **onto land**, all items that can hold water. Invert or tilt items. Open all compartments. Remove the seats if necessary.



### DRY

Dry all items completely **before** entering any river, pond, lake, or stream.



## Safety Is Your Responsibility

### Know before you go:

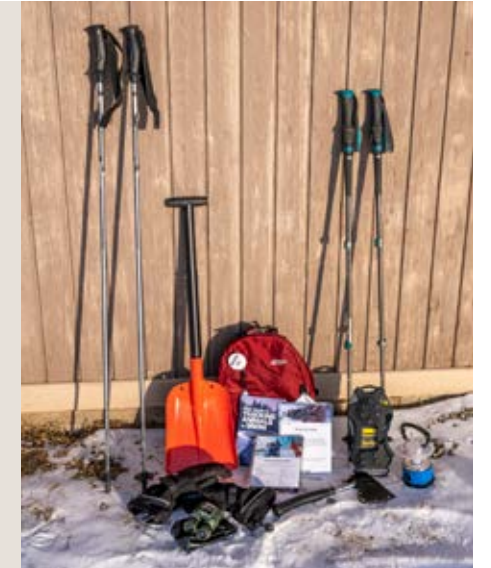
Visit the web for reports on weather, roads, trails, and fire conditions: [parks.canada.ca/riding](https://parks.canada.ca/riding)

Trail Conditions: [parks.canada.ca/riding-trails](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-trails)

Road Conditions: [parks.canada.ca/riding-roads](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-roads)

Weather: [weather.gc.ca](https://weather.gc.ca)

Important Bulletins: [parks.canada.ca/riding-bulletins](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-bulletins)



- Respect speed zones, trail signs, warning signs, closures, and hazards.
- Assess the safety risk for yourself. Do not blindly follow what others do.
- Do not exceed your level of knowledge and skill.



### Did you know?

- Off-leash dogs cause stress for wildlife which can result in dogs and people being hurt or killed in the park.
- You can run into bears and other wildlife anytime and anywhere. This includes in town, on trails, roadways, picnic areas, and campgrounds.
- **Stay Safe. Keep your dog on leash always. IT'S THE LAW.**



Learn more about our AIS prevention programs and current AIS restrictions: [parks.canada.ca/riding-ais](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-ais)





# Winter in Riding Mountain

## Winter Activities:

-  Winter walking
-  Snowshoeing
-  Cross-country skiing
-  Fat-biking
-  Skating
-  Ice-fishing



Stop by the Visitor Centre, Park Administration, or South Gate to pick up a park pass and winter information. Check our website for winter hours of operation: [parks.canada.ca/riding-hours](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-hours)



When conditions allow, make the most out of winter at our skating rink or ice-covered lakes. Use caution and common sense on the ice. You must have a Riding Mountain National Park Fishing Permit for ice-fishing in the park. Learn more about winter fishing in our Fishing Regulations Summary: [parks.canada.ca/riding-fishing](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-fishing)



Breathe in crisp air and explore snow-covered trails. Use track-set trails to cross-country ski and multi-use trails to walk, bike, or snowshoe. Please don't walk, bike, or snowshoe on track-set ski trails. Find winter trail maps: [parks.canada.ca/riding-winter-trails](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-winter-trails)



# Winter Safety

## Winter poses additional concerns:

- Plan your route around the forecast, snow conditions, and distance.
- Expect winter driving conditions. Winter tires are strongly recommended. Drivers should travel based on comfort level and experience.
- Cell phone coverage is not dependable throughout the park. Do not rely on your cell phone or other electronic devices.

## Ice Safety



- Parks Canada does not check ice thickness.
- It is up to you to assess the thickness of the ice. Safety is your responsibility.
- The Red Cross recommends an ice thickness of at least 15 centimetres for safe skating on lakes and ponds.





# Plan Your Visit

## Accessibility

Information on accessible services is available at the Visitor Centre, Park Administration, or staffed campground kiosks and park gates. Learn more at: [parks.canada.ca/riding-accessible](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-accessible)



Service animals are welcome in the park and at park facilities. They must be leashed and under control at all times.

## Camping

Campgrounds fill quickly. Book ahead of time when possible. For fees and information visit: Parks Canada Reservation Service: [parks.canada.ca/reservation](https://parks.canada.ca/reservation) or 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783).

See locations on p. 4

Campgrounds	# of sites	Open dates	oTENTiKs, Microcube, or Yurt	Full hook-up	Electrical	Sani-dump	Flush toilets	Pit toilets	Showers	Firepit	Cooking shelter	Drinking water	Some accessible amenities
Wasagaming	446	Mid May to mid Oct.											
Wasagaming (winter)		Mid May to mid Oct.											
Deep Lake	12	Mid May to mid Oct.											
Lake Audy	28	Mid May to mid Oct.											
Moon Lake	24	Mid May to mid Oct.											
Whirlpool Lake (tents only)	14	Mid May to mid Oct.											
Backcountry	16	Year-round											

Reservation needed for all sites in the campground.  
 Campgrounds are first come, first served. You must be on site to know if a site is available. These campgrounds are rustic. Use a registration envelope supplied at the entrance kiosk. Pay with cash or credit card.

Group camping is available in the park at Camp Ma-Ma-O-Pee and Kippechewin. Visit [parks.canada.ca/riding-camping](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-camping) for more information or call 204-848-7275 to reserve.



## Find Us

**Park Administration:**  
135 Wasagaming Drive  
Information, Passes and Permits,  
Realty and Townsite Services

**Riding Mountain National Park Visitor Centre:**  
133 Wasagaming Drive  
Information, Passes and Permits,  
Interactive Exhibits, Parks Canada  
Gift Shop

**Visitor Centre Venue Rentals:**  
[pnmrvisite-visitrmnp@pc.gc.ca](mailto:pnmrvisite-visitrmnp@pc.gc.ca)

## Park Passes

**You must have a valid national park entry pass.**

Your entry fees help support and maintain visitor services and facilities. Purchase your national park entry pass at the Visitor Centre, Park Administration, staffed campground kiosks and park gates, or online: [parks.canada.ca/passes](https://parks.canada.ca/passes)



## Contact Us

**FOR EMERGENCY, DIAL 911**  
(Fire, ambulance, police)

**Parks Canada Dispatch**  
1-877-852-3100 – Wildfires, wildlife mortality, park violations, poaching, off-leash pets, first aid, missing/lost persons, overdue persons (search and rescue)

**Riding Mountain National Park**  
204-848-7275 or [rmnp.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:rmnp.info@pc.gc.ca)

Facebook and Twitter: [@RidingNP](https://www.facebook.com/RidingNP)

Instagram: [@parks.canada](https://www.instagram.com/parks.canada)

Visit our website:  
[parks.canada.ca/riding](https://parks.canada.ca/riding)





# Park Regulations

You are responsible to know and follow national park rules.  
For a complete list, visit: [parks.canada.ca/riding-rules](https://parks.canada.ca/riding-rules)



## **DO NOT LITTER.**

Put all garbage in garbage bins. If bins are full, take your garbage with you and dispose of it later.

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## **NO DRONES ALLOWED.**

Riding Mountain National Park is a no drone zone.

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## **DO NOT MOVE OR COLLECT FIREWOOD.**

Use firewood provided or buy wood near where you will use it. Leave any unused firewood on site. Leave any unused firewood on site.

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## **NO CAMPFIRES OUTSIDE OF METAL FIREPITS.**

This helps prevent wildfires. It keeps the site clean for the next visitor to enjoy it.

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## **NO CAMPING UNLESS IN A DESIGNATED PARK CAMPSITE WITH CAMPING PERMIT.**

No camping at roadside pullouts, trailheads, and day use areas.

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## **DO NOT APPROACH OR HARASS WILDLIFE.**

All wildlife is potentially dangerous. Park animals are wild even if they appear tame.

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## **DO NOT COLLECT NATURAL OBJECTS.**

Natural objects are sources of food and shelter for wild animals and plants.

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## **KEEP DOGS ON A LEASH. COLLECT AND DISCARD THEIR WASTE IN GARBAGE BINS.**

This is for your safety, the safety of your pet, and the safety of other visitors.

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Your entry fees help support and maintain visitor services and facilities.  
This means that every time you visit a park, you are investing in its future.