

Douglas Provincial Park

2022 Education Programs

Guided school programs are offered in the spring and fall at Douglas Provincial Park and are a great opportunity to immerse students in nature while investigating and applying learning objectives. Sask Parks' guided school programming connects the Saskatchewan Curriculum to nature-based learning.



Booking:

Bookings are accepted starting on Tuesday, January 4, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the attached form and return by email to outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca.

Cost:

School groups are no longer required to pay a program fee. A vehicle entry permit is required upon entry to the park for \$10/vehicle (buses and chaperone vehicles included). Permits are available for purchase from the entry gate and/or park office.

Program Dates:

Monday to Friday, May 16 to June 24, 2022. Fall programs are available September 6 to early October, weather and park conditions permitting. Winter programs are available upon request.

Park Quick Facts:

- Located 10 minutes south of Elbow on Highway 19.
- Large picnic area with covered picnic shelter and charcoal briquette barbecues.
- Beach wheelchair available for booking.
- Group camping sites available.

In the Area:

- Town of Elbow.
- Beach store with ice cream
- Sand Dunes
- Disc golf course
- Gardiner Dam Visitor Centre: Explore with your class at your own pace and learn about the making of the Gardiner Dam the Lake Diefenbaker ecosystem and how Lake Diefenbaker provides fresh water for many communities in Saskatchewan.

Programs

Most programs can be adapted for any grade level, however, suggested grades are included.





Guided Hikes

Aspen Forest Adventure (Pre K - 8)

Discover the animals that make Douglas Park their home. Learn to recognize distinguishing features and signs of the animals all around us. We will take the students on an interactive adventure hike through the Aspen bluffs and stabilized sand dunes. Please wear proper footwear for hiking.

Location: To be discussed

Duration: 45 minutes to 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PE1, LT1, SE1, DS1, PE2, AN2, PE3, PL3, ES3, PE4, HC4, PE5, IE5, PE6, DL6, PE7, IE7, EC7, PE8.

Aquatic Programs

Critter Dipping (Pre K - 6)

In this one hour program, students will explore Douglas' aquatic habitats. Using dipping nets, students will attempt to collect living plants and invertebrate near the shoreline of the lake. Students will work together to identify the organisms found using hand lenses and biological keys.

Location: To be discussed

Duration: 45 minutes to 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: LTK, NSK, LT1, SE1, DS1, AN2, AW2, PL3, ES3, HC4, RW5, DL6.

Sand Dunes Hike (Grade 4 - 12)

Take an adventurous trek through the rolling sand and aspen bluffs. Experience what makes the park an island refuge for wildlife and identify their measures of survival. We will learn about the mammals that make their home here and how to identify them.

Location: To be discussed

Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours

Suggested Curriculum: PE4, HC4, PE5, IE5, PE6, DL6, PE7, IE7, EC7, PE8, PE10, SCH10, SCI10, ES20, ES30.

Skill Development Programs

Geocaching Adventure (Grade 4 - 12)

Geocaching is a fun, high-tech scavenger hunt using a Global Positioning System (GPS). Learn to navigate and find hidden caches filled with clues, questions and treasures. GPS units provided.

Location: To be discussed

Duration: 45 minutes to 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PE4, PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, PE10, PE20, PE30.



Booking Information

Educational Programming:

Please fill out the attached School Booking Request Form and email the completed form to outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca.

Group Size:

Each program can accommodate 20-30 students. For larger group sizes, contact us at outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca to discuss program options.

Group Camping:

Group camping is available to school groups free of charge from September 7, 2021 to June 23, 2022. To book group campsites, please contact the park office at 306-854-6266. When reserving online, standard nightly group camping fees apply from June 24, 2022 until September 6, 2022, in addition to a \$12 non-refundable reservation fee. Visit saskparks.com for standard nightly group rates. Valid vehicle entry permits are required.

Know Before You Go

Note: teachers and chaperones are required to participate in all programs.

Be Prepared for the Weather:

Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, warm and waterproof clothing. Rubber boots may also be required for your program.

Cell Coverage:

There is reliable cell service at Douglas Provincial Park, though it may be limited in some areas. Wi-Fi is not available.

Late Arrivals or Cancellations:

Programs are not usually cancelled due to weather unless requested by the school or in extreme/unsafe situations. Please phone us to let us know if you are arriving late. We will try to accommodate changes; however, late arrivals may result in program reduction or cancellation due to other school booking commitments.

Campfires:

Campfires are allowed in the park. Please bring matches, roasting sticks and an axe. Wood is provided on site. Please discuss campfire needs during your booking. In the case of fire restrictions, campfires are prohibited. To find out if the park is under a fire ban, head to saskparks.com.

Drinking Water:

Drinking water may not be available at your program location. Plan ahead and bring filled water bottles.

Safety:

In case of medical or other emergencies, all groups must maintain their own transportation while visiting the park.

In the Classroom:

Discuss with your students ways that they can reduce their impact — reduce packaging on food items, recycle materials and respect the natural environment during your visit.

Further Information:

Learn more about Douglas Provincial Park at www.saskparks.com.



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Education Program Booking Form

You will receive a response within 10 business days to confirm your booking. Park Interpreters begin work in May and will contact you at that time to finalize details. If desired, group camping must be booked separately by contacting the park office at 306-854-6266.

School Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

School Phone: _____

Name (contact person/teacher): _____

Name(s) of teacher(s) attending trip (if different than above): _____

Cell phone number of teacher(s) attending trip: _____

Grade(s): _____ # of students: _____ # of chaperones: _____

Is your group staying the night? Yes No

**If yes, be sure to book a group campsite by contacting the park office at 306-854-6266.*

Preferred Program Date:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Planned Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Select desired program(s):

Aspen Forest Adventure (K-8)

Critter Dipping (K-6)

Sand Dunes Hike (4-12)

Geocaching Adventure (4-12)

Please choose preferred time(s):

9:30 am - 10:30 am

11 am - 12 pm

1 pm - 2 pm

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Please list any other curriculum-based themes or inquiry-based learning questions that would help interpretive staff tailor the program to your group.

Are there any special considerations that your interpreter should be aware of (i.e. mobility issues, special needs, allergies, medications, etc.)?

Yes No

In most cases, programs can be adapted to better suit your group. Please discuss any special needs with a Park Interpreter ahead of time.

Please return completed form to: outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca.

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