

Great Blue Heron Provincial Park

2022 Education Programs

Guided school programs are offered in the spring and fall at Great Blue Heron 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:

Tuesday 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 45 minutes (70 km) north of Prince Albert, or 10 km from Christopher Lake.
- Murray Point, Emma Lake, offers a large picnic area with covered shelter and firepit. A wheelchair accessible trail is located in the campground.

- Anglin Lake is a shallow, sheltered chain of lakes, which are great for canoeing. Group camping areas have docks and easy access to lake.
- Anderson Point, Anglin Lake, is home to the historic Anderson trapper's cabin.

Programs

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

Aquatic Programs

Aquatic Ecosystem Exploration (Pre K-12)

Students will explore Great Blue Heron's aquatic habitats. Using dipping nets, students will attempt to collect living plants and invertebrate near the shoreline of the lake and identify the organisms found using hand lenses and biological keys. The content and detail of the program is tailored to fit the grade level. Students at a Grade 7 level or higher will also use microscopes to examine the organisms closer and perform a number of water quality tests including pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphate, nitrate, and turbidity and determine the health of the lake using both qualitative and quantitative assessments.

Details Cont'd

Location: Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: LTK,LT1, AN2, AW2, RW5, DL6, IE7, USC8, W3

Cultural Programs

Our Connection to the Land (Grade 1-8)

The program is designed to connect students to natural and cultural history, the natural environment, and geography. Students will be introduced to the medicinal uses of plants in the park, the parts of a Tipi, their connection to the land and explore their own beliefs and values.

Location: Murray Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: DR1, DR2, AN2, IN3, IN4, HC4, IN5, DR6, DL6, DR7, IE7, IN8, DR8



Games and Activities

Where the Wild Things Are (K-Grade 9)

Students will learn about habitat necessities for all living things through vigorous games and activities. The emphasis will be on learning how carnivores, herbivores and omnivores depend on each other for a healthy ecosystem to grow and thrive.

Location: Murray Point or Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PEK, CPK, PE1 PE2, AN2, PE3, PE4, PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9

Skulls and Scat (Grade 1-8)

This popular program teaches students about animal awareness. They get to see firsthand with the help of replicas what an animal skull, tracks, scat and fur look like and how they will be able to determine what animals may be living in a particular area by viewing their scat or tracks. The interpreters discuss a variety of species within the park and how they interact within the Boreal Ecosystem.

Location: Murray Point or Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: LT1, AN2, SM3, HC4, CR5, DL6, IE7, CR8

Guided Hikes

Anglin Trails Guided Hike (Grade 7-12)

Explore the Anglin Lake Trails with a guided hike. Distances and difficulty of the trail can be tailored to the class. Contact staff to discuss specific learning outcomes.

Guided hikes focus on natural and cultural history of the park. Topics include: history of Anglin Lake; how the lake was formed; trapping and forestry history of the area; importance of lake for loon populations; plant identification; animal track and scat identification; bird identification; and the Boreal forest ecosystem.

Location: Anglin Lake Bridge

Duration: 1-3 hours

Suggested Curriculum: IE7, PE7, WS8, PE8, PE9, W6, PE20, PE30



History Programs

Anderson Cabin Tour (K-Grade 12)

Tour the site of the historic Anderson cabin. Learn about the life of a trappers, Alex and Emma Anderson, who made their living off the land and lived in this simple log cabin from the 1930s until 1989. In this tour, students will have the opportunity to imagine what life as a trapper in the 1930s would have been like, as they walk through the historic buildings.

Location: Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: HCK, HC1, DR1, DR2, IN3, DR3, IN4, IN5

Skill Development Programs

Compass 101 (Grade 5-12)

Learn to use a compass, take a bearing, and follow a bearing. Complete the course to crack the code! Compasses are provided.

Location: Murray Point or Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PE 5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, W3, PE20, PE30

Discover Geocaching (Grade 5-12)

Geocaching is a fun, high-tech scavenger hunt using a GPS. Learn to navigate and find hidden caches filled with clues, questions and treasure. GPS units provided.

Location: Murray Point or Anderson Point

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PE 5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, W3, PE20, PE30

Self-Use Kits

Packs are available on a first-come, first-served basis to teachers at no charge. Please use the attached form to reserve the self-use packs prior to your visit.

Geocaching Packs

Students can explore nature at their own pace while participating in this interactive activity. This pack contains equipment and materials for approximately 20 students.

Suggested Curriculum: PE 5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, W3, PE20, PE30

Pond Dipping Packs

Students are encouraged to collect living organisms from the lake and place them safely in the aquarium(s) provided. The supplied written materials will help students and group leaders identify each organism that is found. Group leaders may choose to offer students the opportunity to discuss the importance of biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem. This pack contains equipment and materials for approximately 20 students.

Suggested Curriculum: LTK, LT1, AN2, AW2, RW5, DL6, IE7, USC8, W3



Booking Information

Educational Programming:

Please fill out the attached School Booking Request Form and email the completed form to outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca. Program times are 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Times may be flexible to accommodate travel times.

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 306-982-6250. 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 good cell service at Great Blue Heron 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 late arriving. 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 Great Blue Heron 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 306-982-6250.

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 306-982-6250.*

Preferred Program Date:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Planned Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Select desired program(s):

Aquatic Ecosystem Exploration (Pre-K-12)

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Our Connection to the Land (Grade 1-8)

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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