

Meadow Lake Provincial Park

2022 Education Programs

Guided school programs are offered in the spring and fall at Meadow Lake 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:

- 6 km N of Dorintosh on Hwy 4, 5 km N of Goodsoil on Hwy 26, 24 km N of Pierceland on Hwy 21.
- Large picnic areas with covered picnic shelter and fire barbecues.
- Set in the beautiful boreal forest with over 20 lakes.

In the Area:

- First Mustus Green camping and day use site.
- Visitor Center at Greig Lake.

Programs

Most programs can be adapted for any grade level, however, suggested grades are included. All programs can be held at various locations across the park.

Aquatic Programs

Aquatic Ecosystem Exploration (Pre K-12)

Students will explore Meadow Lake'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.

Duration: 1 hour

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

Learn to Canoe/Canoe Adventures (Grade 6-12)

The basics of paddling are broken down and taught in this hands-on class. Students are instructed on how to enter/exit the canoe, several strokes and turns, and how to stop. Students' paddling confidence is this program's goal. Water safety is a major component of this program. All equipment is provided. Choose to add on a half-day trip adventure on one of our beautiful lakes or rivers. We provide all the skill development and equipment needed to enjoy the day. Learn more about that park as interpreters stop and point out special features along the way.

Duration: 1 hour/2-4 hours

Suggested Curriculum: PE6-9, W3, PE20, PE30



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Culture 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.

Duration: 1 hour

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

Guided Hikes

Habitat Hike (PreK- Grade 3)

Enjoy a short guided hike, where the students will be introduced to the animals and plants that depend on the forest as their home. The program includes a variety of activities including habitat spotting, searching for animal clues and comparing their needs to the needs of the animals.

Duration: 45 min -1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: LTK, NSK, DRK, RWK, CPK, CPK, LT1, SE1, DS1, AN2, MP2, AW2, PL3, SM3, ES3

Scat Hike (K-Grade 3)

Throughout this hike, students will be able to identify what types of animals call the forest home by what they leave behind. The students will be introduced to the difference between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores.

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: LTK, NSK, DRK, RWK, CPK, LT1, SE1, DS1, AN2, MP2, AW2, PL3, SM3, ES3

Medicinal Plant Hike (Grade 9-12)

Plants are medicine and the First Nations people relied on them for their well-being. This hike will identify several plants and trees that were used by the First Nations and Metis people for everyday ailments.

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: RE9, ES20

Ice Age Hike (Grade 4-8)

Students will learn about how the glaciation influenced the landforms, soil, flora and fauna of the Meadow Lake Provincial Park. The walk also addresses human impact on natural environment, stewardship and conservation.

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: HC4, RM4, MC5, WE5, DR5, RW5, PE5, DL6, PE6, EC7, IE7, PE7, WS8, PE8

Games and Activities

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.

Duration: 1 hour

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

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.

Duration: 1 hour

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

Skill Development Programs

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.

Duration: 1 hour

Suggested Curriculum: PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, W3, PE20, PE30

Self-Use Kits

Plants & Trees

Pack includes everything you need to identify trees and plants in the park.

Suggested Curriculum: LTK, NSK, DRK, RWK, CPK, CPK, LT1, SE1, DS1, AN2, MP2, AW2, PL3, SM3, ES3, HC4, RM4, MC5, WE5, DR5, RW5, PE5, DL6, PE6, EC7, IE7, PE7, WS8, PE8

Birds & Animals

Pack includes everything you need to identify birds and animals in the park.

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

Pond/Aquatic Life

Pack includes everything you need to identify under water life in the park.

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 306-236-7680. Standard nightly group camping fees apply from June 24, 2022 until September 6, 2022, in addition to a \$12 non-refundable online 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 limited cell service at Meadow Lake Provincial Park 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 Meadow Lake 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 306-236-7680.

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 306-240-5318*

Preferred Program Date:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Planned Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Select desired program(s):

Aquatic Ecosystem Exploration (PreK-12)

Scat-Hike (K-Grade 3)

Skulls and Scat (Grade 1-8)

Learn to Canoe/Canoe Adventures (Grade 6-12)

Ice Age Hike (Grade 4-8)

Where the Wild Things Are (K-Grade 9)

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Discover Geocaching (Grade 5-12)

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.

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Submit



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