

# Makwa Lake Provincial Park

## 2022 Education Programs

*Guided school programs are offered in the spring and fall at Makwa 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](mailto: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:

- Makwa Lake Provincial park features three campgrounds, multiple sandy beaches, service centres, hiking trails and a wheelchair accessible beach.
- 12 km from Steele Narrows Provincial Park, the site of the final battle of the North-West Resistance.

### In the Area:

- Stores and other amenities are available in the town of Loon Lake.

### 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 Makwa 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.

**Location:** To be discussed

**Duration:** 1 hour

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

### History Programs

#### **Steele Narrows (K-Grade 12)**

Students will explore the history of Steele Narrows, the site of the Battle of Loon Lake which took place on June 3, 1885, concluding the Northwest Resistance. It was the last battle to be fought on Canadian soil. In addition, to exploring the history of the site, students will be introduced to Indigenous culture, through hands-on interaction with various traditional tools, games, and other objects. Specific themes and topics can be tailored upon request.

**Location:** Steele Narrows Provincial Park, 12 km west of the town of Loon Lake

**Duration:** 1 hour

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







## Guided Hikes

### Interpretive Nature Hike (K-Grade 12)

Let our program staff introduce your students to one of our beautiful core area trails. Students will learn about the unique flora and fauna of Makwa Lake. This hike is 2.7 km in length. Themes and topics can be tailored upon request.

**Location:** Mewasin Interpretive Trail

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Suggested Curriculum:** LTK, NSK, PEK, LT1, AN2, DS1, PE2, PE3, HC4, PE4, PE5, DL6, PE6, IE7, PE7, WS8, PE8, PE9, W6, PE20, PE30

## 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:** To be discussed

**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.

**Location:** To be discussed

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Suggested Curriculum:** PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, W3, 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](mailto:outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca).

### Group Size:

Each program can accommodate 20-30 students. For larger group sizes, contact us at [outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca](mailto: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 306-837-2410. 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](http://saskparks.com) for standard nightly group rates. Valid vehicle entry permits are required.



### 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:** To be discussed

**Duration:** 1 hour

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



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## 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 Makwa Lake 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](http://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 Makwa Lake Provincial Park at [www.saskparks.com](http://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 306-837-2410.

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 306-837-2410.*

Preferred Program Date:

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Select desired program(s):

*Aquatic Ecosystem Exploration (PreK-Grade 12)*

*Where the Wild Things Are (K-Grade 9)*

*Skulls and Scat (Grade 1-8)*

*Steele Narrows (K-Grade 12)*

*Interpretive Nature Hike (K-Grade 12)*

*Discover Geocaching (Grade 5-12)*

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.

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Submit



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