



9th Annual Christmas Tree Harvest – Parks Canada

November 22 2024

“Spruce” up your holidays with the 9th annual Christmas Tree Harvest. Discover the enchanting Prince Albert National Park this holiday season and experience the thrill of spotting wildlife, the beauty of snowy trails and the warmth of a crackling campfire.

Haul out the holly! Parks Canada is pleased to present the 9th annual Christmas Tree Harvest at Prince Albert National Park. From November 22 to December 23, 2024, visitors are invited to pick out a young spruce or pine tree in a designated area of the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break to help maintain it. The Waskesiu Community Fuel Break is an area around the townsite of Waskesiu where coniferous trees (trees with needles) like spruce, pine and fir are removed because they are more flammable than leafy trees such as aspen. In the event of a wildfire, this “green belt” around Waskesiu helps to slow the speed of an approaching wildfire and provides time to evacuate the population or defend the community, if required.

A Christmas Tree Activity Pass (free with a valid park entry pass) and map must be picked up at the Visitor Centre prior to cutting your tree.

By taking home a Christmas Tree, you will be helping to keep Waskesiu safe from wildfire and get a fresh tree for the holidays.



To make the best of your outing, be sure to pack the following before leaving home:

- handsaw or axe (chainsaws are not permitted)
- good winter boots, winter clothes extra socks and mittens
- snacks and a thermos with a hot drink
- a sled to pull your tree
- snowshoes (optional)

Planning a visit to the park?

Embrace the winter wonderland of Prince Albert National Park responsibly with these helpful tips:

- Check the [weather forecast](#) and [Saskatchewan Highway Hotline](#) before departure.
- Come with a full tank of fuel and emergency supplies. There are no gas stations open in Waskesiu during the winter months.
- Drive to conditions. Variable weather conditions cause roads in the park to be snowy or icy. If the weather is bad, slow down or pull over and put your hazard lights on.
- Do not feed or disturb wildlife in the park.
- [Always check ice thickness and conditions](#). Use your senses and look for signs: water vapour above the ice or creaking and cracking noises are indications of weak or thin ice.
- Share a trip plan with friends or family, have a local towing company's number on hand and bring an emergency kit and essential items.
- Dress in warm layers including a coat, hat, scarf, or mittens, if needed!
- Cell phone reception is not always available in Prince Albert National Park and cold weather can drain their batteries faster. Be prepared for emergencies or delays as help may not be near or immediately available.



Hours of Operation:

The Prince Albert National Park Visitor Centre is open year-round. Hours may vary. Call the Visitor Centre at 1-306-663-4522 or email princealbertinfo@pc.gc.ca for more information.

[Join us for a porcupine quill earring workshop facilitated by local Cree artists.](#)

- Saturday, December 14, 2024. 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Visitor Centre.
- \$48.50 per person. The materials, the expertise of the facilitators, and Bannock and wild tea are included in the cost of the program.

To register or for more information, please visit or contact the Visitor Centre at 306-663-4522. Spots are limited; please pre-register today!

For a list of [amenities available in the townsite of Waskesiu at this time of year.](#)

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