

Winter Guide & Trail Map

2022-2023



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View Wildlife

Winter is a great time of year to view wildlife and their tracks. Elk, white-tailed deer, moose, red fox, wolf and lynx are some of the larger mammals you may see. Watch for signs of otter, fisher, marten, snowshoe hare and weasel too. Bird watchers can also search for the over 30 species of birds that make Prince Albert National Park their winter home.



Lynx



Wolf



Fox



Deer



Elk



Hare



Coyote



Winter Activities



Cross-Country Skiing

Pack a lunch and make a day of it! There are groomed trails for skate and classic skiing or you can choose your own route and venture off the beaten path.

See map for trail distances and difficulty levels.

Enjoy more cross-country ski trails at Elk Ridge Resort and Great Blue Heron Provincial Park too.



Snowshoeing

Inspired by nature, snowshoes are a way to become lighter on your feet in deep snow. So, think light on your toes like a lynx or a hare! Use extra caution when snowshoeing over ice.

Please do not snowshoe on groomed ski trails.

Caution: Boardwalk and stairs on any designated winter trail are not cleared of snow.



Fishing

Ice fishing season on Waskesiu Lake is open until March 31.

A valid Prince Albert National Park fishing license is required. Licenses can be purchased at the Visitor Centre.



Enclosed Picnic Shelter

Need a place to warm up and have lunch? The five enclosed shelters in the park offer the perfect sanctuary for a picnic:

- Main Beach across from the Visitor Centre
- Paignton Beach on the Narrows Road
- Birch Bay on Kingsmere Road
- Crean Day Use Area at end of Crean ski trail
- Southend Campground on Kingsmere Lake



Winter Camping

Why not spend the night? The northern sky, solitude and sense of adventure make a winter camping experience unlike any other.

Paignton Beach and Birch Bay are designated winter campgrounds with access to firewood, pit toilets and enclosed shelters. Register at the Visitor Centre before any overnight excursions, including backcountry winter camping.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES



Fat biking on Narrows Road.



Bring your own skates to the indoor rink, located on Montreal Drive.

Trail Conditions

For up-to-date trail conditions visit parks.canada.gc.ca/PANP-trail-conditions

Park entry fees apply year-round.

Breeze by the Visitor Centre to pick up your permit before hitting the trails.

Ski Trail Etiquette

- Descending skiers have the right of way.
- Move off the trail when resting or visiting.
- Pack out all garbage.
- Do not walk, snowshoe, bike or take dogs on groomed ski trails.

Dogs are Welcome

- Keep your pet on a leash and under control while you hit snowshoe trails, for the safety of your pet, that of wildlife and of other visitors.
- Please refrain from taking dogs on groomed ski trails.

Safety

What to Bring

- ☒ Trail guide, map and navigational tools or GPS
- ☐ Signalling and communication devices
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Additional warm clothing
- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp
- ☐ Emergency blankets
- ☐ Food and water for 48 hours
- ☐ Sun protection
- ☐ Fire starter

Planning

- Research your trip and ask park staff for advice if needed.
- Check the weather forecast and road conditions.
- Have a travel itinerary and inform someone of your plans.
- Study trail information and choose a trail that is suitable for the energy and experience level of your group.
- Travel with a partner or in a group.
- Be prepared for sudden weather changes.
- Trails are not patrolled – help may be more than 24 hours away.
- Remember, overnight stays must be registered with the park at the Visitor Centre.

Visit [Adventuresmart.ca](https://adventuresmart.ca) for more safety tips and trip planning resources.

REMEMBER!



Be extremely cautious when travelling over lakes, rivers and boggy areas as ice thickness can vary over a short distance.



Fuel up your vehicle and pack emergency equipment including flashlight, extra blankets, booster cables, candles and waterproof matches or lighter. Keep batteries warm to preserve power.



Cell phone coverage is variable throughout the park. Do not rely on your cell phone or other electronic devices.

2022-23 Winter Events

CHRISTMAS TREE HARVEST December 1 - December 23

Start a new family tradition and help protect Waskesiu from wildfire. Come cut down a Christmas tree in the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break. Pick up your free tree permit and map at the Visitor Centre.

For more information about the Christmas tree harvest and to obtain a permit, call the Visitor Centre at 1-306-663-4522.

GUIDED PROGRAMS

Call the Visitor Centre at 1-306-663-4522 to inquire about interpretive programs.

Family Forest Walk

Walking or snowshoeing, follow the winding path through snow-covered trees and locate silhouettes of a few of the park's winter residents. Visit the Family Forest Walk after sunset and experience the trail lighting up! Don't forget to bring your activity pamphlet, available at the Visitor Centre. Trail is located behind Recycling Depot in Waskesiu.



Wildlife Viewing Opportunities

- Take a drive along the park's many scenic roadways.
- Look carefully across frozen lakes; you may spot wolves.
- Visit the Narrows of Waskesiu Lake where otters often play in the open waters. Be cautious and stay off the ice – it is very thin in this location.

Services

? Visitor Centre 1-306-663-4522

The Prince Albert National Park Visitor Centre, located in Waskesiu, is open year-round. Friendly staff are available to provide information about trail conditions, upcoming events and winter camping.

Accommodation and Dining

	Chateau Park Chalets	1-306-663-5556
	Elk Ridge on the Lake	1-306-663-6161
	Hawood Inn	1-877-441-5544
	Kapasiwin Bungalows	1-877-963-5225
	Lost Creek Resort	1-866-663-8622
	The Suites at Waskesiu	1-306-663-4620

SURROUNDING AREA

		Elk Ridge Resort	1-844-306-4653
		Land of the Loon Resort (Anglin Lake)	1-306-982-4478



Gas Station

In winter, the nearest gas station to Waskesiu is LT's Food & Fuel. It is approximately 15 km from Waskesiu at the junction of Highway 2 and Highway 264.

Winter Equipment

Available for loan at the Hawood Inn on a first-come first-served basis:

- Chariot strollers with ski attachments
- Cross-country skis
- Snowshoes

Directory

Visitor Centre

Open daily (hours may vary)
Closed December 25 & 26

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Toll-free National General Information Line:
1-888-773-8888

Emergency

Dial 9-1-1
1-877-852-3100 RCMP, Fire and Ambulance
For all other emergencies
(Parks Canada Dispatch)

Road Conditions

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Great Blue Heron Provincial Park
and the Anglin Lake ski trails,
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