# 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.











Fox









Hare





Elk



#### **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.

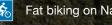
#### **Enclosed Picnic Shelter**

Need a place to warm up and have lunch?

- · Main Beach across from the Visitor Centre
- Birch Bay on Kingsmere Road
- Crean Day Use Area at end of Crean ski trail

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

Paignton Beach and Birch Bay are designated winter enclosed shelters. Register at the Visitor Centre before



# located on Montreal Drive.

The five enclosed shelters in the park offer the perfect sanctuary for a picnic:

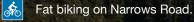
- Paignton Beach on the Narrows Road
- · Southend Campground on Kingsmere Lake

## Winter Camping

unlike any other.

campgrounds with access to firewood, pit toilets and any overnight excursions, including backcountry winter camping.

#### **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**



Bring your own skates to the indoor rink,



## **Trail Conditions**

#### For up-to-date trail conditions visit parkscanada.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.

# **What to Bring**

Safety

## Trail guide, map and

☐ Emergency blankets

☐ Sun protection

☐ Fire starter

☐ First aid kit

- ☐ Signalling and navigational tools or GPS communication devices
  - ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Additional warm clothing ☐ Flashlight or headlamp
  - ☐ Food and water for
  - 48 hours

## **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** 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.

# 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**

**WASKESIU** Chateau Park Chalets 1-306-663-5556

Elk Ridge on the Lake 1-306-663-6161 1-877-441-5544 Hawood Inn

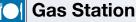
Kapasiwin Bungalows 1-877-963-5225 Lost Creek Resort 1-866-663-8622 The Suites at Waskesiu 1-306-663-4620

#### **SURROUNDING AREA**

(Anglin Lake)

Elk Ridge Resort 1-844-306-4653 Land of the Loon Resort





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.

1-306-982-4478

#### 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

1-306-663-4522 princealbertinfo@pc.gc.ca

pc.gc.ca/princealbert <u>@ParksCanada SK</u> facebook.com/PrinceAlbertNationalPark

**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**

hotline.gov.sk.ca

Toll-free across Canada: 1-888-335-7623 SaskTel cell network: \*ROAD (\*7623)

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## Wildlife Viewing **Opportunities**

**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.

- 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.

## 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.



## Visitor Centre

• Register for winter camping

• Pick up:

**OPEN DAILY!** 

- Park entry passes

## - Fishing licenses - Brochures - Parks Canada official merchandise

#### Prince Albert National Park **Winter Trails** Legend First Aid Viewpoint ? Visitor Centre Minter Camping Restaurant Parks Canada Merchandise Shower Gas Station Police Enclosed Shelter Accommodation --- Snowshoe Route Ice Rink Cross-country Ski Trail Cross-country Skiing Paved Road Skate Skiing — Gravel Road Ice Fishing Park Boundary Washrooms Big Rock Parking Please do not walk, snowshoe, bike, or take dogs on groomed ski trails. **Cross-country ski trails** (distance, difficulty, trail grooming)

=1 BEAVER GLEN / /

Drive is lit for night skiing.

conditions on windy days.

or south end of Montreal Drive

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intersection or Fisher Trail

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& Skate Skiing

Starting at the Big Rock - 5.7 km loop, Easy, Classic

This trail parallels Waskesiu Drive then circles the Beaver

Glen Campground. The Beaver Glen portion links to the Red Deer Yellow trail. The section of trail along Waskesiu

Starting at the Big Rock - 8.5 km loop, Medium, Classic

This trail links Wapiti with the Fisher trail. The route,

although gently rolling in many sections, has a few

Starting at the Big Rock - 2.8 km one way, Easy, Classic

Starting at the Big Rock - 8.9 km loop, Medium, Classic

This trail is great for a family outing; scenic and close to

following a patrol road. The trail passes through mature coniferous forest dotted with balsam fir before it reaches

Crean Lake near its connection with the Heart Lakes. Be

=7= GREAT BLUE HERON PROVINCIAL PARK // Saskatchewan Parks maintains 18 km of groomed

challenging slopes, these trails offer a variety of options for skiing. Trailhead parking is located at Jacobsen Bay Boat Launch off Highway 953 approximately 40 km from Waskesiu. A 0.9 km spur trail connects Spruce River

For more information, visit saskparks.com or contact the Great Blue Heron park office at 1-306-982-6250 or

-A -- KINGSMERE RIVER - 1.5 km one way

-- D-- WASKESIU RIVER TRAIL - 2.5 km loop

**Visitor Centre:** 1-306-663-4522

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**Trail Conditions:** 

--C-- MUD CREEK TRAIL - 2 km loop. Access 450m

--(E)-- SPRUCE RIVER HIGHLANDS – 8.5 km loop,

be used for both snowshoeing and skiing.

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parkscanada.gc.ca/PANP-trail-conditions

0.9 km spur to Great Blue Heron Provincial Park

ACCESS: 500 m south of Birch Bay, 11 km north

or Lakeview Drive and Waskesiu Drive intersection

significant hills with challenging corners.

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trails. The route is flat to gently rolling.

stands and black spruce muskeg.

19 km return, Easy, Classic & Skating

cautious of thin ice on Crean Channel.

of Waskesiu on the Kingsmere Road.

greatblueheron@gov.sk.ca.

**Snowshoe Trails** 

--B-- BOUNDARY BOG - 2 km loop

from the Narrows Road.

