



For Immediate Release  
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Prince Albert National Park

## **Parks Canada invites visitors to harvest a Christmas tree from the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break (CFB) from December 1 to December 23!**

Start a new or continue a family tradition while protecting Waskesiu from potential wildfires. Bring a handsaw, sled and a thermos of hot chocolate to keep you warm while you search for the perfect Christmas tree. Christmas Tree Harvest permits are available free of charge from the Visitor Centre where park passes can also be purchased. A valid park pass is required to access the park at all times of the year.

The health and safety of visitors, employees and all Canadians is of the utmost importance to Parks Canada. The Christmas Tree Harvest is a family-friendly, outdoor recreational activity where physical distancing can be maintained and enjoyed by household groups. To help limit the spread of COVID-19 please follow the advice of public health experts and guidelines outlined by the Government of Saskatchewan at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).

### **Keeping the “wild” in wildlife**

Prince Albert National Park is a great place to view wildlife in their natural habitat. Wildlife find their healthiest food in their natural environment and once they become accustomed to being fed by people, they stop looking for their natural foods and are no longer “wild”.

In national parks across Canada, it is illegal to feed wildlife. It is also important to reduce the chance of these animals getting into pet food, coolers, storage containers, barbecues and other items that have a strong smell. Visitors are encouraged to store items with an odor in vehicles, bear caches when in the backcountry or in bear-proof garbage and recycling containers provided throughout the park.

### **Do you fish on Kingsmere Lake? Share your thoughts on the declining trout population**

Parks Canada takes its mandate to protect the health of the environment seriously. An agency-wide monitoring and reporting program, consisting of independent scientific measures that help assess the health of the ecosystem, is used to guide parks in making decisions or taking actions that support conservation.

According to present information, population assessment results over the last three years indicate a **45% decline** in the lake trout population in Kingsmere Lake. More information is needed to determine the condition of the lake trout population.

With the public's participation, together we will know more about the state of the fisheries and the health of the species. For more information on this engagement project, and to provide feedback or learn more about the topic, please contact us at: [pc.panptrout.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.panptrout.pc@canada.ca) or visit [Nature and Science](#) on the park website.

### **Prince Albert National Park Visitor Centre**

Contact the [visitor centre](#) to learn more about [activities](#) in Prince Albert National Park at (306) 663-4522 or [princealbertinfo@pc.gc.ca](mailto:princealbertinfo@pc.gc.ca).

**Winter visitor centre hours:** 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday and Saturday



Please check Important Bulletins when planning a visit to the park.

For more information about the Christmas Tree Harvest, please contact Barb Riley by email:  
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For more information about all other updates, please contact Arron Bahry by email or phone:  
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Sincerely,

Arron Bahry