

Trails

Hiking

With over 150 km of trails, Prince Albert National Park is Saskatchewan's premiere hiking destination.

Want to learn more about the natural world around you? Check out the self-guided trail brochures available at Boundary Bog, Mud Creek and Treebeard trailheads.

Biking

Jump on your bike and cycle along the many trails in the park. The Red Deer Trail is a perfect option located just outside Waskesiu. For the more adventurous, head to the West Side and cruise down the trails in search of plains bison.

Highway #263 lends itself naturally to bike touring. This quiet, paved roadway is jam-packed with scenic diversity. Wear bright clothing and make yourself visible to motorists.

Horseback Riding

Escape the hustle and bustle of the daily grind along one of our horse-friendly trails.

Bring your own horse or contact the [?] for information on horseback riding outfitters in the surrounding area.

TRAIL SAFETY

- Register at the [?] prior to all overnight backcountry trips.
- Trails and beaches are not patrolled; use them at your own risk.
- Watch for slippery or broken boardwalk on trails.
- Respect area and trail closures.
- Wildlife encounters are possible, please use caution.
- Always take emergency gear! Be Adventure Smart: AdventureSmart.ca

For up-to-date trail conditions visit our website: parks.canada.gc.ca/princealbert

Paddling

The best seat in the house! Your canoe or kayak provides a unique vantage point to watch wildlife and explore the water. It is a great low-impact way to discover the natural wonders of the park. High water levels in spring make it the perfect time to enjoy the rivers. Paddle routes are not maintained; use them at your own risk.

Day Paddles

NAME	ROUTE	LENGTH (one way)
AMISKOWAN LAKE	Amiskowan Lake to Shady Lake	1-2 hours
KING ISLAND	Trippes Beach to King Island	.5 hour
WASKESIU RIVER	Waskesiu River to Waskesiu Lake Waskesiu River to Highway #2	.5 hour 4-7 hours
SPRUCE RIVER	Spruce River on Hwy #263 to Anglin Lake	1.5 hour
HANGING HEART LAKES	Hanging Heart Lakes to Crean Lake	3 hours

Overnight Paddles

Remember to register at the [?] for all overnight stays

NAME	ROUTE	DAYS
BAGWA	Kingsmere Lake/Bagwa route	2
GREY OWL'S CABIN	Kingsmere Lake/Ajawaan Lake	2-3
CREAN LAKE	Hanging Heart Lakes/Crean Lake	2-3
TIBISKA LAKE	MacLennan River/Tibiska Lake	3-4

Legend

- Hiking
- Biking
- Horseback Riding
- Lookout
- Viewing Tower
- Visitor Centre
- Washrooms
- Wheelchair Access
- Self-guided Trail
- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult

The Scenic Route Highway #263

(paved, no shoulders)

- 1 Shady Lake Trail**

1.7 km loop, stairs span a vertical of 45 m
Start: 8 km from [?] on Highway #263
Hike down towards the lake in a counter-clockwise direction. East of the lake, a 1-km-spur brings you to the 15-m-high Height-of-Land Tower.
- 2 Height-of-Land Tower**

Staircase, 60 m one way
Start: 8.5 km from [?] on Highway #263
Climb the 15-m tower for a view of Shady Lake and the mixed-forest canopy. The hills of the aspen parkland are radiant in their fall foliage. The trail then passes through rolling terrain providing great viewing opportunities of Anglin Lake.
- 3 Spruce River Highlands Trail**

8.5 km loop
Start: 29 km from [?] on Highway #263
Ascend the path for 0.7 km and climb to the top of a 10-m tower. Below, the Spruce River meanders through a characteristically glacial landscape. The hills of the aspen parkland are radiant in their fall foliage. The trail then passes through rolling terrain providing great viewing opportunities of Anglin Lake.
- 4 Freight Tait Springs Trail**

2 km one way
Start: 29.5 km from [?] on Highway #263
Early freighters stopped at this natural spring to rest and replenish water supplies. The spring water spills over its banks and flows onward to the Spruce River. The iron-rich springs are interesting to explore but take care not to harm this sensitive area.
- 5 Elk Trail**

Trailhead to Fish Lake 13 km one way
• Horse wagon access
Trailhead to Camp Lake 15 km one way
Start: 40 km from [?] on Highway #263
Walk through tall aspen stands, see views of Sandy Lake, and discover small wilderness lakes.

Cookson Road

(gravel, narrow, no shoulders, hills & curves)

- 6 Hunters Lake Trail**

12 km one way
Start: 16 km west of South Gate on Cookson Road
This trail offers a challenging experience including some steep hills and exposed rocks along the trail.

Valleyview Trail Network

The following are four exploration options. The trails provide access to fescue grasslands where free-roaming plains bison are sometimes seen.

- A) Valleyview Lookout Trail**

200 m one way
Start: Valleyview day use area
This short wheelchair accessible hike takes you to the Valleyview picnic site. Enjoy beautiful views of the Sturgeon River Valley.
- B) Valleyview Easy Loop**

4.1 km loop
Start: Valleyview day use area
Great for families, this short trail leads users through aspen forest.
- C) Stoney Plain Meadow Spur**

1 km one way
Start: 1 km from parking lot
Follow a marked route through Stoney Plain Meadow, a native fescue grassland. Look for wildflowers throughout the summer months.
- D) Valleyview Moderate Loop**

8 km loop
Start: Valleyview day use area
Follows the Valleyview Trail along the crest of the Sturgeon River Valley and through aspen forest. There are many great views and opportunities for random backcountry camping along the way.
- E) Valleyview Difficult Loop**

24.5 km loop
Start: Valleyview day use area
Follows the entire length of the Valleyview Trail with many great lookouts over the Sturgeon River Valley. This trail goes through Jonassons Flats, a native fescue grassland. This trail also provides access to Sturgeon Lookout.
- 8 Amyot Lake Trail Spur**

2 km one way
Start: 5.2 km from parking lot along the Valleyview Trail Network
Explore sedge meadows where free-roaming plains bison sometime graze. Enjoy great waterfowl viewing opportunities and the scenic Amyot Lake.
Horse wagon accessible.

The Narrows Road

(gravel, narrow)

- 9 Mud Creek Trail**

2 km loop
Start: 4.5 km down the Narrows Road, access at South Bay day-use area
The trail skirts the lake and then follows Mud Creek. An active beaver lodge and dam can be seen on the creek. In the spring, spawning fish attract black bears to the area.
- 10 Treebeard Trail**

1.2 km loop
Start: 17.6 km down the Narrows Road
Ascend the steep, winding trail through a white spruce and balsam fir forest. The trees along this path are among the oldest and largest in the park. As you descend, watch for a spur to the right. It leads to a small, fern-edged creek, dark and cool.

Kingsmere Road

(first 15 km paved with narrow shoulders, last 17.5 km gravel, no shoulders)

- 11 Waskesiu River Trail**

First 0.5 km Remaining 2 km
Start: 6 km from [?] on Kingsmere Road
From the parking lot, walk towards the river and across the pedestrian bridge. Special displays are on exhibit along this boardwalk. The trail parallels the rock-filled river for 0.5 km before leaving the river's north shore to loop through aspen and spruce forests and a sedge meadow.
- 12 Narrows Peninsula Trail**

3 km loop, staircase
Start: 22 km from [?] on Kingsmere Road
This trail passes through a variety of habitats following the shore of Waskesiu Lake. Of particular interest is a spectacular fern bed, luxuriant and green in the early summer. In the 1880's a fur trade post was set up on the point by an independent trader.
- 13 Kingsmere River Trail**

1.5 km one way, staircase
Start: 32.5 km from [?] on Kingsmere Road
The trail crosses the river and follows a rail portage, then passes through a spruce forest and ends on the east side of the Southend Campground on Kingsmere Lake.
- 14 Grey Owl Trail**

19.9 km one way
Start: 32.5 km from [?] on Kingsmere Road
The trail follows the eastern shoreline of Kingsmere River until you reach a junction at 0.3 km. The trail to Grey Owl's cabin branches to the right. Kingsmere Lake becomes visible 1.5 km from this junction. From there, continue east along the shoreline.
- Westwind**

3.3 km one way
- Chipewyan Portage**

6.7 km one way
- Sandy Beach**

12.8 km one way
- Northend**

16.8 km one way
- Grey Owl's Cabin**

19.9 km one way

Highway #264

(paved with shoulders)

- 15 Boundary Bog Trail**

2 km loop
Start: 4.5 km from [?] on Highway #264
Boundary Bog is an excellent representation of the many black spruce bogs that exist in the Park.
- 16 Red Deer Trail**

Three loops totalling 19 km

Red Loop - - - - -

Start: At The Rock on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive.
The Red Loop takes you 8.1 km through a variety of habitats from townsite to lakeshore through the rolling hills south of Waskesiu.

Yellow Loop - - - - -

Start: At The Rock on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive.
The Yellow Loop takes you 5.8 km through a variety of habitats from townsite through the Community Fuel Break and back along the lakeshore.

Blue Loop - - - - -

Start: At the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Ajawaan Drive from Beaver Glen Road on the east side of the campground.
The Blue Loop takes you 5.2 km around Beaver Glen Campground, through the rolling hills north of Waskesiu, then back along the shore of Waskesiu Lake. If you are walking, you may choose to leave the trail and walk on the beach from Kapasiwin Bungalows to Orchid Street.
- 17 Fisher Trail**

6.3 km loop
Start: 1 km from [?] south on Highway #264*
* From parking lot, walk 250 m to the first trailhead or an additional 50 m to the second trailhead.
Scenic and close to Waskesiu, this trail is great for hiking or biking through mixed woods, aspen stands and black spruce muskeg.

Note: Trail maintenance schedules can vary per trail. Before heading out, check up-to-date trail conditions on-line (parks.canada.gc.ca/princealbert) or at the Visitor Centre.

