

Meewasin Valley Explorers

Riverfront at River Landing

The Riverfront at River Landing is the most exciting public riverbank project in Saskatoon's 100 year history. Located along the west side of the riverbank between the Victoria Bridge and the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge, the Riverfront will be a focus for Saskatoon, bringing people together in a unique combination of meeting place, performance site, and recreation area.

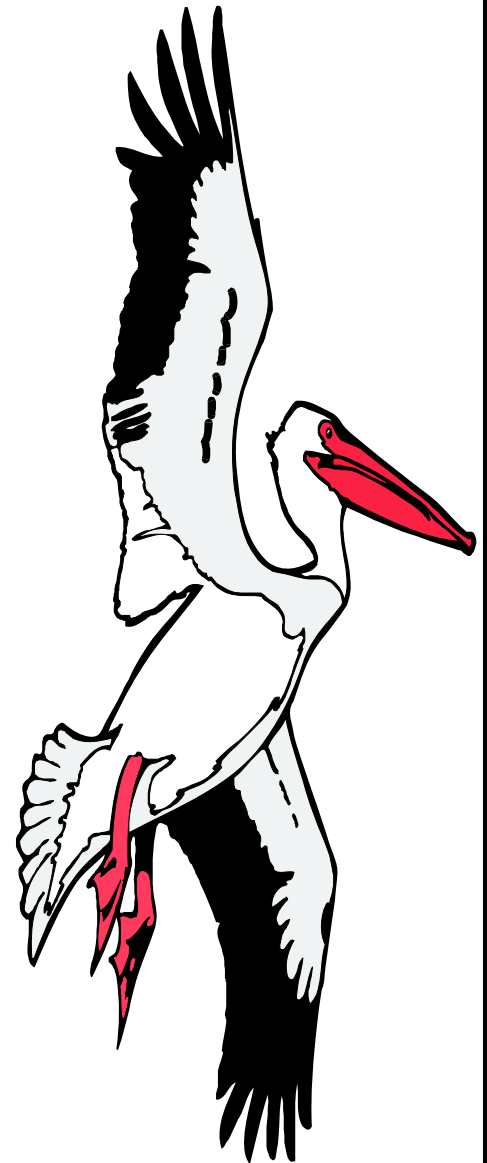


Meewasin is carrying out the construction of this area that began in the fall of 2004 and continued in 2005 with rough grading, a new river edge including more than an acre of new parkland, overlooks the riverbank, and underground utilities to service the park. In 2006, the pedestrian bridge across the new river tributary and entrances to the site from the backshore area and Meewasin Trails will be completed, as well as the amphitheatre, and boat dock. Work will begin on a water play area.

This portion of the Riverfront construction is the first phase of the overall project. Phase II will see the development of Riverfront between the Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge and Victoria Park, as well as the renovation and improvement of the former pump house. In the backshore, the City of Saskatoon has announced remediation of the soil at the former A.L. Cole site, with construction of the Farmer's Market and residential housing.

There are many opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to support and become a part of the Riverfront campaign. 2006 is Saskatoon's Centennial Year. Celebrate the Centennial by making a special gift to our community through a financial contribution to support the development of the Riverfront. Commemorate or celebrate your family, business, or corporation; leave a legacy to the Riverfront development so that our city residents and visitors will enjoy the beauty of this area for the next 100 years ... and more!

For more information and to contribute to the Riverfront Campaign, contact us at **306-665-6887** or visit our website at www.meewasin.com.



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Meewasin Interpretive Canoe Tours

Meewasin is once again offering interpretive canoe tours of the river valley. Meewasin operates two 25' voyageur-style canoes with a capacity of 9 participants each. An experienced guide will lead each boat and participants with no experience need not worry. The cost of a tour is \$20 per participant or \$150 per boat (a \$30 savings for a group of 9). Any non-profit group which programs for youth can book a tour free of charge. Tours operate from July to August and can be booked by contacting Graeme Lackie at 665-6887.

Click on Climate



Click on Climate is an **action-based program** for children aged eight to thirteen, developed to help create an understanding of the causes and impacts of climate change and what can be done about it.

Each Click on Climate Kit contains the leadership and educational materials, as well as field trip supplies needed for 5 children. The program is designed for the leader to choose from a variety of activities. For more information about Click on Climate, please call us at 1-800-567-8007 or email at partners@saskriverbasin.ca.

Youth Heritage Fair

Mason Switzer was the recipient of the Meewasin award at the recent Saskatoon Youth Heritage Fair for his excellent display on Grey Owl and his interest in beavers. The Meewasin award is given to the student who creates an outstanding display regarding nature and natural habitat. Congratulations Mason!



River Landing- South Saskatchewan Water Play Feature



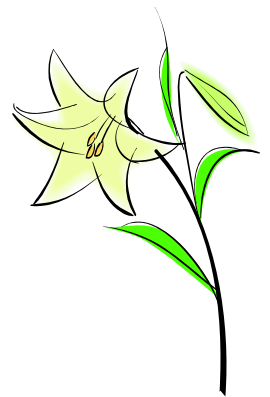
Plans for a water feature (a water play area) are in the development phase. This will be a major feature of the site, covering approximately 30,000 square feet. This feature will model the Saskatchewan River Basin geographically, naturally and culturally. The water feature is a play area with educational value, and the design plans for it to be attractive, durable and unique. Stretching from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson Bay, the play feature will include several ecological zones, bubbles and fountains, a misting and fogging area, interpretive areas and wetlands. The water from the park will drain into a constructed wetland filled with aquatic vegetation.

New Tax Breaks for Donations of Ecologically Sensitive Land

The Ecological Gifts Program provides a way for Canadians with ecologically sensitive land to protect natural areas and leave a legacy for future generations. Since 2000, donations to Meewasin of ecologically sensitive land, or easements, covenants and servitudes on such land, have been eligible for special tax assistance.

In order to help Canada's landowners and conservation groups in their efforts to preserve Canada's natural heritage, Federal Budget 2006 has reduced the capital gains inclusion rate for such donations to zero.

New tax rules will apply to donations of ecologically sensitive land made on or after May 2, 2006.



Founder's Day Family Fun Fair - August 20th- Friendship Park



Come join Meewasin in Friendship Park for a celebration of Saskatoon's history! Enjoy local musicians, clowns, and storytellers as we honor our centennial year. From 1 - 4 pm, Meewasin will be entertaining children and adults alike with games, crafts, stories and songs. Everyone is welcome!

Meewasin Valley Centre *and Gift Shop*

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 am to 5 pm - Weekdays - 10:30 am to 5 pm - Weekends & Holidays

July is a month of Summer Fun!

On display in the gallery for July and August - "Treescapes and Escapes" by Cam Patterson

July 1 - Canada Day - For Kids ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Join the Meewasin staff in a celebration of Canada Day. Learn more about the history of our flag, make a Canada Flag Windsock and enjoy some Canada birthday cake! Cost \$2.00/craft.



July 9 - "Treescapes and Escapes" Gallery Opening - For Everyone (1 - 4 pm)

Visit with artist Cam Patterson and view his original watercolour paintings of birch and spruce tree trunks as well as some of his smaller holiday vignette pieces. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

July 16 - Origami Craft - For Kids (2 pm)

Discover the world of origami! Our interpreters will help you create animals, plants and other strange items of all shapes and sizes for you to take home. Please call 665-6888 to register. Cost \$2.00/craft.



July 23 - River Critter Discovery - For Everyone (2 pm)

This afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the small creatures that live in our river. We will have a pour-a-pond so that children can safely see these animals. Afterwards we will build a fish kite. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parent/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.

July 30 - Transportation on the South Saskatchewan River - For Kids (2pm)

Canoes, boats and steam boats have all traveled our river. Come and find out more about this method of travel and make your own paddle boat to take home. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.

Meewasin Valley Centre Celebrates our City's Centennial in August

August 6 - Come Fly Away - For Kids (2 pm)

Don't let Saskatoon's windy afternoon go to waste! Be prepared to make a kite and fly it in one of our beautiful parks in this popular afternoon program. Learn about the history of kite flying around the world! Call 665-6888 to register. Cost \$2.00/craft.



August 13 - Pioneer Cemetary Walking Tour - For Adults (2 pm)

Visit the graves of some of Saskatoon's earliest residents and hear the stories of their lives. A Meewasin interpreter will meet you at the Cemetary for this walk (corner of St. Henry Ave. and Ruth St., next to Diefenbaker Park). Please call 665-6888 to register.

August 18 - Founder's Day Recognition - For Everyone (all day)

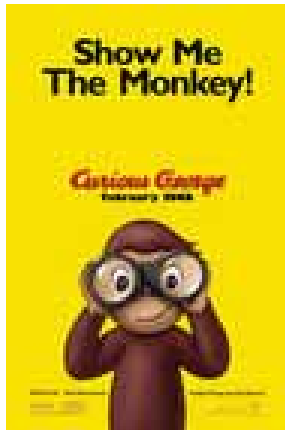
While the big party is on Sunday, come out and commemorate the founding of our centennial city! An all day come and go celebration with refreshments will be held at the Meewasin Valley Centre.

August 27 - On With The Show - For Everyone (2 pm)

Let us entertain you with the many pictures and personal stories in this look at Saskatoon's earliest theatres. Revisit the Capital, Roxy, Kevin, Paradise and many others. Everyone is welcome!

Family River Cinema- September Long Weekend

Enjoy the South Saskatchewan riverbank in a unique way by watching movies on our outdoor screen during the September long weekend! Admission is free and a small concession will be open. Bring your own blankets or lawnchairs. Shows start at dusk. Call 665-6888 for more details.

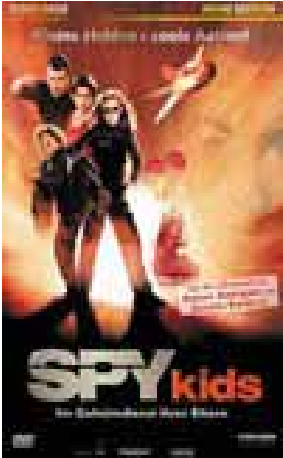


Family River Cinema
(September Long Weekend)
*Approximate show time is 8:30 PM

Fri., September 1 - Hoodwinked
(PG) 2005, 80 minutes

Sat., September 2 - Spy Kids
(PG) 2001, 88 minutes

Sun., September 3 - Curious George
(G) 2006, 86 minutes



Summer Events at the Marr Residence

The Marr Residence, 326 11th Street East, is Saskatoon's oldest house on its original foundation. The Marr Residence is playing host to a number of unique events this summer and Meewasin is partnering on a few of them. It will be open for public tours on Sundays and holiday Mondays from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm during the summer months. Call Meewasin at 665-6888 for further details!

Open House and Prairie Crafts

- July 1** - Canada Day Tea
- July 3** - Pressed Flowers
- July 9** - Prairie Craft
- July 16** - Crocheting and Knitting
- July 23** - Washing and Ironing
- August 5** - Rhubarb Paper
- August 6-7** - Rhubarb Festival
- August 13** - Quilting
- August 20** - Founder's Day Walking Tour
- August 27** - Cooking Day



Summer Workshops and Presentations

- July 11** - Poetry Picnic in the Park with Brenda Baker
- a poetry workshop for kids
 - July 30** - Take time for Tea with Adam Anton of McQuarries Tea and Coffee
- Learn more about tea and enjoy an afternoon tea party
- Both programs require pre-registration and a fee - call for details**

Saskatoon Centennial Events at the Marr

- September 2** - Tour the Pioneer Cemetary and visit the Little Stone School House
- September 3** - Saskatoon Centennial Garden Party
Join the Marr for an afternoon of music, ice cream and cake!
- September 4** - Harvest Fair
Join us for some heritage demonstrations and events!



Call the Marr for more details and to pre-register - 652-1201

Meewasin Valley Centre Summer Events

Walking Tours

Every **Wednesday at 10 am**, our interpreters will be leading an interactive walking tour, highlighting part of Saskatoon's rich heritage.

- July 5th** - Gargoyles
- July 12th** - Riverside
- July 19th** - Nutana
- July 26th** - Art Walk
- Aug 2nd** - River Landing
- Aug 9th** - War Memorial
- Aug 16th** - Riversdale
- Aug 23rd** - Gargoyles
- Aug 30th** - Riverside



Puppets in the Park

Back by popular demand, Meewasin interpreters will be coming to a park near you! Through an interactive 15 minute show, our interpreters (with a little help from some special furry friends) bring the history of our great city to life.

Look for us every **Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 and 2:30 pm** in various parks around the city, in collaboration with Saskatoon's Playground Program. Please call 665-6888 for more information about our schedule and times.

Meewasin Valley Centre *Summer Hours*

July and August

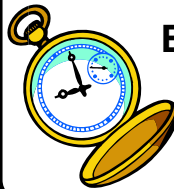
Weekdays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Weekends and Holidays: 10:30 am - 5 pm

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

July and August

Daily: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm



Road Map 2020- *in motion*

Road Map 2020 was established two years ago as a multi-sector network to promote social, economic and environmental sustainability in Saskatoon. Recently, the Community Grants Program of the Saskatoon Health Region awarded Road Map 2020 a grant to work in partnership with ***in motion*** to initiate an Active Transportation Project. Active transportation is any form of transportation where the energy to get to work, to school, to shop or to visit friends is human-powered, and includes walking, cycling, wheeling, and in-line skating. The benefits of active transportation for physical health have been well-documented and now many researchers are looking at the links between the design of our built environment and overweight children and adults. A sustainable community understands that increasing the use of active transportation contributes to the social and physical well-being of its residents by reducing obesity, improving air quality and reducing expenses associated with the operation of motor vehicles.

Road Map 2020's Active Transportation Project, in partnership with the City of Saskatoon, the University of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Health Region and ***in motion***, will conduct a survey to determine citizens' views of barriers and opportunities to active transportation in our community. We will examine legislation, regulations and practices that may have an impact on Saskatoon's ability to increase the level of active transportation. Our goal will be to produce a statement of guiding principles and an action plan to promote a pedestrian and cycling friendly city. We will consult with key stakeholders to ensure that the document expresses the viewpoints of the community.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area

July & August Special Events

Chip's Canada Day Celebration - July 1st (1:00 to 4:00 pm)

Celebrate Canada Day at Beaver Creek and discover more about our natural and human heritage.



Night Hikes and Perseid Meteor Watch August 8th to 12th

Experience the excitement of night hikes and meteor showers during this special time.

On **August 8, 9, & 10** enjoy a night hike program from 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Maximum 25 participants per night hike. **Call 374-2474 to pre-register.**

For the Perseid Meteor Shower on **August 11 & 12**, the gates are open until 11:30 pm for you to view meteors away from the city lights. You do not have to register; just bring a blanket to lay on and look up.

Beaver Creek Group Bookings

Book your next group adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Environmentally based programs offer a variety of guided hikes. We'll tailor the program to meet the specific needs of your group. Daytime and evening bookings are available. Call Beaver Creek at 374-2474 for program details and costs.

July Programs

at 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday

Stumped? at 2:30pm & Tour du Jour at 7:00pm

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday

Eye Spy at 2:30pm & Tour du Jour at 7:00pm

Thursday - Friday

Tour du Jour at 2:30pm & Stumped? at 7:00pm

Saturday

Stumped? at 2:30pm & Tour du Jour at 7:00pm

August Programs

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Stomp! at 2:30pm & Tour du Jour at 7:00pm

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Thursday - Friday

Tour du Jour at 2:30pm & Stomp! at 7:00pm

Saturday

Stomp! at 2:30pm & Tour du Jour at 7:00pm

Stumped? - Visit Professor Stumped and receive a question. Will you be able to find the answer amongst the clues provided? If so, you can enter your name into the "Wise Owl" prize draw. This is a come & go program and lasts from 2:30pm - 4:30pm & 7:00pm - 8:30pm when offered.

Stomp! - Do you walk gently on the earth or do you stomp on it? Test your skills and knowledge in some games of chance and discover how you can walk kindly, not stomp blindly, through your world. This is a come & go program and lasts from 2:30pm - 4:30pm & 7:00pm - 8:30pm when offered.

Tour du Jour - It is never the same day twice at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. On the Tour du Jour, we will explore what Mother Nature has to offer at that time. This trail hike program is one hour in length.

Eye Spy - Animal cut-outs have been placed along the trails. Depending on the type of animal you choose to be you will have to keep an eye out for those animals that would want to eat you or that you would want to eat. This trail hike program is one hour in length.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Follow Lorne Avenue South

13km on Highway #219

Email: meewasin@meewasin.com

Website: <http://www.meewasin.com>

Chip's Hotline: 374-2474



Summer Hours

July 1 to September 4

9 am to 9 pm daily.

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