

A Walk Along the River



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk from Saskatoon to Edmonton? Well now you can! And it will only take you a few short minutes. Have you ever wondered how far it is from Swift Current to Medicine Hat? Count your steps – every step you take is approximately 100 km. Measure your way across the Prairies... or explore your way across, discovering treasures, the routes of the rivers, the old fort trails, the geological formations, the mineral resources, the flora and fauna that make us in the Saskatchewan River Basin unique. In the water spray feature you can find water bodies, cities, forts, borders, animal tracks, footprints, and various embedded shapes. They're listed below with corresponding numbers shown on the map. See if you can find them all.



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Wildlife: As the Saskatchewan River and its tributaries flow from mountains to the ocean they contribute to varied habitats supporting a variety of plants and animals.

• The Rocky Mountains are home to mountain goats, big-horn sheep and grizzly bears. • Deer and elk, black bear and wolf, and many bird species make their homes in the forests of the Aspen parklands and rolling plains. • In the Canadian Shield fish dine on insects such as mosquitoes and blackflies. • Among fields and pastures of the prairies, deer, fox, coyote, waterfowl, raptors, ground squirrels and songbirds are often camouflaged or concealed from view.

Places

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| Banff (1) | Prince Albert (11) |
| Calgary (2) | Melfort (12) |
| Edmonton (3) | Nipawin (13) |
| Drumheller (4) | Flin Flon (14) |
| Lethbridge (5) | The Pas (15) |
| Lloydminster (6) | Grand Rapids (16) |
| Medicine Hat (7) | Red Deer (17) |
| North Battleford (8) | Cumberland House (18) |
| Swift Current (9) | Batoche (19) |
| Saskatoon (10) | Regina (20) <small>As reference only. Does not appear in Sask River Basin</small> |

Water Bodies

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| Bow River (21) | North Sask. River (26) |
| Red Deer River (22) | Cedar Lake (27) |
| Oldman River (23) | Nelson River (28) |
| Lake Diefenbaker (24) | Lake Manitoba (29) |
| South Sask. River (25) | Lake Winnipeg (30) |

Forts - Hudson Bay Company

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| Fort Carlton (31) | Fort a la Corne (34) |
| Cumberland House (32) | Fort Battleford (35) |
| Fort Edmonton (33) | Fort Pitt (36) |

Forts - North West Company

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| Fort Vermillion (37) | Fort St. Louis*2 (39) |
| Fort Maranquin (38) | Fort de L'Isle (40) |

Forts - Other

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| Fort la Jonquiere (41) | Fort Providence (44) |
| Sturgeon Fort (42) | Fort St. Louis*1 (45) |
| Fort des Isles (43) | Duck Lake (46) |

Not all forts are identified on the water play feature. For example Fort La Montee was on the North Saskatchewan River approximately 5 km upstream from Fort Carlton and was dismantled after the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company merged.

Borders / Trail / Divides

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| Continental Divide (47) | Alberta (50) |
| Canada & USA (48) | Saskatchewan (51) |
| The Carlton Trail (49) | Manitoba (52) |

Provincial Symbols

Alberta

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|--------|-----------------------|
| Tree | Lodgepole Pine (53) |
| Flower | Wild rose (54) |
| Mammal | Bighorn Sheep (55) |
| Fish | Bull trout (56) |
| Bird | Great-horned Owl (57) |

Saskatchewan

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|--------|--------------------------|
| Tree | White birch (58) |
| Flower | Western red lily (59) |
| Mammal | White-tailed deer (60) |
| Fish | Walleye (61) |
| Bird | Sharp-tailed Grouse (62) |

Manitoba

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|--------|---------------------|
| Tree | White Spruce (63) |
| Flower | Prairie Crocus (64) |
| Bird | Great Grey Owl (65) |

Footprints

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| Jack Rabbit (66) | Moose (75) |
| Piping Plover (67) | Shod horse (76) |
| Sharp-Tailed Grouse (68) | Red River cart tracks (77) |
| Red Fox/Coyote (69) | Tire tracks (78) |
| Canadian beaver/muskrat (70) | Work boot print (79) |
| White-tailed Deer (71) | Cowboy boot print (80) |
| Weasel (72) | Moccasin print (81) |
| Cattle (73) | Dog paw (82) |
| Pronghorn Antelope (74) | Unshod horse (83) |
| | Bighorn Sheep (84) |
| | Duck (85) |

License Plates

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| Alberta (86) | Manitoba (88) |
| Saskatchewan (87) | |

Chemical Symbols

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| Uranium (89) | Petroleum (91) |
| Potash (90) | Diamonds (92) |

Embedded Shapes

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| Canada Geese (93) | Barley (106) |
| Grizzly Bear (94) | Canola (107) |
| Beaver (95) | Corn (108) |
| Axe (96) | Alfalfa/clover (109) |
| Bison (97) | Trembling Aspen (110) |
| Canoe (98) | Lodgepole Pine (111) |
| Sailboat (99) | White Spruce (112) |
| Helm (100) | Tamarack (113) |
| Coyote (101) | Fossilized shells/bones (114) |
| Fish, Whitefish (102a) | Plough marks (115) |
| Fish, Trout (102b) | Grain swaths (116) |
| Fish, Pike (102d) | Barbed wire fence (117) |
| Boreal Cones (103) | Surveyor's chain (118) |
| Arrowheads (104) | Wheat (105) |

Gardiner Dam Crest (119)



Above top: Learn about the river from the river. Meewasin Interpretive Canoe Tours (665-6887), Saskatoon City Council Sept. 2007. Photo: Anne Parreau

Above middle: Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Beaver swimming in Beaver Creek. Photo: Lennox Saunders

Above bottom: Great Blue Heron. Beaver Creek Conservation Area 2008. Photo: Lennox Saunders

