



Meewasin Rural Beach Sites Reopen

April 21, 2021

Warm weather is in the air, and all of Meewasin's rural sites and trails are now open.

Meewasin sites that were closed in the snowy season due to access and maintenance of the sites are now reopened. The following areas are now open for the season:

- Fred Heal Canoe Launch
- Poplar Bluffs Canoe Launch
- Paradise Beach
- Meewasin Trail Section along Wanuskewin Drive

These areas have all seen a significant melt in snow and ice conditions, allowing visitors to use these sites from sunrise to sunset.

Meewasin wants to remind the public to take caution near the river as the current and sandbars can be unpredictable. "Due to the scouring action of the river, access to these sites may be a bit more difficult to traverse and the sandbars that used to be there may be receded or gone completely." Warns Meewasin Resource Management Officer, Renny Grilz.

Meewasin would like to recap some safety precautions to keep top of mind when visiting the Meewasin Valley.

- **Strong Current:** Water outflows from the South Saskatchewan River are still high as the river melts, resulting in a very strong current. Please be cautious near the river and do not leave children or pets unattended.
- **Physical Distancing:** COVID-19 precautions are still in effect, with physical distancing guidelines available on our website and on many of our trailhead signage.
 - Please avoid crowded areas and don't park on the road. Offenders will be ticketed.

- To report infractions of the Public Health Order Related to COVID-19 please contact Public Health: at COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca or 1-855-559-5502. Find [more information HERE](#)

To report issues contact the RCMP:

- Paradise Beach & Poplar Bluffs - Warman RCMP 306-310-7267
- Fred Heal Canoe Launch and Cranberry Flats - Saskatoon RCMP 306-975-514

Additional resources can be found at:

- [Water Security Agency River Flow updates](#)
- [Saskatoon Canoe Club Website](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [Government of Canada travel updates](#)
- [City of Saskatoon COVID-19 Updates](#)

For more information, contact Meewasin at 306-665-6887 or meewasin@meewasin.com

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About Meewasin Valley Authority

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- *Providing leadership in the management of its resources;*
- *Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and*
- *Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation,*

for the benefit of present and future generations.

There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 90km of established trail, which has seen up to 1.87 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit www.meewasin.com