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National urban park exploration: Thank you to all who have participated

SASKATOON — Meewasin is pleased to announce that in its first month, the National Urban Park Exploration engagement has seen strong community participation. A heartfelt thank you to those who have taken part in the conversation so far.

Your feedback and ideas are helping us refine key details of the potential national urban park designation, including how people use and experience the park, the importance of cultural spaces, and areas for future investment.

If the area becomes designated, Meewasin and its partners will continue to manage the park just as they do today. Partnering with Parks Canada will bring new investments to the Valley, but Meewasin will still be the local authority, and the park will remain free and open for everyone to enjoy.

Since launching the engagement, we have heard from thousands of individuals and gathered many thoughtful questions. Answers to frequently asked questions and more information are available at urbanparksask.ca/fags.

How you can get involved

We are continuing the momentum with additional opportunities to connect and share. Whether you have already participated or are just hearing about this initiative now, there is a place for you in this conversation. Join us at some of the upcoming events below.

Take the survey: <u>Visit our website</u> to share your thoughts and ideas until Sept. 12, 2025, and enter to win prizes for your participation.

Drop by our pop-up booths:

- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025 | 2 p.m. 7 p.m.
 Saskatoon Ex Kids Adventure Day (503 Ruth St. W., Saskatoon)
- Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 | 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
 Broadway Street Fair (Broadway Avenue, Saskatoon)



Drop by our open house:

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
 Remai Modern – Riverview Room (102 Spadina Cres. E., Saskatoon)

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Engagement:

- Friday, Aug. 15, 2025
 White Buffalo Back to School Carnival (602 20th St. W., Saskatoon)
- Friday, Aug. 29 and Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025
 Whitecap Dakota First Nation Second Annual Powwow (SaskTel Centre, Saskatoon)

We will also be hosting pop-ups at select Treaty Days and events within the community

Contact us: Have questions not answered in the FAQ or want more information? Please email us.

- Email Meewasin: nationalpark@meewasin.com
- Email Parks Canada: parcsurbainsnationaux-nationalurbanparks@pc.gc.ca





A vision for a National Urban Park in the heart of the Prairies









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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 108km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.365 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 Meewasin 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