



FortWhyte Alive

HUMAN. NATURE.



FORTWHYTE ALIVE

Visitor Guide

Welcome.

At FortWhyte Alive, we connect humans with nature.

Immerse yourself in the wilderness, without leaving the city. Winnipeg's urban nature oasis is the perfect place for an everyday escape. Explore, wander, and discover something new, each time you visit. Make this place your own.

Experience our passion for the outdoors and the things we care about - active people, a healthy planet, and a vibrant community.

We are excited to share FortWhyte Alive with you.

RENTAL GEAR

Available from the front desk -Members, ask about your FREE and discounted rentals!

- Canoes & Row Boats
- Fishing Equipment
- Cruiser Bikes
- Buggies & Wagons
- Binoculars
- Fire Pit
- Ice Auger
- Snowshoes
- Nordic Poles
- Family Adventure Packs



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND TOURS

FortWhyte offers a variety of unique weekend and evening programming and events for the whole family. Connect with the outdoors, engage in activities that foster sustainability in our community, and discover a thing or two about our history on the prairies.

For more information or to register for a program, tour, or event, visit fortwhyte.org/events or pick up a copy of our seasonal Programming Guide.



BEGIN AT THE Alloway Reception Centre

Your gateway to FortWhyte Alive.

Visitor Reception can answer any questions you have about your visit, activities, rental gear, and membership. The Alloway Reception Centre also houses the Nature Shop, Buffalo Stone Café, and washrooms.

BUFFALO STONE CAFÉ

Featuring local food cooked from scratch, the Buffalo Stone Café is operated by award-winning local company Diversity Food Services. The Café is open until 4:30pm daily (with extended summer hours), but may close early for private banquets.

THE NATURE SHOP

Offering Canadian-made gifts for the nature lover! Find bird-feeding supplies, home and garden decor, casual wear, toys, books, and more.



FortWhyte Farms

FortWhyte Farms engages youth in sustainable agriculture and employment training to increase food security, gain leadership and healthy living skills, while building community.

Purchase fresh honey, pasture-raised meat and vegetables grown by youth at our summer market, open Tuesday afternoons from late June to September. Learn something new at our food and farming workshops, offered on evenings and weekends. Visit fortwhytefarms.com for details on booking a group tour. No drop-in tours please.



EXPLORE THE Interpretive Centre

Learn more about sustainability, wildlife, and water conservation by checking out the exhibits in our Interpretive Centre.



TOUCH MUSEUM

Go nose-to-nose with taxidermy specimens ranging from bison, to beavers, to birds. Touching is encouraged, please be gentle!



AQUARIUM OF THE PRAIRIES

The largest freshwater aquarium in Manitoba! Discover what lives in our province's lakes.



PRAIRIE SOIL DIORAMA

Inspect the changing soil and landscape conditions from pre-settlement to modern day agriculture.



PLANET H₂O

Immerse yourself in the vibrant story of our local watershed. Soak up a new appreciation for the water and learn what you can do to protect this valuable resource.



PRAIRIE PARTNERS LIVE EXHIBIT

Visit the endangered burrowing owl and black-tailed prairie dogs, prairie species that have cohabited prairie grasslands together for thousands of years.



Find your way.

All walking times are approximate. Times will vary based on speed and mobility level.

GREEN CORRIDOR TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCE: 4.6 km (2.9 miles)
AVERAGE WALKING TIME: 90 min.

This is the spine of FortWhyte's 7 km trail network. As part of the Trans Canada Trail, its length passes through our diverse habitat and landscape.

STORIED PEOPLE'S TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCE: 2 km (1.2 miles)
AVERAGE WALKING TIME: 45 min.

Begin your walk by exploring the Pioneer Sod House. Continue on to the Tipi Encampment and imagine our prairie past. Observe bison as they once existed on the Great Plains. Visit the Bison Viewing Mound and Tree House for the best sightings. Lake Cargill provides excellent waterfowl viewing opportunities.

JANICE RALEIGH POND TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCE: 0.5 km (Round trip)
AVERAGE WALKING TIME: 10 min.

This tranquil forest trail will lead you through a variety of small wetlands within a short distance. Observe spring wildflowers or winter animal tracks along this winding route. This trail is cleared for winter access.

JANSSON FOREST SONG TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCE: 0.8 km (Round trip)
AVERAGE WALKING TIME: 15 min.

Birders and nature enthusiasts will enjoy looking for seasonal migratory and resident birds along this woodchip path. Spend some time at the Birdfeeding Station and observe woodpeckers and chickadees as they flit to and from birdfeeders. Experience this trail by snowshoe in winter.

WETLAND BOARDWALK TRAIL

TRAIL DISTANCE: 1 km (Round trip)
AVERAGE WALKING TIME: 20 min.

Get up-close and personal with wildlife! Travel along our floating boardwalks to check out swamp and marsh ecosystems. In winter, the Wetland Boardwalk Trail is a great place to snowshoe and observe winter animal tracks.

Give Back to Nature.

Support nature education, outdoor recreation, and the protection of this urban nature oasis with a donation to FortWhyte Alive.

Stop at Visitor Reception, or give online at fortwhyte.org/donate.



DISCOVER OUR Outdoor Attractions

FortWhyte Alive offers all-season outdoor recreation, wilderness exploration, and nature discovery. Experience something new, each time you visit!



FORTWHYTE'S LAKES

Our five sheltered lakes offer visitors a serene and picturesque experience within city limits. Rent a canoe or rowboat and go paddling (weather permitting), or drop a line for catch-and-release fishing.



7 KM OF FOREST TRAILS

Bike or walk 7 km of woodchipped and limestone trails, winding through prairie and forest habitats. Our trail system connects to neighbourhoods throughout southwest Winnipeg.



1 FLOATING MARSH BOARDWALKS

Stroll through this wetland where wildlife thrives. Kids can borrow our dipnetting equipment and discover marsh insects.



2 PRAIRIE DOG TOWN

Always entertaining! Watch colony members scurrying about, feeding, sunning and jump-yipping.



3 PIONEER SOD HOUSE

Cross the threshold into history. Volunteer pioneers bring the Sod House to life on Sundays and holidays. Look for laundry on the line and smoke rising from the chimney.



4 TIPI ENCAMPMENT

Step inside and see how a tipi makes the perfect plains shelter. Learn about Indigenous culture and what life was like as a bison hunter.



5 BISON PRAIRIE

Climb the stairs to the Tree House, or venture to the top of the Bison Viewing Mound (5) for a great view of the plains bison herd.



7 BIRDFEEDING STATIONS

Walk the woodchipped trails into the forest to discover our local resident and seasonal migratory birds.



8 BIODIVERSITY GARDEN

This beautiful garden is full of native plants and flowers, providing a wealth of landscaping ideas for inviting nature into your backyard.



9 TREE HOUSE

Venture up to the forest canopy for a bird's eye view of the Bison Prairie and the Storied People's Trail.



10 LOLY LOOKOUT PICNIC SHELTER

The perfect place for a picnic by the lake! Rent a fire pit by contacting visitor reception (must be booked in advance).



11 REFLECTION AREA

Enjoy the thought-provoking and healing influence of nature in the serenity of the Reflection Area. Located in the north forest, you'll find plants linked to the four seasons and four directions in this peaceful clearing.



12 RICHARDSON RRRUN TOBOGGAN SLIDE (winter only)

Borrow one of our sleds and take a thrilling whirl down Winnipeg's highest toboggan slide!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday: 9am–5pm

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 10am–5pm

Closed Christmas Day

EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Monday to Thursday: 9am–8pm

Friday to Sunday: 9am–5pm

Holidays: 10am–5pm

Frequent Visitor?

Join the community – become a Member!

The cost of your admission will be deducted from the price of membership (valid for 30 days at Visitor Reception).

Stop at Visitor Reception for details, or sign up online at fortwhyte.org/membership.