

FortWhyte Alive
HUMAN. NATURE.



FORTWHYTE ALIVE
Ecotours

Adventure. Nature. Discovery.


FortWhyte Alive is an award-winning destination where groups can get outside and experience nature, history, and culture firsthand. We supply the wildlife and incredible outdoor setting, you provide the enthusiasm and love of hands-on learning. Join our guides on a private tour tailored to your group's interests for an experience not soon forgotten.

Whether you come to explore, adventure, or learn about our prairie history, you'll discover something new each time you visit.



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 *Suitable for both fully active and those with limited mobility*



A PRAIRIE LEGACY: THE BISON AND ITS PEOPLE

Discover how bison influenced the history of Manitoba and the lives of Indigenous peoples and pioneers. Venture through the aspen forest onto the open prairie, where you will experience a close-up encounter with 30 grunting, munching bison. Test your skills as you power a mighty Voyageur canoe around the lake, or hear the crunching of the snow under historic footwear, the snowshoe. Explore a Plains Cree Tipi and marvel at the design and functionality — cool in summer and warm in winter, offering a respite from the prairie winds. Feel the smoothness of a hand crafted black spoon, fashioned from a bison horn. Step inside a one-room pioneer sod house and savour wild bush tea and bannock over a campfire.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$45

Minimum: 6

Length: 3 hrs

Please dress appropriately for the weather as the tour is outdoors; contact us about modifying this tour to suit your schedule and budget.



SNOWSHOE ADVENTURE

Birds flitting from branch to branch, coyote tracks crossing before you, a deer peeking at you from behind a tree – just a sample of the natural beauty you'll encounter on a winter's day at FortWhyte! Join a knowledgeable guide for one great snowshoe adventure. No experience necessary, includes snowshoe rental.

Dates: December–March

Fee (per person): \$15

Minimum: 8

VOYAGEUR CANOE EXPERIENCE

Take a step back in time and power a North West Company voyageur canoe around scenic Lake Muir. Let the splash of the water and the feel of the paddle connect you to that pivotal time in Canadian history. Get a real taste of voyageur life with fire-roasted bannock as you savour your experience by the shore.

Dates: May–September

Fee (per person): \$15

Minimum: 8



BISON SAFARI

See North America's largest land animal, the bison, and learn how this magnificent beast has shaped Manitoba's history. Hop aboard our bus for a guided safari over prairie grasses with up-close encounters. Be sure to bring your camera! Weather and ground conditions permitting.

Dates: May–October

Fee (per person): \$16*

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20

**Does not include admission*

OH, DEER!

Expand your nature knowledge with an engaging program on the life cycle and habitat of our quirky neighbours, the white-tailed deer. Try your hand at “antler rattling” to call them over for a visit and see how the rut impacts these year-round local residents.

Dates: September–November

Fee (per person): \$12

Minimum: 8, Maximum: 20

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THE FORT WHYTE STORY

Would you believe that FortWhyte Alive was once an industrial landscape used for mining clay? From ancient bedrock to modern technology, the landscape is constantly evolving and in less than 50 years has transformed into a haven for plants, animals and people. Join an interpreter to learn more about the past, present and future of this urban nature oasis.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$12

Minimum: 8, Maximum: 20



OWLING NIGHT HIKE

As Fort Whyte closes to the public a different set of locals comes alive. Explore after hours as your guided night hike takes you through the woods and into the world of owls, coyotes, and more. Gain deeper insight, and hopefully a sighting, of our nocturnal neighbours as you discover the art of owl calls and evening animal tracking.

Dates: January–April

Fee (per person): \$16

Minimum: 12

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Experience a gentle walk through our accessible nature trails and spot the wide variety of waterfowl, songbirds, and birds of prey that call FortWhyte home. Learn the difference between “dabblers” and “divers” from the comfort of a sheltered birding hut. Meet the charismatic and endangered burrowing owls in our Prairie Partners exhibit. From beginner to enthusiast, this tour has something for everyone.

Dates: May–September

Fee (per person): \$12

Minimum: 8, Maximum: 20

FARM AND BEE TOUR

Get hands-on with nature's sweetest workers as you explore FortWhyte Farms. Learn firsthand as you don a protective beekeeper suit, explore the inner workings of an active hive, and taste warm honey straight from the comb. Round out your experience with an interactive tour of our cold-weather greenhouse and a visit with our friendly pigs, chickens and rabbits.

Dates: May–September

Fee (per person): \$16

Minimum: 12, Maximum: 30

[FORTWHYTE.ORG/ECOTOURS](https://fortwhyte.org/ecotours)



EDIBLE WILDS

Wild edible plants are all around – in our city parks, as “weeds” in our gardens – you just need to know where to look. Learn to safely spot wild edibles such as licorice root, rose hips, and many more natural delights. Discover the tastes and aromas of these wild, seasonal ingredients and enjoy bush tea made from your own harvest.

Dates: May–September

Fee (per person): \$15

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20

CANOE / KAYAK SAMPLER

The sampler is designed for the novice and those wanting to learn the fundamentals of paddling. This popular program will help you become familiar with basic equipment, strokes, and safety procedures for both canoeing and kayaking. There’s never been a better time to get out on the lake!

Dates: May–September

Fee (per person): \$32

Minimum: 6, Maximum: 25

JOIE DE VIVRE

Catch fur trade fever with FortWhyte’s newest program! Experience true *voyageur joie de vivre* by snowshoe as you play games and explore traditional artifacts. Afterwards, stop by our *cabane à sucre* and soothe your sweet tooth with some snow taffy. This uniquely Manitoban offering is not to be missed!

Dates: December–March

Fee (per person): \$20

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20

WINTER WONDERLAND

Why hibernate when you can celebrate? Enjoy the ultimate Canadian winter with snowshoeing, tobogganing, Inuit and voyageur games, and more. Experience all that winter has to offer!

December–March

Fee (per person): \$20

Minimum: 10

NEW! KANATA: FIRST PEOPLE

What was Manitoba like before it was a province? Venture back through the history of the original peoples and their connection to the land. Experience our Storied People's Trail with traditional teachings, games and bannock. Come away with a deeper understanding of our region's heritage.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$18

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45

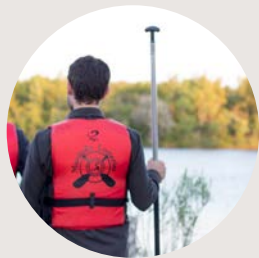
CANADIAN PRAIRIE PAST

Step back to a time when bison roamed the prairie, and people's connection to the natural world was a matter of survival. Visit our Pioneer Sod House built from the earth, then stop by the Bison Viewing Mound and discover the importance of this prairie giant to the Plains Cree. Explore the culture of the Métis, the influence they had on the fur trade, and their connection to the buffalo hunt.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$18

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45



EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Firepit: \$15 per hour

Snowshoes: \$3 per pair

Cruiser Bikes:

1 hr: \$10 per bike

2 hrs: \$15 per bike

Canoe or Rowboat:

30 minutes: \$8 per boat

1 hr: \$12 per boat

Enhance any of our programs with a little extra fun:

WILD HERBAL TEA

Cozy up to the fire while enjoying a warm cup of tea, brewed with native plants.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$3

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45

BANNOCK BAKE

Try this traditional flat bread, cooked on a stick over an open flame.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$3

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45

SNOW TAFFY

Sample some tire d'érable (maple taffy), a delicious French Canadian treat. Made with real maple syrup and served on snow, this snack is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth!

**Dates: December – March,
snow permitting**

Fee (per person): \$5

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45

S'MORES

A Canadian campfire classic. Savour a roasted marshmallow sandwiched between two graham crackers and chocolate. Yum!

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$3

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45

BANNOCK BAR RENTAL

Create a truly custom bannock using a mix of toppings! Try this unique twist on a campfire classic to make your tour extra memorable. Includes bannock, toppings, firepit rental, and bannock bartender.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$5

Minimum: 15

MARSHMALLOWS

The go-to standard campfire fare for generations of Canadians.

Dates: Year-round

Fee (per person): \$2

Minimum: 10, Maximum: 45



Pair your activity with a snack or meal from the award-winning **Buffalo Stone Café** by **Diversity Food Services**.

Choose from our daily menu or pre-order a delicious catered meal. Details must be confirmed a minimum of 7 days in advance. Diversity cooks fresh, natural foods, inspired by cuisines from around the world.

We source the freshest local ingredients available and take pride in supporting local farmers and businesses.

For more information about menu options and pricing, please contact us at bookings@fortwhyte.org.

Ecotours are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Your **group's name, contact information, number of participants, requested program** and **timing** must be provided before a space can be held. Let us create something custom just for you!



TO BOOK AN ECOTOUR, CONTACT:

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SPECIAL DETAILS

In order for us to best serve your group, please make us aware of any special details, such as time constraints or group members with additional support needs, prior to arriving for your program.

ADDED BONUSES

Free bus parking. Bus driver can participate at no charge, or enjoy complimentary coffee in the Buffalo Stone Café. No fee for the Tour Guide.



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CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event of inclement weather we are able to modify programs to minimize outdoor time. Groups are encouraged to dress for the weather including appropriate footwear. Groups cancelling at least 7 days before their program will not be charged. All groups failing to show will be charged 50% of the total fee.

All pricing is subject to change without notice.