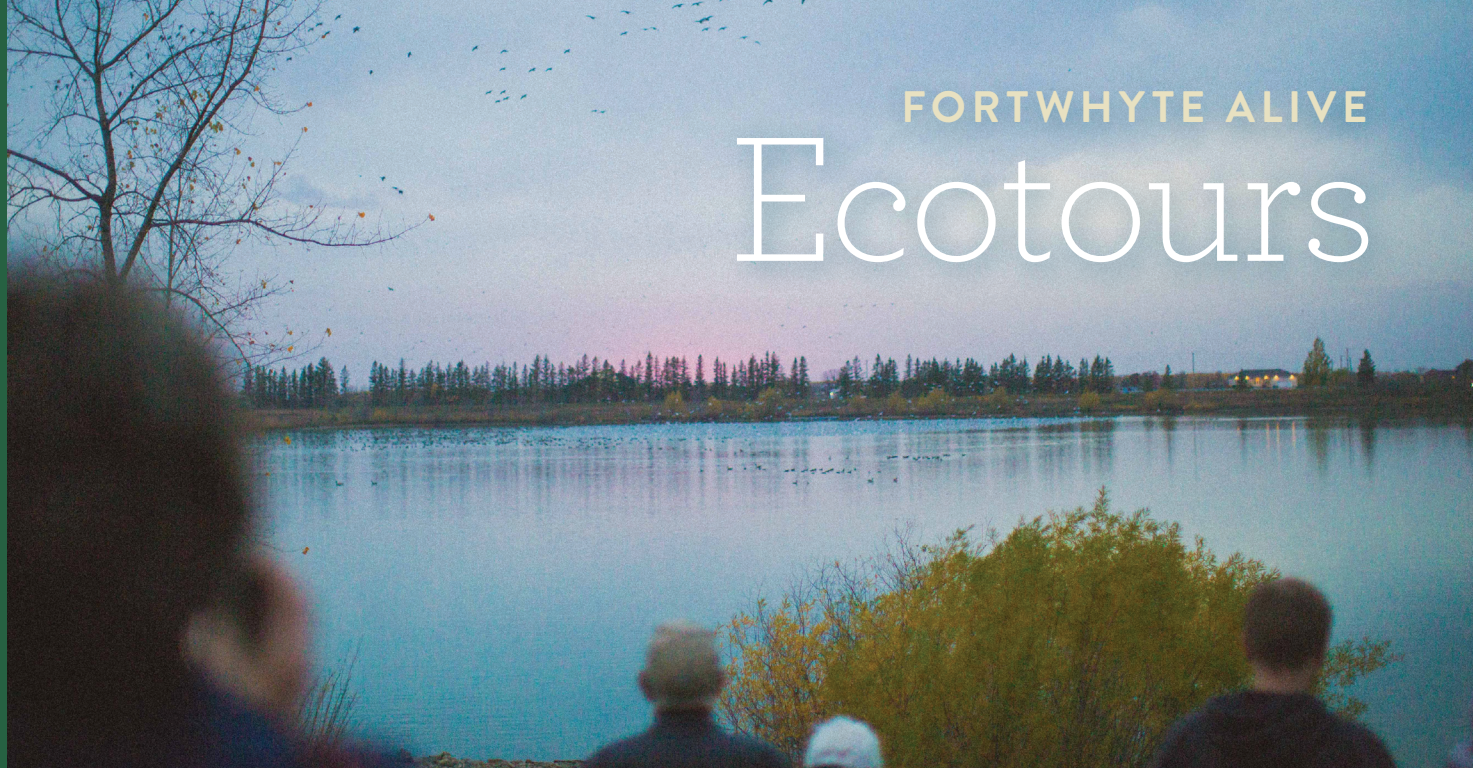




FortWhyte Alive  
HUMAN. NATURE.

# 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.

Tour fees help to support environmental education at FortWhyte Alive.



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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.

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

**Dates:** Year-round  
**Fee (per person):** \$45  
**Minimum:** 6  
**Length:** 3 hrs

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### HATCHET THROWING

Cut loose and split some stumps as you hone your frontier skills in a laid-back atmosphere. Despite its intimidating name, hatchet throwing has a surprisingly communal past as a popular way for fur traders to come together in friendly competition. If you're looking for a sharp team-building idea, hatchet-throwing is right on target!

**Dates:** Year-round

**Fee (per person):** \$14

**Minimum:** 6, **Maximum:** 20

### ATL ATL

Before guns, or even bows and arrows, Indigenous people relied on the atlatl to hunt bison. This spear thrower enabled hunters to throw much farther and harder than if they were relying only on their own strength. Try your hand at this traditional hunting method and see how much force you can muster!

**Dates:** Year-round

**Fee (per person):** \$8

**Minimum:** 6, **Maximum:** 20

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### 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):** \$16  
**Minimum:** 8

### 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):** \$16  
**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):** \$18\*  
**Minimum:** 10, **Maximum:** 20

*\*Does not include admission*

*Disponible en français.*

### 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

### HUMAN. NATURE. 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



**BIRD'S EYE VIEW** 🚶

Experience a gentle tour 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. From beginner to enthusiast, this tour has something for everyone.

**Dates: May–September**

**Fee (per person): \$12**

**Minimum: 8, Maximum: 20**

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**\*NEW\* HABITAT SECRETS** 🚶

FortWhyte is a wonderful mix of grassland, forests, and wetlands — truly a naturalist's paradise! FortWhyte Alive's naturalist team will share some of their favourite places to see birds and mammals, what key plants define the different habitat areas, and help you see FortWhyte Alive and all of Southern Manitoba's natural beauty with a new view!

**Dates: Year-round**

**Fee (per person): \$15**

**Minimum: 8, Maximum: 45**

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**\*NEW\* FIVE SENSES  
MINDFULNESS EXPERIENCE**

Walk through the forests of FortWhyte Alive during this unique meditation experience; hearing, touching, smelling, tasting and seeing nature in its undisturbed state. Participants will authentically connect to the land, the living things around them, and be reminded of their place in the natural world, as well as connecting with their own perceptions, fears and hopes, needs, and wants.

**Dates: Year-round**

**Fee (per person): \$12**

**Minimum: 6, Maximum: 40**

**BIRDING BY EAR** 🚶

Birding is for everyone! A quick-moving bird can be hard to see, but our ears don't lie and aren't easily distracted. Recordings, calls and descriptions will let you know what to listen for. A nature walk to some of FortWhyte Alive's bird hotspots then gives our ears a workout and as we find feathered friends.

**Dates: April–October**

**Fee (per person): \$15**

**Minimum: 8, Maximum: 30**



## 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!

**Dates: December – March**

**Fee (per person): \$25**

**Minimum: 10, Maximum: 80**

## 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): \$25**

**Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20**

## 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): \$18**

**Minimum: 10, Maximum: 20**





### 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):** \$20

**Minimum:** 10, **Maximum:** 45

### \*NEW\* FEATHERS TO FUR

A brand new signature experience that tours some of Manitoba's best wildlife and outdoor experiences.

Get to know of North America's smallest and biggest wildlife up close, and let experienced naturalist-guides take care of the details of your day!

**Dates:** May – September

**Fee (per person):** \$135\*

**Minimum:** 6, **Maximum:** 20

**Length:** 7 hours\*\*

\* Includes bus transportation from FortWhyte to Oak Hammock and back, breakfast & lunch.

\*\* Including transportation times

FortWhyte Alive and Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre are proud partners in offering:

- The feeling of feathers flutter in your hand as you participate in bird-banding research.
- The sights and smells of wildflowers over water as you glide through the marsh in historic-style voyageur canoe.
- Experience the sights, sounds, and even smells of FortWhyte Alive's urban bison herd.
- Taste wild herb tea and fire-roasted bannock.





## ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH EQUIPMENT RENTALS

**Firepit: \$17 per hour**

**Snowshoes: \$5 per pair**

**Cruiser Bikes:**

1 hr: \$10 per bike

1 hr: \$5 per (4+ bikes)

2 hrs: \$15 per bike

**Canoe or Rowboat:**

30 minutes: \$15 per boat

1 hr: \$25 per boat

## 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. Top with cinnamon sugar or local jam.

**Dates: Year-round**

**Fee (per person): \$4**

**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): \$7**

**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): \$4**

**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): \$7**

**Minimum: 15, Maximum: 45**


## 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 **Buffalo Stone Café** by **CIRCA Catering**.

Choose from our daily menu or pre-order a delicious catered meal. Details must be confirmed a minimum of 7 days in advance. CIRCA 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](mailto: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:

**Dana Forster**  
**Group Services Manager**

(204) 989-8355 ext. 204  
[bookings@fortwhyte.org](mailto:bookings@fortwhyte.org)

#### 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.*