

## Whiteshell Provincial Park

## Campground Tips

- Be Wildlife Smart. Do not feed any wildlife, including birds or squirrels. You are in black bear country secure all attractants such as food, cooking equipment and trash in a locked vehicle. Do not store food or attractants in your tent.
- Practice Leave No Trace.
  Pack out all gear and trash to keep the campsites clean for others.
- Keep dogs on leash and clean up after your pet.
- Learn to recognize and avoid poisonous plants such as poison ivy.
- Open fires are prohibited.
  Use portable stoves or fire pits provided.
- Don't Move Firewood -Moving firewood can spread harmful invasive species and destroy our forests.
- Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
   Always clean, drain, dry watercraft and water related equipment. Visit manitoba.ca/stopais for full regulations.
- In case of injury or illness contact a Park Attendant or Park Patrol Officer. They can assist you to reach medical help.
- Full camping regulations are available in the Campers Guide, available from park offices and online at manitobaparks.com.

## West Hawk Lake Campground

Enjoy an exhilarating view of Manitoba's deepest lake



West Hawk Lake "exploded" into history when a meteorite hit the earth, leaving a huge crater as a reminder of its visit. In time, the circular cavity filled with water to form the deepest lake in Manitoba at 111 metres (364 feet). Some of Manitoba's earliest mineral claims were staked in the Falcon, Star and West Hawk Lake areas. In fact, the first gold discovery was made at Star Lake in 1890. While the mining process eventually proved to cost more than the gold itself, the area was later recognized as a prized tourist destination. Present day treasure-hunters now explore the lake's frontiers by scuba diving.

West Hawk Geological Museum tells the stories of how volcanoes, glaciers and meteorite explosions changed the face of the Whiteshell landscape to the way it looks today. Learn more about this and other topics every week at interpretive programs. To apply this new-found geological knowledge, hike the park's many trails. The trails range from short, novice jaunts to those that are best ventured by experienced backpackers. Try McGillivray Falls, Whiteshell River or Mantario hiking trails.

The beach is a great place for sun tanning, people watching or sharing stories. As motorboats cut through the water, listen to the shrieks of excitement that can be heard from the people water skiing or tubing across West Hawk Lake. For water activities that are a little less intense, bring out the canoe or kayak and flow along the many lakes and rivers of the Whiteshell. Combine beachside camping with tennis, swimming, boating, or fishing. Clamber up rock ridges, gaze out from the cliffs, or have a lazy lunch by a secluded lakesome of the best hiking in the province is right here.

You'll keep busy with the area's local attractions and recreational activities. Some stores feature local artisans' creations. Many of the crafts are inspired and designed to reflect the natural environment of where they were created, the boreal forest. A wheelchair accessible trail and platform enables everyone to enjoy a day of fishing at Lyons Lake, just east of the West Hawk turn-off on HWY 1.

More information on West Hawk Lake Campground and Whiteshell Provincial Park is available on request from the park office.



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