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Riding Mountain

at a glance

A forest island in the middle of Manitoba's farmland, with a bison herd behind a fence and a history that the park authority itself calls "wrongful".

1930

ESTABLISHED

over 3,000 km²
AREA

about 40
BISON HERD

over 400 km
TRAILS
(249 mi) in six trail networks

BEFORE YOU GO



Wilderness surrounded by fields

The park authority describes Riding Mountain as a wilderness area surrounded by agriculture.



Three forest types at once

Aspen parkland, boreal forest and eastern deciduous forest meet here.



Three and a half hours from Winnipeg

The park lies in Manitoba, three and a half hours' drive west of Winnipeg and just under three hours east of Yorkton.



Winter

The park authority lists winter activities as a separate area: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.



You are in bear country

The park authority heads one section with exactly these words.



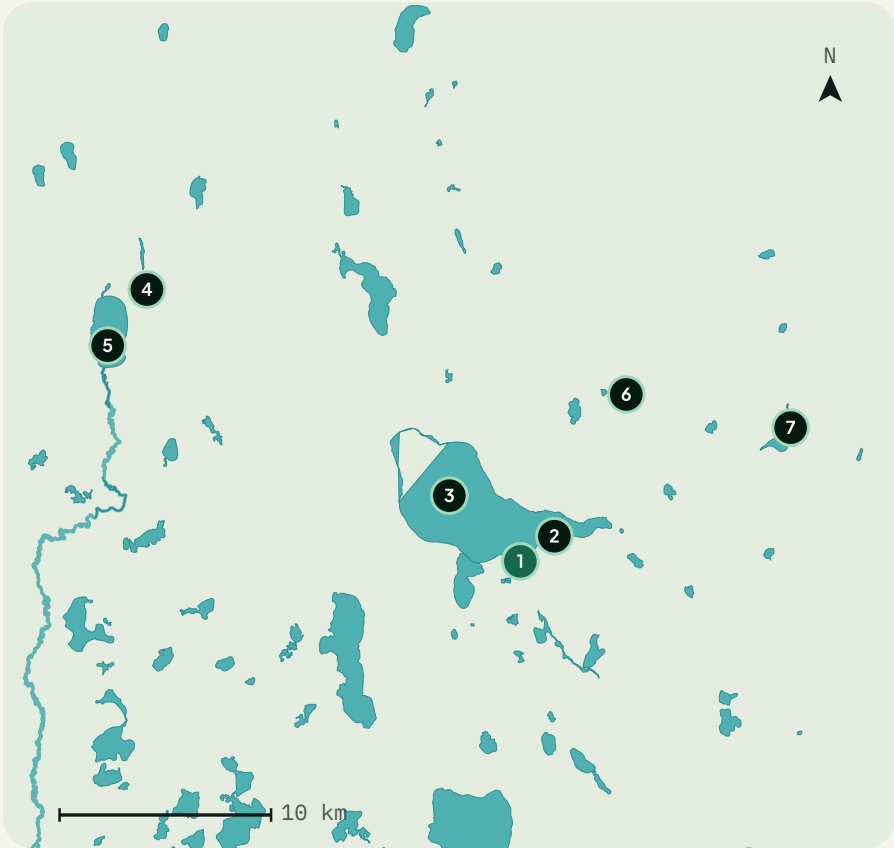
Bison are wild animals

Do not feed or approach them, nor bears or any other animals.



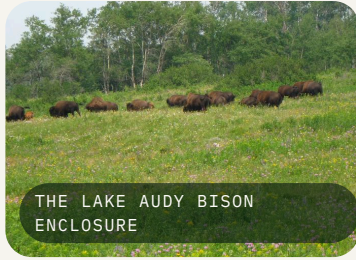
Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
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Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



THE LAKE AUDY BISON ENCLOSURE



CLEAR LAKE



FOREST AND WATER

THINGS TO DO

Over 400 kilometres of trails

The park authority lists more than 400 kilometres (249 mi) of trails for every level, from short interpretive ...

Clear Lake

The lake by Wasagaming is low in nutrients and therefore exceptionally clear, even suitable as a source of ...

An unusually wide range

Besides hiking and paddling, the park authority lists golf, tennis, horseback riding, wagon rides ...

The bison: second attempt

In 1931, 20 animals were brought from Wainwright in Alberta as a display herd; the plain at Lake Audy was ...

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Driving through the bison enclosure

At Lake Audy a herd of about 40 plains bison lives in a 500-hectare (1,236-acre) enclosure, divided into ...

Eight red chairs

In July 2015 the park set up eight sets of red Adirondack chairs at selected viewpoints.

What lives here

Boreal forest, a strip of eastern deciduous forest at the foot of the escarpment, wide rough fescue ...

How the herd is managed

In early summer the animals are allowed into the south pasture; in autumn the herd, minus the mature breeding ...

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