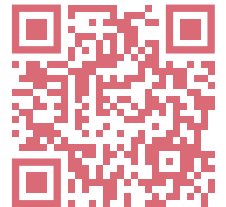


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The Great Autumn Migration

DEPARTING SASKATOON WEST 7:00 AM

Day 1

	KM	Arrival	Departure	Location
1	66	7:45 AM	1:30 PM	Radisson Lake

Hit this spot in the morning for best results then explore antique shops in nearby Radisson & Borden!

One large lake surrounded by mudflats, seasonally flooded fields, and marshes, making it a great place for waterfowl, shorebirds and migrating birds, as well as birds that favour sparse vegetation.

Autumn: Snow, Ross's, Greater White-fronted, Canada and Cackling Geese in the thousands, Whooping & Sandhill Crane, Lapland Longspur
Spring/Summer: Piping Plover, Loggerhead Shrike, Sprague's Pipit

2	43	3:00 PM	8:00 PM	South Ridge, Redberry L.
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Prior to heading here, stop in Hafford to pick up locally baked goods & groceries for a sunset picnic!

This habitat is aspen parkland and natural grassland, making it a good spot to see birds that nest and forage in deciduous trees. See attached Guide to South Ridge.

Autumn: Same as above. **Spring/Summer:** Multiple Warbler's, Red-eyed Vireo, American White Pelican, Red-Tailed Hawk, American Goldfinch, Grey Catbird, Least Flycatcher, Baltimore Oriole + more

Day 2 - See Accommodation Options on Page 2

3	See Page 2 for Details			Gilles/Blaine Lakes
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Explore this area early then check out Blaine Lake's restaurants & shop 50+ local artisans at Prairie Made!

This area is part of the Prairie Pothole Region with many small Alkali and Fresh Water Lakes making it a great place for waterfowl, shorebirds and other migrating birds.

Autumn: Same as above, high likelihood of Whooping Cranes.
Spring/Summer: American Avocet, Northern Shoveler, Blue-winged Teal, Lesser Scaup, Gadwall

4	18	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	The Largest Tree in SK
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Grab picnic supplies from Blaine Lake or Marcelin or check out the Olive Tree for supper - call ahead!

This area along the North Saskatchewan River is a riparian ecosystem with cotton woods, wetlands and river banks making it rich habitat for many bird, animal and plant species.

Autumn: Great Blue Heron, Lesser Yellowlegs, American Redstart and, Bank Swallow



The Great Autumn Migration



Where to Stay

The best time to see birds during the Autumn Migration is during dusk and dawn so we recommend splitting this Adventure's stops into 2 days. Watch for Birds in the mornings and evenings then explore the surrounding countryside and communities in between! There are surprises around every corner. Here are some Accommodation Options:

HOTELS/MOTELS

	KM TO STOP 3
Model T Inn Borden	81
Radisson Hotel	69
Midway Motel Radisson	69
Country Girls Inn Blaine Lake	4

AIRBNB'S

Richard Farmstay	65
Richard Cabins	65
Rustic Petrofka Cabin	21

SEASONAL RESORTS

	KM TO STOP 3
THICKWOOD HILLS ADVENTURES	33
LAC LA PECHE RESORT	24

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Birding Etiquette ³/₄ Tips

Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger. Be particularly cautious around active nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display sites, and feeding sites.

Limit the use of recordings and other audio methods of attracting birds, particularly in heavily birded areas, for species that are rare in the area, and for species that are threatened or endangered.

Always exercise caution and restraint when photographing, recording, or otherwise approaching birds.

Always minimize habitat disturbance. Consider the benefits of staying on trails, preserving snags, carpooling and other similar practices.

The best time to view Birds is during dawn & dusk while they are feeding & resting.

Land Etiquette

Redberry Lake Biosphere Region is within Treaty 6 Territory, traditional home of the Cree Peoples - Mistawasis Nehiyawak, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, and Lucky Man First Nation and it is the traditional Homeland of the Metis. We honour the Indigenous Peoples who have called this place home since time immemorial. We are all Treaty People.

Never enter private property without the landowner's permission. Respect the interests of and interact positively with people living in the area where you are birding. Please give our team a call if you are interested in accessing land in the Region and we will help connect you to the land owner.

Familiarize yourself with and follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing activities at your birding location. In particular, be aware of regulations related to birds, such as disturbance of protected nesting areas or sensitive habitats, and the use of audio or food lures.

Do not litter. Pack in, pack out.

The South Ridge, Redberry Lake

Wondering what is Saskatchewan's best kept secret? Ask the locals around these parts & they all agree. The South Ridge of Redberry Lake. This spot and the surrounding hills have been appreciated for its stunning vista of the emerald waters since time immemorial. Indigenous Peoples used this area as meeting grounds before and after successful Buffalo hunts. The Saskatoons, Buffalo Berries and Choke Cherries are so rich here that they grow like grapes on vines. The biodiversity is so vibrant that you lose count of all the bird, animal and plant species. Explore the South Ridge as its meant to be, freely.

Thanks to a partnership between the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation & the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment this land and many others across the province are free to explore, fish, hunt pick berries or medicines and camp. There are some rules that must be followed however. If you are visiting the area during Autumn, please remember to wear high-visibility clothing as it is hunting season.

This area is a great launching point for Canoes and Kayaks to explore Gramiak Island and the other islands to the East used as Nesting Sites for American White Pelican, Piping Plover and other bird species throughout the season.



Legend

200m

- Entrance
- Parking
- Lookout
- Canoe Launch
- Pelican Nesting Site
- Foot Traffic Only
- Driving Permitted
- FWDF Land Boundary

Please Respect this Land

- NO LITTERING
- NO OPEN FIRES
- PACK IN, PACK OUT
- FOOT ACCESS ONLY
- WALK-IN CAMPING ONLY

For more info visit fwdf.ca



Top Activities

HIKING

Petrofka Picnic Area

The sandy shoreline of the North Saskatchewan River is a perfect place to hike and explore. This mighty river was once one of the most important trading routes in the Prairies to Indigenous Peoples first, then later Fur Traders and settlers. It's waters continue to hold special significance for all the Region's residents and species.

Turn into Petrofka Orchard then follow road to the right. Parking is available at end of this road near boat launch. Follow the sandy shoreline to the North.

Regional Park

Millenium Point Trail is an easy 3.4 km return hike along the lake through redberry bushes and the marsh. Interpretive displays show the animals and plants who live here.

Ask staff at the park entry booth for more information and maps.

If arriving after September Long Weekend Park in main parking lot near beach and follow road to the North and watch for Millenium Point Trail Signs

South Ridge

Explore Saskatchewan's best view here on Fish and Wildlife Development Fund Land (FWDF). This land is for all to enjoy thanks to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment. Motorised vehicles are not allowed but you are free to hike wherever your feet take you. Parking along road near entrance is permitted.

HITTING THE WATER

There's nothing quite like swimming or paddling the waters of one of Canada's mightiest rivers. Be sure to do so with caution however as there are currents and undertows that can pose a risk to the most experienced swimmers.

This is also an excellent spot for river fishing. The most popular species caught here are Northern Pike, Walleye, and Burbot. Sturgeon may also be caught here however they are critically endangered and must be released. Best spots are near the Boat Launch, Bridge and river bends.

Parking is available at the Public Boat Launch.

Redberry Lake Regional Park is the perfect place to soak up the sun on the beach, go for a swim or hit the water in a kayak, canoe or paddle board (BYO). The beachside playground is perfect for children, the concession is stocked with your favourites including ice cream and the emerald saline lake waters will leave you feeling refreshed.

Park Entry: \$10.00 per day
Weekend & Seasonal Passes Available

Season: May 15 - September 15

Open Free of Charge in Off Season
however all amenities are closed.

Following the road to waters edge provides the perfect spot to launch a canoe or kayak for exploring the creek system, Gramiak Island and the nesting islands to the north.

Be mindful of the shoreline for Endangered species of birds while launching and avoid all other sandy or rocky shorelines.

The best time to explore these waters is mornings or evenings in September and October during the Fall Migration as thousands of birds of varying species fly overhead.

LOCAL EATS & SHOPPING

Blaine Lake

Betty's Diner
Lil's Diner
Gateway Asian Grill
Crossroads Tavern
Prairie Made
Blaine Lake Variety

Borden

Sugar Shack & Coffee
Model T Inn
The Troubadour

Hafford

Hilltop Cafe
Coming Together Bakery
Hafford Second Hand

Leask

Mistawasis Petro-Can
Buck's Place
Leask Cafeteria
Spriggs Meats

Radisson

Redbull Restaurant & Cafe
Radisson Cafe
Radisson Hotel
Joyce's Attic Trunk
Sesula Mineral & Gem Museum
Radisson Antique & General Store

A Few of Our Favourite Birds



Whooping Crane

Status: Endangered
Best Time: Sept - October

Look for them feeding in the morning or evening in agricultural field and flying overhead, mixed with larger flocks of Sandhill Cranes.



Piping Plover

Status: Endangered
Best Time: May - August

Breed and nest along lakeshores and alkali wetlands particularly above the high water mark in soft sandy areas.



Loggerhead Shrike

Status: Threatened
Best Time: May - August

Enjoy rough grassland with scattered shrubs. Famous for stalking prey that they impale on thorns or barbed wire.



Black Tern

Status: Declining
Best Time: June - August

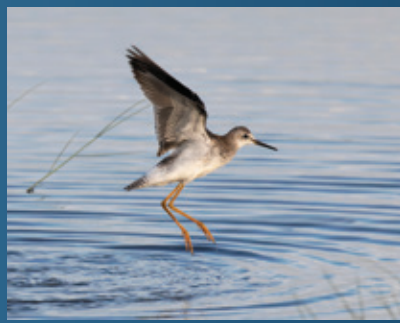
Often seen flying over open freshwater wetlands catching bugs.



Baltimore Oriole

Status: Low Concern
Best Time: May - August

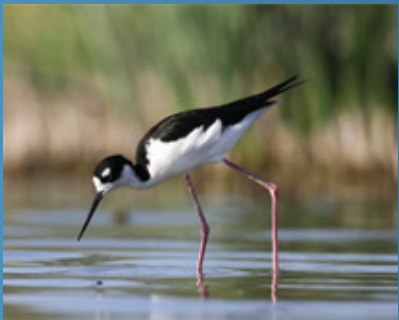
Often seen perched high in mixed or deciduous trees. Prefer deep or dark coloured fruit.



Lesser Yellowlegs

Status: Threatened
Best Time: May - October

Fly between many small, shallow and weedy wetlands or flooded mudflats catching food.



Black-necked Stilt

Status: Low Concern
Best Time: May - September

This wading bird loves shallow water around wetlands. They breed in localized areas throughout Saskatchewan.



White Pelican

Status: Low Concern
Best Time: May - October

American White Pelicans are often seen perched on rocky shores and sandbars or soaring the thermals with their massive wings high above.



Great Blue Heron

Status: Low Concern
Best Time: April - October

Look for them in marshes, creeks and beaver ponds or soaring above with slow wingbeats and their legs trailing behind.



Ruddy Duck

Status: Low Concern
Best Time: May - October

This beautiful duck with its striking blue beak is seen throughout the plains swimming and diving in wetlands and lakes.