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2) Bissett Mine

Situated on beautiful Rice Lake, the town was named after the respected physician, surgeon and politician Edgar Douglas Richmond Bissett, a Member of Parliament from September 1926 until July 1930. Gold was discovered in the rural community in 1911 and was a steady industry for many years until closure of the mine in 1983. In 2005, the mine began producing again and has continued in varying capacities since.

3) Blueberry Rock

This Granite Outcropping, five kilometers from the town of Lac du Bonnet, lends itself to the naturalist who wishes to walk a rocky terrain and explore the variety of vegetation along the way. Featuring a lookout tower which provides a great view of the river, it is a place for a well deserved rest.

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5) Canoeing

With its abundance of connected rivers and streams, the Winnipeg River Corridor is home to hundreds of scenic, beauty laden canoe routes.

6) Coca Cola Creek Falls

Nested in the forest between Broadlands and Great Falls, this hidden gem is accessible via a self guided walking trail. A large walking bridge overlooks this natural marvel. During Spring, a large and furious runoff can be witnessed.

7) Debwedon Trail

This ecological reserve and trail located along HWY # 59 North East of the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation includes a rare calcareous fen which is the keystone of the ecosystem opened in 2016 to the public.

8) Elk Island

Elk Island is an island in the estuary of the Winnipeg River. It can be reached on foot in most years by crossing from the northern tip of Victoria Beach. In some years the water may be too high to get across without wet clothes and you should be prepared to swim.

9) Fall Festival of Colours

Choose from our favourite tours, starting at the beaches, on through Pine Falls, to Lac du Bonnet and enjoy the many activities and fall suppers along the way.

10) Fort Alexander Cairn

A fieldstone cairn in the Sagkeeng First Nation, on the banks of the Winnipeg River, commemorates the former site of Fort Maurepas. Established by one of the sons of la Vérendrye between 1739 and 1749, after the abandonment of the original Fort Maurepas on the Red River, both the North West Company and the Hudson’s Bay Company built fur-trade posts in this area in 1792. The cairn was erected in 1931 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of
Canada to mark an event of national historic significance

11) Giigewigaming Healing Centre

This newly opened facility reflects the identity and healing traditions of the First Peoples of the area and is managed by their First Nation Health Authority to encourage all cultures to heal and learn from each other.

12) Grand Beach

Grand Beach is part of Grand Beach Provincial Park and features 3 km of fine, white sand and is backed by sand dunes that rise up to 12 meters above the beach. A boardwalk at the West end of the beach offers food and shopping. Change rooms and plumbed washrooms are available all along the beach.

13) Grand Beach Prov. Park

With an area of 24.9 km², Grand Beach Provincial Park is characterized by Manitoba’s most popular beach, active sand dunes, jackpine forest, spruce bog and a large lagoon/marsh complex. Classified as a Natural Park, its purpose is to preserve areas that are representative of the Lake of the Woods portion of the Manitoba Lowlands Natural Region and accommodate a diversity of recreational opportunities.

14) Hillside Beach

A two-kilometre sand beach and dunes in a protected bay of Lake Winnipeg, just across from Victoria Beach. The protected bay offers conditions for sailing, surfing, water skiing and fishing. A three-kilometre wide lagoon is located behind the dunes, which is used for fishing, canoeing and bird-watching. Facilities at Hillside Beach include a general store and cafe, a gas station, a realty office and a utility rental shop.

15) Hilltop Resort

Hilltop Resort is a complete natural park carved into the forest and includes a concert theatre, tons of trails and roads for hiking and biking, plus plenty of wildlife for the nature lovers and photographers.

16) Lester Beach

Five minutes south of Belair, Manitoba on Lakeshore Road, Lester beach is fine, white sand beach bordered by mixed forests. Swimming is unsupervised. The south end of the beach connects to the Grand Beach hiking trails.

17) LDB Canada Day Festival

Every year on Canada Day, Lac du Bonnet plays host to a festival. Including, but not limited to, the largest carnival in the region, a social, and one of the best fireworks shows in Manitoba.

18) LDB Historical Society

Local residents established the historical society to assemble and preserve the history of the Lac du Bonnet area. They have a collection of artifacts on display at Lac du Bonnet District Historical Museum, located along PR 302, just outside of Lac du Bonnet.

19) LDB Wildlife Ponds

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20) Manigotagan River Provincial Park

Manigotagan River Provincial Park, Manitoba’s 80th provincial park was designated on December 1, 2004. The park is composed of a corridor stretching 45 kilometers from the north-western tip of Nopiming Provincial Park downstream, ending just outside the community of Manigotagan. The topography is as varied as it is spectacular, ranging from sheer rock faces topped with craggy Jack Pine and Rock Tripe lichen on the upstream stretches, to moist verdant stands of Balsam Poplar, Green Ash and Elderberry near the river mouth.

21) Manitou Rapids

The only remaining visible rapids of the nine located on the majestic Winnipeg River prior to the dams this is a favourite place for locals and tourists wanting to fish although treacherous at times because of the turbulent waters and slippery rocks.

22) Muck Hill

The property was originally used as a gravel pit, and a dump for bark by Abitibi-Price, then subsequently by the Pine Falls Paper Company. It was converted into a sliding hill for local children in 1998. Then, ten years later, in 2008, a warmup shelter was constructed at the base of the hill and lighting was added so it could be used at night. Since then it has played host to the local snowboard competition aptly entitled Muck Jam.

23) Nopiming Park

“Entrance to the wilderness,” — that’s exactly what Nopiming means in the Anishinabe language. You won’t be dis-
appointed at your arrival to the park, as this phrase aptly describes what you can expect. The entrance road leads to miles of shield country, which is scattered with hundreds of crystal clear lakes that are rimmed by granite rock and sheltered by stands of black spruce, birch and poplar

24) Northstar Trail

The area near Stead, Manitoba just off highway 59 is the location of the Northstar Trail, which stretches North towards Grand Beach Provincial Park. This gorgeous 25km sand trail winds through the picturesque Belair forest.

25) Pinawa Heritage Sundial

Built to mark the new millennium through the expression of a variety of themes: art, science, and heritage, the Pinawa Heritage Sundial is located in the heart of Pinawa near the marina in a small park in a restful spot overlooking the Winnipeg River and gives visitors an opportunity to discover a new interpretation of heritage in this area.

26) Pinawa Dam Provincial Heritage Park

The first year-round operating hydroelectric dam in Manitoba, opened here in 1906. After 45 years of service, it was shut down in 1951 to increase water flow for the new Seven Sisters dam downstream. After being partially demolished, it was converted into a provincial heritage park in the 1980’s.

27) Pinawa Suspension Bridge

This 54 metre, one metre wide bridge allows visitors and local residents a greater opportunity to discover and appreciate the natural beauty of the Pinawa district on this branch of the Trans Canada Trail. Located off the Alice Chambers Trail

28) Sagkeeng Treaty Days

Sagkeeng holds its annual Treaty Days in the last week of July of every year. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the events which includes a community parade, various children events, pow wow, fireworks and community events

29) Silver Meridian Monument

Located on the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation Reserve, South Beach Casino & Resort is owned by Black River, Bloodvein, Brokenhead, Hollow Water, Little Grand Rapids, Pauingassi, and Poplar River First Nations. Just 30 minutes north of Winnipeg on Highway 59, South Beach Casino & Resort prides itself with outstanding guest service and a fun and inviting atmosphere.

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31) St-Georges Beach

Created and maintained by volunteers since the 70’s this beach is filled with families all summer long who come to swim, kayak, and enjoy the hot summer sun.

32) Turtle Lodge

Turtle Lodge, built in 2002 is located in Sagkeeng and is an international centre for indigenous education and wellness, open to all people for reconnecting to the Earth and sharing ancient indigenous knowledge and is based on the seven teachings.

33) Victoria Beach Sports Club

At the heart of every community is a facility that serves as a gathering place - the building which individuals of all ages are drawn. The Alex Anderson Memorial Sports Club and Legion Hall, Inc., better known as the Victoria Beach Sports Club (VBSC), has been this gathering place for nearly sixty years. During that time, it has become the place to celebrate and share, both joys and sorrows. It has become an intimate part of the community.

34) Whiteshell Provincial Park

Almost 2800 square kilometres of protected wilderness parkland characterizes this Provincial Park located in eastern Manitoba. Hiking trails, canoe routes, cross-country ski trails, snow mobile trails and Canadian Shield rock everywhere are what makes the Whiteshell Provincial Park a destination location.

35) Winnipeg River Hydro Dams

The Winnipeg River is broken up by six Hydroelectric dams. The Pointe du Bois generating station, at Pointe du bois, then a few kilometers downstream, Slave falls. Seven Sisters Falls generating station, is the next one downstream, followed by Macarthur Falls, Great Falls, and finally Pine Falls Generating station, in Powerview.
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Victoria Beach turns 100

This year Victoria Beach celebrates the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach. The municipality was incorporated on August 6th, 1919, but the story began long before that.

The Municipality consists of what was once two islands and part of Albert Beach. Fur traders canoeing between Winnipeg and Montreal would pass between the southernmost of the two islands on their way to and from Montreal. Since they were mostly French voyageurs they gave the island a French name and called it L’île a la Biche, (Doe Island in English, Biche is the French for female deer). For a while it was known as Hind Island. Hind is an English word for female deer that is now obsolete.

Whatever the name was it is now no longer an island. Very soon after the construction of the railway it became a peninsula jutting out into Lake Winnipeg. CN built a bridge between the mainland and the island, but it did not allow the free flow of water from the Winnipeg River and Lake Winnipeg south of the island. It quickly became silted up but the remains of the bridge can still be seen to the east of the highway south of Albert Beach.

North of the Island is another island, Elk Island. According to Pine Falls writer and historian George Lalor, a fur trader who had been in the employ of the North West Company (a Montreal fur trading company) had decided to enter the fur trade on his
own account. This did not meet with the approval of the North West Company, and (according to Lalor) the renegade fur trader was chased by North West Company employees down the Winnipeg River on his way to join up with Hudson Bay Company traders at Fort Churchill.

Competition between the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company was intense and later led to open conflict that led to the deaths of 51 fur traders and settlers. Our renegade had every reason to fear for his life.

When he arrived at Fort Churchill he recounted in detail the route he had followed, most of it unknown to the Hudson Bay Company at that time. He named Victoria Beach Elk Island in the mistaken belief that the woodland caribou that he saw there were elk.

But it was long after the North West Company had been forcibly merged with the Hudson Bay Company by the British Government that Victoria Beach was recognised as a potential resort and would assume its current role in history.

Charles William Nassau Kennedy who was born in Ontario but settled in Manitoba used to escape from the heat of summer in Winnipeg by sailing across Lake Winnipeg and camping at Victoria Beach. He soon recognized the potential of the cool breezes, cool water and beautiful sandy beaches as a potential summer resort.

Kennedy began acquiring land in 1897. Later the Victoria Beach Investment Company was formed. Beginning in 1911 Subdivisions were being surveyed and registered, by 1913 substantial areas had been subdivided and the assets of the company were transferred to the Victoria Beach Company. Two Senators were offered shares in the new company in return for arranging for a railway to be built to Victoria Beach.

Canadian National completed the railway in 1916 and cottage building began in earnest. The Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach was incorporated and their first election took place on August 6th 1919, beginning a tradition that was to be typical of Victoria Beach (a community known for making its own traditions). Victoria Beach elections continue to be held in the summer. All other municipalities in Manitoba take place in the Fall.

Until 1968 the municipality and the resort company continued to exist in a sort of hybrid relationship, but in that year the company’s assets were purchased by the municipality and paid for by selling bonds to property owners in the municipality.

After incorporation the municipality developed in much the same way as other Manitoba municipalities. There is now a sports club, a golf course a seniors club and two churches, a water treatment plant and a water distribution system. Part of the municipality still restricts automobile access during the summer months, a policy that is not likely to change.
Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach Reeve, Penny Mcmorris says that the municipality has a few events planned for the upcoming 100th Anniversary and “I’m proud to be working with a great group of volunteers on the Committee,” she said. “I recommend your readers check out our Victoria Beach 100th Anniversary Facebook page for updates.”

One way that the local government is leaving a legacy gift for the community is in the form of interpretive panels that tell the story of 16 locations in the RM. “They contain stories in French and English as well as historic and recent photos. A small committee headed by a local, talented interpretive planner, Sherry Dangerfield, is working on this legacy gift,” said McMorris. “These will be unveiled on our anniversary day, Tuesday, August 6 in the Village Green.”

Lise Bourassa, proprietor of Saffie’s Store, is working hard to bring French, Metis and Indigenous culture and events to Albert Beach on August 5.

Ron Hampton is organizing tours of the old Faith Bible Camp site on Elk Island and he is also offering local history tours of the VB Cemetery. Check our Facebook Page for dates.

Joanne Parker-Gibson and Margaret Murray-Haddad have written and will be producing a musical celebration of our 100 years, using Victoria Beach talent for two performances at the East Beaches Social Scene on Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11.

“I am organizing the anniversary day event on August 6,” said the Reeve. It is at that celebration that the Interpretive Panels will be unveiled. “We are planning to make it a family friendly celebration on the Village Green for several hours. Plans are still being worked on so please check our Facebook page for updates,” explained McMorris.

It is very important that we acknowledge that we are grateful to the Federal Government for their grant support through the Building Communities Through Arts & Heritage program. Thanks to award winning, local, graphic artist Steve Boyd for the official 100th Anniversary logo above.

**Other things to do…**

As noted above, tours of the old Faith Bible Camp site will be happening on Elk Island. Elk Island is a Provincial Park that provides an undisturbed natural environment. The park is important habitat for some species such as the piping plover. There are no public services or camping facilities on Elk Island and the only access is by boat or by foot from the north end of the municipality, when the water is low enough.

There are no motels or hotels in the municipality to accommodate overnight visitors. There are no changing facilities, no public washrooms, no picnic areas or bbq facilities. A portion of our RM regulates vehicle traffic for about 10 weeks from approximately June 23 to September 2. During this time visitors and residents must pay to park their cars in the seasonal parking lot and walk, bike, take a VB taxi or arrange to rent one of the mobility scooters to get into the area. We have a wonderful seasonal bakery, general store and café, open on some weekends in the Spring and Fall and open 7 days a week during the busy summer months. Cottages may be rented by checking home rental web sites.
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Le Musée du Patrimoine de la Rivière Winnipeg, se prépare à une Porte-Ouverte Non traditionnelle!

La date de l’ouverture officielle du nouveau Musée du Patrimoine de la Rivière Winnipeg, situé dans la Municipalité d’Alexandre, est fixée--- et ce n’est pas ce à quoi vous vous attendiez.

La WRHM a annoncé une série d’événements pour la fin-de-semaine de la Fête du Travail 2019, ceci pour célébrer une longue attente pour la réouverture du Musée. Ceci après des années de reconstruction des bâtiments perdus dans l’incendie de 2014.

Construit sur les berges de la rivière dont le musée porte le nom, le Musée du Patrimoine de la Rivière-Winnipeg, ouvrira ses portes aux visiteurs anxieux pour découvrir les nouvelles constructions et voir de près tout les changements qui se sont produits dans le musée.

The Winnipeg River Heritage Museum Set to Host Non-traditional Opening

An opening date has finally been set for the new Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in the RM of Alexandre--- and it’s not what you’d expect.

The WRHM has announced a series of events over Labour Day Weekend 2019 to celebrate their long-awaited reopening. This, after years of rebuilding due to the fire that destroyed the former buildings in 2014. There’s just one small caveat: we won’t get to see the exhibits.

Located on the picturesque banks of the river that gives the museum its name, the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum will open to visitors eager to check out the beautiful new buildings and see firsthand how much the museum has changed. The building’s form, with its long curving north wall, is reminiscent of the
d’admirer les nouveaux bâtiments, et de constater pour eux-mêmes, les changements du musée. La forme du bâtiment, avec son mur du nord en courbature, nous rappelle les méandres de la Rivière-Winnipeg. Ceci informe les visiteurs du thème des présentation extérieurs préparent le théâtre de cette expérience nouvelle.

Ou seront les expositions? En bref, la directrice du musée, Diane Dubé nous dit qu’il y en aura point--- et puis--- il y en aura.

‘Nous nous sommes retrouvés devant deux options : ouverture très tôt pour célébrer tout le travail ardu qui fut mis dans la construction des bâtiments OU tout ouvrir ensemble, ce qui prendrait encore plusieurs mois. Nous ne voulions plus attendre! Nous avons opté avec une approche graduelle. On commence avec les bâtiments, ensuite galerie après galerie; ceci après l’achèvement. En dernier, une soirée finale pour conclure le TOUT! En surplus, nous pourrons offrir de la programmation et y tenir des événements culturels plus tôt!

L’ouverture du Musée va coïncider avec le Festival Annuel 4P, célébré dans les communautés de Powerview-Pinefolds. Ceci en annonçant le poisson doré, le papier, l’Hydro et les pois. Très bon choix comme date.” La vision du nouveau musée est de raconter l’Histoire et les histoires des GENS-DE-LA-RIVIÈRE, et ceci va beaucoup plus loin que St-Georges’ assure Mme Dubé.

Le nouveau Musée va permettre aux visiteurs de découvrir l’histoire de la Rivière-Winnipeg. Ses berges, les premiers explorateurs, les richesses naturelles, les communautés qui la bor-

meandering line of the Winnipeg River. It introduces the visitor to its theme and, with exterior exhibits, sets a stage for what the visitor is about to experience.

But where are the exhibits? In brief, WRHM Director-Curator Diane Dubé says there won’t be any – yet - but there will be.

“We found ourselves faced with two options: open early and celebrate all the hard work that has gone into these buildings or open everything at once which would take several more months. We didn’t want to wait! So, we decided on a phased approach, starting with a celebration of the buildings, then opening gallery by gallery as the exhibits are completed, with a final bash once the project is complete” Dubé said. An added bonus? “The sooner we open, the sooner we can start offering programs and cultural events.”

The museum’s opening has been timed to coincide with the annual 4P festival, a popular Labour Day weekend celebration of life in the local towns of Powerview-Pine Falls and St-Georges and their signature products: pickerel, paper, power, and peas. A fitting date, and chosen in part to demonstrate the museum’s newly rebranded identity to locals and visitors alike. “The WRHM’s guiding vision is to tell the stories of the people of the River, and that goes far beyond St-Georges,” says Dubé.

The WRHM’s beautiful new facility will help visitors uncover the Winnipeg River’s vibrant history. From its shores early explorers gained access to the area’s rich resources to develop many industries. Many communities were carved out of its wilderness and enticed men by the thousands to come here to live,
dent, la nature sauvage qui a attiré tant de peuples, les Premières Nations et les Métis arrivés les premiers.

Les expositions vous parleront de l’industrie de pulpe et de papier, des barrages, des mines d’or ainsi que tous les aspects de la vie, en ces années-là.

Ne soyez pas désappointés si vous ne voyez pas le produit fini le jour de l’ouverture officielle. Vous aurez la chance de revenir pour voir les nouveautés, examiner le traversier de St-Georges, et prendre part à la vente Arts-et-Métiers de produits locaux, aux activités 4P!

Le personnel du musée sera en place pour le 10e Festival des Crèches en décembre!

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The 4P Festival is the premier summer festival for Powerview-Pine Falls and St-Georges combining quaint charm and big time fun!
Held over the Labour Day weekend - the first weekend of September, the 4P Festival is the swansong of summer festivals in the province.

The festival is centered in the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls and the francophone village of St. Georges in the Rural Municipality of Alexander. The festival boasts an open mic music showcase, baseball tournament, a show and shine, fire works and a Manitoba social to end the weekend.

In 1982 the 4P Festival was created by the Manitou Rapids Arts Council. With the cooperation of these community organizations and a handful of committee volunteers, the Festival got off the ground. Of course it needed a name, and so after some heavy brain-storming, “Paper, Power, Pea and Pickerel” suggested by Pyteke Blaauw, was thought to have the most pizzaz and to be the most catchy. A name like that would go far, or people would come from far to see it.

The Labour Day weekend had always been a time of celebration for the community. Pine Falls’ senior hockey team, the Ol’ Kings had been holding their Western Days celebration for several years before the festival began and the two events ran simultaneously
til quite recently. Western Days eventually morphed into the Sunday night Manitoba social that closes out the festival today.

The spectators of the first Jig’n’Jam showed amazing tolerance, sitting through five and a half hours of local and professional entertainment at the Pine Falls Arena. The Pine Falls Pipe Band led the first parade, and our first parade marshalls were the Fort Maurepas Boy Scouts.

As the years proceeded, many new events were added - some that stuck and others that fell to the wayside.

Today, the festival includes something for everyone. For the sports-minded there is a golf tournament, a softball tournament and a road hockey tournament. And for the less active sports-minded folk, there is a airing of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers/Saskatchewan Roughiders Labour Day Classic.

The recent addition of a chainsaw carving competition was another big hit. The Market Square is a perennial favourite with artisans from around the region and beyond selling their wares.

The local auto-parts shop puts on a customer appreciation day along with a Show and Shine that attracts some of the most serious classic car enthusiasts from around the province.

Fun for the whole family can be had at Pine Falls’ scenic Village Green where children can encounter bouncy castles, clowns, magicians, face painters and balloon artists at the festival’s Kidzone.

Over the years, many chairpersons, volunteers and summer students have stepped up to the plate to keep the festival alive and flourishing within the community. They, together with a long list of volunteers, businesses and organizations have worked hard in keeping the “Community Spirit” alive.

And it is that community spirit that the festival is all about. Since those early years, many things have changed in the community. Most significantly, the closure of the paper mill in 2009. Despite the closure, the name of the festival has remained “4P” even though one of those “P’s” (paper) is no longer being produced. It continues as an acknowledgement of what that mill meant to the community and the important role it played in the history of the region.

The 4P Festival is an integral part of this unique area. It is definitely worth a trip!
The idea of creating a chainsaw carving event was born during a discussion that was focused on supporting visual arts in the Powerview/Pine Falls region. The time frame selected was the long weekend in September when many previous residents return to participate in sporting activities. The carving budget and support at the time was minimal. Since then, the communities of Powerview/Pine Falls and the Rural Municipality of Alexander along with numerous businesses have supported this event wholeheartedly.

The Winnipeg River Chainsaw Carving Association has steadily grown to the point where International carvers have created masterpieces that have supported this event. Amongst some of the carvers, this particular type of carving is considered to be a sport, but to many Manitoba residents this is considered to be art and entertainment. It’s now become the largest chainsaw carving event in Manitoba, which is attracting larger crowds annually. Spectators have the pleasure to see the expertise from participants from HGTV’s Carver Kings, World Class chainsaw carvers and talented local carvers as well. Plans are in place to have these carvers support this event again this fall in order to celebrate five years of success.

What is normally a four day event has been compressed into one and a half days in order to maximize public attendance. As a result of this compressed time-line, the action is exciting whereby carvings are auctioned on Saturday and Sunday; this has permitted successful buyers to follow the creation of potential keepsakes and to also personally meet the carvers. For those who have never attended an auction, you can be assured that our local resident Jason Gauthier will captivate your attention. Through his charisma and humour you can be assured that this will be a very memorable event.

World Class carver Mike Winia diligently works on his carving.

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For more information, call 204-367-9970
Contact the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum for hours of operation and to arrange tours
While the Beaches to the Falls region is world-renowned for summer activities, locals know that outdoor activities and indoor events are a year-round affair. The area boasts hundreds of kilometres of groomed cross country skiing and sledding trails; some of the best ice fishing in the world and top notch artistic and cultural events. Here are just a small sampling of the amazing winter escapes available in the area.

The good times heat up when the cold weather arrives!
Duck Lake Ski Trail

The Duck Lake Ski Trail is located in the boreal forest south of Pine Falls, MB, a rich mosaic of different types of forested habitats. These habitats range from upland mixedwood forests (including trembling aspen, black spruce, balsam fir and birch), jackpine growing on precambrian shield rock ridges, to stunted black spruce/tamarack bogs. As you ski across the various trails you will experience both subtle and abrupt changes in the main types of tree species and plants growing near the ground (called understory). The changes reflect differences in soil type, moisture and small changes in topography.

The Duck Lake ski trail has over 9 km of groomed trails which start at the large trailhead sign at the end of maple street in Pine Falls, near the hospital. Most trails are relatively flat, although the Entrance Hills and Sunshine Hills traverse some rock ridges. There are signs posted at every major trail junction to show you the way. Take some time to enjoy the trail system and explore the area!

Muck Hill

Nested halfway between highways 304 & 11, on the gravel road known as Bouvier Trail, Muck Hill offers winter fun for the whole family! The property was originally used as a gravel pit, and a dump for bark by Abitibi-Price, then subsequently by the Pine Falls Paper Company. It was converted into a sliding hill for local children in 1998. Then, ten years later, in 2008, a warmup shelter was constructed at the base of the hill and lighting was added so it could be used at night. Since then it has played host to the local snowboard competition, aptly entitled Muck Jam.
Snowmobiling

All along the Winnipeg River hidden amongst the seemingly endless forests lie hundreds of kilometers of groomed snowmobile trails. These trails are dutifully maintained by several snowmobile clubs in the region. From the Northstar Hillclimbers and Victoria Beach Snow Drifters of Grand Beach and Victoria Beach respectively, to one of Manitoba’s oldest active clubs, the Maskwa Snowmobile Club which covers Powerview-Pine Falls and the surrounding area, to the Eastman Snopals, Lee River Snowriders and Nopiming Sno-Mads which encompass the Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa regions, as well as up through the Nopiming Provincial Park towards Bissett, there is absolutely no shortage of places to ride. The hard work and dedication of the volunteers who maintain the trail system and warmup shacks speckled throughout cannot be overstated. Come participate in one of the many poker derbies in the region, or simply enjoy a scenic ride through the stunning winter landscape.

St-Georges Crèche Festival

Not a fan of the outdoors? Get out of the cold and come see the annual Crèche Festival display held this year at the WRHM in St-Georges. Running from the last week of November to the third week in January, this display is a can’t miss event. Featuring over 200 Crèches from all over the world, it is truly a sight to behold!
Golf Courses in the Region

The Beaches to the Falls region features some of the province’s golf courses. Here’s all the information you need to book yourself a tee time!

Pine Falls Golf Club:
*Highway 11, Pine Falls*
- 9 Holes w/ Cart: $25
- 18 Holes w/ Cart: $40
- 204-367-8463
- www.pinefallsgolfclub.com

Grand Pines Golf Course:
*Highway 59, Traverse Bay*
- Adult Weekdays:
  - 9 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $34
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $54
- Adult Weekends/Holidays:
  - 9 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $41
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $66
- 204-756-2436
- www.grandpines.ca

Granite Hills Golf Club:
*20 min. NE of Lac Du Bonnet off Cape Coppermine Rd.*
- Adult Weekdays:
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $53.50
- Adult Weekends/Holidays:
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $68
- 204-345-4653
- www.granitehills.ca

Pinawa Golf & Country Club:
*Highway 211, Pinawa*
- Adult Weekdays:
  - 9 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $42
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $62
- Adult Weekends/Holidays:
  - 9 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $42
  - 18 Holes w/ Shared Cart: $68
- 204-753-2294
- www.pinawaclub.mb.ca

Victoria Beach Golf Club:
Parking is a 20 minute walk from the course.
- Adult Weekdays:
  - 9 Holes: $15
- Adult Weekends/Holidays:
  - 9 Holes: $17
- 204-756-2435

Black Bear Golf Club
*Black Bear Drive, Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba*
Call (204) 345-997 for tee times and information about green fees.
Built in 1927, the historic Pine Falls Golf Club features a natural creek which provides both beautiful scenery and a difficult water hazard on several holes. The scenic 9-hole course winds through the dense forest between Powerview and Pine Falls. Featuring blind tee shots, significantly elevated tees, but also minimal bunkering and wide fairways, the Pine Falls Golf Club is great for both beginners and experienced golfers alike.

The Clubhouse facility is second to none in the Eastman Region. The large interior sitting area with elevated ceiling and fireplace feature wall provides an inviting space for dining and relaxing pleasure. In addition to this main gathering space, there is also an indoor windowed sitting area overlooking the course, fronted by a large attached open deck.

Both the Course and Restaurant are under new management this year. Running the clubhouse is John Scobie. As an Arborist with 30 years of experience and a self-employed business owner for a large portion of that time, John is an asset both in the clubhouse and out on the course.

The restaurant is under the management of Laura Hannah, formerly of Hannah’s Diner in Casey’s Inn in Lac du Bonnet. Her incredible cooking is sure to put the Golf Course Restaurant back on the map as a must try. Along with this change comes full wait service for the first time ever at Pine Falls Golf Club. No more ordering at the counter. Simply have a seat, and we’ll serve you!

The club would like to thank the community, and particularly our dedicated membership base for all the support through these transitionary years. We truly believe the club is headed in the right direction and are looking forward to another successful year.

Restaurant Hours
Monday - Saturday 9 AM - 7 PM
Sunday 10 AM - 2 PM
Hours subject to change throughout season

Green Fees (per golfer):
9 holes w/cart - $25
18 holes w/cart - $40

Membership Rates
Single - $550
Family - $795
Junior - $120
The Great Trail

The Eastern Manitoba section of the Great Trail – a cross-Canada system of greenways, waterways, and roadways that stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans includes hundreds of kilometres of trails winding through the Beaches to the Falls region.

There are three main sections of trails that overlap through the region.

**Border to the Beaches**

The border to the Beaches trail starts near Grand Beach and runs to the Ontario border near Falcon Lake.

**Red River North**

The Red River North Trail is over 400km long and goes from Winnipeg to MacArthur Falls Area and goes through 10 municipalities including Grand Beach Provincial Park and Birds Hill Provincial Park. The trail has some portions of dual routing From Grand Beach to Lester Beach to Traverse Bay and Victoria Beach, and then cuts across Belair Provincial Forest to Stead and onto Powerview-Pine Falls and then south to Great Falls and MacArthur Falls.

**Blue Water South**

The Blue Water South Trail links to the Red River North Trail and goes through the Lac du Bonnet area connecting to the Pinawa Trail. Pinawa's section winds from the Pinawa Dam Historic Site to the Seven Sisters Falls Generating Station.

Boreal Shores Art Tour

**August 17 & 18, 2019**

Join us on a tour of art and landscapes as artists across this beautiful region open their homes and studios to share their world with you. [www.borealshoresarttour.ca](http://www.borealshoresarttour.ca)
The Kids Snowflake Bazaar was started because I saw the need for it and the impact an event like this can have on developing children and the recipients of the gifts as well. It encourages decision making, making good choices, spending within a budget, and teaches the gift of giving as a selfless act expecting nothing in return as the children make their shopping lists themselves! The recipients remember and experience the magic and joy of such an act as they receive items that were chosen specifically for them from that child. Although not always a perfect match (gift to person) it is the thought. A gift chosen from the heart of a young one specifically for that person they care about and it is what they thought the person would love. In an area that has been stricken by extreme hardship over the years by repeated loss of industry causing people to work away from home etc., this event can spread as much joy as one is willing to let into their heart. What a better way to get us all back into experiencing the “magic” in a selfless act or thought and put us in a better place during the holiday season.

This Bazaar is the shopping event of the year for children ages 14 and under of St. Georges, Pine Falls, Lac du Bonnet and all surrounding areas. Help us, “Give our Children the Gift of Giving!” It is where children can come and do their own Christmas shopping and buy gifts for the people they love. While the children shop, alone or with adult assistance, their parents or care giver can have coffee/tea and muffins, for a minimal fee, and shop at a bake sale.

All items are priced with a children’s budget in mind, with the prices ranging between $.25 and $3.50.

And last but not least we need donations, for a basic list but not limited to, please see the items below. We can’t have too much of anything. The items must be new or gently used. Working and not missing any parts. They will be cleaned, checked and placed for sale.

Glassware, stemware Candle holders, Candles, Fancy Jars or Container Trinkets, Ornaments, Christmas Ornaments, Wreaths Stuffed Toys, Books, activity books, coloring books, Puzzles, Board Games, decks of cards, Napkins, Tablecloths, Jewellery/ Costume Jewellery and boxes from Jewellery/ Tupperware, Hats, Caps Picture Frames, Canisters, Cookie Jars Make Up Bags, Tote Bags, Pot Holders, Tea Towels, Aprons Casseroles, Platters, Serving Bowls, etc., Tools, flashlights Baby Items, Toys, dolls, craft supplies Sporting Goods, fishing tackle, Mugs, Travel Mugs Golf Tees, Balls, Towels, etc, Sample make up, facial and hair products, Cookbooks, Travel shampoo, conditioner and soap (like from hotels) Pet Toys and Treats, Memo pads, pens, key chains, etc. Wicker Baskets, Craft Supplies, crayons, stickers, beads, etc. Canning Jars,

And any other items that you can think of! (Remember this is just a basic list of ideas)!

We will also gladly accept donations of Ribbons, tape, tissue paper and gift wrap for our gift wrapping station.

Please call Mellissa at 204-367-9903 to arrange pick up. Items can be dropped off at the Pine Falls Post Office between 9am - 5pm Monday – Friday, labelled Kids Snowflake Bazaar and we will be sure to get them. We hope to continue growing this event into a large success for the children of this and surrounding communities.

You can learn more at www.kidssnowflakebazaar.com or visit us at www.facebook.com/kidssnowflakebazaar. Do not hesitate to contact Mellissa with any questions @ 204-367-9903.
DB Pure Water has been busy since moving into their new location! Customers old and new are enjoying the extra room for parking, the added services, and of course the new addition of the in house coffee shop, I Heart Coffee!

Stop in and try one of their amazing coffee creations, hot or iced, and grab a snack while you’re at it. You’ll find a surprisingly extensive drink menu, so whether you are looking for a classic latte, or perhaps a Black Forest mocha, you won’t be disappointed!

Additional renovations plus an expansion are planned for this great addition to Lac du Bonnet.

Find I Heart Coffee right inside LDB Pure Water, at their new location on McArthur Avenue, just 2 doors north of First street, next to Brookfield Autobody.

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Local Business Spotlight: Traverse Bay
Lakehouse Treasures

The name says it all. Lakehouse Treasures, located at Traverse Bay Corner (Highway 11 & 59) has clothing, antiques and all the little knickknacks you ever wanted to adorn your cottage and many you likely had never thought of! Jacqueline Turcotte-Rhule and Chris Shamlock (known to their friends and customers as Jake and Coach, respectively) set up shop at their location in 2015.

Jake had retail “in her blood,” as Chris put it. She had been the owner of a rural vintage shop near Duluth, Minnesota. So, knowing the business was up for sale, it just made a lot of sense to dive in to the new venture.

Before they opened the store they completely reimagined the store inside and out. “We wanted to give it a nice fresh appeal.” Chris says it’s really important to ensure that when customers visit the store, that the experience would be memorable. “When they are walking through the path, they get to see some really neat items that could be up to 100 years old,” he said. “I always tell the customers; every time you come to our store you are going to see something different.” This is especially true for customers who come back when they reopen in spring. Every year, Jake gives the store a complete makeover. “So every year you come into the store, it looks completely different,” explains Chris.

If you are familiar with shows like Canadian Picker, Jake and Chris live the life. The peak season for the shop is from the May long weekend to the September long weekend. During the off-season, they go hunting for the items to stock their shelves. For the vintage items, sometimes, it’s a planned trip. But sometimes it’s just a roadside find at an old dairy farm that seems like it might have some hidden gems. “You have to have an eye for it,” says Jake. Once they find these items, Chris does the carpentry side of the refurbishing to make sure that things work correctly, and Jake does the refinishing. “I like items with a story,” Jake explains. She said that if she has a table that has a burn mark where a hot pot was placed on it in the past, she’s not going to sand it away to hide it. She’s going to make sure that it’s visible. Because it’s part of the piece’s history.

Lakehouse Treasures is currently open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be until Labour Day.
Check It Out!

Libraries are not a single serving entity any longer. Libraries are open to all members of the community with a variety of different services.

The two branches of Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library, one in St. Georges and one in the East Beaches Senior Scene at Victoria Beach, provide access to over 18,000 books, plus an array of programs and services and online access to eBooks and audio books. Both branches have computers for public access and WiFi, and after-hour return boxes. The libraries collectively have over 1,100 DVDs available for use. Library Allard has been open for 36 years and Victoria Beach Branch celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

Library users can print material, make copies, scan material, and request laminating services. Patrons have access online from the convenience of their homes to search for home, car and small engine repair, NoveList (book recommendations), accredited access for homework help and sources for writing essays/papers through EbscoHost.

Patrons can access their accounts online to renew their items, put holds on items for pick up and search the library catalogue, as well as search for books not carried at their local branch throughout the province. Patrons have access to a free App (Libby) for searching and downloading online eBooks and audio books.

Staff can assist you with technological issues or one-on-one guidance by appointment.

Allard branch provides access weekly to the public through additional services with Service Canada and J.U.S.T. Training (assistance creating resumes and seeking training for employment).

There is programming throughout the year at Allard branch; check out the Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Bibliothèque-Allard-Regional-Library-144949018850811/ for details or the website www.allardlibrary.com. Branch hours are listed on the website.

The library hosts two community events annually, Kickass Women’s Day, this year on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm in École Powerview School gymnasium and multipurpose room. It is an opportunity to gather a large variety of services and products that can provide information and relaxation in our everyday stressful lives. It is important that you keep yourself healthy to be able to accomplish what you desire. Our desire is to help you feel like a Queen for the Day!

In a celebration of fitness and the goal of literacy, Library Allard is holding its sixth annual Walk/Run on May 25, 2019 at 9 am as a fundraiser to be able to keep the extended library hours. Runners young and old can take on this community challenge in support of their local library.

Allard provides a furnished deck amongst a scenic park. The scenic location chosen for the library in St. Georges is next to a rock formation that brings a beautiful setting to the beholder no matter the season.

The library houses two unique pieces of art all year round created by Manitoba artists. One is located in the children’s corner bringing a piece of whimsy from well-known stories. The other is located in our technology nook. Exhibits and displays are available for viewing throughout the year sharing the community’s enriched history and talented artists. Allard benefits from an art pilot project in both the children’s corner and the patron computers locations.

The library not only provides a multitude of services but also provides a welcoming environment for all to enjoy. Just ask the staff if you are seeking out something in particular, and we will do our best to help. Stop in and see us; we are sure it will not be your only visit.
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