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Winter Fun Guide

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Strength in Diversity

Nestled in the parklands between the Qu'Appelle Valley to the north and the Pipestone Valley to the South, Moosomin is a great place to stop and enjoy the beauty of the Prairies!

Moosomin is perfectly situated on the Trans-Canada Highway near Moosomin Regional Park, and has many other parks and attractions within easy driving distance.

Moosomin has a wealth of tourist services, including a wide range of accommodation options, including three new hotels built in the last few years, a wide variety of dining options, and some one-of-a-kind local stores

Moosomin is a growing regional centre with a full complement of professional services, first class medical facilities and a solid local economy.

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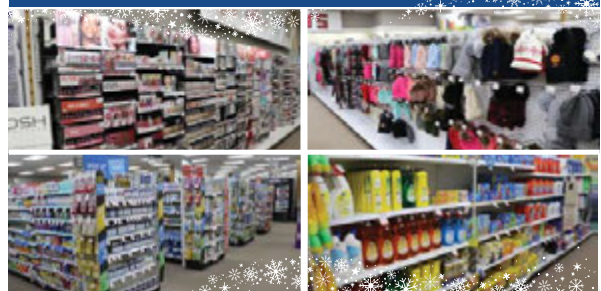


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There's nothing quite like the Sportsplex

There's nothing quite like the Nutrien Sportsplex anywhere in Saskatchewan. The unique facility includes sports simulators, a walking track, a bowling alley, pickleball courts, and a billiards table, shuffleball table and darts.

Not only does the facility play host to winter golf leagues, it's also a place for seniors exercise classes, a winter pickleball location, and with its kitchen services, is a popular place to host all kinds of events over the winter months.

The facility has been recognized with awards by both the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

"I'm thrilled, because it was a unique undertaking, and the fact that it has been recognized by both SUMA and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association shows that it was a good decision," says Moosomin Recreation Director Mike Schwean.

Schwean says the facility was meant to serve all ages.

"For the people in town who use it, it's great. There are so many people who use it, from walkers to golfers, and they all love it. We hear so many positive comments. It's

provided exactly what we wanted it to. It's provided an opportunity to stay active in the winter for people who didn't have an opportunity for that before."

Information on everything happening at the Sportsplex can be found online at <https://www.moosomin.com/nutrien-sportsplex>



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Hockey season is here!

Hockey season is here and hockey fans will be keeping a close eye on their local teams as they look to take in some great hockey action around the region this winter!

New to the area this year are the Moosomin Junior B Steelhawks who have laced up their skates to compete for their very first season in the Prairie Junior Hockey League. The team has been on the ice since October.

As always, there are some great senior hockey teams to watch in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba this winter.

The Moosomin Rangers, Redvers Rockets, Wawota Flyers, Kipling Windthorst Oil Kings, Carlyle Cougars, Carnduff Red Devils, Midale Mustangs, and Oxbow Huskies all compete in the Big Six Hockey League. The Big Six never disappoints with a reputation for evenly matched teams and great, competitive hockey. The schedule and results for the Big Six Hockey League can be found at www.bigsixhockey.com.

The Rocanville Tigers, Wapella Blackhawks, Esterhazy Flyers, Langenburg Warriors, Russell Rams, and

Churchbridge Imperials are all hitting the ice again in the south division of the Sask East Hockey League, another action-packed league with some great hockey rivalries. Visit www.saskeasthockey.ca for game results and standings.

In Manitoba, the Tiger Hills Hockey League is the league to keep your eye on this season, with 14 different teams, including a teams in Virden and Melita. The schedule and results can be found at <https://www.thhl.ca>.

For Manitoba Junior Hockey League action, people in the area head to Virden where they can watch the Virden Oil Capitals compete against other MJHL teams. The team boasts a wide fan base, and draws from a large talent pool, with hundreds of people packing the stands at Virden's Tundra Oil and Gas Place.

Combine this with some great Minor Hockey action from talented young teams around the region and you should have no problem finding a team to watch at the rink this winter!



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Winter Adventures Await in Saskatchewan!

A message from your MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

Dear friends and neighbours,

Winter in Saskatchewan is a season to celebrate! From sparkling snowfalls to crisp, sunny days, there's no better time to embrace the beauty of our province and the spirit of our communities.

There are so many ways to get out and enjoy the season, whether it's skating at your local rink, taking in a community holiday event or spending time outdoors with family and friends.

We're fortunate to live in such a vibrant and welcoming part of Saskatchewan – a place where community spirit shines bright, no matter the temperature. I encourage you to bundle up, get outside and make lasting memories this winter.

You can find more information on winter activities, events and more at www.tourismsaskatchewan.com.



Kevin Weedmark
*MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre
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*My constituency office is always happy
to help and hear from you.*



Enjoy the Best of Winter in *Saskatchewan*

Saskatchewan shines all year long, and winter is no exception. As snow blankets our province, it transforms our parks, towns and landscapes into a true winter wonderland. From crisp mornings on the ski trails to evenings spent around a warm fire, there's something special about the way our communities come alive this time of year.

Whether you're skating across frozen lakes, snowshoeing through forests or enjoying a festive winter event, Saskatchewan offers endless ways to make the most of the season.



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Our provincial parks provide the perfect backdrop for affordable getaways and family fun with activities and experiences for all ages.

As your local MLAs representing the people in our vibrant regions, we encourage you to explore the beauty, adventure and warmth of Saskatchewan this winter. Gather your family, invite your friends and discover why there's no better place to celebrate the season.

Visit www.tourismsaskatchewan.com to learn more about our winter parks, events or to start planning your next adventure.

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Head to Rocanville for a day of cross country skiing

If you love cross country skiing and the beauty of nature, the cross country ski trails at Rocanville are the perfect place to spend a peaceful winter day.

Ever winter, community members from Rocanville volunteer their time to maintain the popular trails that families and children go to for skiing. The trails are located south of Rocanville and are available for anyone to use.

Volunteers from Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club spend their time not only in the winter but in the summer time too, preparing and maintaining the trails.

Dennis Hack, who has been skiing on the trails in Rocanville since he was a kid, says he loves everything about them.

"It's been a real blessing having this," he says.


Some winters there are as many as 2,000 people who use the ski trails in Rocanville.

With all five cross-country ski trails combined, there is a total of 8 kilometers of paths. Hack designed the route of the ski trails and created each trail to be of different lengths so that people of all ages and abilities, can be included. The shorter trails like Barney's Bend, is 0.9 km and is mainly meant for children, in case they are not able to ski for a long period of time. The longest trail, Beaver, is 1.6 km and goes in a full loop which then brings individuals back to the center, where all trails are connected.

"It's amazing seeing the birds come out here and also just seeing the families. I love seeing families and kids skiing and enjoying their time," he says.

There is rental equipment available for individuals who do not own their own skis, ski boots or ski poles.

The ski trails located just south of Rocanville, are available for anyone to use now. More information on rental equipment prices and other updates, can be found on the club's website: <https://rocanvillecrosscountry-trails.ca>



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Find extra ice time at Moosomin outdoor rink

Indoor ice time is at a premium in Moosomin, so Moosomin's outdoor rink was built as an answer to the lack of time for public skating and shinny at Mike Schwean Arena, the town's indoor arena.

Since then the outdoor rink has been a busy place, used frequently for games of shinny and by children who just want to have some fun on the ice.

The Moosomin outdoor rink is 160 by 170 feet and located in Bradley Park, just behind the Communiplex on the south end of town.

Conceived, built, and maintained by volunteers, the ice is reserved for public skating and shinny, and was built with wind breaks so skaters are more comfortable on chilly days. There is also a heated building on site for skaters to change into their skates or just warm up in, and the ice is cleaned regularly by a Zamboni.

The rink is lit at night so that skating can continue into the evening.



Kids playing shinny on the outdoor rink.

If there is an event on at the Communiplex, adjacent to the outdoor rink, there is a concession available inside the Communiplex for snacks and drinks.

The outdoor rink in Moosomin is open to the public completely free of charge.

If you are looking for some free public skating in Moosomin, strap on your skates and join the fun!



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Snowmobiling the Tri Valley Trails

Every winter a group of dedicated volunteers maintains hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails from Fleming to Spy Hill, ensuring local snowmobilers have a safe and scenic ride.

Tri Valley Trails is a local snowmobile club providing safe, groomed trails for riders. The club is also affiliated with Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association (SSA). Since TVT formed over 20 years ago it has maintained several miles of trail systems which connect three valleys—the Qu'Appelle, Assiniboine, and the Pipestone. The trail system also joins up with the SnoMan trails (Manitoba system).

Any snowmobile licensed in Saskatchewan also has their trail pass covered in Manitoba, and vice versa, allowing licensed snowmobilers to ride between provinces on one license.

The Tri Valley Trails are designated SSA trails, therefore trail users are required to register their snowmobile.

The club currently maintains 300 kilometres of trail in the Moosomin, Fleming, Rocanville, Welwyn, Tantallon and Spy Hill areas. There are three groomer operators who spend hours grooming the trails each winter, plus a number of volunteers who go out onto the trails at the beginning of the season to stake signs along the trails.

The trails provide a safer way to ride.

Warmup shacks are located at Moosomin, Rocanville, Welwyn, and Spy Hill, and are stocked with firewood for those wishing to take a break and build a fire. There



are also signs along the trails for local businesses who support the trails system, many who provide services to snowmobilers, such as meals, repairs, and accessories.

While a membership in the Tri Valley Trails club is not required to ride the trails, buying a membership is a great way to support the trails system and the club so that the trails can continue to be marked and groomed in the future.

For more information on the trails, visit the Tri Valley Trails website, which is regularly updated, at www.trivalleytrails.com. (See page 43 for the Trails Map)



SERVING: Moosomin, Rocanville, Welwyn, Spy Hill, and Tantallon.

If snow, speed, and good company sound like your kind of winter, come join the Tri Valley Trails crew!

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A day of cross country skiing at Esterhazy

Esterhazy Cross Country Ski Club is a member of Cross Country Canada, its division Cross Country Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Ski Association. As such, the club's membership of over 130 skiers benefits from this association in a number of ways, some of which are liability insurance, map grants, newsletters, education and development.

The club is a volunteer-run organization and are a group who is excited to share their love of fresh air, exercise and beauty of the outdoors. Thank you to all those individuals who help clear and groom the 14 km of classic and 6 km of skate-ski trails, maintain equipment, clean and stock the ski hut, keep wood supplied for outside fires and our wood stove inside of the ski chalet, wax skis and any other jobs that are required to keep our club running.

If you need to access the ski hut or need any help, the executive will gladly answer any questions, but ask that you help by keeping the area clean, helping to replenish wood supply, respecting the equipment and facilities and being responsible for your own safety. As a member, your assistance with the many events and participation in a fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

New members are always welcome. The club holds various events throughout the season which include moonlight skis, wax clinics, poker skis, family fun days, ski tournaments, loppets and competitions.

The ski hut sits on the east side of the landfill site access



road (see map), but is not visible from the road. The town maintains clearing of snow in this area. The clubhouse has a wood stove, plenty of wood, a fire pit, porta-potti and seating areas inside and out of the hut. Some ski equipment, a hot plate and hot beverages are available for use.

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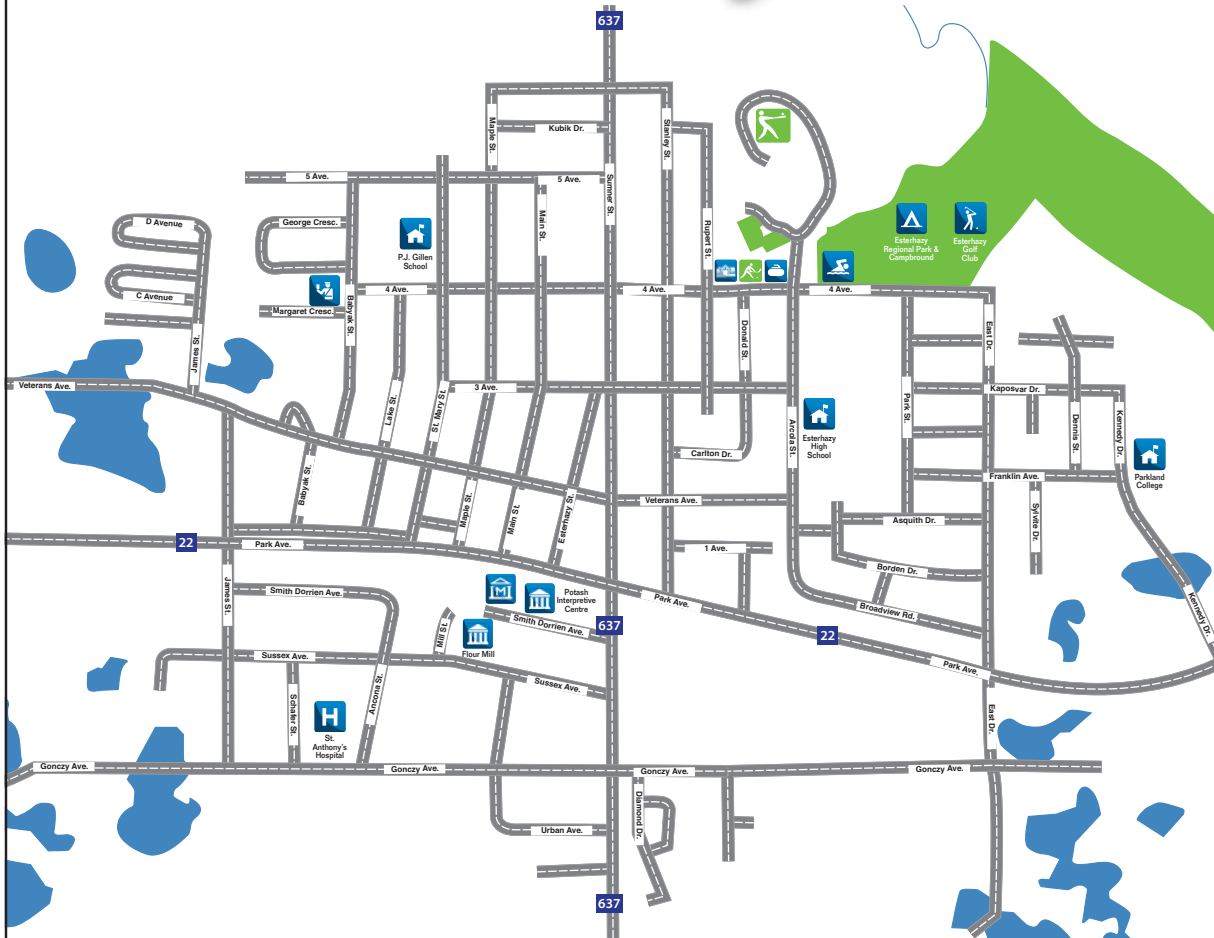
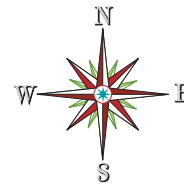
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A snowmobile outside of one of the warmup shacks.

Fun, safe snowmobile trails available in the Esterhazy area

For those in the Esterhazy area looking for a fun activity this winter, the Esterhazy Super Sledders are a group of dedicated snowmobilers whose members ensure their trails are in the best shape when the snow begins to fall.

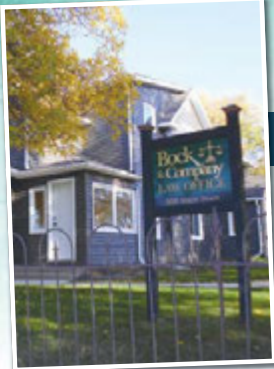
From Esterhazy to Tantallon, the Randy Abdai Memorial Trail stretches along the Kaposvar Valley and into the Qu'Appelle Valley. The trail winds along parts of the old CN Rail Bed and follows much of the Kaposvar Creek.

Along the trail, you will find a mix scenery, creek crossings, and genuine Saskatchewan beauty! The trail is primarily a graveled trail, but you will find several sections to challenge your abilities, with sand, silt, hard-pack, hills and valleys to traverse. There is something for everyone!

The Esterhazy Super Sledders acquired the rail bed system 17 years ago, but have been grooming them and using them since the rail bed system was abandoned 27 years ago.

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Great Shopping & Dining

The Virden area is home to some of the best retailers and restaurants around. It's easy to take a day and go shopping in the area. If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind boutique shopping experience, you could start at Samantha's Boutique in Elkhorn just 15 minutes west of Virden, then head to Virden to hit up Flower Attic and Gifts, Shari Lyn Fashions, and Virden Footwear. As for food and drink, venues like MJ's Coffee Bar & Bistro, The Sweet Spot Bakery, T's Dining and Boston Pizza are the icing on the cake!

The Virden Oil Caps

As the home of its very own Junior A team since 2012, the town of Virden is a hockey action hub.

Hockey fans can regularly see the Oil Caps play MJHL hockey at the beautiful Tundra Oil & Gas Place arena in Virden, which can hold up to 1,400 fans. The Oil Caps play in the MGEU West Division against the Dauphin Kings, OCN Blizzard, Waywayseecappo Wolverines, Neepawa Titans, and the Swan Valley Stampeders.

Snowmobile trails

Around the Virden area are many groomed snowmobile trails. These trails are maintained by an independent organization known as the Virden Valley Runners.

These trails cover areas all over Manitoba and can get you safely from one town to the next.

For more information on the location of these trails and others contact Virden Recreation & Watersports at (204) 748-2060 or visit www.sno-man.mb.ca

Outdoor rink

Virden's Junior High School has a beautiful outdoor skating

rink located at 447 Princess Street West. This facility is run by the school and is open for public use. A small building is located adjacent to the rink that offers benches and a warm place for you to put on your skates and equipment. For more information on this outdoor facility call (204) 748-1932 during school hours.

Curling arena

The Virden Curling Arena is located at 170 Lyons Street East beside the swimming pool at Tundra Oil & Gas Place. The arena consists of four sheets of artificial curling ice along with a licensed bar and kitchen area.



Viriden's Tundra Oil and Gas Place

A multi-purpose recreational facility, known as Tundra Oil and Gas Place, was built in Viriden in 2011. This building contains a hockey rink, community hall, walking track, office space, meeting rooms, canteen and a fitness center.

This building has been set up to be mobility friendly with the installation of an elevator for those that are unable to use the stairs.

The hockey rink has 1,200 individual seats, an NHL sized ice surface, and provides a comfortable environment with climate control.

The rink is where Viriden's MJHL team—the Viriden Oil Capitals—hold their games.

During August this area is transformed into a rodeo arena which offers high classed performances for three



An Oil Caps game underway at Tundra Oil and Gas Place

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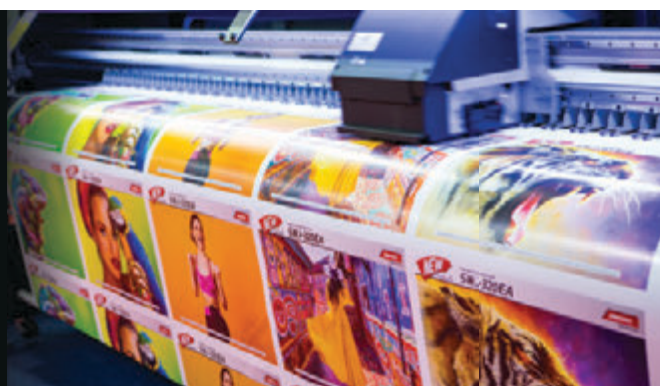
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- Free hotdogs & hot chocolate
- Sleigh rides through the park
- The **Memory Tree Light-Up** ceremony

And keep an eye out for our mischievous town elf—**Elfie!**

Elfie helps spread cheer around town, pops up in fun “Guess Where I Am” posts, and supports community events like:

- Legion Meat Draws** (held at the end of each month)
- Fundraisers & family events** all through the holiday season

It's a magical time of the year where Oak Lake truly shines with small-town warmth and festive spirit.

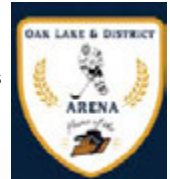


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Our Recreation Department keeps things lively all season long with activities for all ages:

- Roller Skating** at the Oak Lake Curling Rink
- Ice Skating & Minor Hockey** at the arena
- Gymnastics, Karate, and Arts & Crafts Classes**
- Winter Fun Days** and seasonal community events

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At Asessippi's Snow School, we believe learning should be as enjoyable as the slopes themselves. We offer one-on-one lessons for personalized coaching, perfect for beginners or those looking to refine their skills.

We also offer group lessons, ideal for families, friends, or school groups wanting to learn together.

Our lessons are taught by friendly and certified instructors, ensuring a supportive and safe learning environment.

We focus on building confidence and a love for winter sports, no matter the participant's age or experience level.

Local appeal and accessibility

Asessippi Ski Resort works perfectly as a "bridge" to bigger resorts, ideal for people wanting to

build skills or enjoy a more affordable and local ski experience.

A major benefit of Asessippi is its accessibility for visitors from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and the U.S.

Community & Group offerings

Asessippi's takes pride in its role in fostering community, especially its group services for schools, competitions, and lessons.

It's perfect for school field trips, team-building days or even Christmas parties.

Food & Fun

When it comes to options other than the ski hill, there's plenty to choose from at Asessippi.

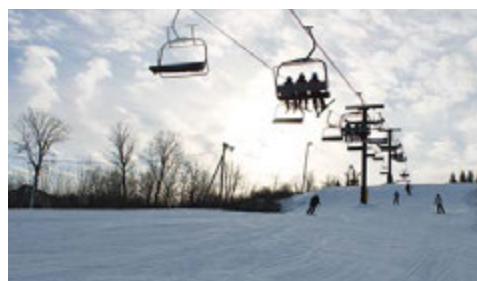
Our food court features Burgers, Pizza, Chicken, Poutine, and so much more! Be sure to check out the Bear's Den as well.

At O'Lifty's pub, the cozy atmosphere makes it perfect for an apres-ski or a place to hang while the kids are on the slopes. It's got great views!

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And for those who want to hit the slopes but don't want to ski, remember, the the tubing hill can make it fun for non-skiers too!

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History of St. Lazare & RM of Ellice

St Lazare got its beginning as a Roman Catholic mission in the 1820's. It was founded by Oblate Father Jules DeCorby, who had immigrated from France in 1867.

Father DeCorby was at this time attached to the mission at Lebret, Saskatchewan. Father DeCorby named this new mission St Lazare to commemorate the place in France from which he departed on his journey to Canada.

The mission was located at the junction of the Qu'Appelle and the Assiniboine Rivers, approximately 3 miles north of the Hudson Bay Company's Fort Ellice. Church services in those early years were held in the homes of these early settlers, which were mostly Métis families. Since Father DeCorby was very nomadic, traveling from mission to mission, other missionaries from Lebret helped with the St Lazare mission, namely Fathers St. Germain, Campeau and Lepage.

In 1880, a log Church was built and Father DeCorby became the first resident priest. At about this time, a French Canadian, Delphis Chartier and family, arrived at Fort

Ellice via steamboat and settled at the mission. He eventually opened a post office, October 1st, 1895, and various other businesses. In 1895, Father DeCorby was replaced by Father Léon Favreau and in 1898 a new stone Church was constructed under the supervision of Mr. Chartier. The new Church was blessed by the Archbishop of St Boniface Adelard Langevin, in 1899. A stone rectory was also built at this time.

In 1900, Father Favreau conducted a census of the mission. The census which included men, women and children was 89 families, 456 souls in all broken down as follows. Métis 342, French Canadians 34, French 15, Irish 30, Scotch 19 and Germans 18. On May 13, 1909, the mission of St Lazare was declared a parish by the Archbishop of St Boniface Adelard Langevin.

On July 7, 1883, the Rural Municipality of Ellice was born, with its headquarters at Fort Ellice. With the decline of the fort and the emergence of St Lazare, its permanent headquarters were moved to St Lazare with the first meeting in the space rented from Father Favreau

on January 6th, 1902. In 1905, the merchants of the mission anticipated the coming of the railway and began relocating to what is the present day location of the Village of St Lazare. Records indicate the railroad opened in 1908.

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Carlyle Curling Club offers curling for seniors and league curling.

If it's hockey you are looking for, Carlyle has an active minor hockey program. The Carlyle Hooters and Carlyle Cowboys are recreational hockey clubs, and the Carlyle Cougars is the town's senior hockey team competing in the Big Six Hockey League.

The Moose Mountain Snowmobile Club offers groomed trails, poker derbies and relaxing winter outings.

Carlyle Skating Club offers CanSkate, Bridging and Star Skate programs.

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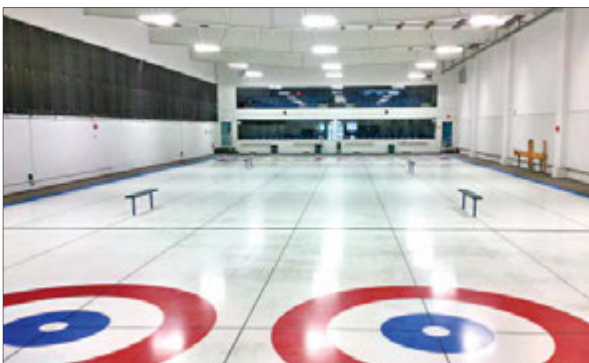
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Above: The curling rink portion of the building.

Below: The NHL-sized ice surface.



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Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Just beyond the city, a world of winter wonder awaits. Woodlawn Regional Park, Rotary Park, Preddy Trails, and the Twister Totter bike path weave through quiet woodlands and along the frozen Souris River. These trails are open and maintained year-round, offering the perfect setting for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Need snowshoes? The Estevan Public Library offers them free of charge with a valid Saskatchewan Library Card. And when dusk falls, Woodlawn Regional Park lights up with a soft glow from its lampposts—an enchanting backdrop for an evening trek followed by a cozy campfire under the stars.

Ice Fishing on Rafferty Reservoir

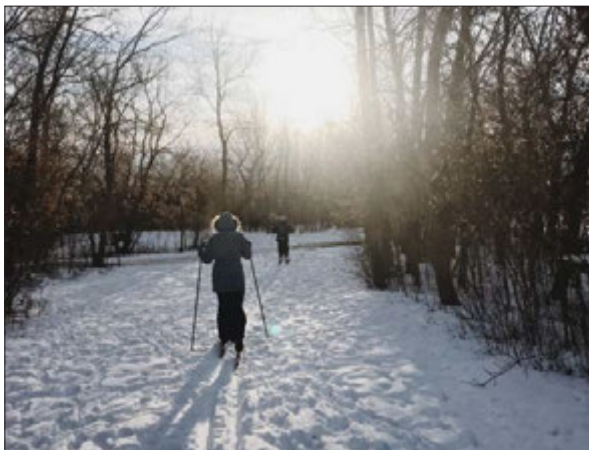
Fifteen minutes west of Estevan, Rafferty Reservoir becomes a winter paradise for anglers. Stretching across 10 kilometres, its wide-open expanse offers plenty of space to set up your ice shack and settle in for a day of fishing. Expect to reel in Northern Pike, Walleye, or Perch—and maybe even a few tall tales to take home.

For those looking for a little extra guidance, Prairie Pro Outfitters, led by local fishing guide Ralph Smart, provides fully equipped ice fishing excursions complete with gear, shacks, and electronics. They even offer a full ice camping experiences, giving adventurers the chance to spend the night on the ice beneath Southeast Saskatchewan's incredible winter sky. Prefer a softer landing? Estevan's cozy hotels and charming B&Bs make it easy to warm up after a full day outdoors. For more information on where to stay in Estevan, please visit tourismestevan.ca.

Celebrate the Season

Winter in Estevan is more than snow and ice—it's a celebration of community and connection. The city comes alive during the holiday season with local markets, light displays, and family-friendly events.

To discover everything happening during the Christmas season, check out the Tourism Estevan Holiday Guide at tourismestevan.ca/holidayguide. From festive events to shopping and dining inspiration, it's your go-to source for planning a holiday experience that's uniquely Estevan!



Convention Centre and Mike Schwean Arena a busy place all winter

Every winter, the Conexus Convention Centre and Mike Schwean Arena in Moosomin become hub of activity.

The Convention Centre was designed to be a multipurpose facility, and it has truly hit the mark. Once winter arrives, the facility plays host to a ton of events, from public gym nights to bookings by local clubs and organizations for their events, and many, many private bookings such as trade shows and entertainment events.

For those looking for some indoor public skating and shinny time, both are available in the Mike Schwean Arena throughout the winter.

For adults wanting to indulge in a little bit of rec hockey there are options. Men's rec hockey is played each week. Times vary each week, but these programs are open to any adult.

The Mike Schwean Arena is also a great place to catch a local hockey game—be it minor hockey or a game between the town's senior team, the Moosomin Rangers, and one of their opponents in the Big Six Hockey League, or the Moosomin Steelhawks Junior B team who play in the PJHL.

The Convention Centre is also well used by community groups, such as the gymnastics club, the air cadets, pickleball, and renting it for birthday parties has also been a big hit over the years.

The Convention Centre and outdoor rink are fairly re-



A trade show at the Convention Centre.

cent additions to Bradley Park, and Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwean says everything has worked out the way the town hoped, with the entire facility humming with activity on a regular basis.

"It's exactly what we planned, it worked out perfect," he says. "It's busy all the time."

"It's not so much a revenue producer as it is payback to the community—lots of different groups have been able to use it."

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A collage of four photos with decorative borders. The top photo shows a person snowmobiling. The middle photo shows a group of people skiing. The bottom-left photo shows two people sitting at a table, possibly at a cafe or restaurant. The bottom-right photo shows a group of people walking in a snowy area.

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Ice fishing on the prairies

Ice fishing is extremely popular in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba, with many people setting up their ice shacks on frozen lakes all winter long hoping to get that perfect catch at just the right time.

Moosomin Lake is known for some great fishing, with people pulling some impressive pike and pickerel out of the lake over the years.

One of the biggest ice fishing events in the area each winter is the Lake of the Prairies Ice Fishing Derby held at Asessippi Provincial Park. This derby draws fishermen from all over the area. Lake of the Prairies is a man-made reservoir created behind the Shellmouth Dam. The lake experiences excellent walleye, perch, northern pike fishing and carp.

There is also great ice fishing at Clear Lake, located in Riding Mountain National Park.

Ice fishing at both Boundary Dam and Rafferty Dam near Estevan are also a hit, with ice fishing derbies held at both lakes over the years. Nickle Lake near Weyburn is also a popular ice fishing spot with annual derbies.

Round Lake, Crooked Lake and Kenosee Lake are three local lakes in Southeast Saskatchewan that also offer ice fishing opportunities.



The Gray family ice fishing at Moosomin Lake.

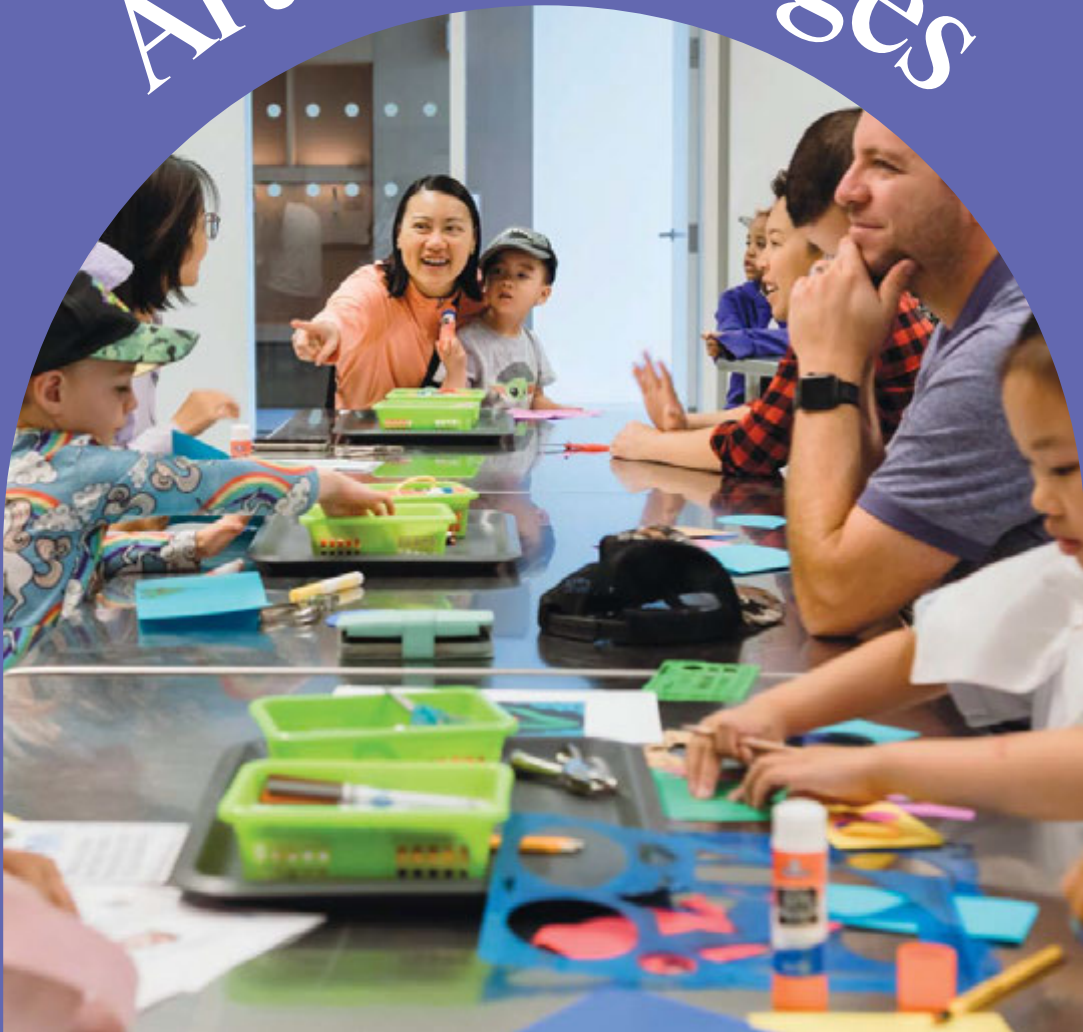
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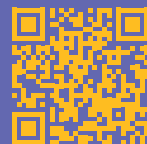
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Curling: It's fun and healthy!

Curling is a staple in small towns and communities around Canada every winter, but few people give thought to how beneficial the sport is. Not only is curling fun, it's a way to keep healthy and active in the winter. It provides a great way to foster social interaction during the long, cold winter months, and it's also a great workout!

Some of the main benefits of curling are as follows:

Aerobic fitness: Working out in the cold can burn more calories, and since curling is played on ice and players are constantly competing and running back and forth from end to end, it will definitely increase your heart rate and improve the cardiovascular system.

Strengthens your muscles: Sliding on the ice and being in a constant squatting position strengthens the calves, glutes and quadriceps. You can also get a good core workout by practicing curling and sweeping vigorously ahead of the stone.

Social interaction: In many communities, curling clubs are among only a few recreational resources available. It becomes a place where they can talk with others, build friendships, and take leadership roles, increasing both their confidence and resiliency when coping with challenges.

Flexibility: The team member who delivers the stone in a curling game often stays very low to the ice before pushing the stone. Staying this low to the ice requires a great

deal of flexibility.

Precision: Curling requires precision. It has been nicknamed as "chess on ice" for the amount of strategy involved in winning a game. This is one of the reasons it is so popular among both players and spectators.

Stretching and toning legs: Stretching and toning your legs is a way the players workout before playing the game. The stretching and toning not only helps with flexibility for the game but it also carries out in day-to-day activities.

Promotes weight-loss: Sliding on ice burns a lot of calories, yet because you are playing on ice, you don't perspire as much. Curling requires a lot of sliding back and forth, which burns calories.

It can be done by anyone, including the disabled: Curling is a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter the age or ability. In fact, the Paralympic Games feature a Wheelchair Curling event.

Fun and interactive: It is a sport for both men and women and is played by both adults and kids of all ages. Not only is it a great way to meet people who have the same interest in curling, but it can be a great networking medium. In addition, many people with depression turn towards curling because it's a fun and interactive sport that opens up their social realm.

Check out your local curling club and give curling a try this winter!



Discover the magic of winter at the Magic City Discovery Center

Minot's glowing building on North Hill is more than just a sight to see this winter, it's a place where imagination comes alive! Inside, warmth and wonder fill every corner of the Magic City Discovery Center, North Dakota's interactive science center and children's museum.

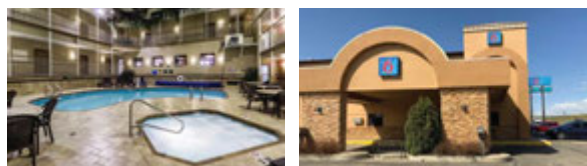
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Visit magiccitydiscoverycenter.com to plan your visit!

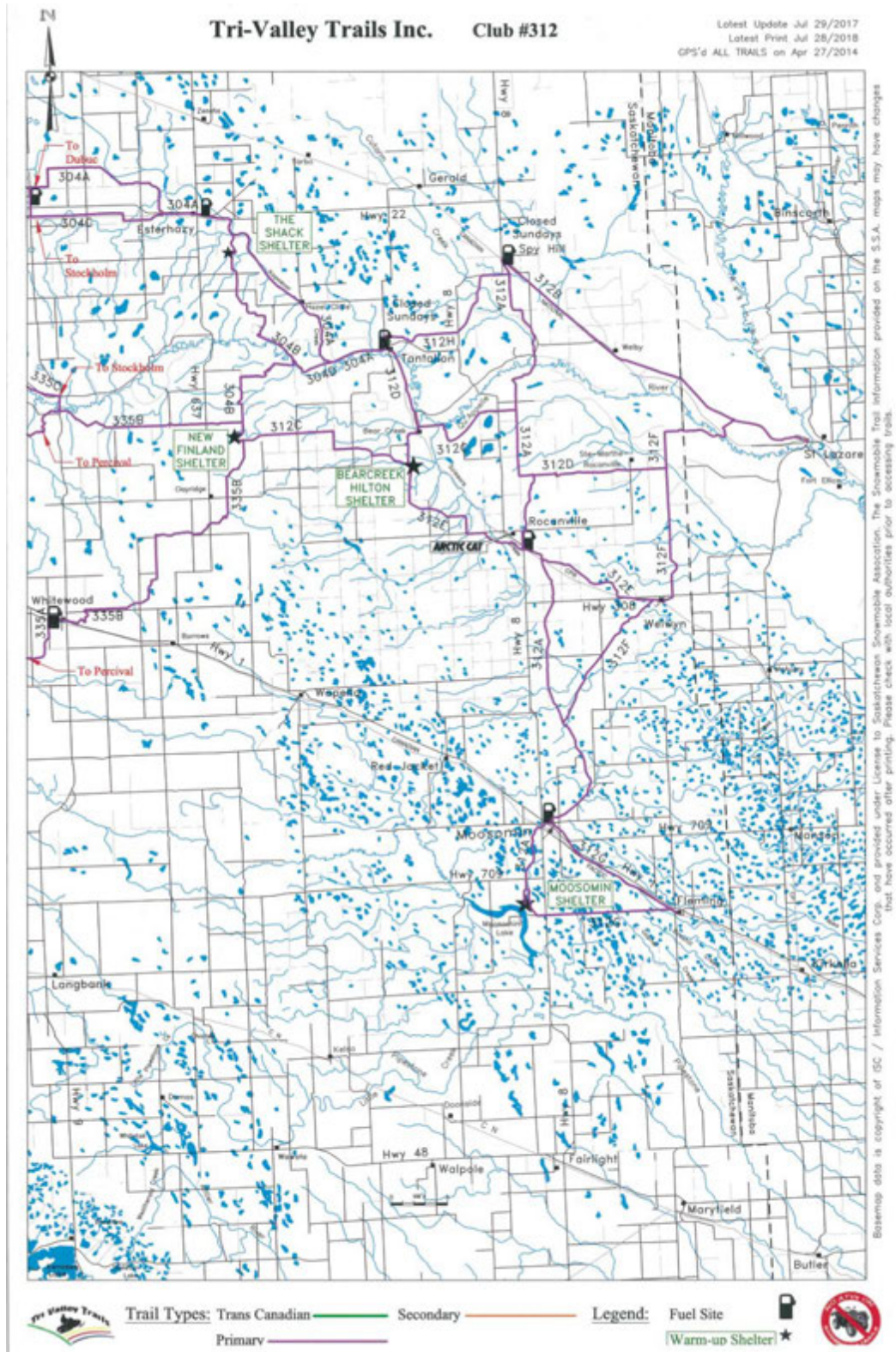


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