

area following a normal course of development which is already used extensively for recreation. The plan is, by guiding the evolution of the area, to realize its full potential as a recreational paradise serving all types of needs and co-existing with a landscape of normal activity.

Ontario's vast lakeland areas make this province a vacation paradise and the number of park visitors increases year by year. In 1971, 13,658,619 persons attended, of whom 1,502,216 were campers making use of the 18,941 campsites provided for them. The charge for vehicle entry in 1971 was \$1.50 per day or \$15 per year, and the camping charge was \$3.50 per night which included vehicle entry. Picnic tables, fireplaces, fuelwood, tested drinking water and washrooms are provided at supervised tent and trailer campgrounds and all parks have trailer sanitation stations. Interpretative and naturalist programs are being expanded continually and such services as museums, outdoor exhibits, conducted trips, illustrated talks and labelled nature trails are available in many parks.

Manitoba. The provincial parks system of Manitoba, administered by the Parks Branch of the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, consists of four major classifications of outdoor recreation development: provincial parks, which are large area parks with a variety of natural attractions suited to outdoor activities; recreation areas, the natural attractions of which are modified to accommodate recreation activities of an intensive nature; waysides, which are located on most highways to enhance travel routes and provide attractive rest spots; and heritage areas, which are areas of outstanding scenic beauty or have natural, physical or historic features of special local interest.

There are ten provincial parks in Manitoba. Birds Hill Provincial Park comprises 8,400 acres and an 80-acre man-made lake within easy reach of the Manitoba capital. In south-central Manitoba, Spruce Woods Provincial Park is set in an area thriving with wildlife, woods and wildflowers along the valley of the Assiniboine River, and also features lookouts over the shifting sand dunes of the Bald Head Hills, the province's only truly desert area. Near the western boundary, Assiniboine Provincial Park is under development on the southern end of a 45-mile-long man-made lake behind the Shellmouth Dam on the Assiniboine. The Shellmouth reservoir will provide for development of water-based facilities on a large scale for western Manitoba residents and visitors. Hecla Provincial Park with an area of 333 sq miles in the southern section of Lake Winnipeg is the most recent addition to the parks system. This park includes a group of islands of which Hecla is the largest. Grindstone Point, adjacent to Hecla Provincial Park, is also being developed as a recreation area in conjunction with the park. Hecla Island is connected by causeway to the mainland and Highway 8. Park developments will offer resort facilities for water sports, hiking, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing and will include a marina and an interpretative centre. Hecla village will be developed as a historic Icelandic fishing site.

Manitoba provincial parks have a total area of about 3,385 sq miles. In addition, there are 44 recreation areas ranging in size from four to 2,364 acres, and more than 87 roadside facilities. The park system contains 55 campgrounds. Hunting and fishing lodges are common and accommodation in some of the parks ranges from modern resorts and motels to hotels and cabins. Golf, tennis, boating, swimming, fishing, riding and hiking facilities are available, as well as children's playgrounds. A major ski area and a system of snowmobile trails provide for growing participation in winter outdoor activities. There are 73 commercial concessions operating within the parks system, offering a variety of services ranging from restaurants to riding stables and marinas.

Rehabilitation and expansion of existing recreation areas are continuing in an effort to provide new camping and improved day-use facilities. Development is continuing, too, in the heritage-area program to preserve and interpret sites, large and small, illustrating the natural and human history of the province. Surveys have been conducted to study potentials along the shores of Lake Winnipeg, along the rivers flowing into Lake Winnipeg from the east and to provide guidance for future development of recreational facilities in Manitoba's Interlake area. In northern Manitoba studies are being made along the Nelson and Churchill Rivers.

Popularity of the Manitoba provincial parks and recreation areas is indicated by impressive annual increases in the number of park visitors. In the three years ended March 31, 1972 the numbers were estimated at 2,420,000, 2,650,000 and 3,058,000, respectively. An estimated 114,946 families and groups in tents, trailers and truck campers utilized campground