

Mountains. The Reserve is not a provincial park nor a wilderness area but an area following a normal course of development which is already used extensively for recreation.

The number of park visitors increases year by year; in 1974 there were over 11 million including 1.6 million campers using more than 21,000 campsites. The charge for vehicles is \$1.50 a day or \$15 a year, and the camping charge \$3.50 a night including vehicle. 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 nine major classifications to provide a wide range of types of recreation: Provincial Natural Parks are relatively spacious land and water areas adaptable to multi-use management to provide a wide range of public use and enjoyment; Provincial Wilderness Parks are areas of limited development to maintain and preserve unique features or situations; Provincial Recreation Parks are spacious areas readily accessible and available for all-purpose recreational use; Provincial Recreational Travelways are routes of travel significant in the history and development of the province and which provide opportunities for camping, picnicking and interpretation; Provincial Heritage Parks are areas established for their human history and unique natural value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the provincial heritage, and not for their recreational potential; Provincial Wayside Parks are close to highways in areas designed to serve transient users; Marine Parks are near waterways; Access Sites are areas providing basic facilities for boating to permit access to fishing waters as opposed to Marine Parks which provide facilities for recreational boating as well as fishing; and information centres near highways provide regional interest and provincial travel information.

There are 10 provincial parks in Manitoba. Assiniboine Provincial Park covers nine square miles of scenic river valley and rolling hills behind the Shellmouth Dam at the junction of the Shell and Assiniboine rivers near the Saskatchewan border. Birds Hill Provincial Park is a 13-sq-mile multi-purpose park offering an 80-acre man-made lake within easy reach of Winnipeg. Clearwater Provincial Park is located 20 miles north of The Pas and covers an area of 230 sq miles. Duck Mountain Provincial Park comprises 492 sq miles of rolling land and 73 lakes northwest of Dauphin. Grass River Provincial Park is located near Cranberry Portage in northern Manitoba and comprises 230 sq miles of virtually roadless, rugged terrain that is a challenge to veteran outdoorsmen. Grand Beach Provincial Park is located 60 miles north of Winnipeg on the east shore of Lake Winnipeg. This 14-sq-mile beach and park is fronted by three miles of broad white sand beach. A few hours drive north of Winnipeg, Hecla Provincial Park covers 332 sq miles and is the most recent addition to the park system. The park includes the Lake Winnipeg islands of Hecla, Black, Deer and several smaller islands. Grindstone Point, adjacent to Hecla Provincial Park and on the mainland, has been designated as a recreation area in conjunction with the park. Hecla village is an historic Icelandic fishing site. Spruce Woods Provincial Park is located 30 miles east of Brandon, and covers an area of 90 sq miles. Turtle Mountain Provincial Park covers 73 sq miles along the international border in the southwest corner of the province. The Whiteshell Provincial Park, covering an area of more than 1,056 sq miles of rugged precambrian country, is the largest provincial park in Manitoba.

Manitoba provincial parks cover a total area of about 3,385 sq miles. In addition, there are 43 provincial recreation areas, 10 provincial forest reserves, 90 provincial wayside parks, 45 historical sites and two provincial heritage parks. The park system contains more than 60 campgrounds with over 5,000 campsites, as well as many hunting and fishing lodges, motels, hotels and cabins. Within the park system there are over 25 hiking trails, 15 snowmobile trails, and 18 canoe routes.

Popularity of Manitoba provincial parks and recreation areas is indicated by impressive annual increases in the number of park visitors, estimated at over 4 million for the year ended March 31, 1975. The admission fee to Manitoba's provincial parks is \$1 a day or \$5 for the season.

**Saskatchewan.** Saskatchewan's 17 provincial parks, comprising 1,880 sq miles of recreation land, range from forested parklands in the prairies and valley parks in the Qu'Appelle Valley to rugged northland settings. Each park offers camping, picnicking, boating and swimming