

# Places of Interest in Portage la Prairie



## Fort la Reine Museum, Pioneer Village and Tourist Bureau

The Fort la Reine Museum is located on the east edge of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The museum is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Canadian Prairies generally and more specifically the history of the City and Municipality of Portage la Prairie. The museum is open in the summertime Mondays to Saturdays 9:00am to 6:00pm and Sundays Noon to 6:00pm. Call 857-3259 or visit <http://www.fortlareinemuseum.ca> or email [enquiries@fortlareinemuseum.ca](mailto:enquiries@fortlareinemuseum.ca).

The Tourist Bureau is open year round with the same hours. Phone and fax: 857-3259 or visit <http://www.portagetouristbureau.ca> or email [information@portagetouristbureau.ca](mailto:information@portagetouristbureau.ca)

## Island Park

To get to Island Park you must cross the wooden bridge at the south end of Royal Road. Make a left turn at the end of the bridge to enter the Park. There are tennis courts, a playground area, picnic sites, a self-guided arboretum, a scenic duck pond, a stage for summer performances, washroom facilities, a deer and a bird pen. You can go to the Park to enjoy nature anytime before 10pm when it closes. There is no entrance fee. If you go straight at the end of the bridge, you can enjoy Splash Island, an outdoor water park that is open from the end of May until the beginning of September. If you turn right at the end of the bridge, there is an 18 hole golf course and scheduled to open in January 2010 is PCU Centre, a recreational multiplex.

Island Park is surrounded by Crescent Lake, which is an oxbow lake and at one time was once part of the Assiniboine River.

In the wintertime, you can skate on the duck pond in the middle of the Park for free. The Island of Lights illuminates Island Park for the month of December when, for a fee, you can see figures and shapes pop out of thin air!

## Community Walkway

Portage la Prairie has a beautiful and illuminated 5.2 km (3.2 mile) community walkway along picturesque Crescent Lake. It also has many Historical Walking Signs along the pathway that give reference and stories to sites of the past and current heritage properties along the lake. The 2.4 meter (8 foot) wide paved walkway is an excellent amenity in our community to enjoy walks, strolls or runs. With several accesses along the way, this path can be incorporated into daily work, school, or leisure routines

## Southport Recreation Centre

[http://www.southport.mb.ca/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=46](http://www.southport.mb.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=46)

The recreation centre houses an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, weight room and a 5-pin bowling alley. The City of Portage la Prairie's swimming lessons are held at this pool. You can find out about swimming lessons here: <http://www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca/corporate/ecdevsouthportpool.asp>

## Portage and District Arts Centre

The gallery features a new exhibition or installation each month, showcasing original art from our extremely talented local and regional artists. In addition, the Arts Centre offers art classes, workshops, dance programs as well as hosting performing arts. The Gift Shop sells art supplies plus a mix of original art including pottery, needlework, photography, stained glass, and paintings by local artists and artisans. Open Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information on upcoming exhibits and shows, call 204-239-6029 or email [pdac@mts.net](mailto:pdac@mts.net) or visit their website at [www.portageartscentre.ca](http://www.portageartscentre.ca). 11 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE R1N 1R8

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## Splash Island

Splash Island features: two giant water slides, a double-wide kiddie slide, aesthetic fountains and mini geysers, an interactive spray area, green grass areas, a relaxing, therapeutic “bubbler” bench situated alongside a miniature waterfall, three 25-meter swimming lanes, decorative non-slip decking, and a zero-depth beach-like entry! “Splash Island” offers a unique and fun aquatic experience, which residents and visitors alike will remember and want to return to. The facility has a maximum capacity for 479 people and offers a number of public swim opportunities seven days a week from May to September. For more information or public swim times, please call 239-8321 or visit [www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca](http://www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca).

## William Glesby Centre

The William Glesby Centre is a 450-seat performing arts facility located in the city's Heritage Square. The Glesby presents a Main Stage series concert package, a more intimate CoffeeHouse series, a family series for children, and the “Glesby Rocks” youth concerts. It also features an emerging artists program as well as being a sought-after rural venue for touring Canadian performers. The complex is also home to Prairie Players, an in-house community theatre group, and The Portage & District Arts Centre, which hosts numerous visual arts and dance programs throughout the year. Centrally located in Portage la Prairie, near downtown restaurants. Wheelchair access and lots of free parking. Phone (204) 239-5591, Box Office (204) 239-4848. E-mail [theglesby@mts.net](mailto:theglesby@mts.net), or visit [www.glesbycentre.com](http://www.glesbycentre.com).

## Portage Golf Club

Play one of Manitoba's most enjoyable rural golf courses established in 1922. This 18-hole golf course provides a challenging but enjoyable golfing experience in a quiet setting. Par 70, 6355 yards Slope 117 — fully licensed clubhouse and course, Pro Shop, rental clubs and carts are available. Call the Portage Golf Club at 857-6177 or visit our website at [www.portagegolfclub.ca](http://www.portagegolfclub.ca).

## Portage Spillway – Wayside Park

The One kilometer south of the Portage la Prairie by-pass is a day use area with facilities for wheelchair bound individuals. The beautiful park is complete with picnic areas and is the favorite local water recreation spot for fishing and boating.

## Delta Marsh and Delta Beach

North of the City on Hwy. 240 (approx. 20 minute drive).

Delta Marsh - The world renowned Delta Marsh extends for about 35 km along the south shore of Lake Manitoba and is located just about 20 minutes north of the City. During spring and fall migration, it is one of the premiere birding areas in Canada. Interpretive trails for visitors can be found at St. Ambrose Provincial Park and in the village of Delta. The Delta Marsh Field Station, a research and teaching facility of the University of Manitoba is located on the west side of the marsh. The Field station provides facilities for research, education, meetings, conferences and workshops. For information call 204-857-8637, email [hdenhaan@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:hdenhaan@cc.umanitoba.ca) or visit their website at [www.umanitoba.ca/delta\\_marsh](http://www.umanitoba.ca/delta_marsh).

Delta Beach - Just west of the Marsh is a great area for swimming, sunbathing, camping, and relaxing with the whole family. For information, call (204) 857-3821.

## Events in Portage la Prairie

For an up-to-date listing of events in Portage la Prairie:  
[www.tourismportage.com](http://www.tourismportage.com)