

ice sheets. The Gem Lakes Hiking Trail offers a spectacular view of a cluster of deep, sand-bottomed lakes that reflect a stunning spectrum of aqua blue, jade and emerald colours. The Island Lake Hiking Trail takes you through a mature forest of jack pine and black spruce, and Narrow Hills Scenic Drive offers stunning vistas, though it's only wide enough for cars.

After an overnight in one of the park's pristine campgrounds, **Day #3** offers you a choice – spend another day fishing, canoeing and hiking in the park or continue on your journey. The Hanson Lake Highway provides evidence of two billion years of geological history, from limestone outcrops from an ancient sea bed (bring your fossil book), to glacial remains of volcanic material, this route is rich in history, both natural and man made. Take the time to stop at some of the amazing lakes and rivers along the route, like the Sturgeon-wier River, named after the sturgeon traps aboriginal people use to catch this prehistoric fish. This river was followed by historic greats like David Thompson and Peter Fiddler. Most of the lakes, rivers and creeks in the area have been named after colourful characters that influenced the development of the north.

You will find excellent wilderness resorts at Deschambault Lake and Jan Lake, or at Hanson Lake or Mirond Lake. Most resorts along the route offer both lodge and camping facilities.

Spend **Day #4** Travel on to Creighton, a vibrant community with the friendly ambience of a modern frontier town. Discover the area's gold rush history in Creighton Museum & Tourism Centre, and ask about scenic driving and walking tours. Explore the remains of an ancient sea at the limestone crevices.

A short drive southwest of Creighton is Denare Beach, a remote resort town on the shores of Amisk Lake. Visit the Northern Gateway Museum for Indian crafts, early mining artifacts and more. The Lakefront Gallery is worth a stop. Or, go on a tour of the Pre-Cambrian Wild Rice Plant, a processor of certified organic wild rice for world markets. If you want to get out on the water, arrange a pontoon boat tour or adventure package at Rocky View Lodge OTA, or ask about canoe rentals and sunset boat tours at Angell's Resort.

Overnight at Denare Beach or Creighton. On **Day #5** begin your journey home either along Hanson Lake Highway (to see everything you missed on the eastward leg) or drive to Flin Flon and head south along Highway #10 in Manitoba.

Sights to see...

Prince Albert

Art Gallery of Prince Albert
306-763-7080

Diefenbaker House
306-764-2992

Grace Campbell Gallery
306-763-8496

Northern Lights Casino
306-764-4777

Prince Albert Historical Museum
306-764-2992

Prince Albert Arts Centre
(Town Hall & Opera House)
306-953-4811

Vintage Power Machines Inc.
306-764-4855

The Red Door Gallery
306-922-6028

Clarine Lake Demonstration Forest
306-922-8440

Rotary Museum of Police
and Corrections
306-764-2992

Evolution of Education Museum
306-764-2992

Narrow Hills Provincial Park 306-426-2622 or 1-800-205-7070

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Gem Lakes

Scenic Drive

Little Bear Lake Resort
306-426-2244

Creighton

Creighton Museum & Tourism Centre
306-688-3538

Limestone Crevices
306-362-2054

Scenic Driving & Walking Tours
306-688-3538

Denare Beach

Pre-Cambrian Wild Rice Plant Tours
1-800-265-0291

Angell's Resort
306-362-2112

Lakefront Gallery
306-362-2322

Northern Gateway Museum
306-362-2007

Rocky View OTA Inc.
306-362-2360 or 1-888-997-6259



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