

Experiential Boreal Adventures for Manitoba Schools

“When it’s hands-on,
the mind is too”

Out-of-Class Learning in the Outdoors with *PontoonToursMb.com*



About *PontoonToursMb.com* and what we offer educators

PontoonToursMb.com is located in Bissett, Manitoba and is a Resource Tourism Operator licensed by the Province of Manitoba. We provide Pontoon Boat Interpretive Tours and fully-guided fishing in the Boreal Region of Nopiming Provincial Park. Pontoon boats are the ideal platform for relaxing, exploring and recreational fishing.

The owner/operators have lived, worked and fished in Manitoba’s Boreal Regions for more than 20 years growing to appreciate the history, culture and natural environment of the backwoods. Both Peter and Carol are former educators and, in 2011, began introducing Schools in Manitoba to 3-day Outdoor Education Excursions.

Their base of operation was at Caribou Landing on Quesnel Lake in Manitoba’s Nopiming Provincial Park. Today they are **PontoonToursMb.com** and their program has been expanded.

• Planning an Outing

PontoonToursMb.com will work with your school, your teachers and students to plan and schedule your very own 2 to 3 day **Boreal Trek Adventure**. Once your school has all the information about our program, **PontoonToursMb.com** will assist with co-ordinating all elements of your outing. We are available to meet at your school if requested.

The forest, the lakes, the ecology and the

history of the Boreal present a wealth of resources for the educator. Activities in the outdoors or lesson plans and experiences can be determined as we move forward with your plan. It is important to view this Boreal environment as a classroom and a laboratory all in one, rich in potential for hands-on activity.

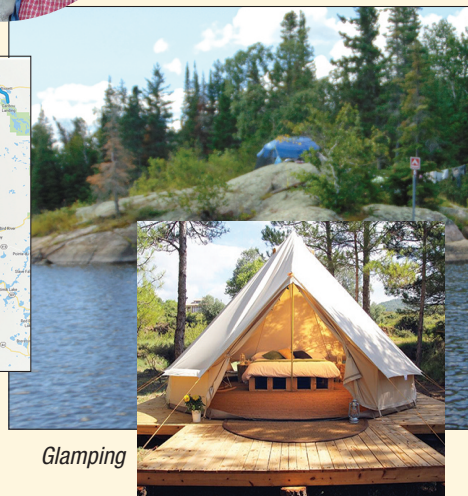
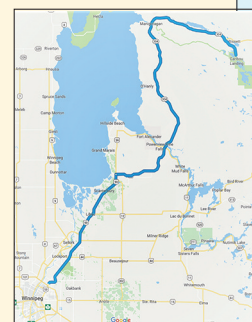
• Accommodations

PontoonToursMb.com will assist with accommodation arrangements as necessary. We will offer suggestions for evening activities. Choice of options will be based on availability in the region for the dates being scheduled. Remote island camping, mainland camping or glamping are exciting overnighting options.



Peter and
Carol
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Island & Mainland Camping



Glamping

• Funding Your Boreal Trek

If your school’s budget is limited in the Outdoor Ed. category, **PontoonToursMb.com** would like to help. Over the years, we have introduced a fundraising component which is still maintained today.



• Donation/Fundraising

Once your school has decided to plan a **Boreal Trek Adventure**, **PontoonToursMb.com** can provide your school and students a **Gift Certificate for “An Interpretive Tour for up to 8 People”**. This Certificate and package is valued at over \$1,200. We invite your school to utilize the Gift Certificate to fuel a fundraiser for your Field Trip. Would a fundraiser present an opportunity for students to take ownership for their event?

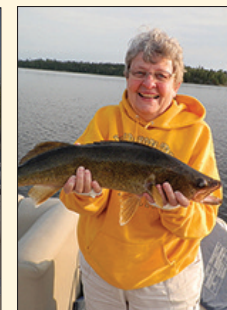
In the past, we have watched schools generate funds that often exceed the cost of the Field Trip. When that does occur, funds raised in excess of what is needed, can be allocated to other outdoor activities and programming at your school.

• Your Agenda

Day 1: Pontoon Boat Interpretive Tour

On the day of arrival, your school will participate in a Pontoon Boat Tour of the Nopiming Park aboard our pontoon boats “the **Manigotagan**” and “the **Caribou**”. Our total capacity is 15. Our route will cover Quesnel and Manigotagan Lakes and include a walking

tour at Happy Lake portage. This will take 5 to 6 hours with a number of stops along the way.



A narrative exploration of the Boreal environment is achieved through storytelling. Students will be encouraged to ask questions and share their thoughts on what they hear, see, smell and possibly, even taste.

The interpretive tour is truly an adventure in itself and is designed to engage. Through the use of storytelling, students will become immersed in the landscape and learn about the local history, the culture, the ecology and the natural environment in a whole new way. Wildlife sightings are frequent.

We have exciting and fun surprises for students throughout the day. If planned in advance, we can also check out some angler “hot spots” and enjoy some fishing enroute.

The fishery on these waters is legendary and our fully-guided angling is an activity most students love. We encourage your group to request angling.

Over all, the water touring on the first day is the perfect low impact activity following a road trip. It’s a great time for your group to relax and enjoy the uniquely beautiful scenery that’s characteristic of the Boreal.

Day 2: Determining an Agenda or Activity Bundle

Students feedback on Day 1 will determine an agenda or “Bundle of Activities” for Day 2.

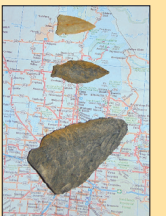
Note: As the Interpretive Tour winds down on the first day, students and staff will be asked to reflect on their experience. We will listen to what students and staff feel they’d like to spend additional time on and this group feedback will influence the “bundle” of activities for Day 2.

Examples:

- **Is it the archeology component?** Would the students like to learn more about the archeology of the area and comb the sand beaches in search of artifacts?

- Is it fishing?

Fishing rods, lures and bait are supplied
All anglers would be required to have a license prior to leaving home.



Day 3:

Crafting activity workshops and group presentations are available.

- Regional Community Elders (Local Aboriginal History and Cultural)
- Manitoba Conservation, Parks and RCMP
- Mining and Mineral Exploration

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