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# CAWD NEWSLETTER

## CAWD RIVERS PART 2 : The Souris River

The Assiniboine and Souris Rivers are two major watercourses in south central Manitoba. Both rivers flow through the Central Assiniboine and Lower Souris Watershed, which is part of the larger Assiniboine River Basin. In the last article we provided information on the Assiniboine River. In this publication we will be detailing the flow and importance of the Souris River in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The Souris River also known as the Mouse River in the United States is 700km long, flowing down from Saskatchewan through the USA and back up into Manitoba.

This narrow river starts north of Weyburn Saskatchewan close to Cedoux. From here the river will start its long journey up and around, down through the town of Weyburn and then will enter Nickle Lake in the center of the southeastern prairie. From Nickle Lake it continues down south past Halbrite and into McDonald Lake where the flow is slowed and controlled by the Rafferty Dam and Reservoir up stream of Estavan Sk. Heading south east from Estevan, the Souris River meets up with the long creek, Short Creek and many other small creeks along the way as it meanders North and south throughout south eastern Saskatchewan. The river then eventually crosses into the United States just west of Sherwood North Dakota and goes south until it ends up in Lake Darling where it is controlled by the Darling Dam 30 km NW of Minot ND. Then it goes through Minot, and all the way down to Velva ND. From Velva it starts heading North through Towner ND and then enters Manitoba south of Melita.

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## Envirothon

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, CAWD staff hosted the 2026 West Regional Envirothon at the Riverbank Discovery Center in Brandon MB. There were 6 teams that attended the skills competition!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for the help and we hope to see you all next year!

Provincials will take place  
May 31<sup>st</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
Whiteshell Provincial Park.

For more information on the Envirothon or to sign up as a volunteer please go to [WWW.Manitobawatersheds.org/aboutenvirothon](http://WWW.Manitobawatersheds.org/aboutenvirothon)



Once the Souris River enters Manitoba it is a part of the Souris River Watershed District. It then meets up with multiple creeks such as Graham Creek by Melita and then meeting the Plum Creek at Souris. As it approaches the Town of Souris it then enters into Central Assiniboine Watershed District. The river then winds its way through southwestern Manitoba until it meets up with the Assiniboine River North of Wawanesa at Treesbank Manitoba.

The Souris River is home to many breeds of fish including Norther Pike, Walley, Yellow Perch and Small Mouth Bass. It also provides water sources for agriculture, wildlife and communities.

For more information on the Souris River please visit <https://www.ijc.org/en/watersheds/souris-river>



## Welcome Back Emma!!

We would like to welcome Emma Conrad of St Alphonse MB, back to CAWD for another summer!

Emma has been the summer student with Central Assiniboine for the past 3 years and we are very excited to have her back with us for a 4<sup>th</sup> year!

## Water Sample Days June 10<sup>th</sup> + June 24<sup>th</sup>

Sample bottles can be picked up and dropped off at your local RM office or at the watershed district office in Baldur!

All samples must be done the morning of pickup and they must be dropped off at the locations before 9:00am

## IN LOVING MEMORY:

It is with greatest sadness that the CAWD Staff and Board share the news of the passing of Margaret Sigvaldason. Margaret worked as the admin at the former Tiger Hills Conservation District, former Assiniboine Hills Conservation District and the current Central Assiniboine Watershed District. She dedicated 20+ years to bettering the District and helping keep our district afloat.

Margarets laugh and stories will be truly missed by our staff, board and community.



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