



Walking Wascana with Kids!



My friend asked me “Do you walk Wascana Lake with your kids?” and “Do they like it?”



Kids love to explore!
Give them a chance to leave the path!
“Make sure I can see you”

Download the **Seek by iNaturalist** app onto your mobile device so your kids can identify plants and animals all around you!



Find a plant, animal and bird identification book for Saskatchewan.
Younger kids seem to prefer this option.



Quietly approach the bushes. This is a great bird habitat. Protected from predators and weather!



Check out the beautiful gardens in front of the Legislative Building.
These flower beds contain annuals that are planted each year in symmetrical patterns.



Take a peek under the bridge. The pelicans and ducks like to hang out here below the bridge. **You might be surprised at what you see!**



Bring a camera. Let everyone take a turn. What will they spot?



Which path should we take?
This one or this one? Let everyone take a turn deciding.



What is this plant? Use the app or id book to find out!



In the fall the seed pods from the caragana bush pop open and drop the seeds on the ground.
Listen for the “pop” sound!



Off path exploring!



Chokecherries!



Send a secret message! Stand on the echo plate and send your message. The person in front of you will hear your secret message! **No one else can hear it.**



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Leaf Hunter! See how many different leaves you can find. Use an app or id book to identify them.



One of the last tire swings in Regina. **Enjoy a spin!**



Play a game of rock hopping and jumping!



You never know what you will see!



Is that a Canadian Goose? Look closer. Download a bird identification app for beginners merlin.allaboutbirds.org/



Willow Island Exploration. **What is more fun than walking under a waterfall!**

Canadian Geese & Cormorant



Can I take this path? As long as you catch up with me once I get to the other side.



Quietly explore the water's edge. **We found a Western Painted Turtle!**



Take time to stop and check out the ducks, pelicans, Canadian geese and other waterfowl.



For more information about anything you see in Wascana Park, check out wascana.ca/



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Find It!



What is a Premier? Why do we have one?

A premier is a head of government for a province or territory. The **Premier is the leader of the political party in power and a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)**. Each MLA is elected by voters for specific geographical regions. They meet and do their work partly at the provincial Legislative Building. The big building behind this monument!



Hint!



What is a United Empire Loyalist?

The United Empire Loyalists were generally those who had been settled in the thirteen United States of America colonies at the outbreak of the American Revolution. **They remained loyal to the British Crown and at the end of the American Revolution settled in what is now Canada.**



Hint!



Was Wascana Lake created by digging?

Wascana Lake was created in 1883 by damming Wascana Creek. Wascana Lake was drained and deepened in the 1930s as part of a government relief project. **All they had were hand tools and horse-drawn wagons to move the dirt!**

In 2003-2004 Wascana Lake was again drained and dredged to deepen it. **Over 1.3 million cubic metres of soil was removed from the lake bottom with crews working 24 hours a day!**



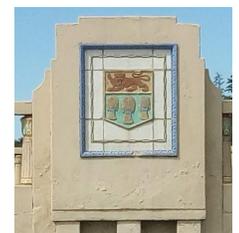
Hint!

There are a bunch of signs with information by the Albert Street bridge.



Why is the Albert Street bridge named that?
It was officially dedicated on November 10, 1930 to the men who lost their lives in the First World War.

What is that symbol in the middle?
That is the Saskatchewan coat of arms!



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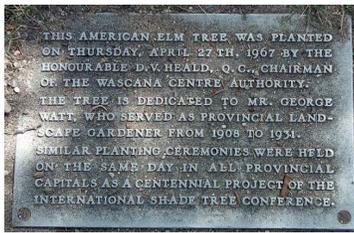
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How old is the Wascana Bandstand?

Check out the Saskatchewan Archives website at www.saskarchives.com and search for "Saskatchewan Legislative Building—Time Capsule" to find amazing pictures of the Legislative Building when it was first developed!



Who was George Watt?

George Watt was the visionary gardener for Government House. **Almost every single tree in Regina was originally planted by hand!**

This was his idea!

Check out governmenthousesk.ca for more information about George Watt and the elm trees and caragana bushes he was the first to plant in Regina.

Hint



What do those arrows mean?

This is a surveyor's lookout and this site is the first station in a unified system of precisely co-ordinated survey points. **There are eleven other survey monuments like this located across Canada!**

Hint



What would it have been like to be a surveyor in the 1800s?

Take a moment to look at these sandcastings and consider what it was like to be on this spot in the 1800s.



Monument to the Boy Scouts

Hint



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