

Manitoba's PARC group of communities
industry ready
family friendly



The spirit of **community**



Manitoba Communities of
**ROBLIN, GRANDVIEW,
GILBERT PLAINS AND ETHELBERT**

Manitoba Rural Municipalities of
**DAUPHIN, ETHELBERT, GILBERT PLAINS,
GRANDVIEW AND HILLSBURG**

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Make yourself at Home



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family Friendly – Industry Ready

The PARC communities have preserved a quality of life that is rich in heritage, strong in spirit and where memories are treasured. Communities come complete with quality schools, shopping and services, a variety of recreational opportunities, playgrounds, libraries and a choice of housing to meet every lifestyle. Families can enjoy living in a safe community where children can walk to school and parents can have the benefit of working close to home. Residents appreciate the size and pace of rural living and are strongly attached to their communities. This high quality of living is attractive to skilled workers, technology professionals and executives.

The PARC communities form the largest commuter shed and trade corridor in the Parkland region to attract and retain new employees in any one of our family friendly communities.

The communities are committed to working together to improve the lifestyle of families living in our communities. Companies who choose the region can be assured that employees will enjoy all the conveniences of major centres while being energized by the park-like environment and being surrounded by the natural beauty of the prairie mountains, sparkling lakes and winding trails.

Happy employees create successful companies. We welcome you to come see what we have to offer!

LIVING YOU CAN AFFORD

Each of the communities has quality family housing for all ages. The dream of owning a home along the lake, overlooking the golf greens or living on a country estate is an affordable reality here, all within minutes of work. There are also a number of

large lots available for new home construction, mostly in the urban areas but there are also many serviced rural farm yards that would be ideal for a business or a great space for families.

Rural water pipelines provide high quality treated water to businesses and residences in the rural municipalities of Gilbert Plains, Grandview and Dauphin.

Education

More than 3,100 students attend 16 schools (K-12) in the Mountain View School Division, of which 13 schools are located in the PARC commuter shed. Smaller class sizes and lower teacher-student ratios offer students a personalized learning environment.

The multicultural diversity of the school division provides an opportunity for French and Ukrainian bilingual language and cultural programming. Senior years technology education programming is assisting youth to prepare and integrate into future employment in the region. www.mvdsd.ca

CLIMATE

The greater Parkland region shares a pure continental climate that has four distinct seasonal changes.

Average High Temperature

January: -12.1°C July: 25.3°C

Average Low Temperature

January: -23.4°C July: 11.9°C

Average Rainfall

356.9 mm or 14.3 inches

Average Snowfall

138.8 cm or 69.8 inches

Average Annual Precipitation

192 to 499 mm or

7.6 to 19.6 inches

Frost Free Days

90 to 122 days

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Post-secondary education is offered through Assiniboine Community College (Dauphin). Distance education is offered by universities in Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and Saskatoon. www.assiniboine.net

Campus Manitoba offers first year university from the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg, and Brandon University. Certificate and diploma programs are available from Red River College and Assiniboine Community College at the Parkland Campus in Dauphin. www.campusmanitoba.com

Community Services

Health Care

Hospitals and medical centres are located across the region to provide local medical, dental, optometric, chiropractic and laboratory services. Visiting services provide speech therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and other health and wellness programs. The Parkland Regional Health Authority offers a wide range of medical services such as public and mental health, therapy services, ambulance, diagnostic services in addition to hospital and long term care. Busy or can't get away... Manitoba Telehealth enables residents the ability to receive comprehensive health care services through video-conference with their specialist in Winnipeg so distance and time restraints are minimal. www.prha.mb.ca

Child Care

The ability to access quality childcare for working families is recognized by the region as a significant enabler to attract and retain reliable professional employees. Centres are licensed by the Province to ensure requirements are met. www.mccahouse.org

Library Services

The Parkland Regional Library began as a demonstration project nearly 40 years ago and has evolved into the largest library system in Manitoba. A bookmobile and a book-by-mail service provide a diverse selection of books to 19 branches in 28 communities. www.parklandlib.mb.ca

We Have You Connected

The **highway system** allows for an easy stress-free commute to destinations for work, shopping or pleasure within minutes, unlike major urban centres where hectic commuting can easily be an hour or more. Major centres such as Yorkton, Brandon and Winnipeg are close-by with a drive time of about 1 ½ to 3 hours. Don't like to drive, then consider affordable **air service** to the Provincial Capital of Winnipeg with a comfortable 30-minute flight offered twice daily with Perimeter Aviation. Travel options with Greyhound Canada **bus service** or VIA Rail **train service** are available during the week to destinations outside the region.

Connect to the world through **high speed Internet** which is available virtually everywhere with **MTS Allstream**, **I-Netlink** or **Xplornet**. Why inconvenience the tired family by travelling to a major centre only to settle for what's on the shelf and still wait in line-ups? Internet shopping is gaining popularity for bargain hunters who are looking for unique quality products at the best price, all while relaxing in the comfort of their home.

There are 9 common regional and provincial daily, weekly or monthly **newspapers** that are available to keep residents informed. Listen to local 730 CKDM **radio** or a variety of other stations accessed from Yorkton, Brandon or Winnipeg. **Cable television** (Westman Communications Group) and **satellite television** (Bell ExpressVu and Star Choice) are available as well.

Simplicity means more time to relax with the family.





Plenty of Room to Have Some Fun

RECREATION & LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The region enjoys being bordered by the Riding Mountain National Park and the Duck Mountain Provincial Park, whose peak at Baldy Mountain is the highest point in Manitoba. Much of the region is part of the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve established by UNESCO in 1986, one of 12 biosphere reserves recognized in Canada. The native biodiversity and natural ecosystem has contributed to preserving the integrity of unique animal and plant species that are found in the area and viewing wildlife, including moose, elk, black bears, beaver, deer and many species of birds. These qualities attract year round international attention and are a substantial asset that contributes to the rich quality of life in the region.

Parks and Trails

Additionally, the PARC communities are home to smaller parks, family picnic areas, ball diamonds and hiking trails including: Currey Park and Crocus Trail, which is part of the Trans Canada Trail, Roblin; Centennial Park, Gilbert Plains; Keld Park entrance to the Strathclair Trail and Hidden Valley Sanctuary, RM of Dauphin; Wilson Centennial Park, and the Russell Trail, Grandview; and Ethelbert Community Park, Ethelbert.

Summer Sports

Hunting and fishing are popular activities in the PARC region year-round. Hunting is permitted during designated seasons for big game and waterfowl.

Although Roblin is the fly-fishing capital of Manitoba, anglers have their pick to fish at Goose Lake, Lake of the Prairies, Lake Dauphin, Sifton Beach, Stoney Point Beach, Blue Lakes, Childs Lake, Wellman Lake and many other lakes. Trophy size walleye, northern pike, perch, rainbow trout, brown trout, splake and more have been caught.

Local sport fishing enhancement groups are dedicated to providing fishing opportunities in the area, such as Intermountain Sport Fishing Enhancement. www.isfe.ca

There are many lakes and beaches, including those at Dauphin Lake and Lake of the Prairies, and those in Duck Mountain Provincial Park and Riding Mountain National Park. There is one year-round indoor wave pool in Dauphin and two seasonal outdoor pools in Roblin and Grandview.

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Golfing

The area is home to three of the most challenging and picturesque courses in Manitoba: Roblin Golf & Country Club (9 holes), Gilbert Plains Golf & Country Club (18 holes), and Dauphin Golf & Country Club (18 holes). Golf leagues form each year and the courses host various annual tournaments.

Service Clubs

There is a significant variety of accessible community service groups that operate across the region, offering something for every family, parent or child. We challenge you to find an activity not offered. Choose from Ukrainian, Highland or belly dancing or learn to foxtrot, ballet or jazz it up. If you want to get in shape there are many exercise, sport, karate, taekwondo, swimming lessons and youth programs for starters. Girl Guides, Scouts, 4-H and other programs get children together. The Life & Art Centre in Roblin and the Watson Art Centre in Dauphin offer visual and performing arts programming, concerts and other events to area residents.



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Winter Sports

Winter is just as exciting as the summer with Winter Family Fun Day (Grandview, January), Winter Fun Day (Roblin, February), and Winter Carnival (Grandview, March). Cross-country or downhill skiing, tobogganing, ice fishing, curling and hockey are also favorite pastimes. The region takes hockey and curling very seriously so there are ice arenas and curling rinks located in every town. Organized and recreational

leagues are accessible for all ages to participate.

The Dauphin Kings are proud members of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. The Kings are fortunate to have won six MJHL championships over the course of their colourful history. The 2009/10 season will be particularly special, as the Kings will be hosting the RBC Cup national championship in May 2010 in Dauphin. Make sure you head down to Credit Union Place throughout the winter to catch all the fast and exciting Kings action! www.dauphinkings.com

Snowmobile clubs across the region are members of Snoman, a provincial organization that provides leadership for safe and environmental trails across Manitoba. The club volunteers work all winter to maintain standard snowmobile trails and provide education to make snowmobiling enjoyable for everyone. The extensive recreational trail system is part of the Provincial grid used by adventurers who are travelling between provinces or the United States. www.snoman.mb.ca



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Where great things are Happening

SIGHTS, ATTRACTIONS AND EVENTS

The summer is a fantastic time to kick back with a season of concerts, festivals, theatre arts, culture, street festivals, sporting events and agricultural fairs. Fairs have been showcasing agricultural excellence for over 100 years as communities come together for parades, midways, chuck wagon and chariot races, fiddling, light and draft horse shows, exhibits and entertainment. Several events are held in the 11,000 seat outdoor amphitheatre built into Riding Mountain National Park just south of Dauphin.

Major Events

Canada's National Ukrainian Festival

Selo Ukraina Memorial Park & Heritage Village
(RM of Dauphin, August long weekend)

The 44 year old festival is a 3-day celebration of dance, music, and culinary and fine arts honouring the rich, vibrant culture and heritage of Ukrainian Canadians. Featured are many cultural displays, the Ukrainian Centennial Park, demonstrations and workshops, and the reenactment of a Ukrainian wedding. Other activities include an amateur talent competition, parade, pavilions, Ukrainian foods, and first-class talent from around the world with five grandstands. www.cnuf.ca

Dauphin's Countryfest

Selo Ukraina Memorial Park & Heritage Village
(RM of Dauphin, end of June)

Countryfest is celebrating 20 great years as Canada's longest-running country music festival. The festival takes place over four

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days featuring an all-star lineup of some of the best country music stars in the business, special events, shopping and food pavilions, and on-site camping. Activities include non-stop entertainment on three stages. www.countryfest.ca

Dauphin's Christian Music Festival

Selo Ukraina Memorial Park & Heritage Village
(RM of Dauphin, mid-July)

The festival is rejoicing in its 15th year in 2009 and is organized by volunteers from a number of local Christian churches. The family-focused, inter-denominational Christian music festival features entertainment on four stages, outdoor cinema, petting zoo and a number of family activities. www.jesusmanifest.org

There are many community festivals and events held throughout the summer such as: Dauphin Fair (Dauphin, June); the Garland Blueberry Festival (Garland, August); Old Tyme Picnic and Museum Days (Grandview, July); Grandview & Gilbert Plains Fair and Rodeo (Gilbert Plains, July).

Events are also held to celebrate the area's history held at the pioneer homes, settlement museums (Watson Crossley Community Museum, Grandview) and historical sites (*Negrych Homestead with the oldest Ukrainian farm on the continent, Gilbert Plains; Trembowla Cross of Freedom, Dauphin; Tamarisk School, Grandview; Keystone Pioneers Museum, Roblin*); and historical items have been proudly preserved through the generations across the region. The multicultural roots are evident today in the architecture, reclaimed sanctuaries, community icons and declared heritage sites.



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