



Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre

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MARSH HAPPENINGS

TIAC award

The Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre added another significant honour to its trophy case, taking home the 2006 Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC) National Award for Tourism Excellence.

The National Awards for Tourism Excellence, presented by the Globe and Mail, were developed by TIAC in 2003 to recognize and foster excellence within a dynamic industry valued at \$61.4 billion across Canada per year. The finalists for each of the 13 awards were chosen by a judging panel of tourism industry leaders. Awards were presented at a gala dinner on October 23 at the Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper, Alberta, during Canada's Tourism Leadership Summit.

Oak Hammock was recognized in the Air Canada Business of the Year – Single Unit category, which evaluated visitor satisfaction, human resources, business results, positive contribution to Canada's tourism industry, involvement in the tourism community, and vision for the future.



Winter is no time to hibernate at Oak Hammock Marsh.

While the Interpretive Centre offers a great number of indoor activities, the marsh itself is transformed into a giant winter playground with lots of outdoor fun for the whole family.

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore the vast area usually only accessible by canoe during the summer. You will be amazed by what you find. Scare up a jackrabbit and see it float on the snow as it runs with its own built-in snowshoes. Listen as crisp winter air carries the sound of coyotes yipping in the distance.

If you are looking for something new and exciting, try kiteboarding. With your feet strapped onto a board, use the power of the wind to pull you as you criss-cross the frozen marsh. If you've never tried the sport, the Interpretive Centre has teamed up with Boost Kiteboarding to offer kiteboarding lessons this winter. Lessons are every Saturday morning from 10:00am until noon, starting in January. Call for details.

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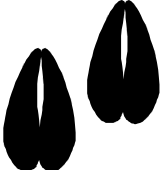

Oak Hammock Marsh would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Centre during 2006.

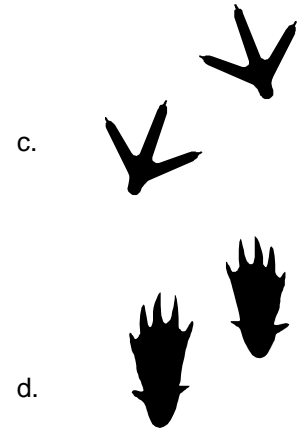
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- Andrew Skelton
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Bill Brace & the Interlake Magic Club
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- Cheryl Calverley & Terry Mayor
- Cunningham Business Interiors
- David Sutton
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- Teresa Drabek & Regan Penner
- The Winnipeg Foundation
- Tom Kirk
- TransCanada Pipelines
- Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

MARSHY QUIZ

- Which animal's tracks commonly show three toes pointing forward and one toe pointing back?
 - Foxes
 - Birds
 - Wild Boars
 - Black Bears
- The tracks of these animals are heart-shaped.
 - Foxes
 - Muskrats
 - Deer
 - Wild Turkeys

- These animals commonly deposit scat in the middle of trails as a territorial marker.
 - Coyotes
 - Mice
 - Deer
 - Squirrels

- Identify these tracks.
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Answers:

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. deer, coyote, bird, muskrat

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Hours of Operation

May to October
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
November to April
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Café is open for breakfast and lunch Monday to Friday.

*Closed Christmas day

Extended hours during the fall.

The Centre is also open beyond its public hours for group bookings and meetings.

WATERSHED LEGACY II

November marked the launch of the Watershed Legacy II, an Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre outreach project that brings interpreters and watershed education presentations to communities throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and parts of Alberta. The team kicked off the travel year with a week long trip to Brandon and will add two more trips to northwestern Ontario before the year is done. One of the goals of the Watershed Legacy II is to bring education presentations to areas that may not otherwise have access to the Interpretive Centre and its resources.

The Community Mapping Project is one component of the Watershed Legacy II. It helps to raise awareness of the unique features of communities throughout the prairie provinces using GPS and GIS technology. To date, over thirteen schools have participated in mapping their communities. The project has received the attention and recognition of ESRI, world leaders of GIS software development. ESRI has featured the Centre's mapping project on its web site, in its newsletter, and most recently at the ESRI Regional Users Conference held in Winnipeg in October of 2006. To explore the map, visit www.ohmic.ca and click on "Watershed Legacy Map."

VOYAGEUR DAYS AT THE CENTRE!

Specialty programs will be offered in February to groups booking at the Centre. The programs focus on voyageur culture, their relationship with Aboriginal people, and their unique role in Canada's history (they are suitable for grades 3 and up).



These programs include: "Concours des Meilleurs" (a friendly competition), "Voyageur Challenge" (obstacle course), "Beavers and the Fur Trade", and more. As well, on February 24th and 25th visitors can celebrate with specialty programs that are sure to get you warmed up!