



WINTER 2025

DISCOVER DIEFENBAKER



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE LAKE?

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Make sure to keep reading to discover seasons greetings and offers from local Lake Diefenbaker businesses!

Aurora magic over Lake Diefenbaker!

Did you know that strong northern lights can be seen this far south thanks to powerful solar storms hitting Earth's magnetic field?

Lake Diefenbaker's big sky and dark shorelines create perfect viewing conditions!

Have a favourite shot?
Send us your best northern lights photos!

HISTORY OF LAKE DIEFENBAKER

Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Reconciliation Statement

Lake Diefenbaker Tourism respectfully acknowledges that the lands and waters we promote and enjoy are located on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda, and the Métis Nation, within the homelands protected by Treaty 4 and Treaty 6.

Long before Lake Diefenbaker existed, these river valley lands supported thriving Indigenous Nations whose relationships to this place, through language, culture, stewardship, and knowledge continue today.

We recognize that the creation of Lake Diefenbaker, through the damming of the South Saskatchewan River, led to the displacement of Indigenous communities, the loss of important cultural and wintering sites, and the disruption of traditional practices. We acknowledge these harms and the continued impacts of colonial policies across the region.

We honour Indigenous sovereignty and the ongoing Treaty responsibilities that guide our work. As an organization committed to learning and meaningful action as we build respectful relationships, support Indigenous-led tourism, and share accurate history of this land and its original caretakers.

Reconciliation is ongoing, and we invite our partners, visitors, and community members to learn alongside us honouring the stories, cultures, and enduring presence of Indigenous peoples around Lake Diefenbaker.



WHERE THE RIVER ONCE RAN

History Stories of Lake Diefenbaker

Before the Gardiner Dam and Qu'Appelle Dam reshaped the South Saskatchewan River into what we now know as Lake Diefenbaker, the river served as one of the most important winter travel routes for Indigenous Nations across the Plains including the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda, and Métis communities.

When winter settled in and the river froze solid, it transformed into a natural highway that connected camps, hunting grounds, and trading places for hundreds of kilometres. The frozen surface made travel easier than crossing the steep coulees and rugged prairie terrain that surrounded the valley.

Families and hunting groups would move along the frozen river in mid-winter, using it to:

- reach sheltered wintering sites along the riverbanks,
- visit other camps for trade and social gatherings,
- access hunting areas where bison and deer wintered in the coulees, and
- transport furs, hides, dried meat, and goods across long distances.

Because the river cut deeply into the land, it also provided protection from wind and storms. Travelers often followed the frozen channel from bluff to bluff, stopping in well-known sheltered spots that had been used for generations.

The Métis wintering families were especially known for traveling along this river route after the fall bison hunt, setting up small communities of cabins along the valley.

Indigenous groups used the same crossings year after year, narrow points in the valley where the ice was thick and the hills allowed an easier climb. Some of these crossing locations remained in use well into the early 20th century and even influenced the placement of later ferry sites and roads.

This seasonal movement along the frozen river was not just practical, it was woven deeply into the annual rhythm of life. Winter travel brought families together, strengthened trade relationships, and connected people through shared knowledge of the land.

Today, Lake Diefenbaker covers much of that original riverbed, but the winter routes used long before the lake was formed still shape the landscape, the communities along its shores, and the stories people tell about life on the prairie.

Stay tuned as we continue sharing these rich histories in future issues of Discover Diefenbaker, with insights from local historians and Knowledge Keepers.

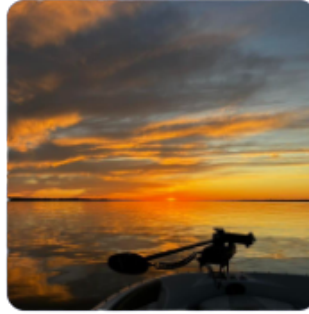
THE CREATION OF LAKE DIEFENBAKER

Lake Diefenbaker is the largest body of water in southern Saskatchewan. It was formed by two dams, the Qu'Appelle River Dam and Gardiner Dam. The Qu'Appelle Dam controls flows in the Qu'Appelle River and the Gardiner Dam controls flows in the South Saskatchewan River. The dams were officially opened July 21, 1967. The 64-metre tall, 5,000-metre long Gardiner Dam took nearly nine years to build and is one of the largest earthfill dams in the world.





2025 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



🏆 1st Place: Jennifer Kometscher 🥈 2nd Place: Leighton Weppler 🥉 3rd Place: Mackenzie Coutts

2025 SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST WINNERS



🏆 1st Place: Mack Stewart 🥈 2nd Place: Sylvie Patron 🥉 3rd Place: Everett Janke

TOP 6 WINTER ACTIVITIES AROUND LAKE DIEFENBAKER



Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is one of the most popular winter activities at Lake Diefenbaker, offering great opportunities for walleye, northern pike, and burbot.

Visitors can spend the day on the wide-open ice, rent a heated shack, or book a guided fishing adventure with a local outfitter for a comfortable, hassle-free experience.

It's one of the best ways to enjoy the lake's winter beauty.



Snowmobiling

The region's open prairie terrain, rolling hills, and lake-edge routes make snowmobiling a favourite winter pastime.

Riders can explore long stretches of countryside, enjoy scenic lookouts, and access remote areas not reachable by vehicle in the winter.

Snowmobiling communities and rural municipalities around the lake often maintain trails that welcome both locals and visitors.



Snowshoeing & Cross-Country Skiing

The parks and coulee systems around Danielson, Douglas, and Sask Landing become beautiful winter playgrounds perfect for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

These activities let visitors explore rolling hills, sheltered valleys, and shoreline routes at a relaxing pace. It's a great option for families, nature lovers, and anyone wanting to enjoy the quiet beauty of winter on the prairies.

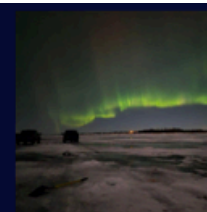


Tobogganing

Lake Diefenbaker's natural slopes, coulees, and park hills create amazing spots for tobogganing.

Families can spend the day sliding, laughing, and enjoying the fresh air, followed by hot chocolate breaks and fireside warm-ups.

It's one of the most accessible, family-friendly winter activities around the lake.



Stargazing

With exceptionally low light pollution, Lake Diefenbaker is one of southern Saskatchewan's top locations for winter stargazing. Cold, clear nights offer brilliant constellations, crisp star views, and—for the lucky—spectacular Aurora Borealis displays.

Many visitors plan night trips specifically to watch the sky glow and ripple over the frozen lake.



Ice Skating

Natural ice surfaces around Lake Diefenbaker, when safe, offer an unforgettable skating experience.

Whether it's a smooth stretch along sheltered bays or small community-maintained ice pads near the parks, skating outdoors on the frozen lake is a magical way to enjoy winter.

Visitors should always check ice conditions before heading out and choose areas known to freeze safely.





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SEASONAL SAFETY TIPS

Winter at Lake Diefenbaker offers beautiful scenery and countless activities, but it's important to stay prepared as conditions can change quickly.

Whether you're ice fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, skating, or simply exploring the area, always dress in layers, check weather and road conditions, let someone know your plans, and bring the proper gear for cold-weather emergencies.

Be aware of ice thickness, avoid travelling in low visibility, and carry essentials like extra clothing, a charged phone, food, and safety equipment.

A little preparation goes a long way in keeping your winter adventures safe, enjoyable, and worry-free.



Winter Weather

Winter weather can shift quickly at Lake Diefenbaker, especially for those heading out ice fishing or into areas with limited cell service. Before you go, scan the QR code to check the live weather radar and stay ahead of any incoming systems. A quick look now can make your winter trip safer and more enjoyable!



Winter Driving

Winter roads around Lake Diefenbaker can be unpredictable, with drifting snow, icy patches, and sudden weather changes, so it's important to plan ahead before travelling. Slow down, keep a safe following distance, use your headlights, carry a basic winter emergency kit, and always check your fuel level. For the most accurate road and travel information, scan the QR to view the Highway Hotline and check current conditions before heading out.



Ice Safety

- Plan ahead. Always tell someone where you will be fishing and when you plan to return.
- Be prepared. Wear proper cold weather apparel and layer clothing to stay warm. Assemble some safety gear for emergencies such as a cell phone, ice picks, a throw rope, flares and a life jacket or flotation suit.
- Stick together. Try to fish with others rather than alone.
- Avoid open water. If there is open water nearby or the ice looks slushy, stay away.
- Don't assume. Ice conditions can change rapidly. Test the ice thickness before you travel on it and check with other local anglers for information about the waterbody. Visit the QR code for more information on ice safety.





ICE FISHING ON LAKE DIEFENBAKER

Winter transforms Lake Diefenbaker into one of Saskatchewan's most exciting cold-season destinations. Anglers from across the province and beyond head to the lake for a chance at incredible fishing, beautiful scenery, and unforgettable winter experiences. Whether you're a seasoned fisher or simply curious about trying something new this year, Lake Diefenbaker offers something for everyone.

Where to Ice Fish on Lake Diefenbaker

Anglers typically look for areas with:

- Historical winter fishing activity
- Access points near parks, marinas, or communities
- Safe, consistent ice conditions
- Drop-offs, points, or deeper channels where fish often move in winter

Fish activity can vary week to week, and conditions can change quickly, so it's important to check ice conditions, watch the weather, and avoid unfamiliar areas without guidance.

If you're unsure where to start, many local outfitters on the lake offer guidance, shack rentals, and safe access suggestions!

Gear & Supplies to Bring

Ice fishing can be simple or as advanced as you'd like. Typical gear includes:

- Warm winter clothing & layers
- Ice Auger, an ice scoop, rod, line, and lures suitable for winter species
- A way to stay warm (heated shack, portable tent, or clothing layers)
- Ice safety tools and emergency supplies
- Snacks, water, and a charged phone (service may be limited)

Modern technology like sonar, flashers, and live-imaging units (such as forward-viewing sonar) have become popular tools that help anglers locate fish and watch them interact with lures under the ice.

What You Can Catch

Lake Diefenbaker is known for the following species in winter:

- Walleye
- Northern Pike
- Burbot (Ling)
- Rainbow Trout
- Perch
- White Fish
- Gold Eye

Each species has its own habits and preferred water depths, which is part of the excitement of fishing on such a diverse lake.

Accessing the Ice after Snowfall

Snowfall can make lake access unpredictable.

Drifts, slush pockets, and pressure ridges can appear without warning. Many anglers access the lake:

- Through provincial parks
- At boat launches
- At well-used local access points

Avoid travelling during storms, and always check the Highway Hotline, weather radar, and local updates before heading out. Always request landowner permission before entering private lands.

Overnight Ice Fishing and Winter Camping

Lake Diefenbaker is one of the few places in Saskatchewan where anglers enjoy overnight burbot fishing, as burbot become especially active after dark in the winter months. Many anglers choose to stay out overnight in a heated shelter, turning it into a memorable winter camping experience.

However, camping on the ice comes with important safety considerations. Always be prepared with a proper winter shelter, warm sleeping accommodations such as cots and insulated blankets, and a reliable heat source. **Avoid using propane heaters or any fuel-burning heat source inside an enclosed shelter, as they can produce carbon monoxide, which can be deadly.** Choose safe heating alternatives specifically designed for enclosed spaces and always ensure proper ventilation.



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Overnight Ice Fishing and Winter Camping (Continued)

Other safety considerations include:

- Monitoring changing ice conditions, as temperature shifts can cause cracks, pressure ridges, and weak spots.
- Keeping an eye on weather forecasts, especially during heavy snow or wind.
- Bringing backup safety gear, extra warm layers, lighting, a charged phone or communication device, and emergency supplies.
- Staying aware of drifting snow, which can block access routes overnight.
- Ensuring your shelter is visible to others using reflective markers or lights.

Overnight ice fishing can be an amazing experience, but being prepared, cautious, and aware of your surroundings will help keep your winter adventure both enjoyable and safe.

Conservation Matters

Catch-and-release plays a big role in protecting Lake Diefenbaker's fish populations especially large female species that are essential for future generations. Winter fishing can be tough on fish, so using proper techniques helps ensure they swim away strong.

Use barbless hooks, a rubber landing net, and tools like pliers or line cutters to reduce handling time. Land fish quickly, avoid fishing deeper than 9 metres (30 ft), and use artificial lures to prevent deep hooking. In winter, keep fish in the water as much as possible, handle them gently with wet hands, and limit air exposure, freezing temperatures can damage eyes, gills, and fins within seconds.

Support fish horizontally, never by the gills, and revive them slowly until they swim off on their own. If a fish is bleeding or cannot be revived, regulations require it to count toward your limit.

If you catch a tagged fish, report the tag number and details to help support ongoing research and monitoring on Lake Diefenbaker.

By practicing mindful catch-and-release, you're helping protect the lake's fishery, supporting healthy populations, and ensuring great fishing for years to come. Every careful release makes a difference!

Packaging Your Fish For Transportation

In order to enforce limits, conservation officers must be able to count and measure your fish. Approved methods of transporting fish include: (1) whole (round); (2) headless dressed; and (3) fillets.

Packaging your Fish for Transport



(1) Whole (Round)

- head and entrails intact
- can be easily counted and identified

(2) Headless Dressed

- head and entrails removed
- can be easily counted and identified

(3) Fillets

- at least 2.5 cm (1 in) patch of skin and scales intact on body (not belly)
- only two fillets per package
- can be easily counted and identified

Leave No Trace

Please help keep our lake clean:

- Pack out everything you bring
- Remove food scraps and fishing line
- Do not leave garbage, wood, or waste on the ice

A clean lake benefits wildlife, anglers, and future visitors.

Fishing Licenses

In Saskatchewan anyone under 16 or over 65 does not need a fishing license and anyone 16 to 64 requires one.

Angling licenses are available:

- Through your HAL account.
- At any Saskatchewan angling license issuer.
- At a Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment field office or select provincial park offices; or
- By phone: 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Please allow 10 business days for delivery.

If purchasing online, you will require a Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) system account. If you have an existing account, use your HAL number or your previously registered secondary identification number.





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Season Dates

For Lake Diefenbaker:

- o Fishing Season Opens May 5, 2025, and closes March 31, 2026.
- o Irrigation bay of Coteau Bay closed to angling March 1st to May 14th.
- o Stocked trout limit 1 on river section between Gardiner Dam and Enbridge pipeline crossing at 51°21' 106°59'.

Regulations

- Two lines may be used when ice fishing, but they must be within sight and 25 metres (27.3 yards) of the person who set or is using them.
- Only gaffs with a J-hook end may be used to land fish while ice fishing, and the gaffs cannot be more than 1.5 metres (1.6 yards) long.
- Use or possession of a spear on ice-covered waters is prohibited.
- Ice fishing shelters on Lake Diefenbaker must be removed from the ice no later than March 15.
- Storing or leaving ice fishing shelters on public land, or on private land without the landowner's consent, is prohibited.
- Ice fishing shelters left unattended on the ice must have the owner's full name, address and phone number in legible letters at least 2.5 centimetres (one inch) high on the outside of the shack.

Limits

- Burbot – Limit 8
- Goldeye (includes mooneye) – Limit 8
- Lake Trout – Limit 3 (only one may exceed 65 cm)
- Northern Pike – Limit 5 (only one may exceed 75 cm)
- Perch – Limit 25
- Stocked Trout (brook, brown, rainbow, tiger trout, splake) – Limit 5 total, all species combined
- Sturgeon – Limit 0 (Protected Species)
- Walleye (includes sauger & saugeye) – Limit 4 (only one may exceed 55 cm)
- Whitefish – Limit 8

How to measure a fish

Lay the fish on its side, with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. Measure the length in a straight line along a flat surface from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.



To Convert:

Centimetres to Inches	=	multiply by 0.39
Inches to Centimetres	=	multiply by 2.54
Kilograms to Pounds	=	multiply by 2.21
Pounds to Kilograms	=	multiply by 0.45



Want a Hassle Free Experience?

If you want to enjoy the excitement of ice fishing without managing all the equipment, safety planning, or setup, you can:

- o Rent a heated ice shack, or
- o Book a guided ice fishing adventure

Local guides provide:

- o Gear
- o Heat
- o Transportation
- o Expertise
- o Safe access information



It's the easiest way to enjoy Lake Diefenbaker in winter, especially for first-time visitors.

[Look into our webpage directory for featured Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Business Partners who offer guided fishing and ice shack rentals.](#)





Cooking Your Catch

Winter perch and walleye are local favourites.

Popular ways to prepare them include:

- Light pan-frying
- Baking with lemon and herbs
- Breaded fillets with simple seasoning

Winter-caught fish are known for firm texture and excellent flavour.

My personal favourite is pan fry.

Pan Fried Fresh Walleye or Perch

Ingredients:

- Fresh Lake Diefenbaker walleye or perch filets
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tb. seasoning mix
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup canola oil

Instructions:

1. Rinse fillets and pat dry fish.
2. Mix together flour and seasonings together in a pie plate. Season to taste.
3. Pre-heat large fry pan over medium heat. I like either cast iron or stainless pans for this.
4. Add oil to pan, enough so that there is about a 1/2 inch or so in the bottom.
5. Bread fish by turning in the flour a couple times. You could shake the fish with the flour mixture in a bag as well.
6. Add fish to hot oil, until pan is full but not crowded. Make sure there is about 1/2 inch of space between the pieces of fish.
7. Fry until browned. You'll know because the edges of the fish will start to brown and the fish will easily come free off the bottom of the pan. If the fish doesn't want to come free yet, let it cook a little longer. Turn when ready, it should only take a few minutes but will depend on the size of the filets.
8. Remove from pan when lightly browned, you don't want to over-cook and dry the fish out. Place the fish on a cooling rack lined with paper towels.

Great served with tartar sauce! Enjoy!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE LAKE



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OUTLOOK AND SURROUNDING AREA

LET'S GET LIT
A Festive Christmas Walk Through
at
THE TERRACE DINING ROOM
Broderick, SK
November 25th - December 21st
Open Tuesday - Sunday 5pm - 8pm
Call 306-867-2216 for more details
Donations gratefully accepted for charity.



OUTLOOK & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM
Last STOP SHOP Tradeshaw
DEC 13TH 10AM-2PM
OUTLOOK CIVIC CENTER
520 SIMPSON STREET OUTLOOK, SK
GIFT WRAPPING BY DONATION
SLEIGH RIDES
PICTURES WITH THE GRINCH
HOT LUNCH
Supported by
Community Futures, SaskNet, and S&M MAX.



Let the festivities begin...
start the Christmas season
at the Outlook Legion Hall
Friday, December 5, 2025
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Supper at 6:00 p.m.
• Bar • Meat Draws • Door Prizes • 50/50
Supper \$20.00
Please reserve your seat by calling 306-867-3844
before Noon, Wednesday, December 3
Outlook Legion Hall Railway Ave Outlook SK
Thank you for your support of Legion



Outlook & District Regional Park presents
the 4th Annual
Winter WONDERLAND
Walk-Thru Night
Enjoy a festive stroll, some hot chocolate, & visit Santa!
December 13th - 6pm to 9pm
Drive-Thru Nights
December 14th to 23rd - 6pm to 9pm
Donations to the park graciously accepted.
Thank you to all our volunteers & donors, & to everyone who helped decorate!



Join us at THE REAL THEATRE for...
Disney THE SANTA CLAUSE
Saturday, December 6th
Movie Showings
1:00pm & 3:30pm
Arrive Early to Visit Santa
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. NO TICKETS.
Sponsors: Integra Tire, RE/MAX, KALM, Western Sales, The Outlook, SUBWAY, DLN, PRAIRIE, Outlook Rentals Ltd., Nutrien, LEE, OMC, TA, VANTAGE, AG, PRAIRIE CENTRE, Outlook Bakery.



2ND HAND CHRISTMAS STORE
Come shop & enjoy a Christmas coffee or tea at the Variety Place 2nd Hand Christmas Store
Open
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
November 12 - December 12
10:00am - 3:30pm
600 Conquest Ave. W
Outlook, SK
If you would like to take part in donating or consigning some gently used Christmas decorations, trees or ornaments, please contact Irma at 0003-491-0513



WESTERN WATER MANAGEMENT PRESENTS
SLAP SHOTS & STAND-UP
AN EVENING OF COMEDY & MUSIC
JANUARY 3, 2026
COMEDY SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM
TICKETS
\$50 FOR 2 ADULTS
PRE-SALE COST UNTIL DECEMBER 23RD
\$30 ADULT 18+
\$15 CHILD
MUSIC BY FREE WINDS & RISE PROVIDED BY DLN MYLES MORRISON
GET YOUR TICKETS FROM THE TOWN OF OUTLOOK OFFICE OR FROM A&E ENTERPRISES
TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OF THE EVENT



OUTLOOK U22 ICE HAWKS



OUTLOOK AMATEUR SPORTS



ICE HAWKS OUTLOOK



OUTLOOK CURLING CLUB
1910-2010



MACRORIE ARENA





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OUTLOOK AND SURROUNDING AREA (CONTINUED)



CONQUEST RINK



MACRORIE RINK SUPPERS COMING IN JAN!



Join us for
SLEIGH RIDES & Skating

at Macrorie Arena
December 26th
from 2-5
Burgers from 1-5:30pm



ELBOW/ LOREBURN AREA



19ERS HOCKEY CLUB



Elbow Palliser Library & Elbow Parks & Recreation invite you to participate in the

2025 Festival of Trees

Decorating
November 23 - November 30
Check the Calendar of Events for scheduled activities

Voting Begins
4 PM November 30

Winners Announced
Community Carol Festival
December 14, 2025

First Prize - \$150 Gift Card
Second Prize - \$100 Gift Card
Third Prize \$50 Gift Card



VILLAGE OF ELBOW EVENTS PAGE



Community Carol Festival

Celebrate the holidays with family and friends & enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season

EVERYONE WELCOME!

7:00 PM | 14 DECEMBER

Goodies and Refreshments

Bethel Lutheran Church



LOREBURN ARENA



ELBOW HARBOR GOLF COMMUNITY CENTER





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LUCKY LAKE/ BEECHY AREA

Annual Lucky Lake Kinsmen
CHRISTMAS Party
NOV 29 Featuring:
 The Dance Band
 Cocktails: 5 pm
 Supper: 6 pm
 Dance: 7:30 pm

LUCKY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

KINETTE CLUB OF LUCKY LAKE
CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
 10 AM - 3 PM - LUCKY LAKE HALL

life captured PICTURES WITH SANTA BY DONATION TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 DONATIONS GO TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MEL ROSE & CO BAKERY AND COFFEE SHOP CRAFTY GIRL STUDIO 42 DESIGNS RICHARD'S LEATHER WORK WATKINS KEN'S SMOKESHED WOW - WORKS OF WOOD NORWEX DEBBIE'S SEWING DAWNA'S GIFTS RUTH'S PEROGIES MADE IN MOM'S BASEMENT THE HOT DOG GUY SCENTSY COUNTRY COTTAGE KNITS CRAFTY CREATIONS BY TRINA BRENDA'S POTTERY CROCHET & CRAFTS 646 SAUCES CHRISTINA MCKAY PRAIRIE BEADS A SINGLE STRAND YOLLODY BOARD GAME TWINKLE TREASURES SUNDAY SPARKS CLOTHING COATS FOR KIDS OBIIDIAN IMPRESSIONS TATTOOS

VILLAGE OF BEECHY

LUCKY LAKE LAKERS

AGT LUCKY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

LUCKY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

KINMEN CLUB OF LUCKY LAKE
CHASE THE ACE
 Returning February 2026

AGT FOODS

BEECHY CURLING CLUB

WHITECAP/ DAKOTA DUNES AREA

NEW YEAR'S EVE
 DREAMS & RUMORS
SOLD OUT
 BOB MAC TRIBUTE EXPERIENCE
DECEMBER 31

Winter Adventures
 EXPERIENCE WINTER THE DAKOTA DUNES WAY.

THE CAVERNERS
 BEATLES TRIBUTE
FEBRUARY 19, 2026



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KYLE AREA

 	 	 <p>KYLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE</p> 	 <p>Christmas Extravaganza</p> <p>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 10AM - 4PM KYLE ELKS COMMUNITY HALL KYLE, SK</p> <p>PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Color Street Norwex Fifth Avenue Collection Country Cottage Knits Scenity Jodie's Handbuilt Pottery Tubesse Gardens Hillside Equine Quilts and Jean Blankets Pitman Girls Crafts and Treats Hill Creations Prisarie Internet Four Feathers Calli Clothing Rise n Shine And more... <p>LUNCH by Kyle Adventure Seekers Santa Claus 1 - 3PM</p> <p>For more info, contact Chelsea at [phone number]</p> 
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RIVERHURST/ CENTRAL BUTTE AREA

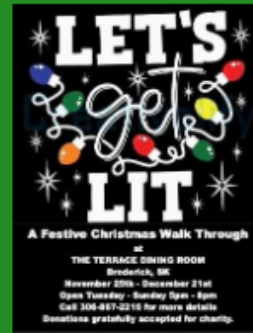
 <p>VILLAGE OF RIVERHURST</p> 	 <p>Christmas Family Gathering</p> <p>SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH</p> <p>2PM - 5PM ADULTS \$5 KIDS \$2 PICTURES WITH SANTA & DIXIE CLAUSE CASH BAR</p> 	 <p>TOWN OF CENTRAL BUTTE</p> 	 <p>MINOR HOCKEY</p> 
 	 <p>LIGHTS ON TWINKLE TOUR</p> <p>Friday Dec. 19, 2025 @ 7:00</p> <p>Central Butte Rink</p> <p>Rink Kitchen will be open @ 6:00 for food & drink purchases!</p> <p>WARM UP & GET YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA IN THE RINK AFTERWARDS!</p> <p>WAGONS LEAVE THE RINK AT 7:00 PM.</p> <p>Winner of the Christmas Lights Contest will be the final stop of the tour!</p> 	 <p>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST</p> <p>Decorate your yard for a chance to win a Holiday themed gift basket!</p> <p>Community members will vote for their favourite Christmas display! Voting opens on December 1st and the winner will be chosen on December 19th during "Lights On".</p> <p>You can place your vote at the following local businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB Grocery • Calloway • Conexus Credit Union • Co-op <p>1 vote per person (Santa is watching!)</p> 	 <p>HOW MR. FINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS</p> <p>WEDNESDAY DEC. 17, 2025 AT 7:45</p> <p>CENTRAL BUTTE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM</p> <p>SILVER COLLECTION GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED</p> 





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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND OFFERINGS



Merry Christmas from Ronnie at The Terrace Dining Room
Broderick, SK

It's time to book your Christmas Parties!

Join us for a festive Christmas Walk Through Nov 25th - Dec 21st !

Happy Holidays from Dakota Dunes Golf Links
Whitecap, SK



Click for easy Gift Giving with our Online Offers. Orders placed online can be mailed out or picked up at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links Pro Shop.

Happy Holidays from Living Sky Sailing School
Elbow, SK



Wishing you fair winds, calm waters, and a joy-filled holiday season!

Thank you for being part of our sailing crew. Whether you joined us for a lesson or for your first sailboat ride we're grateful for your support.

May your hard water season be bright, and your sails always catch a friendly breeze.

Happy Holidays from Dakota Dunes Resort
Whitecap, SK



Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and safe holiday season from all of us at Dakota Dunes Resort. This time of year is made for slowing down, reconnecting, and creating memories together. If you're looking to make the season shine a little brighter, we'd love to welcome you for a cozy family getaway. Enjoy the beauty of the valley, unwind in comfort, and don't miss the chance to explore our new Cosmic Dome experience—a stargazing journey that brings the wonders of the universe to life. Here's to a season filled with warmth, discovery, and time well spent.



Save 30% off your room using code: **BIGDEAL**

Book between Nov 10, 2025 - Dec 15, 2026



Happy Holidays from The Village of Elbow

Elbow, SK

WINTER 2025

DISCOVER DIEFENBAKER

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE LAKE?





SCAN FOR OUR SOCIALS!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND OFFERINGS (CONTINUED)

Village of Lucky Lake and RM of Canaan
Lucky Lake, SK

Happy Holidays from The Town of Outlook
Outlook, SK

Happy Holidays from Lotus Revival Yoga Studio
Formerly out of Outlook, SK
Now offering Virtual Classes

It's that time of year again when the holiday season is right around the corner. For many this means shopping, baking, decorating, visiting, and winter fun in the snow. Consider giving the gift of yoga to those on your list, enjoy the offerings yourself as we welcome the new year, or experience them with cherished friends or family from afar.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO

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OUTLOOK & DISTRICT HERITAGE MUSEUM & GALLERY

Happy Holidays from Outlook & District Heritage Museum
Outlook, SK

season's greetings

Happy Holidays from Jocelyne, Phil, and Cari with RE/MAX Shoreline Realty
Office in Outlook, SK

Merry Christmas
FROM THE BOARD & STAFF AT COMMUNITY FUTURES MID-SASK

Loans | Advice | Support
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Happy Holidays from Mid-Sask Community Futures
Outlook, SK



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND OFFERINGS (CONTINUED)

Happy Holidays from Harbor Golf Club Elbow, SK

GAME PASS SALE extended to December 21!

Save 11% off the 2026 rate!
GIFT CARD PROMO is back by popular demand!!

For every \$50 gift card purchased before December 21, you will receive a food voucher worth \$20 ! (some stipulations apply)



🎄 Happy Holidays from Lake Diefenbaker Tourism! ✨

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the entire Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Board!

We are truly grateful for your continued support throughout 2025 and for being part of what makes the Lake Diefenbaker region so special.

As we head into a new year, we're excited to keep working alongside you, promoting our communities, showcasing local experiences, and welcoming visitors to explore everything our beautiful lake has to offer.

Thank you for helping us grow tourism, build community spirit, and strengthen our region one season at a time.

Wishing you joy, peace, and a magical holiday season.

See you at the lake!!



Happy Holidays from The Bays on Diefenbaker Loreburn, SK





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KIDS CORNER

A CHRISTMAS GIFT JUST FOR YOU!!

Lake Diefenbaker Tourism is spreading a little extra holiday cheer!

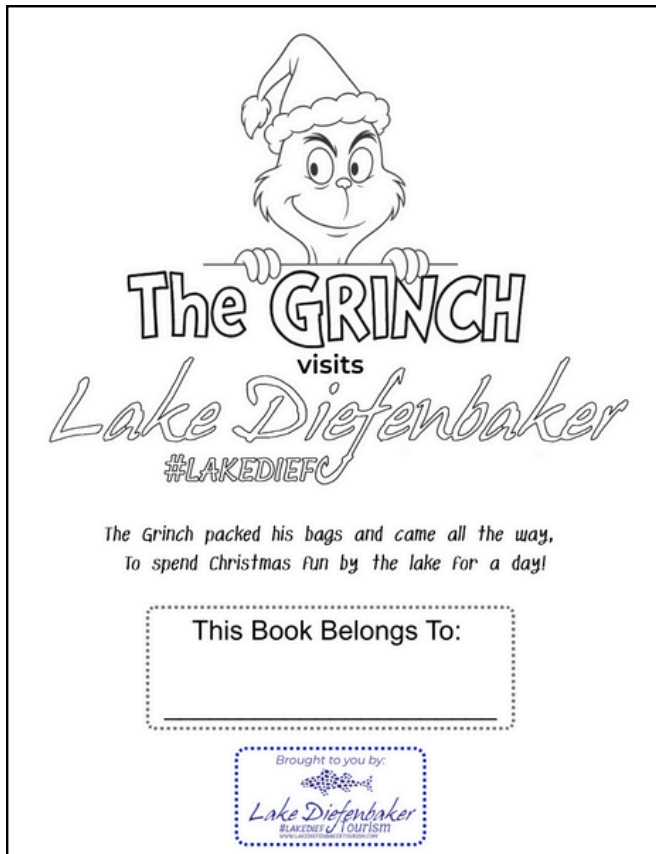
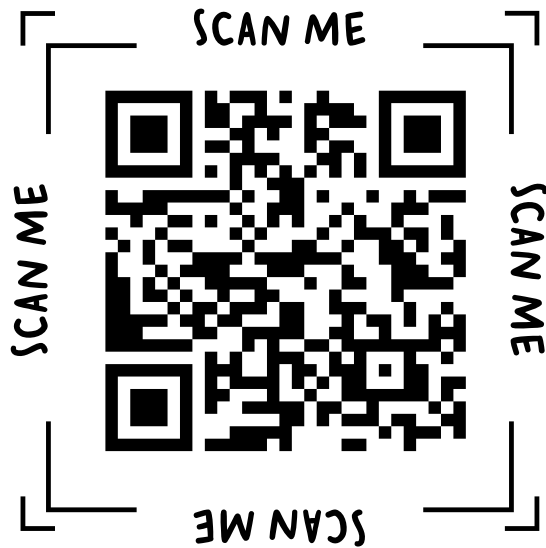
We've created a FREE printable colouring book "The Grinch Visits Lake Diefenbaker!" filled with local winter fun, adorable scenes, and kid-friendly activities.

✨ Scan the code to download your free copy!

Enjoy festive pages of the Grinch tobogganing, ice fishing, skiing, shopping local, and exploring all the magic around our beautiful lake. This is our Christmas gift to you, a thank-you for supporting our communities, our local businesses, and the spirit of Lake Diefenbaker all year long.

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Warm wishes, happy colouring, and enjoy the holiday season from all of us at Lake Diefenbaker Tourism.





SCAN FOR OUR SOCIALS!

TOURISM: AN INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY

Tourism Saskatchewan recently released an inspiring video titled Tourism: An Investment in Community (Shown Below), highlighting the powerful impact tourism has on communities across our province. We encourage you to take a moment to watch and share this message, it speaks directly to the heart of what makes the Lake Diefenbaker region so unique and full of potential.

Why Tourism Is Critical for the Lake Diefenbaker Region

Tourism isn't just about visitors, it's about community growth, local pride, and economic resilience. Around Lake Diefenbaker, tourism plays an especially important role, and its impact is felt in many ways:

- **Strengthening Small Communities**
 - Many of our surrounding towns and rural communities depend on visitor spending to support:
 - Local businesses
 - Seasonal operations
 - Community programs and events
 - Recreation facilities and attractions
 - The dollars visitors bring in circulate through our region, helping keep businesses open, creating jobs, and supporting long-term sustainability.
- **Collaboration = Bigger Impact**
 - Now more than ever, it's essential for municipalities, businesses, and community groups around the lake to work together. By joining forces, we can:
 - Share marketing and promotional expenses
 - Increase visibility for ALL communities
 - Build stronger regional experiences
 - Offer more value to visitors
 - Strengthen shoulder seasons and year-round visitation
 - Collectively, we can do far more than any one community or business can do alone.
- **Tourism as an Economic Driver**
 - Tourism is one of the fastest ways to inject new money into local economies. Visitors:
 - Spend at restaurants and stores
 - Book accommodations
 - Purchase fuel and supplies
 - Explore attractions, parks, marinas, and shops
 - Attend events, tournaments, and markets
 - Every visit creates a ripple effect that benefits our entire region.

Why It Matters Today More Than Ever

With many small communities facing challenges in population shifts, rising costs, staff shortages, reduced government funding, tourism is becoming a critical lifeline. Investing in tourism helps maintain vibrant communities where people want to live, work, raise families, and visit.

The Lake Diefenbaker region has tremendous untapped potential, and continued collaboration through partnerships, shared marketing, and regional leadership will help us grow not only tourism, but community strength.

Let's Keep Building Lake Diefenbaker Region Together!

Thank you to our business partners and community leaders who continue to invest in the future of this region. By working together, we can build stronger experiences, attract more visitors, and ensure Lake Diefenbaker remains a thriving destination for generations to come.

If you'd like help promoting your business, listing events, or participating in regional initiatives, we're here to support you every step of the way.

View the Video by Scanning the QR code:





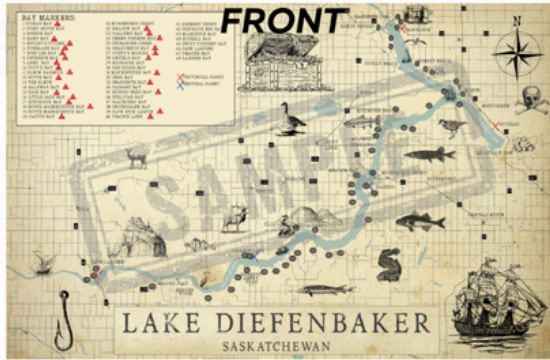
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PIRATE MAPS OF LAKE DIEFENBAKER



Lake Diefenbaker Tourism has modernized and recreated everyone's favourite map of Lake Diefenbaker as local fundraising event for the continuation of Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Non-Profit Organization.

Lake Diefenbaker Tourism is offering Pirate Map orders for retail to all business partners!



WHERE TO PURCHASE PIRATE MAPS:

- o Danielson Provincial Park Visitor Centre (Gardiner Dam)
- o Resort Village of Mistusinne
- o Riverbend Co-op (Beechy Location)
- o RE/MAX Shoreline Realty
- o Outlook & District Heritage Museum
- o Outlook Medical Pharmacy
- o Hitchcock's Hideaway

UNLOCK MORE LAKE DIEFENBAKER!

**Love this printed newsletter?
 There's even more online!**

Scan the QR code to join our Discover Diefenbaker email list and receive:

- o Event updates
- o Local stories
- o Business highlights
- o Regional news and announcements
- o Outdoor adventure ideas in the area

It's free, easy, and keeps you connected all year long.

Don't Miss a Thing – Straight to your inbox!





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2026 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Become a Business Partner with Lake Diefenbaker Tourism!

Thank you for your interest in supporting and being part of Lake Diefenbaker Tourism.

Whether you're a returning Business Partner or considering joining us for the first time, we're excited to share updates as we prepare for an impactful 2026 tourism season. We'd love to work with you and help showcase your business across the Lake Diefenbaker region!

To plan effectively for the upcoming year for tradeshow, print materials, visitor guides, online content, social promotions, and regional campaigns, we're aiming to confirm as many 2026 partnerships as possible by December.

Early sign-up ensures:

- Your business is featured from the very beginning of the season
- You're included in all opportunities, not just those later in the year
- We can plan content around your specific offerings, deals, and events

Purchase Your 2026 Partnership Online

We've made the process easier than ever with a simple form and e-transfer payment option.

Scan the QR Code to the right to:

- Confirm your 2026 partnership
- Update your directory listing
- Upload new photos
- Add new deals or offerings
- Provide info for your 2026 social intro post



**SCAN TO GET
YOUR
PARTNERSHIP
ONLINE!**

Updated 2026 Partnership Pricing

To support fair access and encourage more municipal participation, we've refreshed our pricing structure:

- **Business Partnerships**
 - Regular Business – \$150
 - Non-Profit – \$50
- **Municipal Partnerships**
 - Small (<300 population) – \$250
 - Medium (300–500 population) – \$500
 - Large (500+ population) – \$1,000

We Appreciate You!

Your collaboration helps us grow tourism across the region and bring more visitors and potential customers, into our communities. We truly value your support and look forward to another great year working together.

If you have questions, new ideas, or content you'd like us to share, we'd love to hear from you anytime

