



SOLID LINE: Trans Canada Trail/Crow Wing Trail identified by blue signs with white arrows.

DASHED LINE: Dry route after a rain or during high Red River water levels

Access Point: Parking in Emerson Centennial Park; washrooms open June-Oct; picnic shelter.

Length for Wet Trails: 10 km East of Red River and 13 km West of Red River

West of Red River Loop:

Dry Trail: Proceed south from Emerson Park to PR 200 Bridge over Red River; turn right immediately after crossing bridge, down to Cable Suspension Bridge; continue on Lower River Bottom Forest to Fort Dufferin; take west entrance gate out; turn north; go around Lake Louise; follow Sherwood Ave to Log Customs Buildings. Dashed trail takes you back over bridge to Emerson Park.

Wet Trail: If River Bottom Forest under water, after crossing bridge, proceed ahead 300 yds; go north on paved Manchester Ave; continue to Fort Dufferin. Remainder of loop same as dry route.

East of Red River Loop:

Dry Trail: Proceed west from Emerson Park to trail on top of dyke; proceed north under CN railway track following outside of steel coffer dam protecting town from flooding; continue two miles on Lower River Bottom Forest to gravel River Rd; follow River Rd east half mile; cross CP tracks; turn south on grass trail; continue one mile to PR 200; turn east for half mile along PR 200; go south on grass trail to Abandoned Cemetery; at south entrance, turn west past new cemetery; go south on South Ave to border. Canada-U.S. boundary marked with Canadian and American flags. Dashed trail takes you westward, back to Emerson Park. (North on 6th St E; westward to Emerson Park. (North on 6th St E; westward to Dennis St; North on 1st St E; West on Dufferin St; south on Winnipeg St; West on Dennis St to Emerson Park).

Wet Trail: Proceed north in Emerson Park, east around ball diamond fencing to Main St; go north on sidewalk under CN railway trestle; cross Main St at Church St (Health Centre); continue north to Post Office; turn right for 2 blocks on Dominion St.; turn left for 1 block on 1st St; turn right for 3 blocks on Park St.; turn left for 4 blocks on 4th St.; turn right for 50' on Assiniboine Ave; turn left onto dyke; follow north for 2 miles to gravel River Rd to connect to dry route. Go back to Abandoned Cemetery and Emerson Park.

History/To See: Log Customs Buildings 1870; Rock Fountain Lagoon Park; Lake Louise (Ox-bow lake named by the North West Mounted Police 1874); Fort Dufferin (original headquarters of North-West Mounted Police 1874); Cable Suspension Bridge; pivoting iron CNR train bridge 1904; Emerson Town Hall 1918; Abandoned Cemetery 1976; and several historic homes on Park St built in 1872.

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