

Thompson, Manitoba

<http://www.thompson.ca/>



Buried deep in the Canadian Shield and the northern Canadian boreal forest is the city of Thompson located 739 km north of Winnipeg. Known as the hub of Northern Manitoba, Thompson acts as the central trade and service mecca for the region. Isolation coupled with boundless surrounding wilderness creates a unique outdoor experience for locals and visitors alike in Thompson. To the south is the Paint Lake Provincial Recreational Park which envelopes Manitoba's largest marina. Even further south are the majestic Pisew Falls, Manitoba's highest waterfall accessible by road. There is a golf course in town and also a river air-base where planes can be chartered to reach some of the more remote parts of the province. Mystery Mountain Winter Park hosts the town's downhill skiing, snowboarding, and cross country skiing facilities. Snowmobiling is another popular activity around Thompson, boasting more than 200 groomed trails.



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Weather



Thompson is marked by a subarctic climate, with long, bitterly cold winters, and short but warm summers. Monthly means range from $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in January to $15.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in July, and the annual mean is $-3.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Though a majority of the annual precipitation of 517 millimetres (20.4 in) falls from June to September, winter is by no means devoid of precipitation. Snow falls mainly from October to

May, with generally small accumulation in June and September, totaling 186 centimetres per year.

Location



Thompson is located 830 km north of the Canada – United States border, 739 km north of the provincial capital of Winnipeg, and is 396 km (246 mi) northeast of Flin Flon.

Transportation

The city has two bus routes that provide a good service around the city. Greyhound buses also provide several daily buses to Winnipeg. For an alternative way to travel why not consider the Winnipeg to Churchill train line that stops in Thompson a few times a week - <http://www.viarail.ca/en/explore-our-destinations/trains/prairies-and-northern-manitoba/winnipeg-churchill>



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Thompson airport has a number of daily flights to Winnipeg and other communities around the province.

<http://www.thompsonairport.ca/>

Accommodation

A large percentage of people living in Thompson choose to rent, meaning demand for rental accommodation is always high. Prices are still however in line with the rest of the province. The average cost for a two bedroom apartment is \$796.

The average price for residential sales so far in 2013 has been just under \$200,000. For more information see <http://www.realestatemanitoba.com/index.htm>

Education

Thompson belongs to the school district of Mystery Lake which has a number of elementary schools and one high school. The district offers a French immersion programme and well as class in the Cree language.

<http://www.mysterynet.mb.ca/>

In 2009 the Franco-Manitoban School Division has set up an elementary school that allows children to receive instruction in French with peers in a Francophone culture.

<https://www.dsfm.mb.ca/ScriptorWeb/scripto.asp?resultat=669949>

University College of the North offers post-secondary education with more than 40 degree, diploma, and certificate programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, Faculty of Trades and Technology, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Business, and as part of community-based contract training and Apprenticeship training. Two of the main UCN campuses as based in Thompson -

<https://www.ucn.ca>



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Health Services

Thompson Hospital provides extensive care for Thompson residents and those in surrounding areas.

<http://www.thompsonhealth.com/>

For more information about health care in Thompson see the Northern Health Region website - <http://www.northernhealthregion.ca/>

Recreation

The City of Thompson provides recreational and culture opportunities to the citizens and visitors of Thompson through recreational programming, events and management of city owned facilities such as the Norplex pool and the Thompson Regional Community Centre.

Attractions in the city include the Thompson Zoo, Millennium Trail; a 15km hike and bike loop around the city and Spirit Way; a pathway and biking route in the city highlighting 16 unique points of interest along the way. For those in need of some



retail therapy Thompson is a major retail service centre for the Northern Manitoba region. The city has three fully enclosed shopping centres, Westwood Mall, Thompson Plaza and the City Centre Mall.

In the surrounding area of the city there is the spectacular Piswe Falls just south of the city south of the city and Thompson Golf Club, a picturesque nine hole golf course. Paint Lake has picnic sites, two boat launches, a baseball diamond and fitness trail. In the winter months Paint Lake has groomed snowmobile trails, ice skating, a toboggan run and ice fishing. Mystery Mountain Winter Park also offers fun and adventure for all the family with 18 downhill ski runs.



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Industry

Thompson's most prominent local industry is the mining, milling, smelting and refining of nickel. Many new residence come to Thompson for the job opportunities that the mining industry has to offer.

After the mining companies in the area, the provincial government employ the majority of the people in Thompson. Many federal and provincial government agencies have offices in Thompson. Thompson also has a large retail sector, providing such things as clothing for all ages, a pet store, jewelry stores, travel agencies, vehicle dealerships, and grocery stores.

Taxes

Manitobans pay taxes on their income and retail purchases. Extra taxes are collected on fuel and tobacco products.

For detailed information on taxes in Manitoba, visit:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation/index.html>

For a list of available tax credits in Manitoba, visit:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdl/tpcs/ncm-tx/rtrn/cmpltng/prvncl/07-eng.html>



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