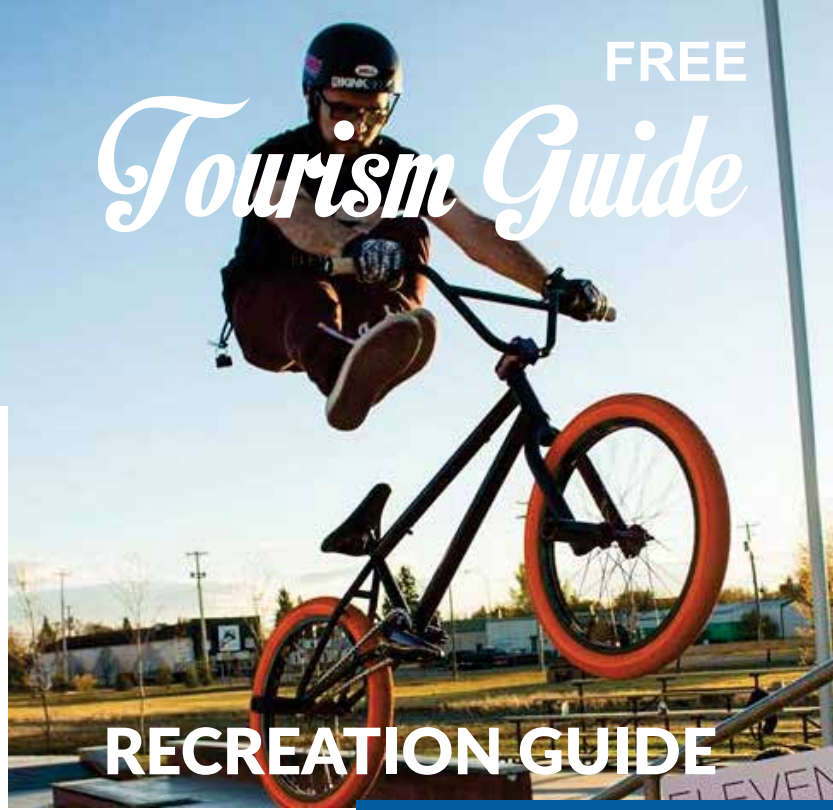




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**Weekdays**

Tread The Thunder is a volunteer based organization promoting and developing mountain biking at Thunder Hill, located in the Swan Valley. Joining the club as an active member means that you care about keeping the multi-use trails at Thunderhill open for everyone to enjoy. Your membership supports the trail builders, club events, and insurance that covers all trail users. By supporting the club you are helping build our trail network to become one of the best in Manitoba. We are located just north of Kenville, MB on Hwy 83. Take Road 487 Approx. 1.4 miles West. You will find us at the top of the hill. Follow the signs as you near the hill. Trail supporter donations are greatly accepted and can be made by e-transfer to [treadthethunder@gmail.com](mailto:treadthethunder@gmail.com)  
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# POKER DERBIES

Hundreds of people flock to our area to participate in the numerous **Snowmobile Poker Derbies** that take you on a journey through our scenic landscape. The Swan Valley is recognized as one of the **best places in Canada** to attend poker derbies by riding your horse, snowmobile, or ATV (quads).

Poker Derbies are sponsored by a variety of organizations and clubs from different communities throughout the Valley as fund

raisers. As the word "Poker" would imply, you get to purchase playing card hands and draw from a deck or pick numbered chips; trying to achieve the highest poker hand or highest chip total. The prize money is based on the number of registered participants. Riders take along a picnic lunch or stop at the warm up shacks along the way for a bowl of chili and some story telling.

We have over **550 miles of trails** to experience taking you through the Duck Mountains, Porcupine Forest and surrounding municipalities.

Poker Derbies are family fun and a great way to explore and experience the vast outdoors and back country.

You can find a list of poker derbies to attend on the events calendar sheet in this guide.



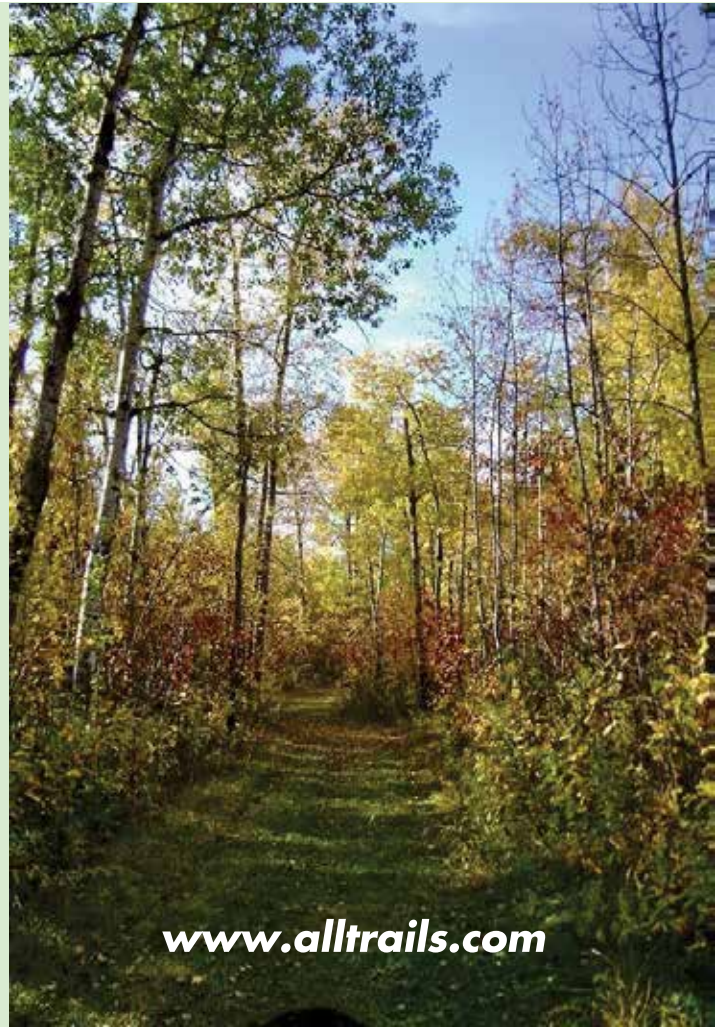
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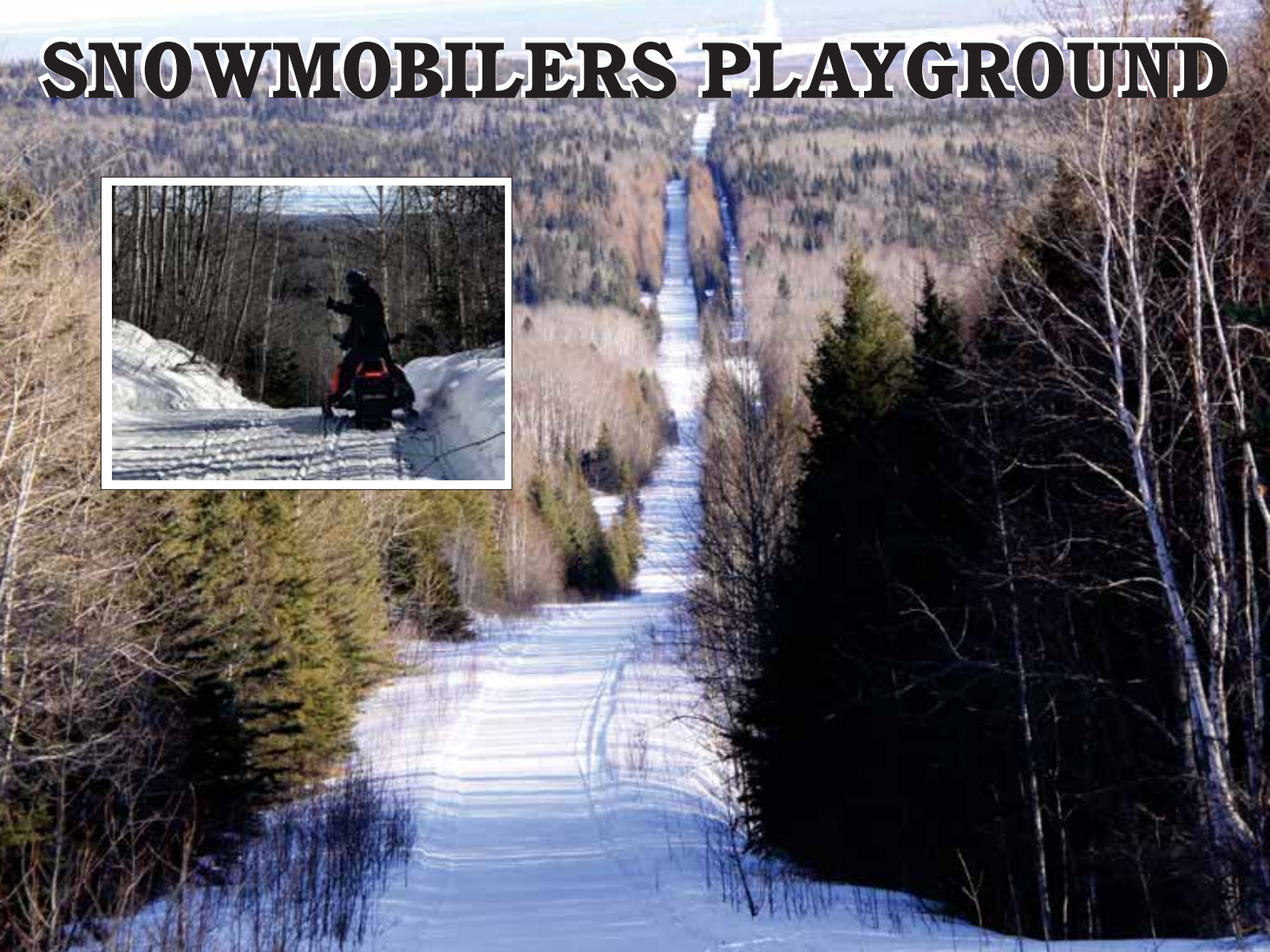
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## Swan River Lions Skate Plaza

The Swan River Lions Skate Plaza is 8,000 sq ft of integrated plaza and bowl terrain detailed with colour and unique obstacles and is geared toward the beginner to intermediate rider with additional expert level features.



## Richardson Recreation & Wellness Swan Valley Credit Union Aquatic Centre

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- Aquatic fitness classes
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- Family swim
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- Public swim
- Private rental
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- Adult leisure & lap swim
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- Swimmer (ages 5 & up)
- Swim Patrol
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# Swan Valley Historical Museum and Heritage Village



Located less than one mile north of Swan River on Hwy 10 featuring a general store, country school, blacksmith shop, machine shop, sawmill, railway station and a house of eight sides.

Harvest Festival, held in August, features demonstrations such as stooking, shingle making, threshing, rug making, spinning and weaving, and mouth watering clay oven baked bread. The day is complete with a supper and entertainment. The Annual Turkey Shoot is held in November.

For information call **204-734-3585**.

## Gertrude Twilley Richardson

An exhibit can be found in The Swan Valley Historical Museum commemorating Gertrude Twilley Richardson who was instrumental in organizing the first "Women's Suffrage Society" in Manitoba on 22 March 1912 which existed until women got the vote in 1917.

- The Roaring River Suffrage Association was founded in March 1912, with both men and women as members. Gertrude was president and her sister Fannie Livesey was secretary. They thought they were the first suffrage group in Manitoba.

- She also co-founded a Home Economics Society at which women exchanged recipes and learned about trade so they could understand and influence their husbands' business dealings.

- Nellie McClung came to Swan River and stayed with the Richardsons. She addressed a womens' meeting in the afternoon and a packed meeting of both men and women in the evening.



**Gertrude Twilley Richardson**



**Nellie McClung**



## Lumax Family Heritage Museum

The family memorabilia of Darrell and Doreen Lumax and families have been preserved and are available for all to enjoy. Many of these treasured possessions arrived in the Valley as early as 1898 with the David Gunn family; P.J. Lumax in 1902; the Emory Allen family in 1915; and the W.C. Hunt family which arrived in 1921. Appreciate furniture that made the pioneer trek from Ontario, the Dakotas and Missouri and view historic documents and pictures. The museum also is home to the records and pictures of how "Green Valley Stock Farm" became a major horse breeding operation. All visitors are welcome. **Call 204-525-4273.**



## Cowan Country School Museum

Located next to Kolisnyk's general store on Hwy 10 in Cowan the old country school "West School - # 1132" has been restored to be as original as possible. Thanks to the Kolisnyk family and Sylvester and Rosann Wowchuk we can all enjoy an era in time.





GET OUT ... AND PLAY

**The Swan River Senior Centre** is a gathering place for seniors enjoying a vibrant retired life. Open daily, pool tables, floor curling, floor shuffle, card games, bingo, square dancing and birthday parties are among the activities keeping seniors active. 702 1st St N, 204-734-2212 Up Your Alley Bowling for Senior Bowling from Sept. till April on Thursdays.

**Services to Seniors** located in Swan River offers an assortment of services such as Swan River Lifeline, volunteer and paid transportation, congregate meals, walking program, blood pressure and foot care programs committed to helping seniors remain independent and enjoy a quality life style. Presentations and workshops are also offered on topics relevant to seniors. 516 Main St, 204-734-5707

**The Benito Seniors Drop In Centre** offers pool tables, cards, shuffleboard, and lunches every Saturday. Drop in Monday thru Saturday 2:00-5:00 pm. 110 Main St., 204-539-2041

**The Northern Neighbours** located in Birch River is open weekends from 8:00-11:00am for coffee and toast. The first Sunday of each month is a wonderful potluck supper, free if you bring a potluck item and a small fee if not. There is an exercise room, pool tables, cards and shuffleboard available. 309 Victoria Ave

**Minitonas** seniors meet Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 pm for an afternoon of companionship, lunch, shuffleboard, cards and games. 302 Main St., 204-525-4840

**Pine River** meets Mondays 7:00 - 9:00pm for supper, bingo, cards, and games. 417 2nd Ave, 204-263-2643



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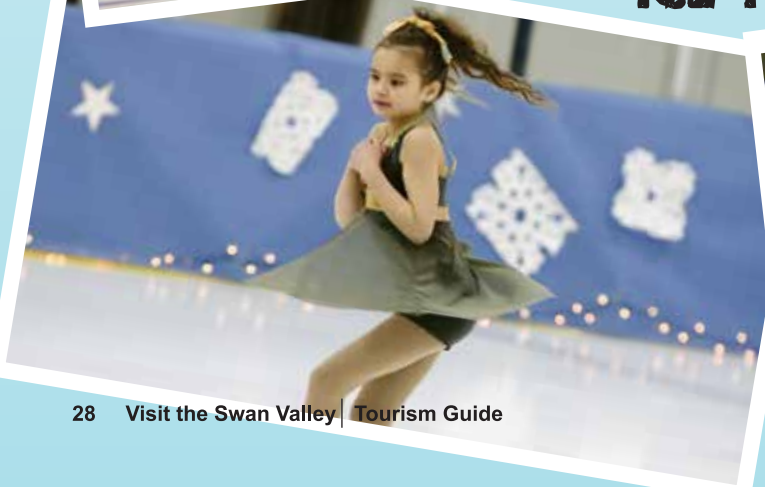


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## ICE TIME



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# Swan Valley Stock Car Club



**The Swan Valley Stock Car Club (SVSCC)** has over 30 years of continuous racing and what keeps it alive is the social aspect, which has always been huge. You can see camaraderie in how all the members work together and share tires, tools and knowledge.

Some of the rules have changed but the same cars are still used on the track with fresh paint and a whole lot of time, blood,

sweat, history and pride. It's quick and easy, cheap and fun.

If anyone wants to get involved, come and see us in the pit after the race. Everyone is welcome to come ask questions and make yourself at home or even take a car for a drive.

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entertainment.

The Swan Valley Speedway is located 5 kms east of Swan River on Hwy #10 and 9 kms south on Sevick Road #488 and 1/2 mile east on Wellman Lake Road.

For more information and for race dates call Cliff Robertson at 204-281-1833 or Tanya Chernyk at 204-281-2118

## Durban Demolition Derby



Every year on the second Sunday in August the community centre hosts a demolition derby at the old school grounds in Durban. Participants from the Parkland region and the Swan Valley region gather to test their skills and vehicle stamina in the ring. It is a family event with amazing concessions on site. For more information about the demo derby phone **204-539-2405**.





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