

Come for Convention – and add a few days to enjoy Saskatoon’s culture and heritage!

Its always great to attend NFU National Convention in person to make new friends, renew old acquaintances and really get involved in all the activities. If you can spare the time, taking a day or more to visit and get to know the Saskatoon area will be rewarding too. Here are some ideas to help you plan your trip:

Wanuskewin, 'seeking peace of mind' has been a sacred site and gathering place for more than 6,400 years. Wanuskewin Heritage Park works to advance the understanding and appreciation of the evolving cultures of the Northern Plains Indigenous peoples. Its 360 acres of natural prairie has scenic trails, interpretive sites, archeological digs and in 2019 bison were re-introduced as well. Its Interpretive Centre has galleries (See Jaime Black-Morsette’s **‘Breadroots; Paths to Matriarchy** in November), performances, and a restaurant featuring Indigenous cuisine. Open daily 9:30 – 5:00 PM <https://wanuskewin.com/>

Saskatchewan’s **Western Development Museum** has four locations, including Saskatoon. Its vision is a Saskatchewan where people’s lives are enriched by connecting with our diverse histories, and all experience a sense of place and belonging. It has an amazing collection of vintage cars and steam tractors, a 1910 main street, and narrative displays. Open daily from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and on Thursdays until 8:00 pm. The Boomtown Cafe is open daily from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. <https://wdm.ca/saskatoon/>

The **rRemai mModern** Art Gallery presents and collects local and international modern and contemporary art that connects, inspires, and challenges diverse audiences through equitable and accessible programs. Open Wed – Sun from 10 am to 5 pm, and on Thursdays until 9 pm. The Hearth restaurant on site highlights local food. <https://remainmodern.org/about/remai-modern-museum/>

The **Ukrainian Museum of Canada**, located next door to the Park Town Hotel, was established by Ukrainian Women in 1936. It celebrates and promotes the arts, culture, and legacy of the Ukrainian Canadian community, with three galleries, archives, a library, community spaces, and a shop carrying a range of authentic Ukrainian giftwares, clothing, and crafts. <https://umcnational.ca/>

The **Saskatchewan Craft Council** will have a fabric art, textile show on in November. Open Monday – Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM <https://saskcraftcouncil.org/>

Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) looks after Saskatoon’s riverbank park, extending through the entire city and beyond on both sides of the river. It maintains walking/jogging trails throughout the park – including right in front of our convention hotel – as well as a skating rink, an interpretive centre at Beaver Creek, and othe urban and nearby nature areas. Visit <https://meewasin.com/> for more and consider getting the Meewasin app on your phone for interactive educational content during your visit.

The Bassment is Saskatoon Jazz Society’s live music venue, with a wide range of genres from singer-song-writer solo acts to big bands, bluegrass to be-bop. <https://thebassment.ca/>

The **Forestry Farm Park and Zoo** started out as tree nursery providing shelterbelt seedlings. It is now a fully accredited zoo, and in snowy weather, has XC ski trails in its park area <https://www.saskatoon.ca/parks-recreation-attractions/events-attractions/saskatoon-forestry-farm-park-zoo>

Check out the nearby **Wonderhub** <https://wonderhub.ca/> for youngsters, and for bigger kids’s thrills there are ziplines and go-carts at the **Stoked Centre** <https://www.stokedcentre.ca/>

At the **University of Saskatchewan campus** See dinosaur skeletons, mineral specimens, aquaria at the **Museum of Natural Sciences** <https://artsandscience.usask.ca/museumofnaturalsciences/> and the **Diefenbaker Centre** commemorates the former PM <https://diefenbaker.usask.ca/>

