Transportation, Maps, and Miscellaneous Materials

For those readers who might be traveling in Canada this summer, we have compiled the following list of materials and information sources which may be helpful. This list makes no pretension about being absolutely complete. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

British Columbia

Department of Tourism of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 2Z2

Write to this address and request an entire tourist packet, which will contain a wealth of information on this province of 948,600 km², and more life zones than any other Canadian province. Ask specifically for maps, information on national and provincial parks, and ferry and car ferry schedules between Vancouver and Victoria (to most effectively bird Active Pass which lies between Galiano and Mayne islands), and between the mainland and Queen Charlotte Islands, the British Columbia Ferry Corporation (which runs regularly between Prince Rupert and Masset).

Swiftsure Tours, Ltd.
645 Fort Street
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1G2
Telephone: 604-388-4227

Write or call this commercial tour company to learn of organized, scheduled offshore pelagic trips from the west coast of Vancouver Island, from Tofino or from Bamfield.

British Columbia Automobile Association
999 West Broadway
Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 1K5
Telephone: 604-732-3911

Write or telephone this main office for information and maps. This organization is affiliated with the Canadian Automobile Association and has 16 service centres all over the province.

Alberta

Alberta Department of Energy and Natural Resources
Petroleum Plaza
9945 — 108th Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2C9

A good source for detailed maps and transportation information.

Travel Alberta
Alberta Tourism
Government of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

Write for a tourist kit which contains a very fine road map of the province, as well as information on accommodations and places of interest.

Alberta Motor Association
Main Office
Box 3500, Station D
Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4J5
Telephone: 403-474-8601

This is the main office and the addresses and telephone numbers of other offices located throughout the province can be obtained from it.

Alberta Motor Association
Calgary Office
4700 17th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T3E 0E3
Telephone: 403-246-7900

Alberta Motor Association
Banff Office
215 Bear Street
Banff, Alberta T0C 0C0
Telephone: 403-762-2266

Saskatchewan

SaskTravel
Saskatchewan Department of Tourism
3211 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 5W6

Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources
3211 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 5W6
or
Department of Parks and Renewable Resources
122 Third Ave. N.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 2A6
or
Department of Tourism and Small Business
350 Cheadle St. W.
Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 4G3

Manitoba

Travel Manitoba
Department 1001
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8
Telephone: 204-944-3777

Write or call for an excellent official highway map of the province and a Manitoba Vacation Guide, which contains an enormous amount of practical information regarding traveling within the province.
Get a free tourist packet which includes a good road map and a Traveller’s Encyclopaedia, which lists accommodations, campgrounds, and all sorts of useful information.

The Toronto Transit Commission
Telephone: 416-484-4544

Information on surface transit (especially in the Toronto area) is available from this agency.

Ministry of Transportation and Communication
MGS Services
5th Floor
880 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N8
Telephone: 416-268-7540

Detailed maps of the province, as well as maps that show township road grids and more major roads are available here.

Canada Map Distribution Office
Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources
615 Booth Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9

Very detailed and topographic maps are available (some at a nominal charge) from this office. Write for a complete listing of items offered.

Ministry of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
Queen’s Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

Write to this agency to specifically get a booklet it publishes listing provincial park campgrounds, provincial parks, and camping arrangements. Also do request another useful map entitled Guide to Conservation Areas. For the traveling birder, this will be a boon.

Quebec

Quebec Automobile Association
710 Place d’Youville
Room 801
Quebec City, Quebec
Telephone: 418-694-0135

One can obtain a good map of Quebec in English from this organization.

Transports Quebec
Le Ministere des Transports du Quebec
Quebec, P.Q.
Telephone: 418-643-6864

A really excellent road map of the province can be obtained from this organization. It is entirely in French.

Quebec Tourist Office
Place Ville Marie
Montreal, P.Q.

or

Quebec Tourist Office
Dominion Square
Montreal, P.Q.

or

Quebec Tourism
Fish and Game Department
Canadian Wildlife Service
Perce Wildlife Interpretation Centre
Telephone: 418-782-2974

Call this telephone number to get information on the ferry service to Ile Bonaventure Park, and to make reservations. This provincially operated island park, just off Gaspe, holds the world’s second largest gannetry with four trails that cross the island. Of course, there are many other species of nesting seabirds which are of special interest to the birder/visitor.

New Brunswick

Tourism New Brunswick
P.O. Box 12345
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5C3
Telephone: 506-453-2377

Nova Scotia

Department of Tourism
P.O. Box 130
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M7
**Prince Edward Island**

Prince Edward Island Tourist Information Centre
P.O. Box 940
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7M5
Telephone: 902-892-2457

Be sure to write or call the above office in order to get a detailed map of the province, indicating various drives and loops on which to bird, as well as to get detailed information on ferry and car ferry schedules and connections with New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and operated by the Canadian National Marine, and Northumberland Ferries. Also request a list of car rental agencies on Prince Edward Island, as serious birding is impossible without an automobile.

**Newfoundland**

Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Development and Tourism
Information Office
P.O. Box 4750
St. John’s, Newfoundland A1C 5T7

Write to the above address to get an official road map and accommodation information prior to your visit.

**Northwest Territories**

TravelArctic
Northwest Territories Department of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9

Write to the above address and ask specifically for the “Official Explorers’ Map Northwest Territories.”

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