

Simpson, Saskatchewan, Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area,
Construction of Last Mountain Lake Observation Tower

Solicitation # K2E50-210245/A

LOCATION DESCRIPTION:

This Observation Tower is being built on the Last Mountain Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary, immediately south of the Last Mountain Regional Park (LMRP), and the site is accessed through the LMRP.

Because of this, we will be working closely with the LMRP manager and board, to ensure that they remain happy with the process. They are practical and good to work with. Maintain the speed limit on roads in LMRP– 15km/hr

The Last Mountain Regional Park is found at <https://goo.gl/maps/1kUvgs8Djwjhiar16> .

To get there from Regina: drive north from Regina on highway #11, in the Lumsden valley take the exit to highway #20 toward the town of Craven. Continue on highway #20 past Craven, Bulyea, Strasbourg, Duval, and Govan. Just north of Govan you will see signs for the Last Mountain Regional Park turnoff, and turn left there. Continue 18km on gravel roads to the lake, whence you will be at the entrance to the LMRP.

To get there from Saskatoon: drive southeast on highway #16 for 70km, until the intersection with highway #2. Turn south (right) on highway#2 and drive past the Mosaic potash mine, Young, and Watrous. At the intersection of highway # 2 and #15, turn left onto highway #15 towards Nokomis. About 18km along this road, you will see signs for Last Mountain Regional Park. Turn right (south) onto the gravel road and continue for 14 km until you come to an intersection with an old falling-down barn and a small LMRP sign. Turn right and proceed 5km to the lake, whence you will be at the entrance to the LMRP

This area is quite remote. There are no public washrooms, food for purchase, or commercial accommodations within 30km.

Two nearby communities are Nokomis (33km away (<http://www.nokomisweb.com/>) and Govan (22 km away), small villages with some services including small grocery stores, restaurant, and a bar. Nokomis has a gas station and modest hardware store, Govan does not.

Watrous <http://www.townofwatrous.com/> is 63km away from the LMRP (a 50 minute drive on gravel and paved roads), has more services and is a lot larger (pop 2000), and is 2km from the resort community of Manitou Beach <http://manitoubeach.ca/>.

Raymore <http://raymore.ca/> is 55km away from the LMRP (a 40 minute drive on gravel and paved roads), also has a few more services.

Watrous and Raymore are service centers with choice for supplies (Hardware store), trades (electrician, plumber, backhoe), food, and accommodation.