



Piping Plover Trans Canada Trail:

Trail #: 08-0011

Trail Status: Operational

Location: The Piping Plover Trail is located in south western Saskatchewan along Highway 19.

Description: Beginning in Douglas Provincial Park, the Piper Plover trail follows the shores of Lake Diefenbaker and continues north towards the lake-side community of Elbow.

Historical: This section of the Trans Canada Trail is named after the small shorebird found around bodies of water throughout the northern Great Plains and north eastern coastline.

Roughly the size of a sparrow or bluebird, the Piping Plover's sandy grey colour makes it difficult to spot against the sandy beaches where it resides. However, the birds can be easily identified by the distinct black collar found around their neck and by their bright orange feet. The plover's call is often described as a plaintive and mournful cry.

Originally listed as an endangered species in the 1980's, the plover population has made a strong comeback over the last decade.

Terrain: Rural trail

Difficulty:

Signage: Trans Canada Trail markers are found along this section of trail.

Trans Canada Trail Pavilion: None

Facilities: Both Douglas Provincial Park and the village of Elbow have most services.

Points of Interest: The Piper Plover Trans Canada Trail travels along the shore of Lake Diefenbaker. The lake was created in part by the construction of the Gardiner Dam in 1967, which is one of the world's largest earth-filled dams.

Trail Operator: Douglas Provincial Park, Box 39, ELBOW, SK S0H 1J0
Phone: (306) 854-6266
Email: DouglasPark@gov.sk.ca

Length: 7 km

Surface: Gravel/crushed rock, and short grass

Estimated Walking Time: 2 hours

Permitted Use: Hiking/walking, Cycling, Cross-country Skiing, and Horseback Riding

Fees: Park fees may apply

Times of Use: Open year round

Links: www.elbowsask.com
www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/Douglas

Services & Amenities:

Rec. Activities	Piping Plover Trail (Elbow, SK)
Amusement Park	
Park/Play Area	X
Waterslide	
Beach	X
Boating	X
Boat Launch	X
Swimming Pool	X
Bowling	X
Picnic Area	X
Golfing	X
Fishing	
Campground/RV Park	X
Canoeing	X
Sailing	X
Hiking trails	X
Nature trails	X
Cycling trails	X
Horseback Riding	
Tennis Courts	
Snowmobile trails	
Cross-country Ski trails	
Birding/Wildlife Viewing	X
Skating/Curling Facility	

On Site Services	
Campgrounds	X
Groceries/Supplies	X
Concessions/Fast Food	X
Security Attendant	X

Cell Coverage (digital)	
SaskTel	Probable
TELUS	Unlikely
Rogers	Probable
Fido	Probable



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