
Red Sucker Lake

Community Overview

History

Two closely related, adjoining but independent areas are known as Red Sucker Lake. The reserve side is part of the Island Lake Band, which was granted reserve status in 1978. The other area is located on two nearby islands. Information relates to the non-reserve side, unless otherwise noted.

Access

Located on the north shore of Red Sucker Lake, 350 air kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg and 285 air km southeast of Thompson. There are no land linkages, except winter roads.

Economic Overview

Red Sucker Lake is situated in the Precambrian shield region of the province. There are indications of the presence of gold, lithium and nickel ore bodies in the area. Presently, there are no operating mines. The area is heavily forested, but the remoteness and lack of transportation makes harvesting this resource impractical. The primary activity is trapping, with limited fishing. The area shares the Island Lake Registered Trapline Zone with Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point and Wasagamack.

Contacts

Red Sucker Lake Contact Person
General Delivery
Red Sucker Lake, MB R0B 1H0

Phone: 204-469-5444
Phone: 204-469-5284 Water Treatment Plant
Email: sidneylittle@gmail.com

Staff

There is a water operator.

Statistics

Census Year	Population
1985	54
1991	26
1996	25

2001	33
2006	24
2011	23
2016	15
2021	10

**information is from Statistics Canada*

Households

There are nine housing units.

Boundary

A boundary has not been established.

Property Assessment and Taxes

Information is from the 2023 assessment roll and Tax Rates Regulation (2023) of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

Value of Assessment	
Business	0
Real Property	\$393,130
Total	\$393,130
Grants-in-lieu	\$100,040
Exempt	\$85,620
Rate of Taxation	
General Municipal	5.7 mills
Business Tax	3.75%
School Levies	
Education Support	8.140 mills
Frontier School Division #48	12.422 mills

Emergency Services

Fire

Firefighting capability is limited to forestry-style portable equipment.

Police

Police response is from the Island Lake RCMP detachment. Phone: 204-456-2626.

Medical

Medical response is from the federal nursing station on the reserve staffed by two nurses and a community health worker. The nearest hospital is in Norway House, although most flights are

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direct to Winnipeg. The area qualifies for the Northern Patient Transportation Program.

Communication Services

Phone

BellMTS provides individual line service and digital switching with toll free calling to: Island Lake, Gods Lake Narrows. Office toll free: 204-225-5687.

Cellular Service/High-Speed Internet/Wi-Fi Available.

Community-Based Services

Airstrip

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, Northern Airports operate a 3,000' x 85' crushed rock on clay strip with terminal and remote-controlled lighting adjacent to the reserve which is across the water from the community. Office: 204-945-3421 in Winnipeg or local airport manager Phone: 204-469-5396.

Hydro

Manitoba Hydro in Garden Hill. Phone: 204-456-2714.

Water

There is a water intake system from Red Sucker Lake to a treatment plant. The treated water is available at a pail-fill station at the pumphouse. The school has its own system. Some homes have piped water.

Wastewater

Wastewater disposal consists of septic tanks and fields.

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Residents transport their own solid waste to a nearby site.

Schools

The Disbrowe School operated by Frontier School Division is temporarily closed. The Red Sucker Lake School operated and located on the reserve serves 355 students from Nursery to Grade 12. Phone: 204-469-5302.

Recreation Facilities

- community hall

Commercial Services

Accommodation

- Nearest is at Island Lake.

Transportation

- Horbas Transfer and Gardewine North provide winter road freight service. At other times, they will deliver to the nearest air carrier serving the area.
- Scheduled air service is by Perimeter Aviation. Charter services are available from Islandair and Red Sucker Lake Air Services.

Business Directory

Business	Phone
Northern Store	204-469-5392
Red Sucker Lake Restaurant (on reserve)	204-469-5325

Government Services

Provincial Government Departments

Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources

Regional Operations, Eastern Region, District Office and conservation officer Phone: 204-456-2362 in Island Lake. Fire operations manager Phone: 204-677-6623 in Thompson.

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

Regional drinking water officer Phone: 204-642-6134 in Gimli. Environment officer Phone: 204-620-5797 or 431-355-2245 in The Pas. The 24 hour environmental emergency response line toll free: 1-855-944-4888.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

Public health inspector Phone: 204-677-6472 in Thompson.

Manitoba Indigenous Economic Development

Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) Phone: 204-778-4138 in Thompson (Head Office) or toll free: 1-800-561-4315.

Manitoba Justice

Circuit court sits at Garden Hill coordinated by

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the Selkirk Regional Court Office Phone:
204-785-5077.

Manitoba Labour and Immigration

Employment Standards Branch Phone:
204-945-3352 in Winnipeg or toll free:
1-800-821-4307.

Inspection and Technical Services, building
inspector Phone: 204-945-3373 in Winnipeg or
Email: TechnicalServices@gov.mb.ca.

Workplace Safety and Health Branch toll free:
1-855-957-SAFE (7233).

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

Northern Affairs, North Central Region Phone:
204-622-2110 in Dauphin. The 24 hour
emergency number toll free: 1-866-735-3111.

Community and Regional Planning Branch,
Regional Office Phone: 204-945-8353 in
Winnipeg.

Community Development Branch, Eastman/
Norman Region regional consultant Phone:
204-268-6021 in Beausejour.

Office of the Fire Commissioner, emergency
services officer Phone: 204-726-6855 in
Brandon or Email: firecomm@gov.mb.ca. The
24 hour emergency response number toll free:
1-888-253-1488.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

Emergency Measures Organization, General
Office and emergency management advisor
Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg or toll free:
1-888-267-8298.