



The Birthplace of Prairie Agriculture

Inglis is part of the golden age of prairie agriculture and Manitoba is its birthplace.

- ▶ In 1814, the Selkirk settlers harvested 23, 10-gallon kegs of wheat, the first known grain harvest in the West
- ▶ In 1868, the venerable Red Fife wheat was first grown in Manitoba and eight years later 857 bushels were shipped for seed to Steele Briggs Co. in Toronto - the first shipment of wheat from Manitoba
- ▶ In 1869, the first Manitoba wheat was exported to Great Britain, via river steamer to St. Paul, Minnesota
- ▶ In 1879, the first grain elevator in Western Canada was built in Niverville and the province was producing sufficient grain to employ full-time agents to handle the supply and demand
- ▶ In 1881, Ogilvie Mills established Western Canada's first flourmill in Winnipeg
- ▶ In 1922, four of the five Inglis Grain Elevators were built to greet the arrival of the railway, in the same year Inglis was founded. The fifth elevator was added in 1941, to create the unusual Reliance double-elevator.



Fun For All Ages

- ▶ *Learn more about the development of Canada's prairie agriculture*
- ▶ *See the mechanics and function of an elevator*
- ▶ *Watch work in progress as the elevators undergo final stages of restoration*
- ▶ *Discover how grain was weighed, graded, stored and transported*
- ▶ *Take in the panoramic view of the prairie*
- ▶ *Explore interesting, interactive exhibits and displays*
- ▶ *Take home a souvenir from the gift shop*
- ▶ *Picnic, explore and play in the rest area*
- ▶ *Take stunning photos of the Prairie Giants inside and out*
- ▶ *Meet our knowledgeable and friendly guides*
- ▶ *Reconnect with prairie life of the past*



Driving to Inglis

Watch for Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic Site signs on highways 16 and 83 in western Manitoba.

Inglis is located about 19 kilometres north of the junction of the Yellowhead Highway 16 and Provincial Highway 83 at Russell. The turnoff to the elevators is well signposted on Highway 366, about 3 kilometres east from Highway 83. Driving time from Winnipeg is about four hours.



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Relive the Golden Age of the Five Prairie Giants

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Celebrating Canada's Golden Age of Prairie Agriculture

The Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic Site was officially recognized in 1996 as a unique and enduring architectural symbol, representing one of the most important periods in the development of Canada's grain industry from 1900 to 1930.

Thousands of these wooden grain elevators dotted the Prairies at the height of the agricultural boom in the early part of the 20th century.

They were built by agricultural cooperatives and grain companies as rail tracks were laid across the west. Most prairie towns had a row of elevators, a sign of prosperity and boasting rights.

These elevators were central to a way of life. Hardy prairie wheat helped feed the rest of Canada and the growing cities of Europe, establishing the Prairies as the "breadbasket of the world".

Today, only a few rows survive. The Inglis Grain Elevators have been preserved thanks to the dedication of a thriving community in the heart of Manitoba's Parkland region, an area rich in historic sites, museums, lakes and parks offering recreation for all seasons.



The Inglis Experience

- ▶ **Explore five, original, slope-shouldered wooden grain elevators built in the golden age of Canada's grain trade**
- ▶ **Explore at your own pace with self-guided walking tours**
- ▶ **Learn more with videos, pictures, signs, displays and artifacts**
- ▶ **Get up close and personal with an interpretive tour - great for schools and other groups.**

Restoring History and a Way of Life

Knowledgeable, friendly volunteers are on hand to greet you, to answer your questions and explain the function and form of the Inglis Grain Elevators.

Volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to the restoration project, and will spend thousands more over the next few years as they carry on with the work.

Don't forget your camera! These photogenic giants look great inside and out. They are enduring icons of the Canadian Prairies – a unique window to a way of life once common throughout the Prairies.

Where Old is New Again

Begin your visit at the interpretive visitors centre, located in the Paterson Elevator.

Learn how grain was transported up the "leg" and through the "gerber" spout into a storage bin.

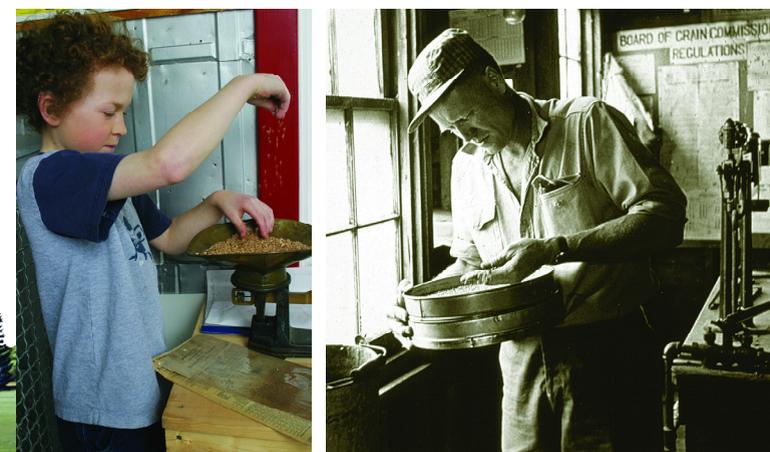
Visit the learning discovery centre on the main floor of the Paterson Elevator and the adjoining grain annex, which is used for informative exhibits and displays. Look down to see the grain auger, which runs lengthwise through the building and is visible through a plexiglass-covered floor.

Two Times the Fun

Tour the Reliance Double Grain Elevators and see their original mechanical components completely restored to working order.

The Reliance Elevators' agent's office is fully restored to demonstrate how agents graded incoming grain and coordinated incoming and outgoing shipments, long before computers were invented.

The office area was the heart of the elevator. It served as the meeting place for farmers to do business, pass on local news or play a game of cards and take a break from a long day in the fields.



Make it a Day or a Destination

Spend a day or a week! The thriving Manitoba Parkland region has something for everyone.

Inglis is a not-to-be missed destination to experience and learn about early prairie life and Canada's dynamic agricultural heritage and culture.

- ▶ Located on the Trans Canada (Crocus) Trail
- ▶ Near beautiful, picturesque Assessippi Provincial Park and the town of Russell
- ▶ Accessible from the Yellowhead Highway
- ▶ Bordering Riding Mountain National Park
- ▶ Near many historical, cultural and agricultural attractions

Recreational Activities and More

Take a walk on the Trans Canada Trail that runs beside the Inglis Grain Elevators, connecting them to nearby parks, towns and other historical and cultural places in the region.

There is a lot to do:

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| ▶ Golf | ▶ Swim | ▶ Canoe |
| ▶ Kayak | ▶ Boat | ▶ Fish |
| ▶ Hunt | ▶ Relax | ▶ Tour |
| ▶ Horse Ride | ▶ Ski | ▶ And more. |

Sensational Sights, Smells and Sounds

Hike along a peaceful nature trail, visit an original and historic prairie plant nursery, a fragrant strawberry farm or a bison ranch.

This is the Prairies – Big Sky Country

Eat, sleep, relax and explore.

- ▶ Take a picnic or eat at any one of the fine restaurants and cafes in the region
- ▶ Pitch a tent, stay in a picturesque cottage beside a lake, experience life in a historic bed and breakfast or indulge in a luxury resort.