

Pilgrimage of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

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Canadian hotel information - Boissevain, Manitoba

Accommodation has been blocked for members wishing to stay in a hotel in Canada. A block of 19 rooms at the **Canadian Wilderness Inn in Boissevain** and additional rooms have been blocked at their sister hotel in Killarney (approx 15 minute drive from Boissevain). Booking for either location can be made through the Boissevain contact information. Please say that you are booking in the **Eastern Star** block. The price of rooms varies from \$115 to \$130 per night plus applicable taxes. This is based on whether you need a room that has 1 queen, 2 queens, 1 king and beyond to a family room with a queen and bunk beds.

Contact: Canadian Wilderness Inn Boissevain, 306 Mountain Road, 1-204-534-7155

Alternate accommodation: **Boissevain** is available at the **Home Hotel**. Rooms are not blocked however the hotel can be reached at 1-204-534-3221
Brandon is approximately 1 hour's drive from the Peace Garden. Multiple hotels are available in Brandon.

Surveyors for the Canadian Pacific Railway were impressed with the Turtle Mountain region and noted it would become a chief point of settlement in the coming years. The site of the town of Boissevain was decided in 1885 and by 1886 there was a blacksmith shop, a post office and two grain warehouses. Landmark buildings include St. Matthew's Anglican Church, built with locally found granite walls and St. Paul's United Church built with local sandstone. Like many towns in the west, Boissevain's prosperity came with the railway. Since that time the town has grown to a population of 1,577 (2021). Points of interest include:

Murals - more than 20 different murals have been professionally painted on the sides of buildings throughout the town. These can be viewed either by walking or driving in the downtown area .

Tommy Turtle is a 28 ft, 10,000 pound Western Painted Turtle statue located across from the Wilderness Inn. It symbolizes the town's link to turtle mountains and includes a picnic area.

Irvin Goodon International Wildlife Museum: A collection of 300 full-mount animals from North America and New Zealand set in interactive, natural scenes. Open 10:00am to 6:00pm (7 days/week) tickets Adults \$7. Located at 298 Mountain Street (just East of Tommy Turtle). For group tours, tel: 204-534-6662.

Nine Hole golf Course 3km south of Boissevain. To book a round, tel:204-534-2365

Lions Campground: For those who prefer to camp, the Boissevain Lions campground is open mid-June to the end of August. Sites can be booked at 204-534-6192. Rate with hydro, water and sewer \$30/day. There is also a campground in the Peace Garden. Information is available at tel: 1-204-534-2510. Power & water \$38.50/day, electricity only \$33.50/day.

