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The Crow Wing Trail Association is very proud to launch its first official resource guide for the entire Crow Wing Trail. Funding for the development of the Historic Resource Guide was provided by Manitoba Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Sport through the Heritage Grants Advisory Council.

The emphasis of the guide is on discovery of the history of the trail, the lifestyle of those who used it and its importance to the development of our fledgling nation. Of special interest to trail users is that most of the sites referred to in the guide have been given GPS coordinates to help make the adventure more interesting. For the purpose of the guide, the trail of about 190 kms has been divided into three sections: (1) the northern section is from St. Norbert Heritage Park to Otterburne, (2) the middle section is from Otterburne to St. Malo, and (3) the southern section is from St. Malo to Emerson at the U.S. border.

The Heritage Resource Guide, available in both english and french, is intended to be used as a teaching guide and may be reproduced without permission. It is available at [www.mrta.mb.ca/Trails/CrowWing/home.htm](http://www.mrta.mb.ca/Trails/CrowWing/home.htm) and developed to be used in conjunction with the *Tall Grass Prairie* interpretive map that is available on-line at the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association [www.mrta.mb.ca](http://www.mrta.mb.ca)

The Crow Wing Trail is the section of the Trans Canada Trail connecting Winnipeg to Emerson. The trail is based upon a historic trade route connecting the Red River Settlement of Fort Garry with St. Paul Minnesota. The Crow Wing Trail was officially registered with the Trans Canada Trail 10 years ago. It is the longest section of the Trans Canada Trail in Manitoba, and is not located on an existing railway bed, but on a combination of gravel roads, undeveloped road allowances, community parks, sidewalks and in some instances, on private property. The trail promotes hiking, biking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and in some locations snowmobiling.

The Crow Wing Trail Association is a regional trail association comprised of six municipalities and one first nation - Ritchot, Niverville, De Salaberry, St. Pierre-Jolys, Franklin, Emerson and the Roseau River First Nation – who agreed to work together to welcome the Trans Canada Trail through their communities in order to promote tourism, economic development, historical awareness as well as provide for a great recreational opportunity.

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