

management of wild-fur supply. By controlling river flow, reclaiming marsh lands and instituting a system of registered trap lines, the government has preserved valuable wildlife habitats for the use and benefit of all Manitobans.

There are some 47 wildlife management areas in the province which cover 27,506 km².

Health and social services

Most hospital and medical care provided to Manitoba residents is free of charge. The province similarly pays a sizeable part of the bill for most prescribed drugs used by Manitobans. Other services include child welfare, public health nursing, day care, home care, income maintenance, correction services and alcohol and drug rehabilitation.

Education

Manitoba's three universities (two in Winnipeg, one in Brandon) have a full-time enrolment of 18,000. In addition, there are three community colleges in the province which offer specialized career and occupational programs in a wide variety of fields. Approximately 215,000 students are registered in primary and secondary schools.

Tourism and recreation

Tourism is a big industry in Manitoba. Each year visitors and travelling Manitobans spend \$120 million while holidaying in the province. The camping grounds, parks, lakes and rivers and historic sites are the principal attractions. Especially noteworthy is the International Peace Garden located along Manitoba's boundary with the United States. Riding Mountain National Park, administered by the Federal Government, has modern resorts, nature reserves and hiking areas. It even has a herd of bison.

Manitoba's provincially operated natural, recreational and wayside parks have at least five million visitors each year. Some 13,200 km² of land in the province has been set aside as park land.