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*Lace up the boots and hit the trail –
at least one more time before the snow flies.*

Manitoba Fall Hikes

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Manitoba hikers need never worry about altitude sickness. But that's not to say the province's broad, sweeping canvas is bland. Ma Nature painted in tall wild grass prairie, rolling, forested hills, undulating river valleys, vast wetlands and the occasional view-encompassing escarpment. For even more variety, she sketched in innumerable lakes and rivers dotted with granite and limestone outcroppings, set among deep deciduous and evergreen forests. Best of all, most of the hiking trails tracing this landscape are leisurely day rambles – many within close driving range of city centres. So, before stowing those hiking boots in the basement, consider at least one walk on Manitoba's wild side this fall. Here, in no particular order, are our eight prime picks – rated by degree of difficulty, from easy  to most challenging .

