



## AREA 1 - THICKET PORTAGE



**Traditional Community Name:**  
N/A



**Population:**  
Approximately 109



**Thicket Portage School:**  
*Grades:* Kindergarten to Grade 8  
*Enrollment:* Approximately 12  
*Staff:* Approximately 6



**Access:**  
By Rail year-round, or by winter road for six to eight weeks



**Indigenous Language(s):**  
Neethowiwin  
(Th Dialect / Rocky Cree)



**Average Temperatures:**  
*January*  
High -17 °C    Low -26 °C  
Extreme Low -39 °C



**Treaty Territory:**  
Treaty 5



**Location:**  
600 km north of Winnipeg and 48 km south of Thompson

*June*  
High 20 °C    Low 6 °C  
Extreme High 30 °C

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Thicket Portage is one of the many communities located along the Hudson Bay Railway between The Pas and Churchill. The economy is primarily focused on seasonal activities such as trapping, fishing, and tree-planting, though both tourism and wild rice harvesting have become more notable in recent years.

The portage route for which the community is named has served as a vital part of the water highway system connecting local lakes with the Nelson River. The portage route has been used as a path between Landing Lake and Wintering Lake since time immemorial, and was later adopted by fur traders from the Hudson's Bay Company and other newcomers who sought to use the area as a travelling point to reach further inland across the continent.



## SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN THICKET PORTAGE

Staff housing is located across the parking lot from the school. Every unit has a fridge, stove, washer, and dryer. Heat and electricity are included in the rent and Frontier School Division provides maintenance. Up to two pets are allowed.

Internet is available but must be arranged and paid for by the tenant.

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

As a part of Frontier School Division, Thicket Portage School has a focus on individual and supportive learning, land-based education facilitated by our Indigenous Way of Life Department and community Elders, as well as opportunities for adventurous experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Thicket Portage School aims to give both students and teachers the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their community as part of their day to day life, and foster an educational experience that is unique to Frontier.

### REASONS TO JOIN FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION

- Our 39 school communities are populated with friendly people and are located in some of the most scenic areas of the province.
- There are many opportunities to engage with local Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers and to participate in local cultural events and activities.
- Frontier School Division is dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures, as well as advancing the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.
- We provide our teachers with PD and other supports to ensure our students receive a quality, inclusive education that includes Indigenous perspectives, local language(s), and cultural programming.
- Frontier School Division has a unique 3-tiered, grassroots governance system to help provide meaningful, appropriate, and locally relevant education in our schools.
- Frontier School Division spans nearly 75% of the province and is organized into 5 Areas.



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