

# New Whitewater Lake Property

- Larry Milian, Administrative Director

The MWF Habitat Foundation Inc. was approached by the Turtle Mountain Conservation District in 2002 to participate in the purchase of 1/2 section of land in the Rural Municipality of Winchester. We entered into a partnership with the Turtle Mountain Conservation District, the Southwest Wildlife Group, Turtle Mountain Wildlife Association, Deloraine Game and Fish Association and Ducks Unlimited.

This land is along the west bank of Whitewater Lake near Deloraine in the southwest part of the province, and is 160 acres of prime nesting habitat.

In the fall of 2008 we received a lead that there was an 80 acre parcel very near the 1/2 section previously secured. This second parcel was located just a 1/4 mile north (SE20-3-22W) and was also on the shore of Whitewater Lake. Negotiations were started with the owners and an offer was made. The offer was accepted and the legal proceedings were started and in 2009 the MWF Habitat Foundation Inc. received title to the land.

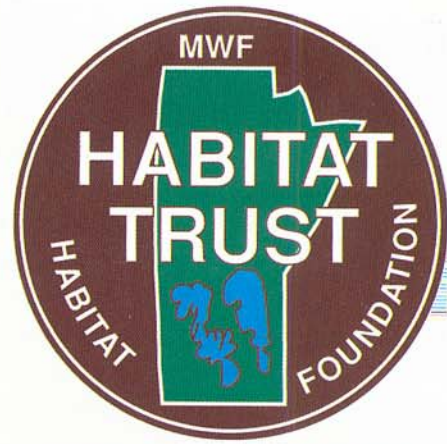
Whitewater Lake is approximately 12,000 hectares in size and has many

species of bird life on or near the lake. The lake supplies habitat and is a staging area for waterfowl. The cover along the shoreline provides good nesting for Black Birds and other marsh birds. The lake is a stopping point for many migrating birds such as Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, Trumpeter Swans and various species of shore birds. Thousands of migrating birds is a sight to behold and cherish—the show at Whitewater Lake is a fine example of nature at its best.

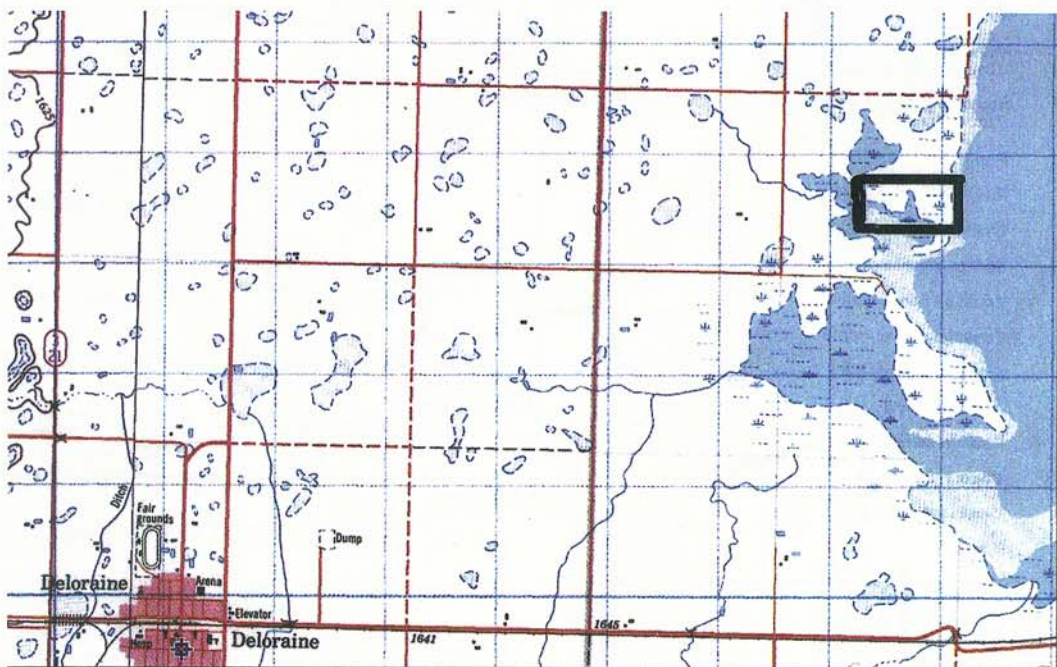
Muskrat populations are high in some years and their homes provide places where water birds can nest. Trapping is one of the activities that take place on the lake, along with hunting and bird watching. The MWF Habitat Foundation Inc. hopes that these practices continue and this parcel of land provide access on foot to the lake.

This may be a small parcel, but it has created an avenue for people to get out and enjoy all nature has to offer in varied activities throughout the year.

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The GPS location is 49-13-40-N, 100-24-19-W which is 3 1/4 miles north of Highway #3.