

2016 IRC

3-Day Pre-Congress Tour Schedule

**IRC 2016 Pre-Congress 3-Day Tour
Saskatchewan Mixed Grassland Tour
14-16 July, 2016
Tour Schedule**

WEDNESDAY - 13 July evening

Informal meeting of tour participants with tour guides at the Parktown Hotel. Time and room to be determined.

THURSDAY - 14 July (*Saskatoon to Swift Current*)

- Beginning of Tour. Bus departs Parktown Hotel at 7:30 AM
- Beaver Creek Conservation area near Saskatoon - visit native prairie conservation and restoration projects
- Lake Diefenbaker and Gardiner Dam – Lunch speaker on irrigation development in Saskatchewan
- Perrin Ranching Ltd. – Grazing management on different pasture types
- Overnight in Swift Current at Home Inn and Suites

FRIDAY - 15 July (*Swift Current to Grasslands National Park and return*)

- Semi-Arid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre – Research programs on native plant breeding, native forage legumes and grazing management.
- Grasslands National Park – One of the largest and least disturbed native prairie areas in N. America. Reclamation and conservation of plant and animal species. Time available for hiking this pristine area.
- Overnight in Swift Current at Home Inn and Suites. A cowboy poet will provide entertainment following the evening meal.

SATURDAY, 16 July (*Swift Current to Saskatoon via Moose Jaw*)

- Valjean Community Pasture – Working cowboy demonstration. Grazing management of public lands – the Saskatchewan Pastures Program
- Moose Jaw – BBQ lunch – Speaker on agricultural extension in Saskatchewan
- Meewasin Valley, Saskatoon – Visit to the Northeast Swale Project. Managing native grassland as an urban centre grows around it.
- End of Tour (approximately 6:30 PM). Buses will drop tour participants at any of six congress hotels. Dinner and evening activities on your own.

For a map showing tour stops, visit <http://j.mp/1iKBn8A>

