Across Manitoba and many parts of Canada, Treaty Days are important community celebrations that recognize the historic and ongoing treaty relationships between First Nations, the Crown, and all people who live on treaty lands today. These events often commemorate the signing of treaties and may include ceremonies, cultural performances, feasts, educational activities, and the distribution of treaty annuity payments to eligible First Nations members.

For First Nations communities, Treaty Days are an opportunity have fun, celebrate culture, strengthen community connections, and reaffirm the commitments and responsibilities outlined in the treaties. They are also a reminder that treaties are living agreements that continue to shape relationships and responsibilities in the present day.

As health-care workers serving diverse communities throughout the region, attending a Treaty Day can be a meaningful way to learn about local history, build relationships, and deepen understanding of Indigenous cultures and perspectives. Importantly, Treaty Day celebrations are generally open to everyone, and community members, neighbors, and visitors are often warmly welcomed to attend.

A Few Etiquette Tips for Visitors

- Attend with respect and a willingness to learn.
- Follow any instructions provided by event organizers or Elders.
- Ask permission before taking photographs, particularly during ceremonies or cultural activities.
- While participation in activities is generally open to all, many activities include prizes intended for community members. When registering for an event that includes a prize, inform organizers that you are a visitor to the community.
- Listen attentively when Elders, Knowledge Keepers, or speakers are sharing teachings or stories.
- Be mindful that some ceremonies or practices may not be intended for photography or public sharing.

Participating in Treaty Day events can be a valuable opportunity to celebrate community, learn from Indigenous peoples, and reflect on our shared responsibilities as treaty people.

Treaty Days in IERHA Region

Berens River First Nation – July 30-31, 2026
Black River First Nation – July 15, 2026
Bloodvein First Nation – July 28, 2026
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation – August 7, 2026

Dauphin River First Nation – August 5-11, 2026
Hollow Water First Nation – June 19, 2026
Kinonjeoshtegon (Jackhead) First Nation – July 8, 2026
Lake Manitoba First Nation – June 18, 2026
Lake St. Martin First Nation – July 15, 2026
Little Saskatchewan – August 10, 2026
Peguis First Nation – July 20-21, 2026
Pinaymootang First Nation – August 13, 2026
Sagkeeng First Nation – July 29-31, 2026