A photograph of a misty forest path. The path is narrow and covered with fallen leaves, leading into the distance. The trees are mostly bare, with some showing autumn foliage in shades of orange and brown. The fog is thick, creating a spooky atmosphere. Overlaid on the image is the text "TOP 5 SPOOKY MB TRAILS" in a large, bold, orange font with a slight shadow effect.

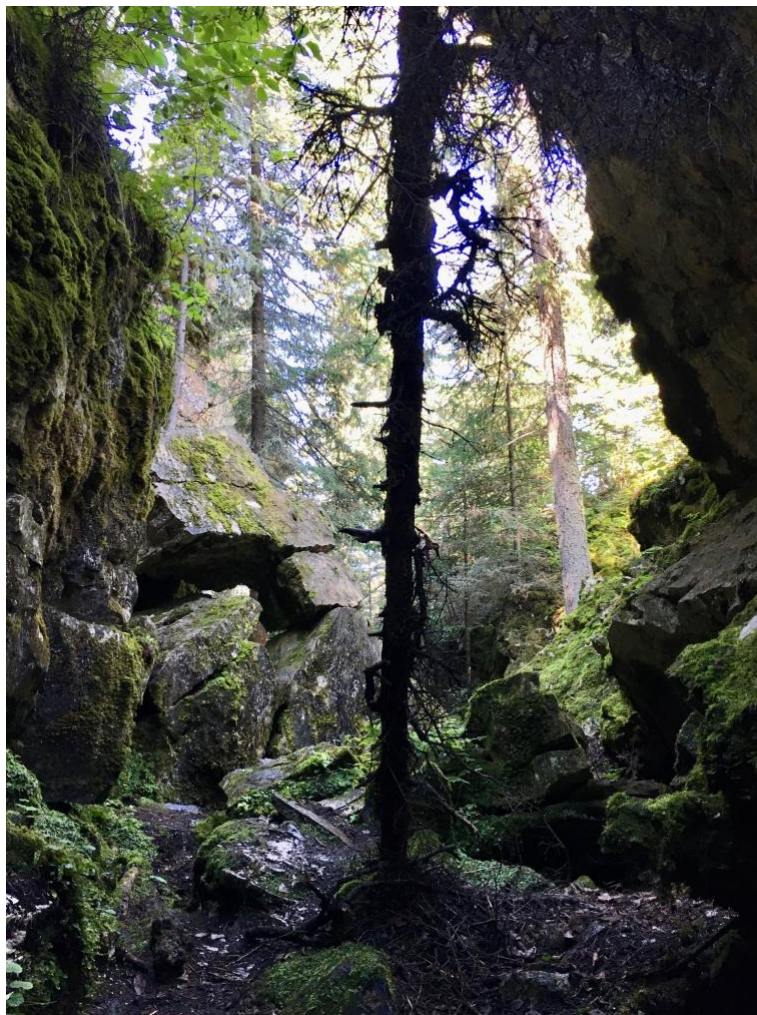
TOP 5 SPOOKY MB TRAILS

Top 5 Spooky MB Trails

By: Hayley Ward

The enclosed list highlights five spooky Manitoba trails that provide a family fun Halloween themed experience. To have the best experience at these trails it is recommended to go at sunset, so as you walk the trails you experience the shadows of large barren trees, the rustling of leaves from unknown creatures, and the eerie creaking of bare branches. Further information on these trails, as well as others from across Manitoba can be found on the Trails Manitoba website. The following trails are listed in no specific order.

1) The Caves Trail (Clearwater Lake)



Exciting, 1km trail in Clearwater Lake located in Treaty 5 territory.

Provides an opportunity to go into the caves and explore the deep crevices. Caution should be taken when hiking into the caves as the uneven surfaces are more advanced and may be slippery when wet. It is also advised to bring a head lamp, especially if going near sunset - you never know what you may find or what creatures may be looming around each corner. The deep crevices were formed from rock masses splitting away from shore cliffs. The rocky surfaces are covered in green moss and provide beautiful lake views from various elevations.

The distance, time and difficulty level listed below are based on the hike leading up to the cave and do not include any exploration inside the caves themselves.

Trail Distance	1km
Primary Activity Type	Hiking
Approx. Time to Complete	15 mins
Hiking Difficulty Level	1

2) Pembina Rim Trail (Pembina Valley)



Photo Credit: June Neil Hernaez via AllTrails

Located in the Pembina Valley in Treaty 1 territory.

Experience the vast forest with the now fallen leaves amplifying the sounds of the nearby animals and whistling winds.

This trail provides many lookout points where you can appreciate the view of the large valley.

Watch the fog roll in through the valley; but, be aware of the wildlife that could be crawling around every corner.

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful golden hills. For the best experience it is recommended to go during the late afternoon or into the evening.

Trail Distance	7.1 km
Primary Activity Type	Hiking
Approx. Time to Complete	1hr 15 mins
Hiking Difficulty Level	1

3) Blue Lakes Trail (Duck Mountain)



Located in the Duck Mountains in Treaty 2 territory.

Dead fallen trees lining the lakes edges add to the overall spooky feel. Sound travels well across the water so make sure to be alert to the creatures that live within.

The terrain includes rolling hills, grasslands, mixedwood and coniferous stands. Be sure to cross the narrow log bridge through the boggy area.

Watch your footing from the snaking tree roots throughout the trail and enjoy the challenge of the inclines and declines throughout.

Trail Distance	5.3 km
Primary Activity Type	Hiking
Approx. Time to Complete	1hr
Hiking Difficulty Level	2

4) Willow & Deadwood Loop (Morden)



Located near Morden Manitoba in Treaty 1 territory. Experience this low-lying trail which follows the north side of Lake Minnewasta with views of Dead Horse Creek valley.

The terrain is mostly flat and packed with dirt with some small sections of boardwalk. There are some steeper ups and downs providing a fun challenge throughout.

It is recommended to go right before sunset to see the shadows cast by the wispy trees. The leaves on the ground and the fallen dead trees provide an enhanced Halloween themed experience.

Photo Credits: Felonie Johnson via AllTrails

Trail Distance	3.4 km
Primary Activity Type	Hiking
Approx. Time to Complete	40 mins
Hiking Difficulty Level	2

5) Cedar Bog (Birds Hill)



Located in Birds Hill Provincial Park in Treaty 1 territory. Cedar Bog trail is often decorated near Halloween which provides a great family fun outdoor experience not too far outside the city of Winnipeg.

Unique rooted low-lying cedar bog experience at the halfway point of the trail. Surrounded by many trees, this area is home to many creatures and wildlife. Make sure to go around sunset for the best Halloween experience.

Seasonal closures of this trail are common. Currently the bogged section of the loop is closed for construction. Be sure to check for updates!

Trail Distance	3.7 km
Primary Activity Type	Hiking
Approx. Time to Complete	45 mins
Hiking Difficulty Level	2