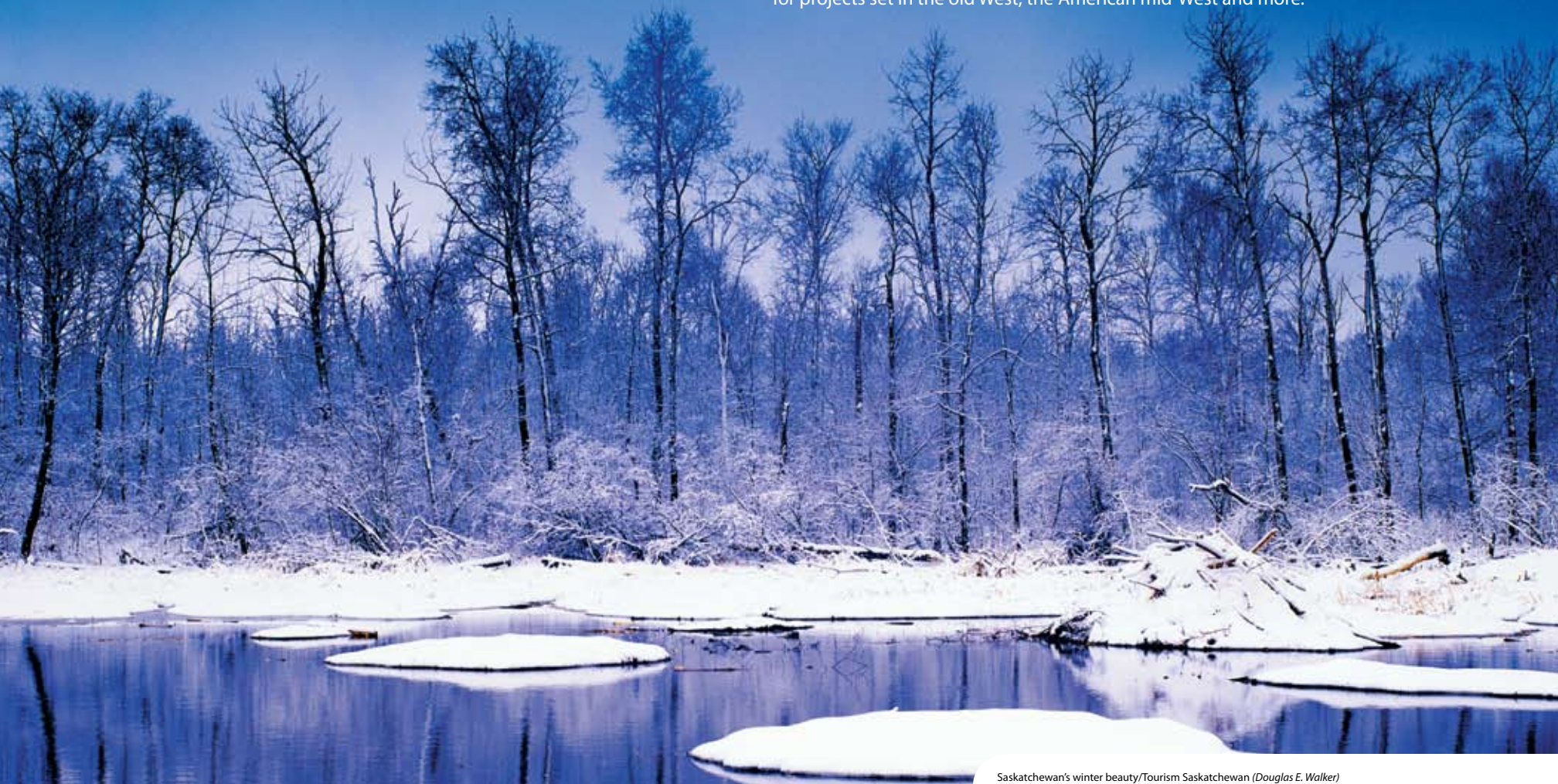


Much more than prairie, Saskatchewan offers a wide variety of surprising topography all within short distances of the major cities suitable for film and television production.

Rugged russet colored badlands, 100,000 freshwater lakes, untouched grasslands, a prairie desert, several mines and dams provide varying seasonal backdrops for film and television production. The province's well-preserved historic sites and national parks combined with fortresses, log cabins, badlands, grasslands and ranches can provide the creative needs for projects set in the old West, the American mid-West and more.



## Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Site

A short drive from Rosthern, Fort Carlton is an original site of a Hudson's Bay Company fur trading post that operated between 1810 and 1885. The site contains a reconstructed palisade, a fur and provisions store, a trade store, clerk's quarters, and tipi encampment.



[TOP TO BOTTOM] A view inside Fort Carlton (*SaskFilm*); Authentic pioneer-style interiors (*SaskFilm*); Fur and provisions store (*SaskFilm*)

## Big Muddy Badlands and Castle Butte

What was once a former hideout for Butch Cassidy, this region conjures images of the Wild West and is filled with red ochre badlands, rugged sandstone buttes, rocky canyons and deep coulees in the southwestern part of the province. Big Muddy is situated near a rich petroglyph, fossil and dinosaur bones deposit.



[TOP TO BOTTOM] The russet colored badlands in autumn/Tourism Saskatchewan (*Douglas E. Walker*); A ranch and farm nestled in the badlands near Castle Butte in spring (*SaskFilm*)

## Claybank Brick Plant National Historic Site and Avonlea Badlands

These two neighbouring towns offer a scenic picture of country life juxtaposed by the rugged Avonlea Badlands, Avonlea Creek Valley and the historic Claybank Brick Plant. The Claybank Brick Plant is comprised of a complex of industrial buildings, associated residences, rail lines, and clay extraction pits nestled in the surrounding Dirt Hills.



[TOP TO BOTTOM] The industrial look of the Claybank Brick Plant (*Clinton Kleisinger*); The surrounding Avonlea Badlands (*SaskFilm*)

## Grasslands National Park

A rancher and cowboy's paradise, this park features rolling hills, craggy bluffs, steep ravines and free roaming buffalo. The west section of the park contains the scenic Frenchman River Valley while the east side features the rugged beauty of the Killdeer Badlands.



Endless ranchland, prairie and badlands/Tourism Saskatchewan (*Douglas E. Walker*)

## Mines and Dams

Saskatchewan's rich mineral deposits and flourishing mining industry have spawned over 40 mines throughout the province. Potash and coal are found throughout southern and central Saskatchewan while uranium, gold, diamond, copper, zinc and nickel are found in the northern region of the province. There are 45 operating dams in Saskatchewan, including four major operations: Gardiner Dam, Qu'Appelle Dam, Rafferty Dam and Alameda Dam, all located in the southern and central parts of the province.



[TOP TO BOTTOM] Potash mine near Esterhazy (*SaskFilm*); Gardiner Dam in south central Saskatchewan (*Clinton Kleisinger*)

## Cypress Hills and Fort Walsh National Historic Site

The Cree called this area of southwestern Saskatchewan “the beautiful highlands”. Rich with conglomerate cliffs, highlands, riding trails, and lodgepole pines, Cypress Hills is the highest point of land between the Rockies and the east coast. The park is also home to Fort Walsh – an authentic RCMP fortress from 1875 that includes a town site, two cemeteries, a whiskey trading post and year round accommodations.



[TOP TO BOTTOM] A view of the breathtaking Cypress Hills/Tourism Saskatchewan (*Douglas E. Walker*); Fort Walsh circa 1875 (*SaskFilm*)