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Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit.

The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of protected places that allows us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced. Your support is vital to protect the ecological and commemorative integrity of these natural

areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future.

Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole — for their sake, for our sake.



Our Mission

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity and pride.



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Our National Treasures

National historic sites commemorate Canada's evolution as a country, past and present. National parks protect significant landscapes that represent Canada's geographic diversity. Together, they are a family of special places that celebrate the unique stories and unique beauty that is Canada.

Each national historic site and each national park is charged with preserving, protecting, and sharing the legacies of this land. Join people from around the world who come to national parks and national historic sites to experience Canada's stories and marvel at Canada's natural wonders.



Welcome to a bold land of contrasts and mystery... the sub-arctic tundra on Hudson Bay... where whales, caribou and polar bears abound.

Welcome to a modern resort town nestled amongst ancient forests and lakes where great gray owls, elk, and moose live as they always have.

Welcome to the endless prairies with their great rivers... the historical highways of the fur trade.

Let Parks Canada introduce you to Manitoba... where you can reach beyond the ordinary and experience the inaccessible.

WELCOME

Walk the bare wind-swept shores of Hudson Bay in Churchill. Experience a once in a lifetime encounter with polar bears on the edge of Wapusk National Park. Listen to the wind whisper of the 4,000 years of traditions and culture of the aboriginal peoples at York Factory. Stand at Prince of Wales Fort and hear stories of the trade between Europeans and the native people they met.

Visit the charming Victorian style resort town of Wasagaming set in the wilderness of Riding Mountain National Park. Enjoy full amenities or go rustic and hike, camp and canoe. If you're lucky, maybe you'll catch a glimpse of a black bear, an elk, a moose, or even a few wolves.

Hear the stories of the Ojibway, the Cree, the Red River Settlers, Louis Riel and the Métis nation, the fur traders of the Hudson's Bay and Northwest Companies, the opening of the Canadian West... These tales come to life as you follow the Red River from The Forks in Winnipeg down to Lower Fort Garry.

All of these destinations are more than just great travel experiences. They're national treasures — heritage places where you can really get to know the land and its people. Welcome to Parks Canada's family of National Parks and National Historic Sites in Manitoba. Wherever you choose to visit, you're sure to make everlasting memories.



FEES & OPERATING SEASON

Your Entry Fees Are Well Invested

Canada's National Parks and National Historic Sites contain some of the most beautiful landscapes and enriching experiences anywhere. Every time you visit a park or site you invest in its future and in a legacy for future generations.

Entry Fees

Most National Historic Sites and National Parks in Manitoba charge an entry fee. Reduced rates are available for children, seniors and families. Fees may also be charged for special programs and events.

If you plan to visit a park or site often, or plan to visit several, inquire about the availability of an annual or national pass. Please visit our web site for current information on fees.

Operating Season

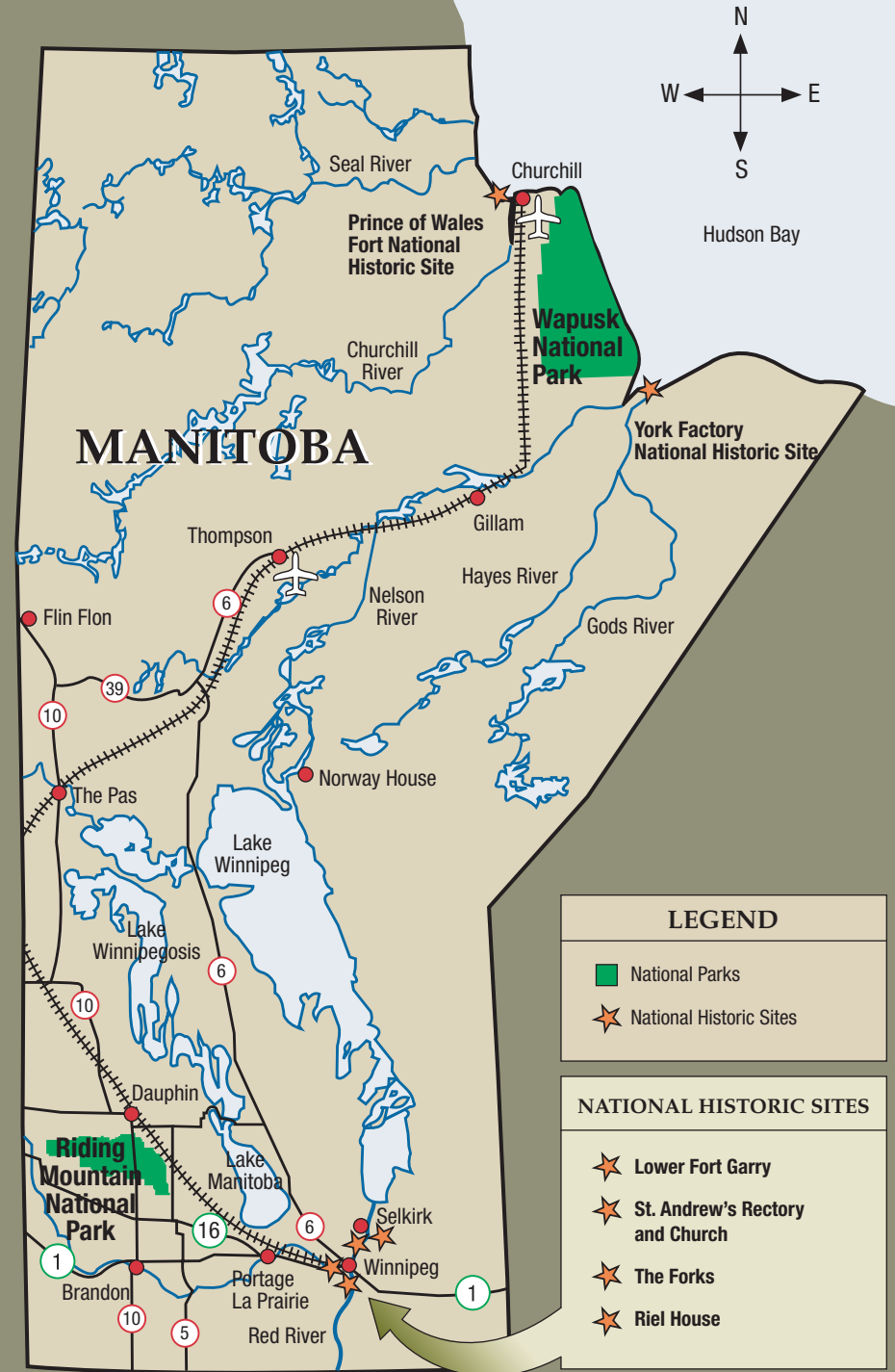
There is something for everyone throughout the year! You can visit some parks and sites year-round but levels of visitor programming and services vary seasonally and by the individual park or site. Please visit our web site or contact the park or site directly for more information.

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RIDING MOUNTAIN

NATIONAL PARK

Why You'll Love It!

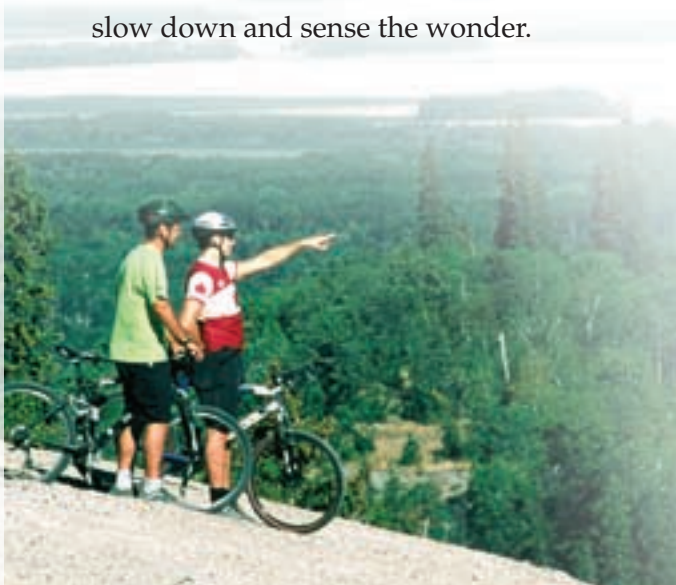
- Explore 400 kms of trails! Excellent mountain biking, hiking, horse back riding.
- Enjoy interpretive programs, theatre programs, car caravans and guided hikes.
- Experience superb wildlife viewing and birdwatching! You could see elk, moose, deer, black bear, wolves and over 270 bird species.
- Take the family to the swimming beach, tennis courts and playground.
- Rent a bike with a child carrier in Wasagaming and go for a scenic ride.

The Accessible Wilderness

You're relaxing in the English flower gardens after a day in the park. The sun is warm. The ice cream is cold. Today was perfect – no schedules to follow, just hours to explore. On the drive to Moon Lake, your six-year-old son saw his first moose.

Later on, he spent a happy afternoon showing you every leaf, twig and flower that caught his eye along the hiking trail.

Tonight, after supper, you'll join a car caravan and listen for wolves. Time to slow down and sense the wonder.



A National Treasure

This 3000 square kilometre park is a fascinating blend of natural habitats, cultures and people. Riding Mountain's diverse landscape includes the Manitoba Escarpment, prairie grasslands, boreal forest and the aspen parkland. Plants and animals of eastern, western and northern Canada meet amid towering white spruce, hardwood forests and prairie grasslands. The Ojibway of Riding Mountain have lived here for many generations, and call the area home. It is also one of the best places to learn first hand about the challenges of protecting wilderness in the 21st century.

Accommodations

Wasagaming Campground Reservations:
www.pccamping.ca or 1-877-RESERVE.

There are also 4 other non-service campgrounds, 2 group camps and backcountry campgrounds.

For information on commercial accommodation:
www.discoverclearlake.com or www.clearlakecountry.com.

Getting Here

About three hours west of Winnipeg via Highways 1 & 16.

Unique Opportunities

- Challenge the Clear Lake Golf Course, one of Manitoba's finest.
- Winter Fun! 160 kms of groomed and packed cross-country ski trails, 50 kms of snowshoe trails, warming shelters, a skating park, scenic drives and wildlife viewing.
- Visit the Riding Mountain Park East Gate National Historic Site. It's the last remaining National Park log entrance gate built in the 1930s.
- Drive to Lake Audy and check out the Bison.
- Visit the Kee See Sharing Lodge, a year-round Aboriginal interpretive center.

Riding Mountain

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ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY AND CHURCH

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

Why You'll Love It!

- Discover how this impressive limestone building was constructed. Explore its impact on the surrounding community.
- View the majestic Red, a Canadian Heritage River, from the historic setting of the rectory and church.
- Enjoy a picnic on the rectory grounds.
- Visit St. Andrew's-on-the-Red Anglican Church, the oldest stone church in western Canada. Explore the fascinating graveyard around the church during daylight hours.

The Church of England in Red River

"I fixed myself upon a bank at the rapids, and wrought on 'til I got a house built for myself - then I assembled the people and preached to them."

With these words, Reverend William Cochran began his work with the Church Missionary Society near St. Andrew's rapids on the Red in 1830. And now, you're walking into the house that reflects this determined Scot's dream of a substantial mission. The stone rectory looks plain, solid and immovable, much like the man must have been...



A National Treasure

The simple house from which Reverend William Cochran began his mission, eventually became the stately stone structure of St. Andrew's Rectory. Constructed between 1851 and 1854, this striking limestone building is an excellent example of the "Hudson Bay" style of Red River architecture.

With the adjacent St. Andrew's Church and long disappeared barns, out buildings and schools, this mission served the English speaking Métis community that spread along the Red River as fur traders and their families retired.

Rev. Cochrane's mission at St. Andrew's would lay the foundation for the establishment of the Church of England throughout the Lower Red River Settlement and would change forever the lives of people in western Canada.

Getting Here

A half-hour drive (32 km) north of Winnipeg. Take Highway #9 (Main Street) and turn east at River Road (PTH 238).

Unique Opportunities

When visiting the rectory, don't miss these nearby attractions along the Red River:

- Drive or cycle along the scenic River Road, stopping at outdoor displays and other stone heritage buildings of historical interest along the way.
- Stop at Captain Kennedy Tea House, a charming fur trade era mansion set amid enchanting English gardens.
- Visit Lower Fort Garry, the oldest stone fur trade fort in North America.

St. Andrew's Rectory and Church

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LOWER FORT GARRY

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Why You'll Love It!

- Meet the personalities that bring the Fort to life! Talk to the clerk and find out how much your furs, garden produce or labour will buy in the sales shop. Chat with the tripmen in the fur loft and see and touch the furs.
- Kids - "Sign on" as a worker for the Hudson's Bay Company and take part in fun activities every Wednesday in July and August.
- Hear the true stories of fur traders, farmers and craftsmen, Scots, Métis and First Nation peoples.
- Experience something different every day of the week in summer... perhaps a taste of bannock... a music recital... an Aboriginal game or European theatrical presentation – maybe even a scandal or two!

The Stone Fort

You hear the news as it travels through the fort... "the Governor is in residence!"

Wood smoke curls up from the chimney of the Big House. The pungent smells of cooking fat and blacksmithing coal mix and hang together heavily in the air. The resolute music of a piano and the joyous sound of the fiddle float through the yard. An elegant gentleman clad in a day coat tips his felt hat to you as he passes by. You give yourself a shake... you could have sworn you arrived here by car. But did you really?



A National Treasure

Lower Fort Garry has the finest stone fur trade buildings in all of western Canada. The Hudson's Bay Company started construction in 1831 and used the fort to supply its vast network of fur trade posts. Located below the rapids on the Red River, Lower Fort Garry was the perfect place to load supplies and furs bound for distant outposts like York Factory and, eventually, for Europe. In 1871, the Crown, the Ojibwa and the Swampy Cree First Nations made the first of the numbered treaties in western Canada here at "The Stone Fort". Lower Fort Garry was also one of the first training grounds for the North-West Mounted Police (later the RCMP).

Getting Here

A half-hour drive (32 km) north of Winnipeg on Highway #9 (Main Street). Also by Beaver Bus Lines (204-989-7007).

Unique Opportunities

- Enjoy weekly theme days in July and August designed especially for seniors, children and families.
- Sample the delicious food at Sylvia's Restaurant, and visit the gift shop.
- Drive or cycle along nearby scenic River Road and visit St. Andrew's Rectory and Church National Historic Sites.
- Stop at Lockport to see the dam. Try your hand at fishing. Watch the graceful white pelicans soar high above the river.

Lower Fort Garry

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RIEL HOUSE

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Why You'll Love It!

- Discover Louis Riel's life and legacy on a personalized tour with a guide in period costume.
- Re-live the old family tradition of "Sunday Visits" as you share bannock and lemonade on Sunday afternoons in July and August.
- Explore a unique Métis heritage garden and play Victorian games on the lawn.
- Bring a picnic lunch and relax in this peaceful setting.

The Living Legacy of Louis Riel

You step from the bright, sunlit yard into a small, cozy room. This looks like a familiar Victorian parlour, but something's different. You see a birchbark basket, a rawhide jacket, a baby hammock made from a red blanket... You've entered a Métis home, and the year is 1886. Slowly, small details that hint at a deeper story come into focus — a black shawl on the bed and a man's picture draped in black crepe. You've seen that face before. This is Riel House, where a family is in mourning for their beloved son, father and husband.



A National Treasure

Louis Riel was a famous Métis leader and a founder of Manitoba. He dedicated his life to the defense of Métis and French Canadian rights in the West. His life ended tragically when he was hanged for high treason in 1885. It was here, in the living room of his mother's house, that Riel's body lay in state for two days in December of that year.

Inside this restored Red River Frame house, you can reflect on the fascinating and complex story of Louis Riel and explore his modern legacy. Hear about Métis and Francophone society in the Red River Settlement at the end of the 19th century, including the unique settlement pattern of Métis river lots.

Getting Here

Riel House is twenty minutes from downtown Winnipeg. From Pembina Highway or St. Mary's Road, turn onto Bishop Grandin Boulevard and head towards River Road. Watch for Parks Canada beaver trail blazer signs. Also accessible by public transit.



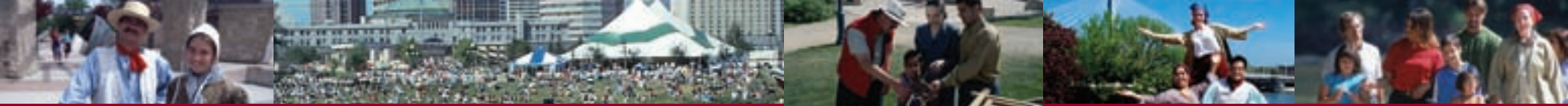
Unique Opportunities

Riel House can be your first stop on a journey of discovery through Winnipeg — follow in Riel's footsteps as you:

- Explore the St. Boniface Museum in the Grey Nun's Convent National Historic Site. See authentic artifacts such as Louis Riel's coffin and articles of his clothing.
- Visit the historic St. Boniface Cathedral, cemetery and monument marking the place where Louis Riel is buried.
- Stop at The Forks National Historic Site and Upper Fort Garry Gate to see displays about Riel's life.

Riel House

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THE FORKS

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Why You'll Love It!

- An Historic Junction – Stand at the famous “Forks” of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, where Fort Rouge, Fort Gibraltar and Fort Garry once stood.
- An Urban Oasis – Touch the inspiring bronze sculptures and stone carvings by noted Canadian artists.
- A Meeting Place for All Seasons – Take part in non-stop festivals and year-round events.
- Fascinating Stories – Enjoy displays that trace the steady, 6,000-year flow of people through The Forks.
- Entertaining Tours – Get acquainted with the spirit of The Forks by joining a guided tour in July and August.

The Flow of Rivers... The Flow of People

Just steps away from the bustling Forks Market, you enter a green oasis of calm in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. You stroll along meandering pathways – every turn reveals a garden, a sculpture, an intriguing chapter in The Forks’ 6,000-year history. At an overlook, you take a photo of the impressive Cathedral in the old French quarter across the river. Your eye follows the soaring contours of the Esplanade Riel Bridge toward an urban skyline of steel and glass. It’s easy to feel the sweep of history here, and sense the attraction this place has had over the millennia.



A National Treasure

The Red and Assiniboine rivers have always been important gateways to the North and the West: first for Aboriginal people and later for European explorers and fur traders.

The Forks has witnessed many of the key events in the transformation of the Canadian West... as a centre for trade and commerce, a hub for road and rail transportation, a place of arrival for immigrants to the prairies and as the nucleus for the City of Winnipeg.

Discover each chapter of The Forks’ 6,000-year story through lively guided tours, one-of-a-kind art and sculpture, city and river vistas, prairie gardens, and the historic buildings.

Getting Here

From the intersection of Portage and Main in downtown Winnipeg, travel south on Main Street and look for the Parks Canada beaver trail blazer signs directing you east towards “The Forks”.

Unique Opportunities

- Visit Parks Canada in the Explore Manitoba Centre for your free copy of “The Forks Walking Tours” booklet and “ForksQuest” a heritage scavenger hunt.
- Explore the waterways! Take the City of Winnipeg’s River Interpretive Tour or the Splash Dash Water Bus from The Forks docks.
- Tour the nearby Exchange District National Historic Site and discover one of the best collections of turn-of-the-century architecture in all of North America!
- Cross the spectacular Esplanade Riel Pedestrian Bridge into historic St. Boniface and experience Winnipeg’s French-quarter.

The Forks

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CHURCHILL

Why You'll Love It!

- World famous birding – Enthusiasts flock to Churchill from mid-May to mid-July. More than 200 species of resident and migrating birds are found here.
- Unforgettable whale watching – More than 3,000 beluga whales gather in the Churchill River in July and August.
- The Tundra in Technicolour – Fragile northern plants bloom from June through August. Autumn paints the tundra in vibrant and changing colours until late September.
- Polar Bears in the Wild – These impressive animals congregate near Churchill during October and November, and can be seen as early as June.
- Breathtaking displays of “Northern Lights” – Visitors from around the world are awed by the night sky from late September through April.

Your Gateway to Northern Adventure

You can't believe you're really looking out over Hudson Bay – destination of explorers, scientists and adventurers! It's truly a feast for the senses. You're surrounded by a colourful tapestry of lichen-covered boulders and sub-arctic plants. From the nearly three hundred year-old stone battlements on Cape Merry, you can see pods of beluga whales in the mouth of the river. You watch their smooth white backs appear and disappear as they roll rhythmically through the water. You've arrived in Churchill, Manitoba's outpost on the remote edge of the arctic.



Visit our Parks Canada Visitor Centre in the Historic Railway Station where you can:

- See the impressive “Our Land, Our Stories” exhibit, including a life-sized polar bear den.
- Hear fascinating talks by local experts and see a variety of great films.
- Join in special nature and history activities for children and families.
- Get the latest weather conditions, wildlife sightings and polar bear safety updates.

Safety First

- You must have detailed safety information due to the area's weather, remoteness, and the abundance of polar bears. Contact us while planning your trip, and as soon as you arrive in Churchill.
- Come prepared for a changeable and cool sub-arctic marine climate, biting insects and rugged terrain.
- Polar bears are dangerous. Respect all safety and viewing instructions and regulations.

Getting Here

Churchill is on the edge of Hudson Bay, 1,000 km north of Winnipeg, Manitoba. It's accessible by air from Winnipeg (3-hour flights daily). The 36-hour train trip from Winnipeg to Churchill leaves three times weekly.

For information on travel options, tours and accommodations, contact the Churchill Chamber of Commerce at 1-888-389-2327 or visit the Town of Churchill website at www.churchill.ca



Unique Opportunities

- Visit Prince of Wales Fort, Cape Merry Battery and Sloop Cove.
- Try delicious, traditional northern meals and shop for hand-crafted clothing, artwork and souvenirs.
- Explore the captivating Eskimo Museum.
- Take a dogsled ride across the tundra, with or without snow!

Parks Canada

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WAPUSK

NATIONAL PARK

Why You'll Love It!

- The Churchill/Wapusk area is one of the most accessible places in the world to see polar bears in their natural habitat on a safe, guided tour.
- These impressive animals congregate near Churchill during October and November, and can be seen as early as June in coastal areas when there is no sea ice present. Great care is taken by park managers and tour operators to ensure that visitors are aware of safe viewing practices and that the bears remain wild and undisturbed.

Home of the "White Bear"

You're riding in an enormous tundra vehicle through a landscape scattered with stunted, wind-bent trees and snow-covered rocks. You're on the edge of Wapusk National Park, a vast sub-arctic wilderness on the west coast of Hudson Bay. As you look through the window, searching the horizon, what you thought was a large boulder begins to move. You focus your binoculars, and recognize the unmistakable silhouette of a polar bear. Slowly he stands up, testing the air. He's coming closer now— you reach for the camera and hope you packed enough film...



A National Treasure

Wapusk (Wáh-psk), is the Cree word for "white bear". Approximately 900 polar bears inhabit this huge 11,475 square kilometre park. Wapusk protects one of the world's largest known polar bear denning areas, where female bears give birth.

In the tundra coastal areas, arctic plants abound, while the forested areas contain boreal plants. More than 200 bird species and 44 mammal species are found in the park.

Wapusk National Park is the site of much scientific study. In recent years, Wapusk has become an important natural laboratory where researchers monitor the rate of global climate change and its effects on the natural environment.

Getting Here

Wapusk National Park itself is a wilderness preserve with no roads or hiking trails. Access is through permitted commercial tour operators, depending on the weather and the season. Helicopters offer overflights throughout the year; tundra vehicles go into the park in early winter and oversnow vehicles go in late winter. Please contact Parks Canada in Churchill for more information.

Several local companies offer tours that help visitors experience the Wapusk environment in and around Churchill, near the park but outside its' boundaries.

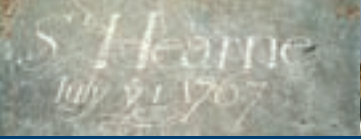


Unique Opportunities

- Ecology and human history – Experience Wapusk through the "Our Land, Our Stories" exhibit at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Churchill's Historic Railway Station. Interactive maps and displays, films and life-sized dioramas bring the park to life.
- Cultural heritage – Reflect upon the stories of the Aboriginal people who have inhabited this wild, impressive land for more than 4,000 years.
- Churchill Northern Studies Centre – Learn more about Wapusk with scientists, photographers, and others immersed in the study of the ecology of this important landscape.

Wapusk

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PRINCE OF WALES FORT

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Why You'll Love It!

- Take a guided tour. Hear unforgettable tales of fur trade riches, human hardship and the global conflict between England and France in the 18th century.
- Witness the extensive project underway today to preserve the Fort for future generations.
- Tour information is available from Parks Canada or from local tour operators. All guided tours are accompanied by polar bear monitors for your safety.

The Hudson's Bay Company Thinking Big!

Crossing the wide mouth of the Churchill River you see the Fort, alone and monumental, still guarding Manitoba's arctic coast. What must 21- year- old Samuel Hearne, new Hudson's Bay Company recruit, have thought of this place during his first winter here in 1766? Cold – Remote – Wild. But full of possibilities. This ambitious Englishman would become the first white explorer to reach the Arctic Ocean by land and, by the age of 30, the commander of Prince of Wales Fort. But that was all in Samuel's future when he carved his name in the bedrock at Sloop Cove, waiting for the ship home after his first long winter in Canada...



A National Treasure

Prince of Wales Fort is a testimony to the power of thinking big. It is the embodiment of the global ambitions of the Hudson's Bay Company and its desire to control trade and exploration routes in western Hudson Bay. In 1731, the HBC began building the Fort at the site of an existing Aboriginal trade hub. Prince of Wales Fort played a significant part in the developing fur trade and the lives of its Aboriginal and European participants. The massive efforts and sacrifice to build the Fort resulted in only 40 years of operation. In 1782, the English surrendered the Fort to the French in the ongoing rivalry between the two countries for control of North America.

Getting Here

Prince of Wales Fort and Sloop Cove are accessible by boat or helicopter. Contact Parks Canada or a local tour operator.

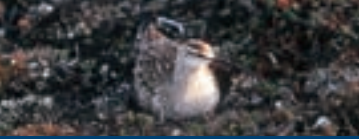
Cape Merry is 1 km north of Churchill. Visitors are advised to travel to Cape Merry by vehicle, and to book a guided tour with Parks Canada or a local tour operator because of the dangers posed by polar bears. Guided tours are accompanied by bear monitors to ensure visitor safety.

Unique Opportunities

- Take a whale-watching tour on your way to the Fort! More than 3,000 belugas return to the Churchill River every July and August.
- Local tour operators can take you by water to Sloop Cove, a mooring spot for ships during the fur trade. Iron rings, driven into the rocks to secure the sloops, remain visible today along with 18th century graffiti – the signatures of Hudson's Bay Company men carved into the stone.
- In July and August, enjoy Parks Canada's guided tours of Cape Merry. This is also a great spot to observe beluga whales from shore.

Prince of Wales Fort

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YORK FACTORY

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Why You'll Love It!

- York Factory's isolation and authenticity can transport you back in time like few other places in North America.
- Visit, and experience the chapters of a gripping saga:
 - the rivalry between the English and French for control of Hudson Bay;
 - the bustling fur trade in western Canada;
 - the adaptation of Europeans to the harsh northern Canadian landscape.
- The social and economic relationships that formed between the Aborigines and Europeans are part of a chapter that is still being written. To be continued... the story of York Factory.

Trading Hub for Half of Canada

As you approach York Factory, the three-story depot looks like a mirage on the flat horizon of the Hudson Bay lowlands. There is absolutely nothing like it for hundreds of miles in any direction. Could this outpost really have been the main link between Europe and Western and Northern Canada for over 250 years? Climbing the bank of the historic Hayes River and entering this grand wooden structure... you feel it in your bones that, yes, it was all this and more.



A National Treasure

York Factory, located in the wilderness at the mouth of the Hayes River, was the headquarters for the Hudson's Bay Company's northern department and a vital fur trade hub for more than 250 years. It was the gateway to the interior for British trade goods, HBC employees, settlers and soldiers. Native peoples were a key part of this enterprise, acting as guides, traders, hunters, and labourers. At its peak, York Factory had more than 50 buildings and hundreds of residents.

Getting Here

If you plan to visit York Factory contact Parks Canada in Churchill.

York Factory is accessible by charter aircraft and boat. Make travel arrangements in Churchill, Thompson or Gillam.

York Factory National Historic Site has wilderness services only. The nearby Silver Goose Lodge provides limited accommodation by advance reservation.

Unique Opportunities

- At York Factory, enjoy a personal guided tour of the site by Parks Canada staff, from June to September.
- Explore the architecture of the depot and its thousands of archaeological artefacts.
- Visit the nearby cemetery with centuries-old headstones.
- In Churchill, experience an excellent introduction to York Factory through Parks Canada's exhibit, "Our Land, Our Stories", in the Historic Railway Station.

York Factory

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St. Andrew's Rectory and Church National Historic Sites of Canada

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Commemorating North America's Greatest Geographer

David Thompson arrived in Churchill, Manitoba in 1784 as a fourteen-year-old employee of the Hudson Bay Company. He worked in the fur trade for 28 years, enduring hardships, serious injuries, raging rivers and bitter cold. What he achieved is staggering.

He explored nearly four million square kilometres of wilderness and mapped much of Western Canada.

He respected Canada's First Peoples and learned much from them. They called him Koo-koo-sint, "You who look at the stars," because of his constant use of the sextant which they thought had magical powers.

Those who looked upon his great map that brought together a vast geography of rivers, prairies and mountains extending to the Pacific Ocean beheld, for the first time, a vision of what Canada could become... *one nation*.

Include David Thompson events in your travel plans. Go to www.davidthompson200.org for more information.



Early 19th century Sextant - an astronomical instrument used to determine latitude and longitude by observing the sun, moon, and stars.
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