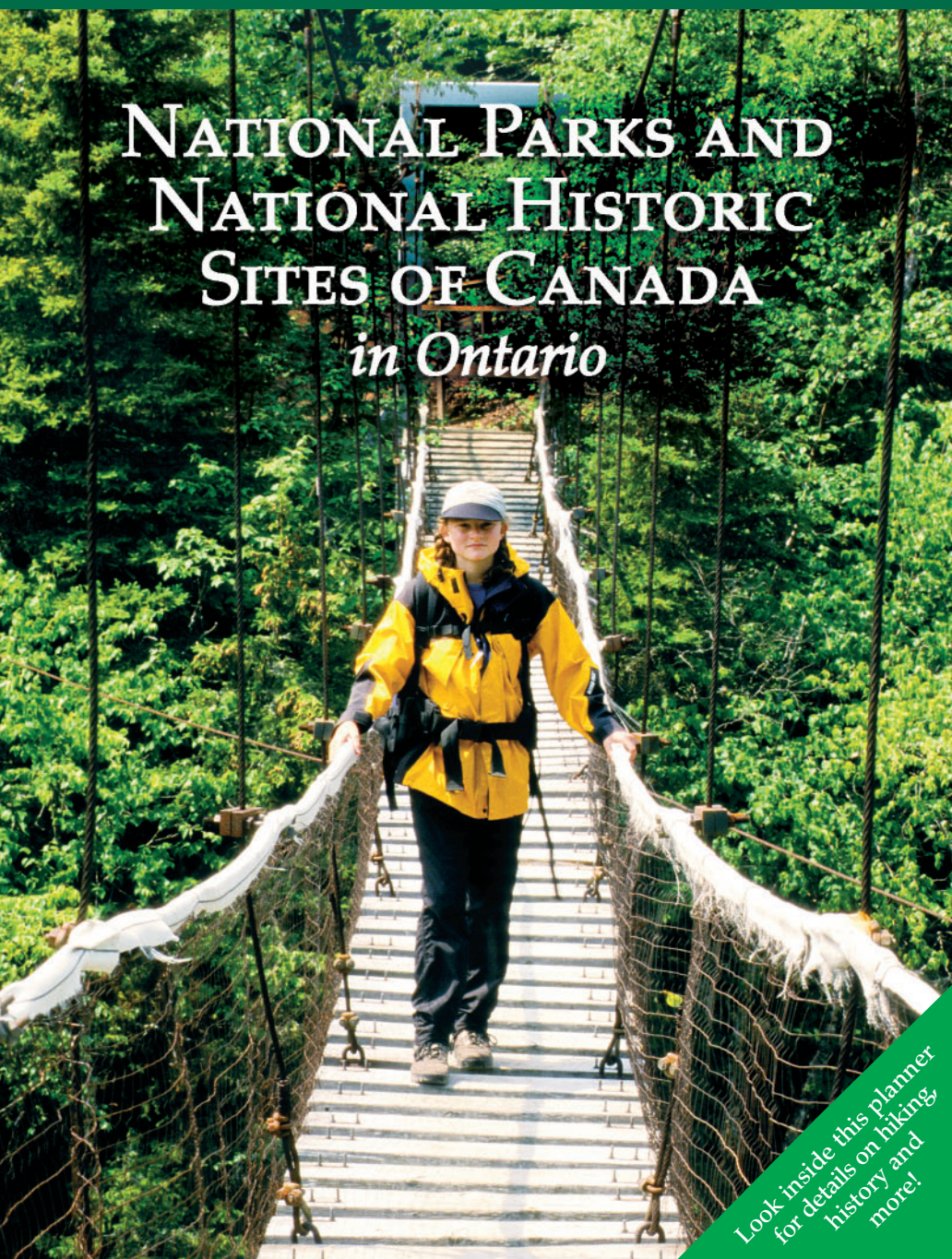




NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OF CANADA *in Ontario*



Look inside this planner
for details on hiking,
history and
more!



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Proudly Bringing You Canada At Its Best

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 allow 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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Welcome



A variety of visitor experiences awaits as you discover your heritage. Treasure it, enjoy it and protect it as if it were your own, because it is.

Did You Know?

SPECIAL EVENTS

Many sites and parks offer special events for Canada Day (July 1), Parks Day (third Saturday in July) and other celebrations. Please contact individual parks and sites for details.

LANGUAGES

Programs and services are available in both English and French and occasionally in other languages appropriate to the site.

GROUP TOURS

Most parks and sites offer special services and fees for commercial and non-profit groups. Please contact the individual site about specific services and reservation requirements.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Most locations offer special educational programs. Contact the sites for details.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Our parks and sites provide a range of services and facilities that include camping, picnicking, washrooms and public telephones. There are also services for visitors with special needs, such as those with visual, hearing or mobility impairments. You may wish to check with the parks and sites for details before visiting.

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO

Parks Canada proudly presents the national parks and national historic sites in Ontario. These attractions offer a multitude of fascinating opportunities to explore the wonders of Canada's natural and cultural heritage.

While forts dramatically echo the gunfire of the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837-38, historic houses mirror the lives of Canada's prime ministers and a legendary hero. The historic Rideau Canal and Trent-Severn Waterway, which meander through the province, unlock the mysteries of early transportation and commerce. The beautiful national parks introduce you to Ontario's spectacular landscape and unique ecosystems.

YOUR ENTRY FEES ARE WELL INVESTED

Most historic sites, national parks and historic canals charge an entry fee. When you pay these fees, you make a significant investment in a site or park. This money is used to keep the facilities in good condition and maintain them so that you can enjoy them.

Parks Canada has made a commitment to invest revenues from entry fees efficiently so that your travel experiences are as rewarding as possible.

ENTRY FEES

(fees subject to change – charges shown apply to adults)

The entry fee to national historic sites is \$4.00, except for Fort George, which charges \$11.70. The Parks Canada Discovery Centre charges \$7.80.

In national parks, fees are charged for camping and can range from \$9.00 to \$23.00 per day, depending on the services used (backcountry, with or without electricity, etc.). Parking fees apply at Bruce Peninsula, St. Lawrence Islands and some lock stations on the historic canals.

The entry fees for Pukaskwa, Point Pelee, Georgian Bay Islands and Fathom Five range from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

OPERATING SEASON

Some historic sites, such as Bellevue House and Laurier House welcome their first visitors in April. Fort George opens in May,

while all of the national historic sites in Ontario are ready to receive visitors by June.

While most of the sites close in October, Woodside continues its activities until December, and the Parks Canada Discovery Centre stays open year-round.

National parks are open year-round but most services are seasonal. Below are the general operating seasons.

- Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park: April to October; Visitor Centre open weekends November to March
- Georgian Bay Islands and St. Lawrence Islands national parks: June to September
- Point Pelee National Park: April to October; Visitor Centre open weekends November to March
- Pukaskwa National Park: Visitor Centre open from late June to early September

Historic canals are open to navigation from mid-May to mid-October. Call for a detailed schedule of lockages and information on the types of permits available.

For a complete list of applicable fees, services and operating schedules offered at our sites, parks and canals, visit the Parks Canada website at www.pc.gc.ca or call toll free 1-888-773-8888.

PARK AND SITE REGULATIONS

Park and site regulations are designed to protect these special places and to ensure that you have a safe and memorable visit.

- Please do not disturb or collect any natural objects or historic artifacts.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times. Service dogs may accompany their owners into buildings.
- For your own safety, never feed or approach wildlife.
- Stay on established trails to avoid trampling vegetation.
- Each park/site has specific hazards. Please consult on-site publications for other important safety messages.

HOW TO CONTACT US

You can reach individual parks and sites listed within this guide by contacting them directly or call:

1-888-773-8888 (North America) TTY: 1-866-787-6221

FIND US ON THE WEB – More information about national parks and national historic sites in Ontario can be found on the Web.

Go to: www.pc.gc.ca to reach individual park and site web pages.



ACTIVITIES

The following symbols identify activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for them throughout this planner when organizing your visit.



• swimming



• hiking/interpretive trails



• camping



• boat launch



• mooring



• backpacking



• canoeing/kayaking



• fishing



• skating



• diving



• scenic tour boat/cruises (commercially operated)

NEW

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area of Canada



NATURALLY SUPERIOR

With over 1/3 of the world's freshwater supply, the Great Lakes are a significant resource for the health of our planet. Management of Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA), part of the largest Great Lake, aims to balance sustainable use and protection of this special marine environment.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

The NMCA is under development, but neighbouring communities offer a variety of services: accommodations, mooring, boat launch, hiking, canoeing/kayaking, fishing and diving.

Wildlife

More than 70 species of fish inhabit the near-pristine waters while gulls, herons, eagles and pelicans breed on the islands.

SIGNIFICANCE

Established in October 2007, this is the largest NMCA in Canada. There may be as many as 50 shipwrecks, one of which, the *Gunilda*, Jacques Cousteau characterized as the most beautiful wreck in the world. The area boasts

many other attractions related to geology, geomorphology, and flora and fauna. Aboriginal presence dates back at least 5,000 years and continues to this day.

GETTING THERE

The area extends from Thunder Cape at the tip of Sleeping Giant Provincial Park in the west, to Bottle Point just east of Terrace Bay, and out to the Canada-US border in Lake Superior. It includes the waters of Black Bay and Nipigon Bay, and encompasses over 10,000 km² of lakebed and overlying waters, as well as islands, shoals and some mainland.

Latitude: 48° 26' 6" N
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Pukaskwa National Park of Canada



THE SPIRIT OF THE WILDERNESS

"Wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit"
— Edward Abbey

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- 2008 marks the 25th anniversary of the park – this will be a year of celebration you won't want to miss!
- An incredibly varied landscape and waterscape from calm inlets to vicious white caps, trails that are *REAL*, not manicured. Enjoy magnificent scenery, beautiful views and an opportunity to get away from it all.
- Amazing opportunities abound to learn about natural history and First Nations culture.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Browse through the exhibits in the Visitor Centre, including audio-visual

presentations, tour the Anishinaabe Camp or follow one of the interpretive trails around Hattie Cove. Interpretive programs are offered during the summer months – stop by and learn something new about 'the wild shore of an inland sea'!

Hiking & Paddling

Experienced hikers and paddlers will enjoy the backcountry. The Coastal Hiking Trail is a rugged but rewarding excursion. Canoe routes on the White and Pukaskwa rivers are popular adventures. Some paddlers also follow the Lake Superior coastline from Hattie Cove to Michipicoten Harbour, a 7-14 day trip requiring extreme caution on this big lake.

Wilderness

Pukaskwa's terrain is hilly, broken by ridges and cliffs, riddled with rock-rimmed lakes and clothed in shallow soils. In this wilderness live moose, wolf, black bear and woodland caribou. The interior is well forested with spruce, fir, cedar, mixed with birch and aspen. Due to the cold climate and icy influence of



ACTIVITIES

Lake Superior, rare arctic plants can be found here as well.



Backcountry Exploits

All backcountry travellers must register in and out with park staff, and are urged to contact the park well in advance to obtain information and book their trip. To maintain a feeling of solitude and protect the natural environment, the maximum group size is eight. Be prepared for biting insects, wildlife encounters and unpredictable weather. The busiest time for backcountry use is mid-July to mid-August.

Camping

Hattie Cove has 67 campsites (29 electrical) and full-serviced comfort stations with showers. The frontcountry has four walking trails, a wheelchair-accessible picnic area, parking and a visitor centre. Primitive designated campsites are located along the 60 km (38 mi.) Coastal Hiking Trail.

SIGNIFICANCE

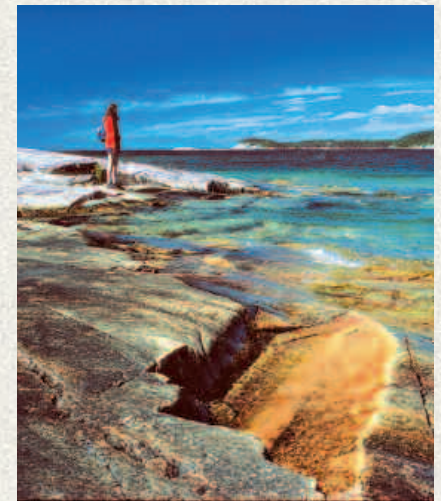
The only wilderness national park and the largest in Ontario, Pukaskwa protects 1,878 km² of boreal forest and Lake Superior shoreline. The park's exceptional beauty is revealed in its vistas of Lake Superior and in the rugged landscape

and rushing rivers of the Canadian Shield and northern forest. The spirit of the wilderness envelops those who explore this special place.

GETTING THERE

Approximately halfway between Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie, the park entrance is just 15 minutes off Hwy. 17 (Trans-Canada) via Hwy. 627. The nearby communities of Pic River First Nation and Marathon offer a full range of services.

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Sault Ste. Marie Canal

National Historic Site of Canada



A CANADIAN CANAL TO CONNECT THE WEST

The history of Sault Ste. Marie is an amalgam of many of the forces which have shaped the character of the Canadian nation. Prehistoric settlement by native peoples, French exploration, the fur trade, the War of 1812, railway and canal development, industrialization and urban growth are all reflected in the history of this district.

– Dennis Carter-Edwards

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Whether your interest is engineering or architecture, your senses will surely be engaged.
- Discover fascinating examples of 19th century technology and the many engineering ‘firsts’ that were incorporated in the construction of the Sault Canal’s historic lock.

- Get up close to the last surviving emergency swing dam, found alongside the canal and hear the fascinating story of how it saved the day during the disastrous 1909 accident.
- The restored widow’s walk and beautiful iron cresting elegantly crown the canal’s administration building, giving it a maritime charm.
- Today, the canal serves pleasure craft, using some of the original machinery formerly used to operate the historic lock. Get a close-up view of boats locking through during the lock operating season from May 15 to Oct 15.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES Interpretive Programs

The Sault Canal offers something for everyone: guided tours; a Visitor Centre;



outdoor interpretive panels and various programs that help visitors discover engineering and technology in a fun and memorable way. Inside the Visitor Centre, find out how a lock works and the role gravity plays; decode secret messages and learn how to spell your name using signal flags like those used by ships.

SIGNIFICANCE

The St. Marys River Rapids were the last obstacle to an all-Canadian water route from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean until 1895, when the Sault Ste. Marie Canal opened. A marvel of 19th century technology, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal was home to the world’s longest and first electrically operated lock. It played an important role in Canada’s westward expansion, moving wheat, ore and lumber east and new settlers west. Electricity was produced in the powerhouse, one of the site’s five beautiful historic buildings constructed of red sandstone excavated from the canal during its construction. With

distinct architectural features and useful designs, these buildings impress onlookers from afar.

GETTING THERE

Follow the signs from the Trans-Canada Highway (Hwy. 17) or from the International Bridge from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S.

CONTACT US

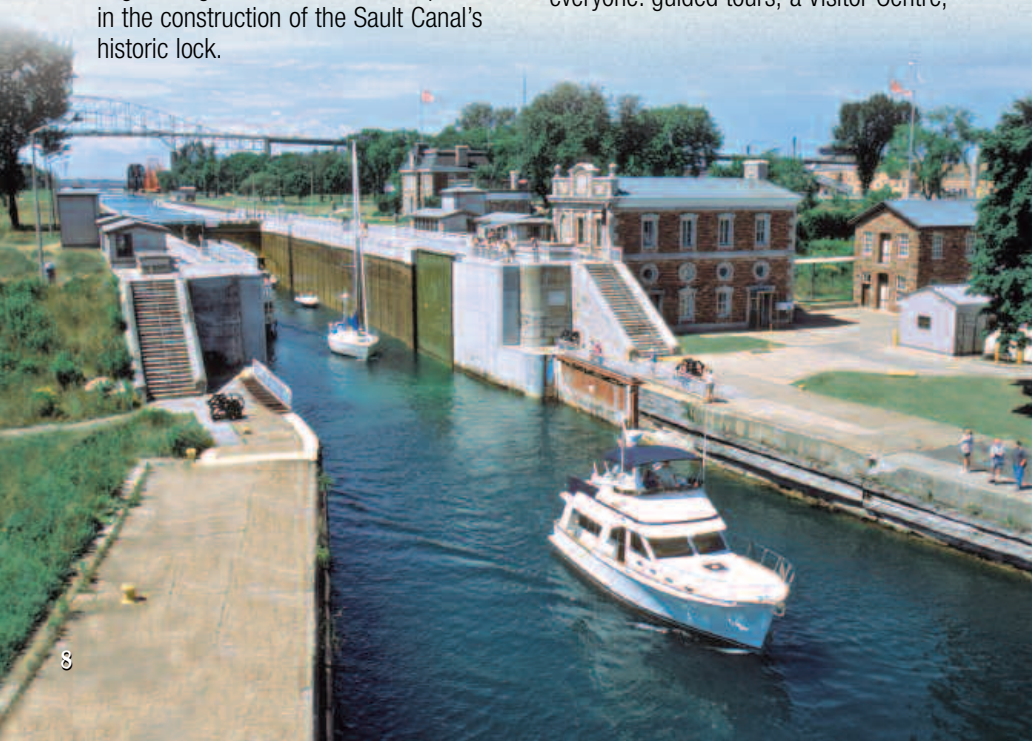
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Fort St. Joseph

National Historic Site of Canada



THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

Today we think of our neighbours to the south as our closest allies and important trading partners. But, almost 200 years ago, the United States declared war on Canada in June of 1812 over those two things – allies and trade. Canada's greatest allies during this war were the First Nations Peoples who joined forces with the British to defend Canada. Their help was not only vital in defeating the Americans in one of the first major battles of the War of 1812 – the capture of the American Fort Mackinac – but really the entire two-year war. This pivotal first major victory was launched from Fort St. Joseph.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Fort St. Joseph is on the southern tip of St. Joseph Island, which sits on the shore of the channel between the two largest Great Lakes: Superior and Huron.
- This strategic outpost is a gorgeous one for the vistas of these world-famous waters.
- The ashes of its destruction in 1814 have cleared and archaeological digs and research on the remaining foundations and fortifications have uncovered the original footprint. You can stroll among these ruins and let your mind's eye fill in the blanks.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Allow 1-3 hours to explore the site fully. Take in the award-winning film *Fort St. Joseph, British Outpost on the Frontier*

that describes the early history of the fort. Browse the re-designed Visitor Centre and learn more about the everyday life through the audio-tour, exhibits and activities.

Walking & Hiking

There are several nature trails that penetrate the mature maple forest and overlook the marshy bays and islands of the St. Mary's River. Interpretive panels along the way help to explain and interpret the history and environment.

Wildlife

This habitat, that once sustained soldiers and Native people, provides sanctuary for moose, deer, beaver and eagles. The site is filled with birds and wildflowers too!

Camping

St. Joseph's Island offers a variety of

tent and trailer camping as well as B&B's and resort accommodations.

SIGNIFICANCE

From 1796 to 1812, Fort St. Joseph was the most westerly military outpost in British North America. It was built to protect against American attack and symbolizes the commercial and military alliance that existed between the British and the First Nation Peoples of the western Great Lakes region in the



aftermath of the American Revolutionary War through the War of 1812.

GETTING THERE

Travelling 90 km (56 mi.) east from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, follow the signs from the Trans-Canada Hwy. to St. Joseph Island. The park is off Reed Road, which is off Hwy. 548. Please remember that the site is open seasonally.

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Bruce Peninsula National Park of Canada

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THE JEWEL BETWEEN LAKE HURON AND GEORGIAN BAY

Located at the tip of the 80 km-long Bruce Peninsula, this park protects one of the largest pockets of wilderness remaining in Southern Ontario.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, many treasures of 'the Bruce' can be found where the Niagara Escarpment meets the Great Lake waters. Treasures like spectacular shoreline cliffs gazing out at Georgian Bay, crystal clear turquoise water, sink holes, ancient coral reefs, and sea caves.

- The world-famous Bruce Trail starts (or ends!) here! Pack a snack and hike a part of this 782 km (489 mi.) pathway to Niagara.
- Of the 60 species of orchids found in Ontario, 43 of them can be found on the Bruce Peninsula – bring your camera and capture their explosion of colour.
- The Natural Arch and the Grotto – spa-like sea caves popular with swimmers and divers alike.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Programs such as guided hikes, evening presentations, campfires and special events are offered throughout the summer. Interpretive signs and exhibits at the Visitor Centre, viewpoints and

trails reveal the stories behind the scenery. The high definition theatre presentation offers glimpses of the park not normally seen.

Walking & Hiking

Stroll the beaches of Singing Sands and look for the amazing selection of wildflowers found growing naturally in a diverse collection of habitats.

Wildlife

There are many chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, porcupines, snowshoe hares, skunks, white-tailed deer, snakes and frogs to be found in the park. Black bear, fox, fisher, marten and the Massasauga rattlesnake are not as commonly seen.

Camping

Parks Canada operates Cyprus Lake campground in the park, with 242 campsites available. The campground offers beaches, hiking trails, a day use area and an outdoor amphitheatre.



Photo, © Mark Raycroft

park is comprised of an incredible array of habitats, from rare alvars to dense forests and clean lakes. Together, these form a greater ecosystem – the largest remaining chunk of natural habitat in Southern Ontario.

GETTING THERE

Located near the town of Tobermory, at the top of the Bruce Peninsula, the park is accessible from the south by Hwy. 6 and from the north, the ferry MS Chi-Cheemaun departs from South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island. For ferry reservations call 1-800-265-3163.

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Longitude: 81° 25' 15" W

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SIGNIFICANCE

In the heart of a World Biosphere Reserve, 'the Bruce' is a place of global significance. The massive, rugged cliffs of the park are inhabited by thousand year-old cedar trees, overhanging the crystal clear waters of Georgian Bay. The



Fathom Five

National Marine Park of Canada

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A SPARKLING ATTRACTION

When you see the colour of the water here, you will think you are in the Caribbean! Maybe that is because the land under the waters of Fathom Five Marine Park used to be down near the equator! Thanks to the phenomenon known as 'plate tectonics' the continents have slowly moved over the surface of the earth. The land around here has travelled north over millions of years, resting in the Bruce Peninsula – for now!

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- You will find some of the best freshwater diving opportunities in the world here. Clear, clean water, submerged geological

formations (cliffs, caves, overhangs) and more than 20 historical shipwrecks offer a variety of underwater experiences.

- You can get away from it all! This is one of the most undisturbed parts of the UNESCO designated Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Allow 4-5 hours for your visit. Interpretive exhibits at the Visitor Centre and the glass-bottomed boat tours reveal the underwater stories. Aboard the MS Chi-Cheemaun (Ojibwa name for 'Big Canoe') join an interpreter for an 'insiders' tour of the park. Board a private tour boat to Flowerpot Island and take in a guided tour of the Lightstation and Light keeper's home.

Walking & Hiking

Flowerpot Island is the only island in the park with hiking trails, washrooms and a picnic shelter.

Wildlife

Cove Island is the largest and closest island to the mainland and other smaller islands. Because of this, it has the greatest variety of wildlife, including deer, bears and rattlesnakes. Flowerpot Island is smaller and more remote. You will see many garter snakes, because most of the predators that eat them haven't managed to get across to the island. You'll also see red squirrels, which cross on the ice in winter.

Diver Alert

Divers are required to register in person at the Diver Registration Centre, located in the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, before diving in the park. Park staff provide important information during registration.



Camping

There are six tenting sites on Flowerpot Island, each with a wooden tent platform. A camping permit can be obtained at the Visitor Centre. The sites are a short walk from Beachy Cove, the main dock on the island. Access to the island is by private tour boat from Tobermory, your own boat or by kayak (experienced paddlers only).



ACTIVITIES



SIGNIFICANCE

Fathom Five, established in 1987, is Canada's first national marine park. It consists of 20 islands to the north and east of the Bruce Peninsula, 130 km² of surface water, the ecosystem reaching 200 m below, and the park's tiny land-base at Tobermory Harbour. Composed of green islands, lake bottoms and clear cold water, it is representative of the Georgian Bay Marine region.

GETTING THERE

See Bruce Peninsula National Park, page 13.

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Woodside

National Historic Site of Canada

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BOYHOOD HOME OF THE FIRST CANADIAN CITIZEN!

In addition to being the face you see on a Canadian \$50 bill, William Lyon Mackenzie King was a man of many feats – he was Canada's longest serving prime minister, the first Deputy Minister of Labour, he introduced the Old Age Pension and was Canada's first official citizen! As the proud recipient of citizenship certificate #0001, Mackenzie King boasted that "Citizenship is the highest honour a nation can confer upon an individual who has not been born into this heritage".



WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

• Every season has something new to offer! Come and enjoy Victoria Day and Canada Day festivities, or drop by to see how the Kings celebrated Thanksgiving, and Christmas in the late nineteenth century.



- Woodside takes you back to the elegance and splendour of Victorian times through its ornate furnishings, silky fabrics, and costumed hosts.
- You can enjoy the lily pond and admire the tulip tree planted by John King, over 110 years ago.
- You'll see a reproduction of the certificate King received when he was made a citizen and can catch a film on the King family in the theatre.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Beautifully restored to represent the early 1890s, the house brings the era of kerosene lamps, mangles, corsets and wood stoves vibrantly to life. You can explore on your own or take part in a guided tour of this amazingly furnished house. Venture into the hands-on area and play games such as crokinole, bagatelle or try the stereoscope. You may be lucky enough to hear beautiful music from Mackenzie King's piano.



Walking & Hiking

The attractive grounds and walking trails reflect the beauty of the changing seasons, whether ablaze with fall colours, covered by a blanket of snow in early winter, or abloom with lovely

gardens in spring and summer. The grounds in the summer months are a peaceful place for picnics, playing croquet, capturing photos or just walking around and imagining that you are back in 1891.

SIGNIFICANCE

Woodside is the boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's longest-serving prime minister. The house has been restored to the Victorian style of the 1890s. The importance of this residence is best reflected in King's own words: "The years that left the most abiding of all impressions and most in the way of family associations were those lived at Woodside".

GETTING THERE

From Hwy. 401, take Hwy 8 west to Hwy. 85 north (Hwy. 7 East) and exit at Wellington St., taking the west cutoff.



ACTIVITIES

Follow the signs to direct you to the site entrance on Spring Valley Road.

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HMCS *Haida*

National Historic Site of Canada

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CANADA'S MOST FAMOUS WARSHIP

"Magnificent in appearance, majestic in movement, and menacing in disposition", this is how the Tribal class destroyers were described by a senior Australian naval officer during the Second World War. "Magnificent" because of their long, sleek profiles and their ability to steam ahead at speeds of up to 36 knots! "Majestic" because of the curves and lines of the hull; the lush wood detailing of the officers' living spaces, and "Menacing" because of their powerful twin forward guns, their ability to turn on a dime and their anti-aircraft and torpedo firepower.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- **The access!** Most of the ship is open to discovery. As part of your self-guided tour, you get to delve deep into the ship's power house – the engine and boiler rooms two decks below the main deck.
- **The open bridge!** Tribals were known for having an open bridge so the officers could have a 360° birds-eye view of the action. When you stand in the shoes of

the officers who stood watch there, picture yourself in 70 ft. swells, cruising through the Arctic Ocean in the dead of night, not knowing when a U-boat might attack!

- **The ladders!** You'll get a work-out climbing up and down the myriad of ladders and passageways of this 114 m (377 ft.) naval vessel. Hang onto the handrails!

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Grab a seat on a mess deck locker and watch the video *In a Class of Her Own* featuring actual footage of *Haida* in action. Talk to a volunteer who may have first-hand stories to tell you of his time in the Royal Canadian Navy. Listen to the whirl of the propellers at the interactive panel on the jetty. Sign up to be a 'Sailor for a Day' on selected dates throughout the summer months.

Walking & Hiking

HMCS *Haida* is located at the eastern terminus of the Hamilton Waterfront Trail. This 3.4 km-long multi-use trail makes its way along Pier 8 and the shore from HMCS *Haida* to Princess Point, and



participating in many theatres of operation during the Second World War, the Korean and Cold wars.

GETTING THERE

HMCS *Haida* is conveniently located halfway between Niagara Falls and Toronto on Pier 9 in the city of Hamilton on Lake Ontario.

From the QEW – take exit 89 and follow Burlington St. westward past the industrial complexes, turn right at John St. N. and then turn right onto Guise St. and then left onto Catharine St.

From HWY 403, (Toronto) take the York St. exit and follow York, turning left onto James St. N. Follow James St. N., turn right onto Guise St. and then left onto Catharine St.

through the Desjardins Canal. The Parks Canada Discovery Centre is just steps away on the western edge of the adjacent Pier 8.

SIGNIFICANCE

HMCS *Haida* is the last of 27 Tribal class destroyers built for the British, Canadian and Australian navies around the time of the Second World War. Of these 27 ships, 13 were sunk and 13 were scrapped – *Haida* is the sole survivor. Commissioned in 1943, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) *Haida* served in the Royal Canadian Navy until 1963,

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SHOWCASE OF CANADA'S NATURAL AND CULTURAL TREASURES

What happens when you transform eight acres of concrete pier and turn it into a spectacular park-like setting with a state of the art, award winning structure that shines on the edge of Hamilton Harbour? You get to step into the world of Parks Canada, without ever leaving the city!

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

• **For the view!** Jutting out into Hamilton Harbour, you can see all the waterfront has to offer, and then some. Vistas include the shoreline of Cootes Paradise (part of Royal Botanical Gardens National Historic Site), the cliffs of Burlington Heights and Dundurn Castle National Historic sites, and just a short walk along the pier, the

proud profile of HMCS *Haida* National Historic Site!

• **For the fun you'll have!** Inside, you can crawl into an Atlantic grotto, test your knowledge on an interactive video game, swim through an underwater kelp forest, take the wheel of a Great Lakes freighter, and meet the animated workers of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site.

• **For the experiences you'll have!** Become a Great Lakes scientist, flood the water table, climb into the beaver lodge, look for butterflies by the pond!

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES Interpretive Programs

Start your visit in the high definition theatre to witness the beauty and wonder of Canada's historic places and natural wonders. Games, crafts and activities are offered year-round, with special events planned throughout the



summer. Check out the daily offer board when you arrive. You may encounter a soldier from Fort George or learn about the great science happening in our national parks from 'Dr. Parks' or get to touch a real narwhal tusk. Each day is a new discovery!

Walking & Hiking

Weaving its way along the edges of the Discovery Centre is the Hamilton Waterfront Trail. This 3.4 km-long multi-use trail makes its way along Pier 8 and the shore from HMCS *Haida* National Historic Site to Princess Point, and through the Desjardins Canal.

Wildlife

The harbourfront is a popular fishing spot and the naturalized pond and stormwater troughs attract a diverse array of birdlife and butterflies. Bring your binoculars!

SIGNIFICANCE

Located on the water's edge of Hamilton Harbour on Lake Ontario, the Discovery Centre is Parks Canada's way of bringing national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas to the doorstep of Canadians living in the Golden Horseshoe of Southern Ontario – Canada's most densely populated urban

region. It is a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly showcase to present the wonders of nationally significant examples of our cultural and natural heritage.

GETTING THERE

The Parks Canada Discovery Centre is conveniently located halfway between Niagara Falls and Toronto on Pier 8 in the city of Hamilton on Lake Ontario.

From the QEW – take exit 89 (Burlington St.) and follow Burlington westward past the industrial complexes into the city, turn right at James St. N. and right again onto Guise St. Take the first left (turn at the sailboat mast).

From Hwy. 403, (Toronto) take the York St. exit and follow York, turning left onto James St. N. Follow James St. until it ends at Guise St.; turn right onto Guise and take the first left (turn at the sailboat mast).



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Fort George

National Historic Site of Canada

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PEACEFUL NEIGHBOURS NOW, FIERCE ENEMIES THEN

Stand atop the firing ports of the blockhouse and look across the Niagara River. All seems quiet for now but look across the river. The U.S.-held garrison, Fort Niagara, pops into view and you can almost hear the furious gunfire of the muskets firing back and forth between U.S. and British troops during the War of 1812. See the splash of the cannons' falling shot and smell the black powder smoke lingering in the air.



WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- You can discover the entrance to the secret tunnel! This is a 100' stone tunnel which takes you to the basement of a small blockhouse. There you can climb the stairs to the top and see the view from the firing ports.
- The Fife and Drum Corps roam the site, playing the cheerful and melodious fife and drum music of the times.
- Kids can get a lesson in 19th century musket drill from period soldiers **and** sample treats from the authentic colonial army kitchen.
- Fort George is located in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, which was declared Ontario's first national heritage district. The whole town feels historic, with carefully restored houses and shops throughout, not to mention the world-famous Shaw Festival Theatre.



ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Thrill to the sound of flintlock muskets and the thunder of cannon as you watch gun and artillery demonstrations as part of your guided tour. Costumed staff provide stories and insight into garrison life.

Walking & Hiking

In addition to roaming inside the vast ramparts of the fort, why not explore the Niagara Parks' heritage trail that is just steps away. The trail passes historic War of 1812 sites where you can explore fascinating old growth and Carolinian forests, the Niagara Escarpment, the Great Gorge and pristine nature preserves.

SIGNIFICANCE

Fort George served as the headquarters of the British Army in this part of Ontario during the War of 1812. These forces included British regulars, local militia, Aboriginal peoples, and Runchey's corps of freed slaves. Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, the saviour of Upper Canada served here until his death at the Battle of Queenston Heights in October 1813. The fort was destroyed by American

artillery fire and was captured during the Battle of Fort George in May 1813. The U.S. forces used it as a base to invade the rest of Upper Canada, however, they were repulsed at the battles of Stoney Creek and Beaver Dams. After a seven-month occupation, the fort was retaken in December and remained in British hands for the remainder of the war.

GETTING THERE

Fort George is located in Niagara-on-the-Lake, 18 km (11 mi.) north of Niagara Falls. From the Toronto area, take the Queen Elizabeth Highway (QEW) to Niagara. Exit at Hwy. 55 and continue to Niagara-on-the-Lake.



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Queenston Heights

National Historic Site of Canada

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SURGITE!!

13 October 1812 – The swirling currents of the treacherous Niagara River almost drowned a few of the guys as they swam across in the pitch black of night before dawn. Little did Major-General Sir Isaac Brock know that the New York State militiamen had come across and found the hidden fishermen's path to the top of the escarpment. Before sunrise, they had managed to take the gun at the v-shaped fortification on the hill – Brock was furious and stomped out to get it back - but it cost him his life. Before he died, he yelled to his men, Surgite! (Push On Brave York Rangers)

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Standing high atop the “Heights” you see the swirling of the currents of the Niagara River below and will see why the New York militia were reluctant to enter this whirling stream.
- It is the tomb of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, whose statue is perched high atop the monument to his memory, and that of his aide-de-camp, John McDonnell, who is also buried there.
- It is the focal point of the scenic Niagara Parkway that traces the edge of the Niagara River from Niagara Falls to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Sir Winston Churchill once described it as the “prettiest drive in the world”.



ACTIVITIES



hawks float above during migration. The river is famous for its concentration of gulls in the fall.

SIGNIFICANCE

Despite the death of their commander Brock, the British went on to win the Battle of Queenston Heights after a fierce 12-hour battle, aided by Aboriginal warriors of the Six Nations. This victory, combined with a more recent capture of Detroit united the people of Upper Canada (present day Ontario) behind the war effort against the Americans.



ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Walking & Hiking

Pack a lunch and follow the interpretive trail of the historic battle. Atop the Niagara Escarpment, Queenston marks the beginning of the world-famous 782 km Bruce Trail, which ends in Tobermory at Bruce Peninsula National Park.

Wildlife

The warm air currents around the Heights make it a great area to watch

GETTING THERE

Queenston Heights is located outside the town of Queenston, on the Niagara Parkway, mid-way between Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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PARKS CANADA SITES IN ONTARIO

Fort Malden

National Historic Site of Canada

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A TALE OF TWO FORTS

Just down the road from Fort Amherstburg, an anxious whisper travels through the town from man to man, and woman to woman: General Brock has arrived and is meeting with the great warrior, Tecumseh at the Indian Counsel House. He has promised new reinforcements and renewed hope for the struggle with the Americans across the river. The goal: the capture of Detroit.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Located on the banks of the Detroit River, the fort stands guard, reminding us of when the threat of American invasion was very real – you can picture how vulnerable the community of Amherstburg would have felt.
- It's really two forts in one! The original Fort Amherstburg was built in 1796, and was burned during the War of 1812 only to be rebuilt by the occupying American forces.



ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Allow two hours for your visit. Original defensive earthworks, a restored barrack building, and interpretation centre with exhibits and audio-visual presentations that reveal the fort's stories await you. There are also demonstrations of historical activities that take place and the Garrison Gift Shop to tempt you with souvenirs and special gifts.

Walking & Hiking

This beautiful 12-acre riverfront site is a gorgeous setting for a stroll.

Wildlife

The Fort Malden Shoreline Habitat Enhancement Project has built embayments designed to increase fish habitat in the Detroit River.

SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Malden has served as the headquarters for the British forces on the western frontier of Ontario, a British Indian Department post, a dockyard for the Upper Great Lakes, and the meeting place for Chief Tecumseh and General Isaac Brock during the War of 1812. Known originally as Fort Amherstburg, the site commanded the shipping and communication route on the Detroit River at the mouth of Lake Erie and played a



role in many skirmishes during the War of 1812 and the Upper Canada Rebellion.

GETTING THERE

Fort Malden is situated at 100 Laird Avenue in Amherstburg, a short drive south from Windsor on County Road 20.

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Point Pelee National Park of Canada

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BE INSPIRED BY CANADA'S NATURE... AND REMEMBER IT FOR A LIFETIME

Our goal is to bring people and the environment together. From picnic areas to the Visitor Centre, to famous vistas like the Tip and the Marsh Boardwalk, all facilities and services are designed to ensure a memorable experience and to preserve the park's natural environment.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- A lush Carolinian forest oasis at the southern tip of Canada, Point Pelee National Park resounds with migrating songbirds in the spring, hums with cicadas in the summer, flutters with Monarch butterflies in the fall and is a peaceful place of reflection in the winter.
- Birds, butterflies and dragonflies – oh my! Point Pelee is on a major fall migration path for the regal Monarch butterfly, a spring migration path for over 370 species of birds and home to

dragonflies and the endangered prickly pear cactus.

- You can tiptoe to the Tip! Canada's southernmost point can be found at the tip of the park that extends far into Lake Erie. If your toes are tired, you can ride the 'open air' shuttle there instead.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Cruise among the cattails with an interpreter in our 10-person canoe. 'Meet' the marsh's carnivorous plant and take a glimpse at life below the water, as you discover a side of Point Pelee few have experienced. Stop at the Visitor Centre, which provides an excellent introduction to the park, with new exhibits, a children's discovery room and theatre programs. Step back in time on the DeLaurier Trail and walk through a restored 1850s homestead.

Walking & Hiking

There are eight exciting self-guided trails covering more than 12 kms to lead you through your trek of discovery in this park filled with diverse habitats and ecosystems. 'Hike' through a marsh on

the raised boardwalk, with its telescopes and 35 ft.-high observation tower.

Wildlife

It is the home of eastern Canada's only lizard, the five-lined skink. These snake-like lizards have five cream stripes on their iridescent green-black bodies, and a bright blue tail. You can also see deer and cottontail rabbits bounding through the park.

Wildlife Alert

There are a number of 'at risk' species in the park, including the eastern flying squirrel, the prickly pear cactus, and the eastern spiny softshell turtle.

Camping

Since Point Pelee is a day-use park, there is no camping available for families. Camping can be found in the nearby town of Leamington.



ACTIVITIES



forests, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and of course birds. It is home to one of the few remaining Carolinian forests in Canada.

GETTING THERE

From Windsor or the United States, take Hwy. 3 to Leamington. From Hwy. 401, take Hwy. 77 to Leamington. Follow the green and white signs to the park, located 10 km southeast of Leamington.

Latitude: 42° 0' 48" N
Longitude: 82° 34' 23" W



SIGNIFICANCE

Located at the same latitude as northern California, Point Pelee's climate is also modified by Lake Erie, which lines its beaches on two sides of the triangular-shaped peninsula. This 7 km-long spit is a staging area for over 370 species of birds on their spring and fall migrations and is known as Canada's top birdwatching location. Although it is Canada's smallest national park, there is a huge diversity of habitats for plants,

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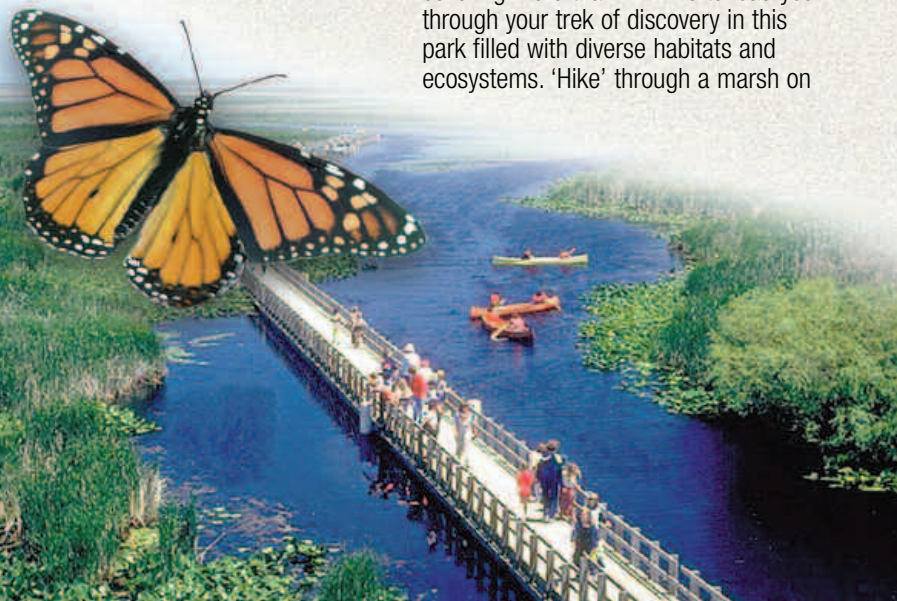
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Georgian Bay Islands National Park of Canada



INSPIRING ISLANDS AND INLETS

"A landscape clean and crisp in form and colour, rich in inspiration is all that an artist could wish for, begging to be used, and full of inherent possibilities." – Frank Carmichael, Group of Seven artist

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- The iconic scenery – windswept white pines on pink granite bedrock – has long inspired Canadians, including the famous Group of Seven artists.
- The park is composed of 59 islands and parts of islands and stretches from Honey Harbour northward to Twelve Mile Bay. On sunny days, the bay's cobalt waters form a striking counterpart to the light blue of the sky.

- Often referred to as the "sixth Great Lake", Georgian Bay is a boater's paradise, with its many islands and secluded bays that provide a unique national park boating experience.
- Cool morning mists and vibrant colours make for a beautiful tranquil setting in the fall months – and no bugs!

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the Parks Canada Welcome Centre at Lock 45 in Port Severn to learn about the park's features and recreational activities. Open seasonally.

Interpretive Programs

Park interpreters tour throughout the park during the summer, with props and fun activities to help you enjoy and learn about Georgian Bay Islands National Park.

Walking & Hiking

Book a trip on the park boat, the Daytripper, to enjoy hiking, picnicking or swimming on Beausoleil Island.



Wildlife

The park is home to the largest diversity of reptiles and amphibians in all of Canada's national parks, including species such as the five-lined skink, eastern foxsnake and eastern Massasauga rattlesnake. The mix of habitats supports a diversity of breeding birds, including Prairie Warblers, Scarlet Tanagers and Common Terns.

Camping

The diverse ecosystems offer outstanding hiking, camping and boating experiences. Spend some time camping among lush hardwoods at Cedar Spring campground or at a remote campsite, where you can fall asleep to the sounds of Georgian Bay waves lapping at the shoreline.

SIGNIFICANCE

Lying on the edge of the Canadian Shield, the park islands are home to both northern and southern species of plants and animals. This 'edge effect' is evident in the park landscape. The barren, glacier-scraped rock and windswept pines that fired the imagination of the Group of Seven artists dominate the northern islands and northern Beausoleil Island. Southern Beausoleil, with its thicker soils and rich hardwood forests is very different and equally awe-inspiring.

ACTIVITIES



GETTING THERE

This is an island-based park, accessible only by boat. Contact the park for information about the Daytripper.



Note that there are no stores on the island, however ice and firewood are available at the Cedar Spring Campground kiosk.

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Longitude: 79° 44' 19" W

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May to Labour Day, Monday to Saturday



Bethune Memorial House

National Historic Site of Canada

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BIRTHPLACE OF A HERO

"We must all learn the spirit of absolute selflessness from him.

With this spirit, everyone can be very helpful to each other. A man's ability may be great or small, but if he has this spirit, he is already noble -minded and pure, a man of moral integrity and above vulgar interests, a man who is of value to the people" – Mao Zedong, Chairman of the People's Republic of China speaking of Bethune.



WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Many of the medical instruments that Bethune invented and used are on display in the Visitor Centre.
- The site is in the heart of cottage country and the beautiful lakes and tranquil streams of Muskoka!
- The late-Victorian home of the Bethune family has been restored to reflect their tastes and habits at the time of Norman's birth in 1890.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Exhibits and dramatic film vignettes highlight the achievements of Bethune, revealing his innovative surgical techniques and the mobile blood transfusion service he developed for use in the battlefield.

Walking & Hiking

Stroll through the landscaped garden on

site or venture out on one of the many public trails around Gravenhurst.

SIGNIFICANCE

This site commemorates the life and achievements of Dr. Henry Norman Bethune. Impatient and restless, he was inspired to help others by a sense of duty and a love of the outdoors. This inspiration guided his work as a battlefield surgeon, activist, inventor, humanitarian, teacher and artist.

Bethune is significant for his internationally acclaimed medical achievements and personal sacrifices made in the cause of humanitarian principles.

Dr. Bethune is most famous for his heroic work in China, where he became a hero to the Chinese people after serving as a field surgeon and medical teacher. Generations after his death, his story continues to be taught to millions



of Chinese students as an example of selfless humanitarianism.

GETTING THERE

The site is located in Gravenhurst, two hours north of Toronto and one hour

south of Algonquin Park. Follow Hwy. 400 north from Toronto to Hwy. 11. Exit at Gravenhurst and continue to John St. N.

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Trent–Severn Waterway

National Historic Site of Canada

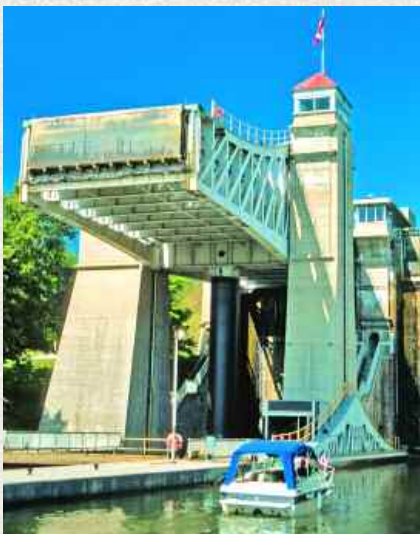
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AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE!

Peterborough is the site of the world's highest lift lock, where you will be lifted or lowered a height of 20 m (65 ft.)! The second highest lift lock – and a different structure entirely – is at Kirkfield, where you will rise almost 15 m (49 ft.). The lift locks are open-air elevators for boats, like a giant bathtub that goes up and down, ferrying boats from one water level to a different one. These are just two of the 45 locks you'll experience as you travel this ancient ribbon of historic places linking Lake Ontario with Georgian Bay on Lake Huron!

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- The Big Chute! North America's only operating marine railway – you will be amazed to see boats carried on a giant hammock up or down this 18 m- (60 ft) long stretch of rapids. Skilful lockmasters swing open and close the massive lock



gates as you negotiate these passageways on this ribbon of water – that winds from the St. Lawrence Lowlands to the spectacular Canadian Shield.

- There is so much to do – boating, canoeing, kayaking, cycling, hiking, antique shopping, picnicking, studios, galleries, museums, archaeological sites, waterfalls, fishing, alvars, caves, summer theatre, festivals and fairs – it's a vacation paradise!

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Allow at least an hour to learn more about the waterway's history and construction at the Visitor Centre at the Peterborough Lift Lock National Historic Site. Interpretive displays recreate the sights and sounds of lift lock construction, while video presentations provide a glimpse into its workings.

Boating & Hiking

Experience the waterway in a variety of ways – operate your own boat, rent a fully-equipped houseboat, experience a day cruise or book a multi-day excursion. There are many lovely picnic sites and pathways to explore at the lock stations. As you hike the forests along the waterway, you'll encounter white pine, yellow birch, white spruce, and hemlock mixed with jack pine stands, basswood, sugar maple and beech. Watch for map turtles sunning themselves as you pass by the locks and shorelines!

Wildlife

The waters in and around the Trent–Severn Waterway are full of pike, bass, walleye (pickereel), trout, salmon, perch,

and crappie. Carp is also a popular sport fish. There are approximately 35 species listed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, including six turtle species at risk. Other wildlife found in the area are deer, moose, coyote, fox, and if you're really lucky, you might see a black bear or wolf.

Boating Alert

Boaters should always use navigational charts. When visiting a lock station, children should be accompanied by an adult and stay well back from lock chamber walls, lock operating devices and dam structures. It is important that you pay attention to our *Locking Through Safely* information.

Camping

Lockage, mooring and camping permits are available for sale to boaters at most lock stations and the Headquarters Office in Peterborough. Vessel length is

used to calculate lockage and mooring fees. Charges for overnight camping are based on group size or camping is free with the purchase of a mooring permit. Municipal and private marinas offer fuel, repairs, pump outs, shore power, showers and overnight docking.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Trent–Severn Waterway covers an area four times the size of P.E.I. and links Lake Ontario, at Trenton, with Lake Huron, at Port Severn on Georgian Bay. The 386 km-long waterway follows the



Trent-Severn Waterway



Trent River to Rice Lake, into the Otonabee River, Kawartha Lakes, constructed channels leading into lakes Simcoe and Couchiching, and the Severn River to Georgian Bay. Originally, the waterway was a canoe route for Aboriginal peoples and then became an important route for fur traders. More than a century ago, the canal boomed with logging and agricultural fortunes of post-Confederation Ontario. Today, commerce has given way to heritage tourism and recreation, making it one of the finest water routes in North America for pleasure craft.

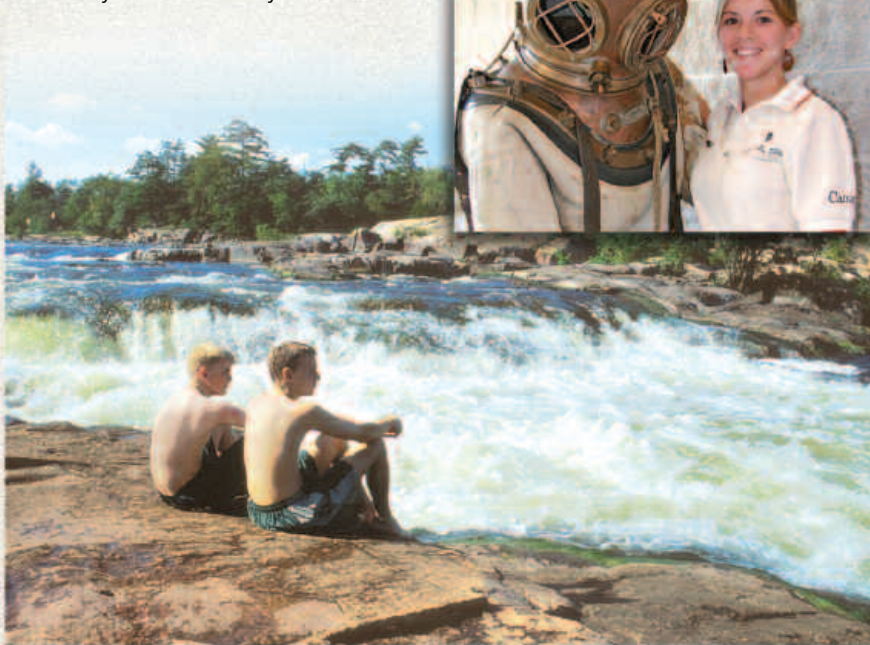
mouth of the Trent River. Port Severn, the northern terminus is the gateway to Georgian Bay and can be reached from Toronto on Hwy. 400 north.

Peterborough can be reached from Hwy. 401 by taking Hwy. 115 exit north. There are many towns and locks in between where you can watch or launch into the waterway. Look for the Parks Canada beaver signs to guide you once you reach these towns and cities.

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Longitude: 78° 19' 43" W

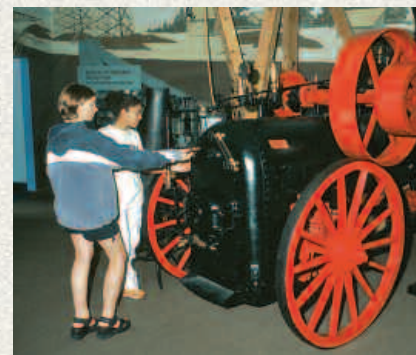
GETTING THERE

Trenton, the southern terminus for the waterway is located at the western end of the Bay of Quinte on Hwy. 401 at the



Legend

- A** Trenton Gateway Lock
- B** Healey Falls
- C** Serpent Mounds Park
- D** Peterborough Lift Lock & Visitor Centre
- E** Petroglyphs Provincial Park
- F** Kirkfield Lift Lock
- G** Historic Talbot Sector Locks
- H** Stephen Leacock National Historic Site
- I** Champlain Monument
- J** Big Chute Marine Railway
- K** Port Severn Gateway Lock



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Laurier House

National Historic Site of Canada

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A HOME FIT FOR A KING – AND A LAURIER

An excerpt from King's Diary:

*Laurier House – Tuesday,
June 6, 1944 "I was
wakened, this morning,
about half past four by a
loud knock at the door of
my bedroom, Wentzell,
one of the Mounted
Policemen on duty, coming
in and saying: "Mr. King, the
[D-day] invasion has begun."*



WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- You'll see the library, King's command centre throughout the Second World War.
- You can see the gifts and memorabilia presented to King by visiting dignitaries, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sir Winston Churchill, Charles de Gaulle and Jawaharlal Nehru, and celebrities such as Shirley Temple and the Dionne Quintuplets.
- You'll get a glimpse of how King and his predecessor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, lived and entertained in this elegant Second Empire home. Lady Laurier had a particular fondness for entertaining in the front room, while King held court in his library on the third floor.



you decide if you want to take advantage of a personalized guided tour of the house. Live theatre presentations are presented on the verandah with afternoon tea throughout the summer months.

Walking & Hiking

Laurier House is located in the neighbourhood known as Sandy Hill. The mansions and townhouses of this early Ottawa residential district date from 1870 to the early 20th century. This is a great neighbourhood to explore on a self-guided urban hike, with a number of informative plaques along the way.

SIGNIFICANCE

Prior to the purchase of 24 Sussex Drive in 1943, the Prime Minister of Canada did not have an official residence. Laurier House was purchased by the Liberal Party in 1896 and served as the



home of two of Canada's most notable prime ministers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King. For over 50 years, from 1897 to 1948, the house occupied a central position in the political life of Canada. King bequeathed the house to the "Government and people of Canada" in the belief that future generations would be interested in the place where they lived, where they entertained dignitaries and politicians, and where they often conducted the business of the country.



GETTING THERE

Laurier House is located in downtown Ottawa. From Hwy. 417 (Queensway), take the Nicholas Street exit; turn right on Laurier Avenue East.

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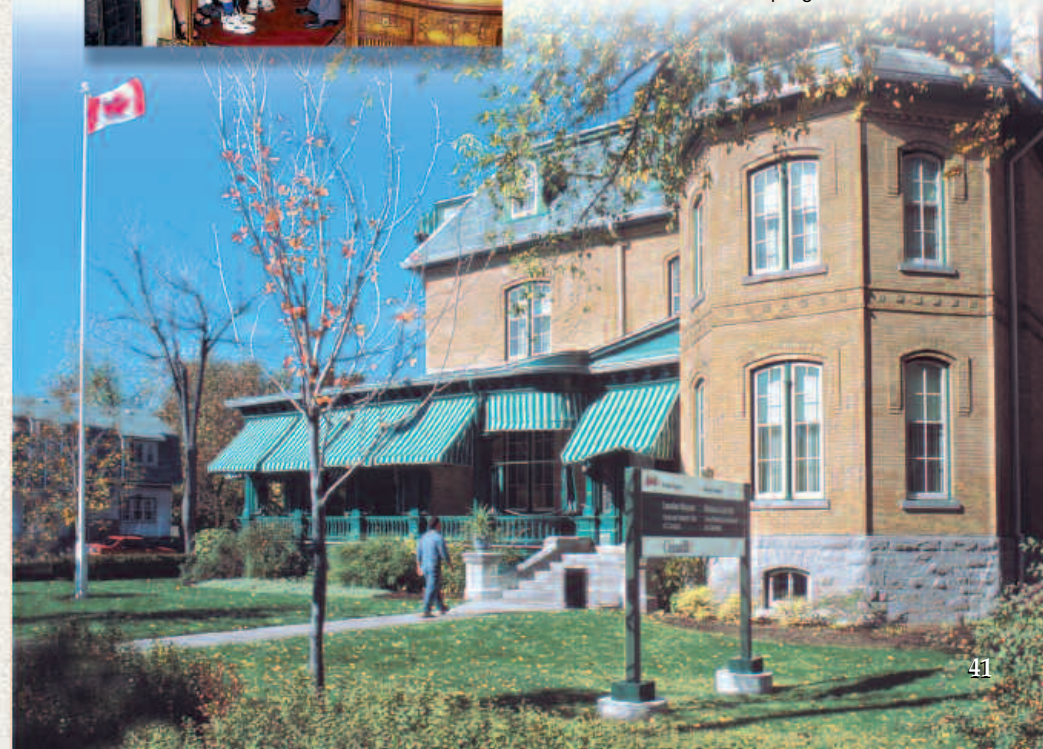
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Fort Wellington

National Historic Site of Canada

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GUARDIAN OF THE ST. LAWRENCE

U.S. President Thomas Jefferson once boasted that the taking of Canada would be “a mere matter of marching,” but American soldiers found themselves retreating in a hurry when troops from Fort Wellington crossed the frozen St. Lawrence River and staged a surprise attack on Ogdensburg N.Y. in 1813. The leader of the American force, Captain Benjamin Forsyth, was in such a hurry he left his sword behind as he fled.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- It was a real family fort – unlike many other British garrisons, the soldiers’ wives and children (up to the age of 14) lived with them in the barracks. This meant that certain amenities, like separate latrines, and divider curtains for married couples were necessary.
- The fort is located on the edge of the mighty St. Lawrence River – the gateway to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic –

chock full of commercial shipping vessels and recreational boaters. It can be found by driving along the scenic St. Lawrence Heritage Parkway.

- The trapdoors in the blockhouse; you’ll see how they were designed to allow soldiers to fire down directly on anyone trying to penetrate the building.
- Forsyth’s sword is on display!

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Visit the newly updated and enhanced Visitor Reception Centre, where you can watch an orientation video, view informative exhibits and shop in the Barrack Store. Meet the knowledgeable fort staff on site and try on a military uniform, learn a military drill or descend into a tunnel that leads out into the deep ditches surrounding the fort. Be sure to catch a performance of the Parks Canada Players on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in July and August.



Walking & Hiking

The fort field offers a wide stretch of open parkland and access to a riverfront trail. As you wander within the fort walls, you will see the original gate, blockhouse, latrine building, officers’ quarters and tunnel.

SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Wellington was built during the War of 1812 to defend the St. Lawrence River shipping route between Montreal and Kingston from attack by the United States. It was called into service again in 1838 when the post was threatened by Canadian rebels and their American supporters. The fort continued to be used off and on for military purposes until it was opened to the public in 1923 as an historic site.

GETTING THERE

Fort Wellington is located on Hwy. 2 in Prescott. From Hwy. 401, exit at Prescott, head south on Edward St. to King St. (Hwy. 2) and turn left; continue



east and turn left on Vankoughnet St. The site is one hour southwest of Ottawa, a few minutes drive from the Ogdensburg International Bridge.

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St. Lawrence Islands National Park of Canada



IN THE HEART OF THE 1000 ISLANDS

Like the salad dressing that shares its name, the Thousand Islands are made up of lots of colourful bits and pieces suspended by a swirl of liquid. In this case, the liquid is the St. Lawrence River, which carries 1/3 of the world's freshwater to the sea and the bits are small islands that jut into the course, like bumpers in a pinball machine. St. Lawrence Islands National Park is the small pearl found among these colourful islands.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

• It is the ultimate 'getaway from it all' – the park's 20 islands are only accessible by water. Routes along the Thousand Islands Water Trail (www.paddle1000.com) can help you navigate your way around the islands in the park.

• You can keep your feet dry and gaze at the islands from the shoreline by exploring it on two wheels or four along the scenic 37 km (23 mi.) 1000 Islands Parkway.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre at Mallorytown Landing features a children's activity area, live animals, a theatre and interactive exhibits. Park interpreters and interpretive programs reveal the secrets of the 1000 Islands region and the wonders of its natural and cultural heritage. The Visitor Centre also has a playground, picnic area, telephone, parking for vehicles and trailers, boat launch, overnight docking, and a walking trail.



ACTIVITIES

Walking & Hiking

The Mallorytown Landing 1.7 km-long walking trail (800 m of which is barrier-free) travels through woodland and wetland habitats. A new trail system can be found at Jones Creek, the park's eastern mainland property. The Landon Bay Centre is located on the 1000 Islands Parkway and offers an extensive network of walking trails as well (www.landonbay.org).

Wildlife

The park's botanical diversity provides a range of breeding habitats, which has resulted in a rich bird population. The region is also renowned for its high diversity of reptiles and amphibians. There are more than 30 species identified as being 'at risk' in the 1000 Islands area. The park is working with area groups to protect the habitat of such species as the stinkpot turtle, deerberry and pitch pine.



SIGNIFICANCE

Canada's third smallest national park, St. Lawrence Islands is a "tiny jewel with a rich and complex natural and cultural history". Located in the UNESCO Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve, the park is a small protected area that works to promote sustainable recreation while protecting the land and wildlife that make the 1000 Islands region a popular tourist destination.

GETTING THERE

The park mainland headquarters is about 20 km (12.5 mi.) west of Brockville at Mallorytown Landing on the 1000 Islands Parkway. Travellers on Hwy. 401 take exit 675 south. Park islands are accessible by boat only. The park does not provide water transportation.

Latitude: 44° 29' 13" N
Longitude: 75° 52' 7" W

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Boating Alert

The St. Lawrence River has many dangerous shoals. Accurate nautical charts are required for boating safety. Day-use and docking fees are on a self-registration system.

Camping

There are 12 island areas with 67 campsites, dock areas, privies and walking trails. Campsites are on a first-come, first-served basis through a self-registration system.

Bellevue House

National Historic Site of Canada

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COMMEMORATING CANADA'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER

"I have taken a cottage or rather, I beg its pardon, a Villa near Harper's cottage to which we remove, Isa, the baby and I, on Saturday. It is a large roomy house. The house was built for a retired grocer, who was resolved to have a "Eytalian Willar", and has built the most fantastic concern imaginable".
 – John A. Macdonald writing to his wife's sister
 August 15, 1848.



WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- This is a very rare example of Italianate villa architecture. When it was built in the early 1840s, it was one of the first of its kind in the Province of Canada! It was more in keeping with the style of country houses in Tuscany, Italy and was very elaborate for the then conservative town of Kingston.
- The gardens are spectacular! There are three parts to the Bellevue House gardens: ornamental grounds, heirloom apple orchard and kitchen garden. In these gardens can be found heirloom plants, including heritage apple varieties and displays of period annuals, vegetables, herbs and perennials.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Your hosts in period costume provide information and insight into the life of John A. and his wife Isabella as you walk the grounds and tour the interior of this unique house. Interpretive signs and exhibits await you at the Visitor Centre, along with a gift shop and video to acquaint you with this important part of Canada's history. The video is available in English, French, German, Cantonese, and Japanese.

Walking & Hiking

The restored grounds and gardens provide a beautiful park-like setting around the house. Nearby, along the edge of the lake, you can also explore MacDonald Memorial Park and neighbouring Queen's University, one of Canada's oldest campuses and several other museums and galleries.

Significance

The house is significant for its rare style of architecture but is also a site commemorating Sir John A.



MacDonald's contribution to the founding of Canada through his efforts to unite the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Upper and Lower Canada (Ontario and Quebec) into Confederation and his role as the first prime minister of Canada.

GETTING THERE

Exit Hwy. 401 via Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd. (Exit 615), south 5.5 km (3.4 mi.) to Union Street, left on Union Street to Centre Street, right on Centre 1 1/2 blocks.

CONTACT US

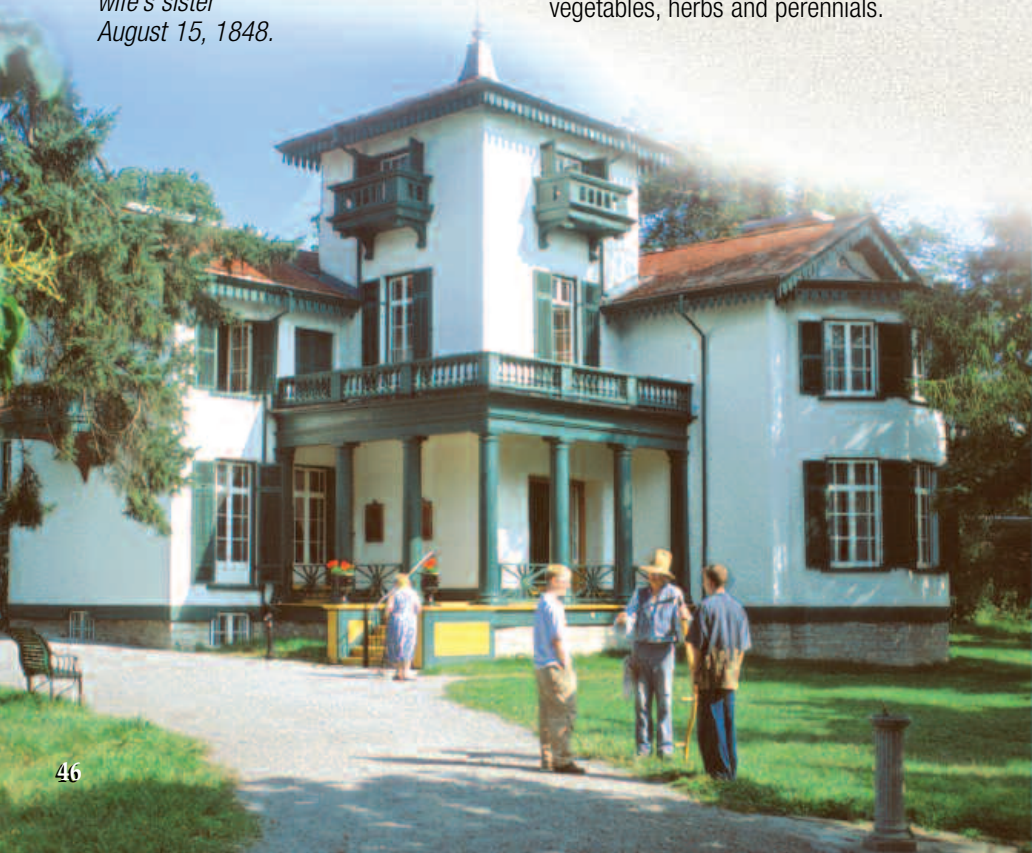
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Rideau Canal

National Historic Site of Canada

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ACTIVITIES

ONTARIO'S FIRST WORLD HERITAGE SITE

World Heritage means a world-class destination! What started out as untamed wilderness and wild rivers has become an internationally recognized example of engineering and heritage preservation excellence! Thanks to the brilliant design and planning of Lt. Col. John By and the British Royal Engineers, our nation's capital grew from this important supply and transportation corridor running all the way from Kingston to Ottawa.

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

• This place can be enjoyed year-round, on, in and around the entire 202 km corridor of the canal. In the winter, the world's largest outdoor skating rink can be found between Dows Lake and the Ottawa Locks. In the warmer months, hike, drive or navigate to one or all of the lockstations. Take time to visit the Rideau Heritage Route and the historic towns and villages through which the waterway passes.

• After visiting the Rideau Canal, make your way through the Byward Market to the former St. Brigid's Church, a church built by many of those who constructed the canal and enjoy "Ghosts and Echoes of the Rideau". This collection of ghost stories, legends, folklore and re-enactments provides a true Rideau Canal experience!

• Admire North America's oldest operating waterway. You can see up close the work of the lockmasters as they open and close the sluice gates for boating traffic. You'll also get to walk across the huge lock gates, see the amazing stonework of the defensible structures and dams. Learn about the life of past and present Rideau Canal workers.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

Take advantage of guided tours of the five major lockstations along the canal:

Ottawa Locks: From Colony to Capital
Learn about the environment, historical figures, engineering and the founding of the nation's capital at the Bytown Museum, Ottawa's oldest stone building.

Merrickville Lockstation: Industrial Heritage, Historic Community
Originally built to defend the Rideau Canal in case of war, the Merrickville Blockhouse, the largest blockhouse constructed along the canal, is now a museum.

Smiths Falls Combined Lockstation: Technology Old and New
Visit the Rideau Canal Museum, located just beside Smiths Falls Combined Lockstation. Inside, displays and artifacts bring to life the history of the canal.

Jones Falls Lockstation : Engineering in the Wilderness (off Hwy. 15, near Elgin)

You'll gain insight into the struggle of canal builders confronted with disease and inhospitable terrain. Visit a working 1843 blacksmith shop, encounter the home of the first lockmaster at Jones Falls (Sweeney House) and marvel at the largest dam of its time in North America: the stone arch dam.



Kingston Mills Lockstation: Gateway to the Past

Learn about the changing uses of the canal over time – its defence, settlement, commerce and pleasure use. Discover the topography of the Canadian Shield and tour the blockhouse.

Walking, Hiking, Driving & Boating

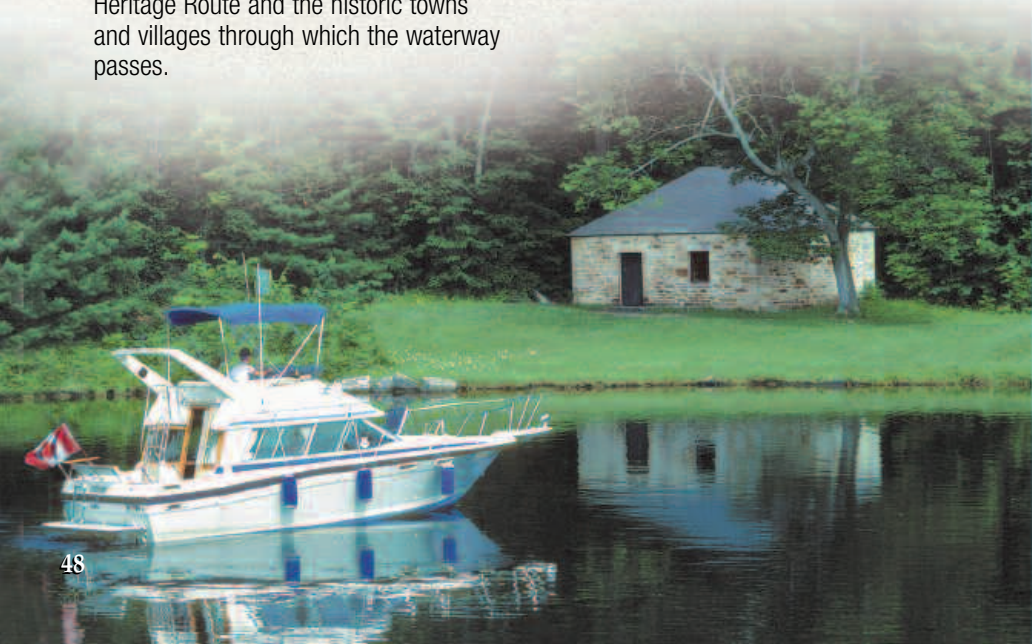
Take a scenic day or overnight cruise offered by commercial operators. Pilot a boat, paddle a canoe or lounge in a houseboat, which are for rent at various locations along the canal. Drive to a lockstation and have a family picnic.

Boating Alert

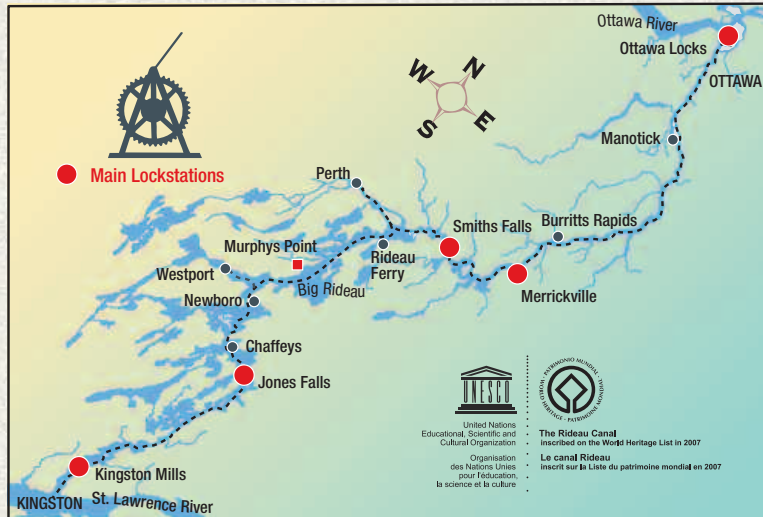
Canal navigational charts are recommended for safe boating. They are available for purchase at lockstations or from Friends of the Rideau gift shops along the canal.

Wildlife

Building a navigable waterway significantly altered the natural environment through which it passed. The construction of a number of dams and weirs drowned adjacent lands, helping to create one of the most diverse fish communities in Canada. Extensive wetland areas have become a rich environment for a wide variety of plants and animals.



Rideau Canal



Camping

Most lockstations provide washrooms, first-aid, overnight dockage and picnic facilities, including tables, benches and barbecue grills. Camping is available for boaters, hikers and cyclists. Murphy's Point Provincial Park is located almost at the halfway point of the canal, near Perth.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Rideau Canal is a true engineering marvel. It is the best-preserved slackwater canal in the world, and the only canal from the great 19th century canal-building era that still operates along its original watercourse and with its original structures intact. The canal and the fortifications built at Kingston to protect it, illustrate a globally important stage in human history – the clash for control of the northern half of the continent. Lt. Col. John By of the British Royal Engineers supervised the construction, completed in 1832.

GETTING THERE

The Rideau Canal extends from Kingston to Ottawa. Hwy. 15 follows the waterway along much of its length from Smiths Falls south towards Kingston. Hwy. 416 and several regional roads access the waterway between Ottawa and Smiths Falls. In Ottawa, Colonel By Drive follows the canal from the Ottawa River to the Hogs Back locks.

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Longitude: 76° 1' 16" W

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Kingston Fortifications National Historic Site of Canada



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated Kingston Fortifications National Historic Site of Canada part of a world heritage site!

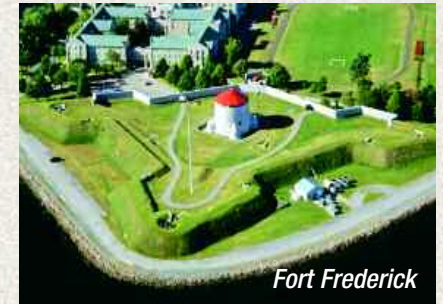
WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- The architecture and construction of the towers is unique, displaying the design of the Royal Engineers and the skill of masons who built them. Their roofs were designed to be removed and they have ditches and caponnières which are quite distinctive.
- Several of Canada's remaining Martello Towers are right here in Kingston. You can see them from land as well as by water.

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

The Royal Military College of Canada Museum is housed in Fort Frederick, where the history of Canada's century-old seat of military education, the exploits of its graduates and the story of the Kingston Naval Yard are presented. The Kingston Historical Society operates a museum in Murney Tower, where you



can explore three floors of exhibits of social and military artifacts.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Kingston fortifications include Fort Henry and four Martello towers: Murney, Shoal, Cathcart and Fort Frederick. The site is of national historic significance because it was built for the defence of Kingston Harbour, the southern terminus of the Rideau Canal, the Naval Dockyard and Kingston as a military station.

GETTING THERE

Murney Tower: 2 King Street West, Kingston

Fort Frederick: Campus of Royal Military College of Canada, Hwy. 2, Kingston

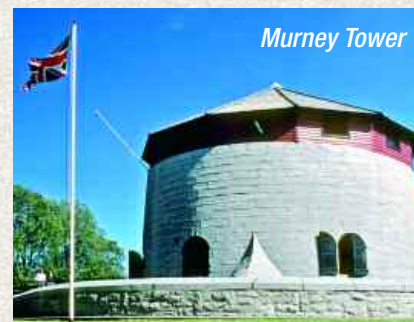
Shoal Tower: in the water at Confederation Basin; can be seen from the area where Market Battery once was.

Cathcart Tower: is located on Cedar Island, just offshore from Point Henry.

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Fort Frederick: 613-541-6000 ex. 6664



Fort Henry

National Historic Site of Canada



POINT HENRY'S FORT

A UNESCO World Heritage Site protected and presented "in the name of all British soldiers who served there".

WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Musical performances and military marching demonstrations by the Fort Henry Guard are offered with dramatic evening Sunset Ceremonies on Wednesdays in July and August.
- The fort was strategically situated to protect the naval dockyard, which means it has amazing sightlines and views of the city and the lake.



shipment point along the supply route between Montreal or Ottawa and all points west, this garrison was an important defence against an attack on the movement of these goods.

GETTING THERE

Take exit 623 off Hwy. 401 and proceed south on Hwy. 15 to Kingston.

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ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs

The site offers guided tours, historical reenactments of drill and battle tactics as well as a garrison store and canteen.

SIGNIFICANCE

The original Fort Henry was built during the War of 1812. The current fort was built between 1832 and 1837 to protect the naval dockyard at Point Frederick, the entrance of the Rideau Canal and the town of Kingston. As the major



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