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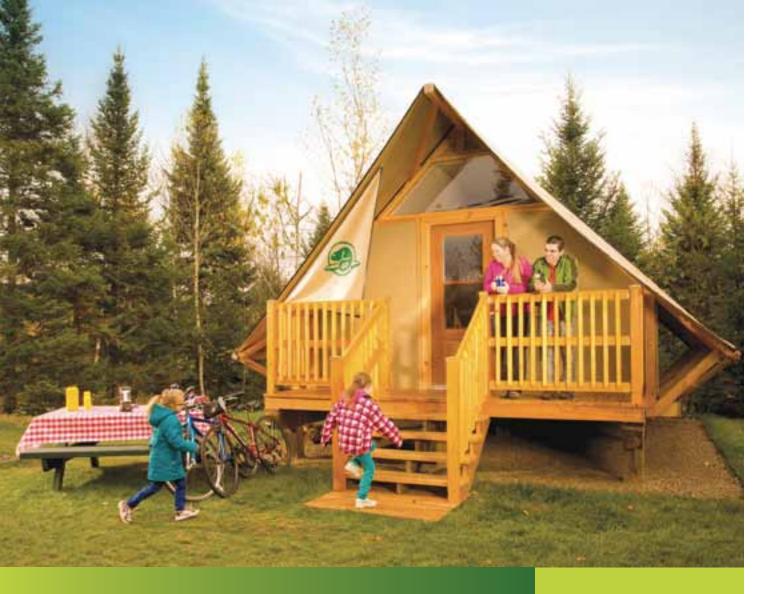










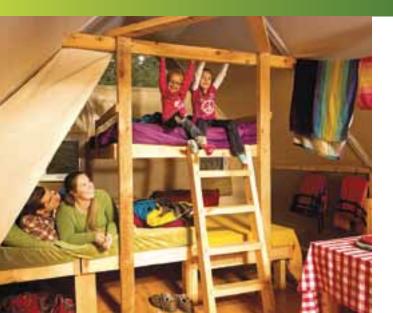


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How many times a day do you say something is 'awesome'? Five. Ten. Twenty? We all love bragging about the 'awesome' things we do. But are these everyday things truly awesome? What happened to watching a spectacular sunset surrounded by nature, friends and family? Or hearing the impressive boom of a cannon firing in the place where history was made?

This is what awesome used to mean.

This is what it still means.

Across Ontario, nothing can come close to experiencing the awesomeness of Parks Canada places.

Let us show you how!

1,2,3,GUE

Stow the electronics and pack up the kids! It's time to get out and get active with your family, at a price everybody can afford. The little ones will beg to come back again and you'll be happy to oblige when you see how quickly they conk out after a day of outdoor fun.







FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME, EVERY TIME

Discover the Rideau Canal by bicycle, kayak, boat, or on foot... a national historic site that feels new each time you visit. The kids will love watching the boats go through the locks, and you'll love the beautiful park settings, the village farmers' markets, or canal-side trails. Perfect for an afternoon picnic.

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BUSY KIDS, HAPPY PARENTS!

After a morning of light hiking you kick off your boots and let the soft sand massage your feet. Before you unfold your chair, the kids are sprinting into to the calm shallow waters of Singing Sands Beach. You've arrived...this is what summer is meant to be.

Bruce Peninsula National Park p. 12



BOATING IN THE ISLANDS

Stepping onto the dock in the warm sunshine, coffee in hand, you can't remember a more relaxed morning. On the menu today: a short hike, an afternoon of swimming with the kids, boating and basking in the sun. With a bit of luck, you'll fry up the day's catch for supper and then let the river rock you to sleep.

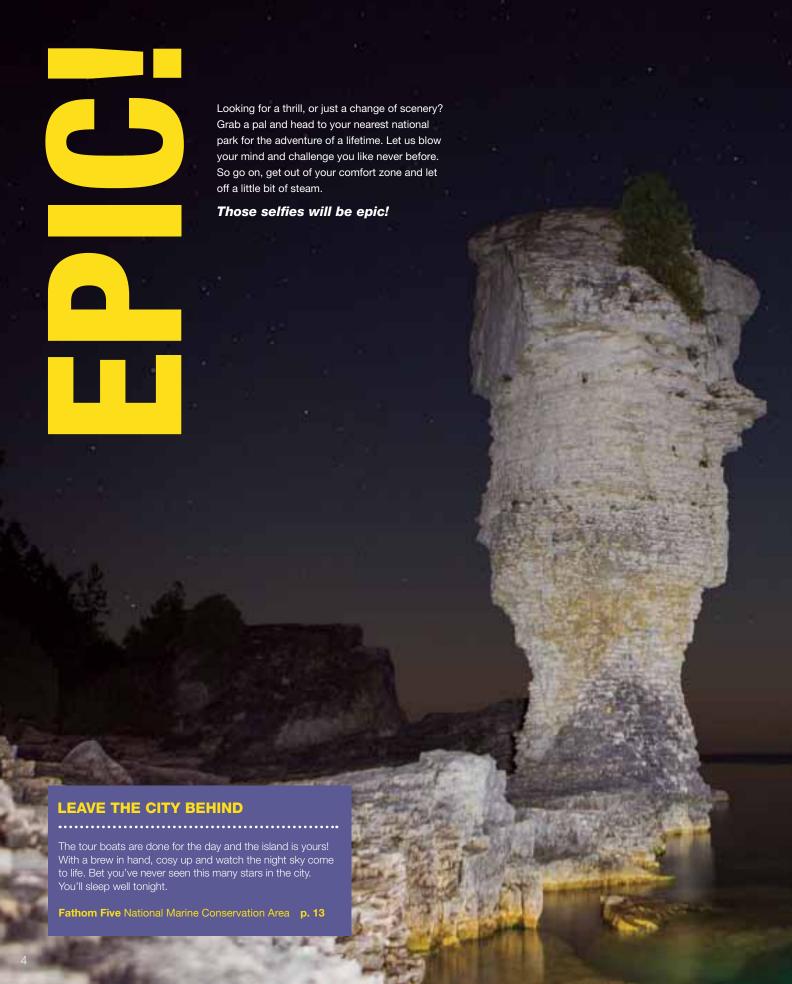
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ALL ABOARD!

Take a deep breath of fresh air as you glide through one of the largest marshes on the Great Lakes aboard a ten-passenger canoe. The kids are giggling with the park guide - with every dip of the paddle, a new mystery is revealed. This is summer in Point Pelee National Park - Canada's Deep South.

Point Pelee National Park p. 12





AN EPIC HIKING ADVENTURE

Lake Superior. They weren't joking when they named her. Superior in size, superior in adventure. Explore the most remote backpacking trail in Ontario. Pukaskwa's 60 km Coastal Hiking Trail is exhilarating, challenging and oh-so rewarding. At night, settle into your beachfront campsite to enjoy a fire with friends, and feel proud of what you accomplished.

Pukaskwa National Park p. 12



ONE FOR THE BUCKET LIST

As you slide into the water, you're excited... and a little nervous. You've always wanted to try this, and now it's actually happening. You're scuba diving the clear turquoise waters of Georgian Bay. The freedom of floating and exploring the underwater world is an experience beyond words. You spot a shipwreck just below. You can't wait to share this experience.

Fathom Five National Marine Conservation Area p. 13



SOMETHING NEW AT EACH TURN

You paddle hard to round the tip of the island, wondering what's around that bend. So far you've glided past a castle, floated over a shipwreck, and spied a 'mermaid'. Tonight, when you and your friends settle in at your island base camp, you'll feel a bit like a kid at camp. You might have grown up, but you haven't lost your sense of adventure.

Thousand Islands National Park p. 12



WHAT A BLAST!

Go back in time and become a hardened soldier. Enlist for a few hours, get fitted in a military uniform, and learn the drills of the Royal Artillery. At the sergeant's command, fire the cannon. BANG! Smoke and the smell of cannon powder fill the air, adrenaline surges through your body. You just fired a cannon!

Fort Wellington National Historic Site p. 13

ESCAPE THE OFFICE

It's time to reclaim that balance in your life and enrich those family bonds. Opportunities abound to have fun and recharge your batteries in our national parks and national historic sites. The choices are endless...

All you have to do is pick one!





CULTIVATING EXPERIENCES IN A PRIME MINISTER'S GARDEN

The smells of hollyhocks lure you from the house to the heritage gardens. A costumed gardener offers a taste of the latest crop. It doesn't get fresher than that! Before you know it you are getting your hands dirty, imagining how a young Sir John A. Macdonald must have savoured this scene.

Bellevue House National Historic Site p. 13



BIKE AND HIKE AN ISLAND IN GEORGIAN BAY

Leaves crunch under your mountain bike tires as you cruise through the golden hues of the Huron Trail. When the hardwoods give way to hemlocks, follow the trail on foot. The panoramas are just ahead: granite outcrops, windswept white pines and blue water – the same views that inspired the Group of Seven. It's an idyllic fall day!

Georgian Bay Islands National Park p. 12



BEHIND THE BARRIERS

As a VIP guest, you have been granted access to the historic house of two of our prime ministers. You roam the halls of this grand house, visiting hidden rooms and perusing rare antiques, stunning art, and unseen artifacts. Don't forget to add your signature to the list of famous visitors who have graced the rooms of Laurier House.

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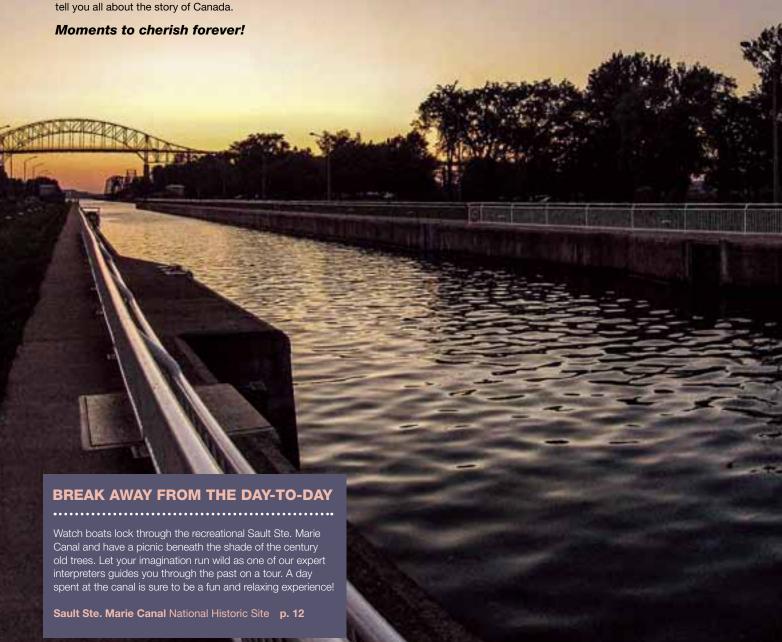
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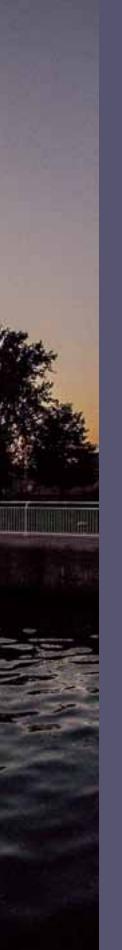
Step through the gates, and travel back to when Canada's very existence hung in the balance. Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fire an authentic soldiers' musket, the same used 200 years ago to defend our country in the War of 1812. An experience like no other!

Fort George National Historic Site p. 13

THE PLEASURE OF TOGETHERNESS

Need a break from the stress of everyday life? Gather the family and head to a Parks Canada place near you. Our wonderful staff can guide you through our amazing natural spaces and tell you all about the story of Canada.







A FAMILY VACATION -AND HOME FOR DINNER

The Rideau Canal - Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage site - offers opportunities for you and your family to unwind, explore, and have a lifetime of experiences together. Take a boat cruise, rent a canoe, or enjoy a self-guided hikes at many of the 24 lockstations between Ottawa and Kingston. Great family activities, close to the city.

Rideau Canal National Historic Site p. 13



A NEW WORLD SO CLOSE TO HOME

"Are we there yet?" is a phrase your kids won't have time to say. Enjoy the Trent-Severn waterway with your family on a boat cruise, a canoe, or by enjoying a self-guided hike at one of the 44 lockstations. Come relax, discover, and forge lasting memories - all less than two hours away from Toronto.

Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site p. 13



EXPERIENCE THE TURN OF THE TIDE

Be swept back to a time that defined world history as you climb aboard Canada's most 'fightingest' ship in the Royal Canadian Navy, the sole surviving Tribal class destroyer. Go below decks to see the engine room, discover naval life aboard, then take in the bird's-eye view from the open bridge.

HMCS Haida National Historic Site p. 12



THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF A KING'S PATH

Stroll through the acres of wooded grounds, gardens, and lawn that make up the childhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King. Find a cosy area to picnic and take in the visual splendor and oasis of the Woodside grounds. Inside the King family home, explore the sights and sounds of Mackenzie King's youth.

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National Parks, National Historic Sites and National Marine Conservation Areas of Canada





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Pukaskwa National Park





Pukaskwa National Park's exceptional beauty is revealed in its vistas of Lake Superior and in the rugged, ancient landscape of the Canadian Shield and northern forest. Pukaskwa is Ontario's largest national park, protecting 1878 square km of boreal forest and the most pristine shoreline anywhere on the Great Lakes. Home to Ontario's most remote backcountry trail, the Coastal Hiking Trail, the park also offers car campers unparalleled solitude and privacy at Hattie Cove Campground.

Heron Bay, ON - 321 km from Thunder Bay, ON; 412 km from Sault Ste. Marie, ON 1-807-229-0801 | parkscanada.gc.ca/pukaskwa





In the heart of a world biosphere reserve, 'the Bruce' protects one of the largest pockets of wilderness remaining in Southern Ontario. It boasts spectacular shoreline cliffs gazing out at Georgian Bay, crystal clear turquoise water, sinkholes, ancient coral reefs and sea caves.

Tobermory, ON - 296 km from Toronto, ON 1-519-596-2233 | parkscanada.gc.ca/bruce





A lush Carolinian forest oasis, the park resounds with the songs of migrating birds 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. The small but extraordinary park juts out in to Lake Erie at the southernmost point of mainland

Leamington, ON 1-519-322-2365 | parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee Georgian Bay Islands



Discover the iconic Canadian landscape of Georgian Bay Islands National Park. Located in the world's largest freshwater archipelago, the 30,000 islands, it is at Georgian Bay Islands National Park that you will discover spectacular landscapes, time-worn rock faces, diverse habitats, the rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield and cultural history dating back 5,000 years. The park's islands offer outstanding hiking, camping, waterfront cabins and boating experiences. Catch the park boat shuttle DayTripper to begin your adventure!

Honey Harbour, ON - 165 km from Toronto, ON 1-705-527-7200 | parkscanada.gc.ca/gbi





The rocky islands, windswept pines, and cool waters of Thousand Islands National Park have the flavour of the northern wilderness just a few hours from Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa. Majestic castles and historic summer homes stand in contrast to rugged islands of granite and pine in this world-renowned region. Park islands are a haven for boaters, paddlers and campers, and they offer a special island camping experience with oTENTik accommodations. The park's visitor centre features live animals, fun activities, scenic picnic spots, and oTENTik accommodations in a riverside setting

Mallorytown Landing, ON - 136 km from Ottawa, ON; 230 km from Montréal, QC; 319 km from Toronto, ON 1-613-923-5261 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ti

Sault Ste. Marie Canal



Nestled beneath the International Bridge, the canal features a recreational lock, historic buildings, trails, and a unique Emergency Swing Dam. Opened in 1895, the canal completed an all-Canadian waterway and featured the longest lock in the world. Visitors may explore the trails, view wildlife, fish the rapids, enjoy a picnic, watch the boats lock through, and investigate the captivating displays in the Visitor Centre. Enjoy the site at your leisure or join an expert interpreter on a guided site tour.

1-705-941-6205 | parkscanada.gc.ca/saultstemariecanal

7 Fort St. Joseph



Situated on the north shore of Lake Huron, Fort St. Joseph is known for its role in the War of 1812. It served as the base for the first British military manoeuvre against the Americans with the taking of Fort Michilimackinac. Once the most westerly outpost of British North America, Fort St. Joseph was a thriving community of British soldiers, Aboriginal people and fur traders in the early 1800s. Today, visitors can wander among the ruins of the fort, enjoy a picnic on the grounds, explore the Visitor Centre and walk the nature trails.

St Joseph Island, Ontario 1-705-246-2664 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortstjoseph

8 Fort Malden



Fort Malden has been an army garrison, British Indian Department post, dockyard for the Upper Great Lakes, and the meeting place for Chief Tecumseh and British General Brock during the War of 1812. Explore this British empire outpost.

Amhertsburg, ON 1-519-736-5416 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortmalden

9 Woodside

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Woodside is the boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's longest-serving prime minister. Set in a stunning urban park, the 1891 home reflects the comforts middle-class families like the Kings enjoyed. Have a picnic, take photos, stroll the paths, and discover the significance of Woodside to Mackenzie King and his family.

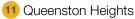
Kitchener, ON – 107 km from Toronto, ON 1-519-571-5684 | parkscanada.gc.ca/woodside

10 HMCS Haida

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HMCS Haida is one of 27 Tribal class destroyers built for the British, Canadian and Australian navies. Of these 27 ships built, 13 were sunk and 13 were scrapped -Haida is the sole survivor. Tour the ship, hear stories, and experience what life was like on-board.

Hamilton, ON - 70 km from Toronto, ON 1-905-526-6742 | parkscanada.gc.ca/haida





The Battle of Queenston Heights took place in October of 1812, when an American invasion force was defeated. The battle was instrumental in contributing to the development of Canadian national consciousness. Since then, the 'Heights' have been enjoyed by generations of nature lovers, hikers and history enthusiasts alike.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON - 132 km from Toronto, ON; 22 km from Niagara Falls, ON

1-905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/queenstonheights





Nestled within the picturesque town of Niagaraon-the-Lake, Fort George is located along the scenic Niagara River. A key strategic point, the British headquarters at Fort George was the focus of a number of American attacks during the War of 1812. Come and enjoy a performance by the internationally renowned Fife and Drum Corps and discover an exciting time when Canada's existence hung in the

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1-905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgeorge



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Dr. Norman Bethune is the most famous Canadian in the world and still revered today by over one billion Chinese, yet his story is far less well-known in his homeland. Explore the restored 1890 birthplace and the new \$2.5M visitor centre, to uncover clues as to what led a small-town boy to become a renowned battle-front surgeon and how that story nurtured Canada's reputation as a society with a social

Gravenhurst, ON - 170 km from Toronto, ON 1-705-687-4261 | parkscanada.gc.ca/bethune





The Trent-Severn Waterway is a vast and intricate system of lakes, rivers and canals stretching from Lake Ontario all the way to Georgian Bay. Today, boats travel the 386km waterway thanks to 44 locks, including the world's highest hydraulic lift lock and North America's only marine railway. Less than two hours from the Toronto area, it's ideal for a day or weekend getaway.

Peterborough, ON - 136 km from Toronto, ON; 272 km from Ottawa, ON 1-888-773-8888 | parkscanada.gc.ca/trentsevern 15 Bellevue House

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Bellevue House, home of Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister, was built in a rare style of Italianate villa architecture. It was one of the first and finest of its kind in Canada. The gardens of Bellevue House are spectacular: they boast ornamental grounds, an heirloom apple orchard and a kitchen garden. Join us for one of our workshops to experience working in the garden as you would have in the 1840's. Hold your special day on the grounds at Bellevue House whether it be a birthday party, family reunion, wedding or anniversary.

Kingston, ON - 197 km from Ottawa, ON: 263 km from Toronto, ON; 290 km from Montréal, QC 1-613-545-8666 | parkscanada.gc.ca/bellevue



16 Fort Henry



Passing through Fort Henry's wooden gates is to step back through time. Visitors pass from present day into a vibrant and dynamic 19th century military fortification. Costumed living history interpreters offer guided tours, musical performances and precision drills that highlight the activities of the fort's original military residents.

Kingston, ON - 197 km from Ottawa, ON; 263 km from Toronto, ON; 290 km from Montréal, QC 1-613-542-7388 | www.forthenry.com

17 Kingston Fortifications



The Kingston Fortifications include Fort Henry, Fort Frederick and three additional towers: Murney, Shoal, and Cathcart (please call for hours of operation). Together they defended Kingston and the Rideau Canal from attack. Share the vistas with a massive cannon, take a photo of Shoal Tower rising from the water, or imagine the life of a soldier inside a fort.

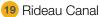
Kingston, ON - 197 km from Ottawa, ON: 263 km from Toronto, ON; 290 km from Montréal, QC 1-613-544-9925 (Murney Tower/tour Murney) 1-613-541-6000 x 664 (Fort Frederick)

18 Fort Wellington

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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. Explore the wreck of an 1812-era gunboat, try on a costume and take part in military drill, witness a cannon firing, savour period treats cooked over an open fire, or play games from long ago.

Prescott, ON - 95 km from Ottawa, ON; 187 km from Montréal, QC 1-613-925-2896 | parkscanada.gc.ca/wellington





The Rideau Canal, Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a chain of beautiful lakes, rivers, and canals winding over 200 km between Kingston and Ottawa. The Rideau Canal is the oldest authentic continuously run canal in North America. This internationally recognized marvel can be enjoyed year-round, by walking, driving, biking, boating, or skating along its route.

Smiths Falls, ON (Kingston, ON to Ottawa, ON) 1-613-283-5170 | parkscanada.gc.ca/rideaucanal





Laurier House commemorates two of Canada's most notable prime ministers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King. For over fifty years, from 1897 to 1948, the house occupied a central position in the political life of Canada, as the place of residence of Laurier and, after his death, of Mackenzie Kina.

Ottawa, ON

1-613-992-8142 | parkscanada.gc.ca/laurierhouse



Once established, this National Marine Conservation Area will be the largest freshwater protected area in the world. The area boasts many unique attractions related to geology, human and natural history. Aboriginal presence dates back at least 5,000 years and continues to this day.

Nipigon, ON

1-807-887-5467 | parkscanada.gc.ca/superior





The deep and sparkling waters at the mouth of Georgian Bay are home to a rich cultural legacy that includes 22 shipwrecks and two historic light stations. Composed of green islands, lake bottoms and clear cold water, you will find some of the best freshwater diving opportunities in the world in Fathom Five. At Flowerpot Island, enjoy the incredible rock formations that are among Canada's most recognized and popular natural attractions.

Tobermory, ON - 296 km from Toronto, ON 1-519-596-2233 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fathomfive 44

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Spectacular landscapes, fascinating wildlife, precious habitats, gateways to adventure.

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Fascinating reminders of Canada's past, conserved for the future.

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