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📷 Georgian Bay Islands National Park



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## ***Welcome!***

Whether you're looking for **adventure, fun for the whole family**, or **a break from the everyday**, Parks Canada has countless unique experiences to suit your needs. Paddle around a lake, roast marshmallows by an open fire, have a family picnic or enjoy the day exploring a national historic site.

## ***It's time to connect!***

*With nature - with history - with friends and family.*

# FUN

FOR THE

# WHOLE FAMILY



## WHERE WARM, SHALLOW WATERS MEET SANDY SHORES

Relax, play and discover at Singing Sands Beach. Beautiful Lake Huron beckons with soft-sand shores and inviting, shallow waters—an ideal summertime getaway for fun-filled family memories.

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## FORT KIDS

In summer, Fort Wellington offers junior time travelers the chance to experience life at the fort during the War of 1812 and the 1840 Rebellion. The popular Fort Kids program encourages imagination, historical discovery and adventure.

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## TRANSFORM THE WILDERNESS INTO A TREASURE HUNT

With a GPS in-hand, you can uncover Pukaskwa's secrets on a geocaching adventure! There are six caches hidden amidst the park's pine trees and rolling granite.

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## ENLIST THE TROOPS IN FORT MALDEN'S DAY CAMP

Fort Malden Day Camp is looking for adventurous young recruits to enjoy fun-filled experiences such as learning to cook 1812-style, dressing in period costumes, exploring an actual fort of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and much more.

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# FROM RUSTIC TO GLAMPING



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## The essence of camping

Is there anything more Canadian than camping? From the comfort of serviced campsites to the seclusion of backcountry camping, there's an experience that's right for you! Will you camp at a Rideau Canal lockstation amid history or escape to Fathom Five's Flowerpot Island's serene backcountry campsites?

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## Hassle-free camping

Don't have the gear or prefer to travel light? Try one of our **Equipped Campsites** at Thousand Islands. We provide the gear, you make the memories. Enjoy the beach, take a bike ride, go fishing or simply relax. When the sun sets, try making s'mores over the campfire – the kids will love them!

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## Roughing it has never felt this good

One part cabin, one part tent, oTENTiks are an easy way to overnight in nature. Whether at mainland drive-to sites or on islands, enjoy a true getaway at Thousand Islands, Georgian Bay, Trent-Severn Waterway or Rideau Canal. Plus the kids will love the bunkbeds!



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## Vibrant foliage, starry skies and cozy yurts

Bruce Peninsula welcomes you to autumn serenity. By day, hike among yellow trembling aspen trees or canoe on quiet Cyprus Lake. By night, stoke a fire outside your quaint circular dwelling and stargaze in an awesome Dark Sky Preserve.

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## Waterfront cabins

Enjoy a romantic, private, two-person cabin overlooking Georgian Bay. Hike through hardwood forests, paddle to pink-granite bays or ride a bike along an isolated coastline. At sunset, return to your hideaway and toast to a magical day! Prefer to bring the family along? Then try our six-person cabins on Beausoleil Island.



## SKATE OR PLAY HOCKEY UNDER THE PETERBOROUGH LIFT LOCK

When the green flag flies, bundle up and hold hands to skate, or play a rousing game of hockey on a frozen canal, shadowed by the iconic Peterborough Lift Lock.

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# EPIC ADVENTURES!

## ISLAND-HOP VIA KAYAK OR CANOE

More than 20 granite islands, protected within a rich ecosystem, invite adventurous paddlers. Whether guided or independent, skilled or novice, Thousand Islands National Park welcomes you to island-hop on scenic day trips, overnights or extended stays.

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## SCRAMBLE OVER RUGGED LIMESTONE COAST

Active adventure awaits. Dolomite limestone cliffs, broken boulders and wave-cut caves stretch alongside turquoise-hued lake water—follow an experienced guide on a challenging rock-scramble across the awe-inspiring coastline of Georgian Bay.

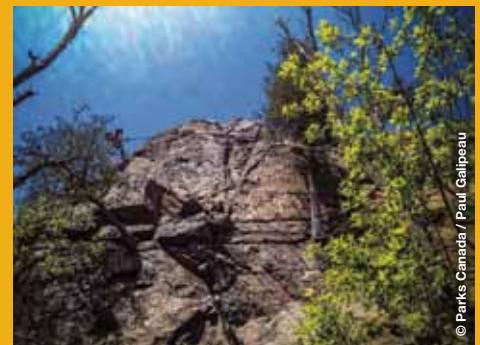
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## WITNESS THE BLAST OF A MUSKET

Watch redcoat-clad soldiers load and fire muskets at Fort George National Historic Site, or take part in Hands on History, dressing in uniform and firing the Brown Bess musket yourself.

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## ROPE-UP AND CLIMB THE CANADIAN SHIELD

Tackle a vertical slice of the Canadian Shield by gearing up and climbing the face of a granite crag for great views near the Rideau Canal's Kingston Mills lockstation.

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# A SUPERIOR ROAD TRIP



## 6 DAYS

### Sault Ste. Marie to Thunder Bay

## ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING

### Day 1

#### Sault Ste. Marie to Heron Bay 405 km

Start at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site. Drive north through dramatic Lake Superior vistas to Pukaskwa National Park. Pitch your tent in Hattie Cove Campground, and take the boardwalk to Horseshoe Beach. Watch your first sunset over Lake Superior.

### Day 2

Looking for a challenging and scenic day hike? An impressive view from high above a roaring river canyon? The White River Suspension Bridge Trail beckons – a natural escape with an adrenaline-pumping twist.

### Day 3

Discover the Seven Grandfather Teachings of the Ojibway First Nations. Join the park's Cultural Heritage Interpreter for a guided hike on Bimose Kinomagegnan Trail - "The Walk of Teachings". Afterwards, grab a coffee in the Visitor Centre and share your photos and stories with friends using the free WIFI.



### Day 4-6

#### Heron Bay to Rosspoint 125 km

Drive to Rosspoint and enjoy the best of Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area. Start your trek in the town and follow the 1.5 km Rosspoint Coastal Trail along the coastline. More experienced hikers will want to try the challenging 9 km Nipigon River Recreation Trail that leads through woodland and wetland habitats, and in and out of ravines.

Ready to get on the water? Rent a kayak and head out onto the vast lake. Coves, bays and inlets are yours to explore. Pitch your tent on one of the islands and spend your final night under the stars.

Head to Thunder Bay to fly home or continue on the Lake Superior Circle Tour.



## DISCOVER AN UNDERWATER WORLD

It's time to check this exhilarating underwater experience off your bucket list—century-old shipwrecks and submerged geological wonders await. Welcome to scuba diving and snorkelling in Fathom Five National Marine Park.

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# A GATHERING PLACE

## SAVOUR SUNDAY TEA AT THE CANAL

Stroll the beautiful gardens and grounds at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site and then savour an elegant Sunday tea, served at the historic Superintendent's Residence.

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## ESCAPE THE CITY

Relax on a drive into Canadian cottage country, led by the gravitational pull of the towering Peterborough Lift Lock, still operating as it did more than 110 years ago. Picnic in the surrounding heritage parkland.

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## FUN AND ACCESSIBLE RIVERSIDE GREENSPACE

Savour a sunny day picnic. See wildlife close-up. Unwind with a river view—is that a castle in the distance? Play outdoor games; enjoy the playground. Connection to nature comes easy at Mallorytown Landing Visitor Centre.

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## DAYTRIPS TO BEAUSOLEIL ISLAND

It's simple to make a daytrip to an awe-inspiring island landscape. Woodland hikes, coastal cycles, sandy swims, inspiring scenery—find it all, just 90 minutes from Toronto.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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## The Festival of Birds

May 1<sup>st</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

Experience spring migration at Point Pelee, the “Warbler Capital of Canada.” Enjoy a guided hike, try a Lunch and Learn session or explore on your own. Before you go, make sure to head to the ‘Tip’, which is the southernmost point of the Canadian mainland.

2

## Canada Day

July 1<sup>st</sup>

Grab your flag and celebrate our wonderful country! Heritage is the guest of honour during this day of family fun at our historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas. Activities abound for kids of all ages. Happy Birthday Canada!

3

## Parks Day

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Families wanted to grab some fresh air and have fun in our parks on this day of celebration! Will you go on a guided walk, ride a bicycle through forested trails or enjoy a canoe excursion? Or would you prefer to sit back in one of our red chairs and enjoy the view? The choice is yours.

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## Meet the Ghosts of Fort St. Joseph

August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Enjoy a warm welcome from the ghosts of Fort St. Joseph on two starlit nights in August. Hear tales from the past, all to the eerie sounds of bagpipes and First Nation drums.

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## Have a Merry Woodside Christmas!

December

Holiday Season upon you already? Start on a high note by visiting Woodside. Savour the seasonal delights of a Victorian Christmas. Feel the magic as your family walks through the richly decorated rooms and discovers hand-crafted decorations from the past! Will you kiss under the mistletoe?



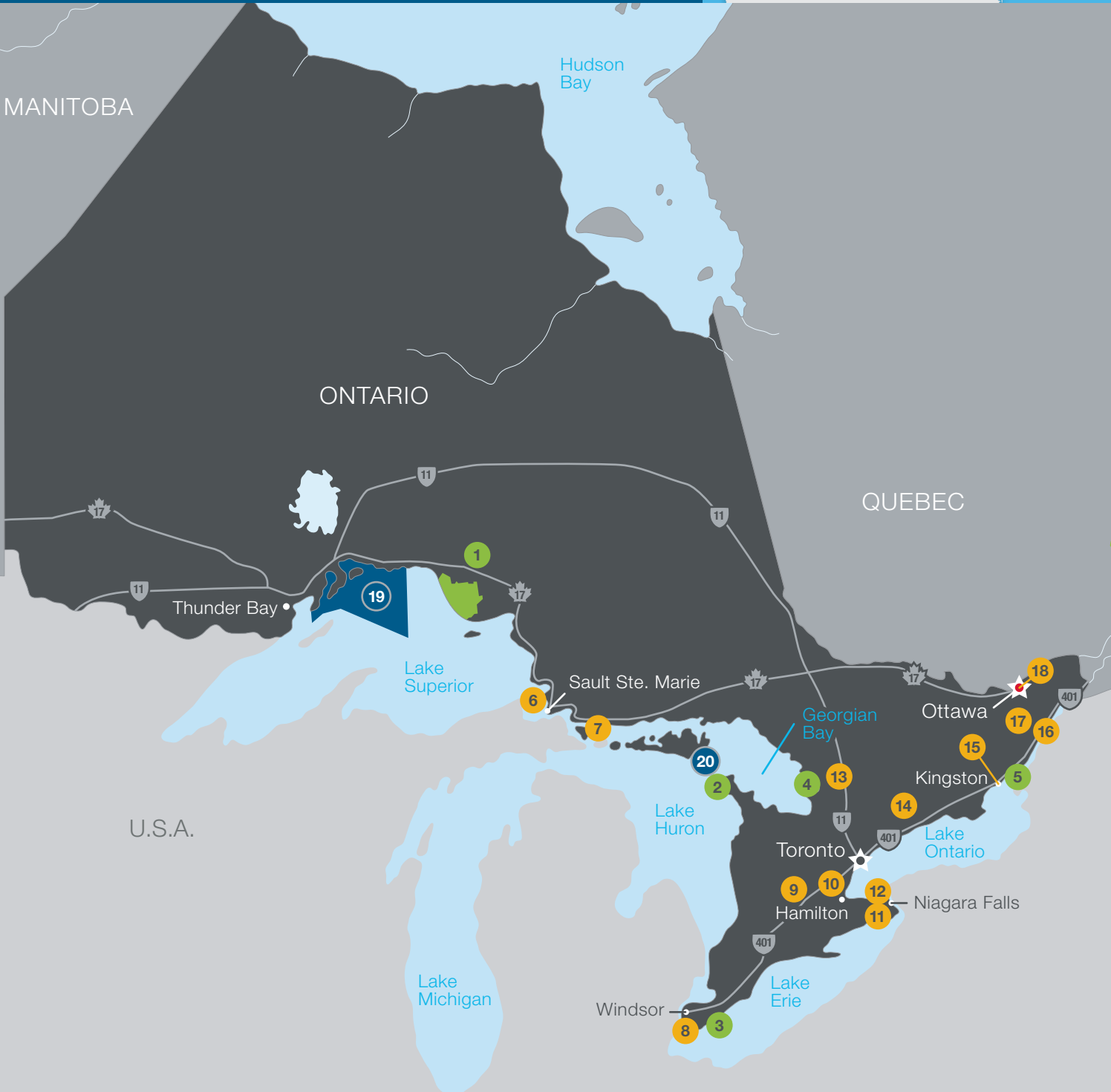
## PADDLE THE WETLANDS

Learn paddling skills from your experienced guide as you explore Point Pelee Marsh on a Freighter Canoe excursion. Look for beavers, basking turtles, muskrats, herons, frogs, dragonflies dotted amongst the cattails.

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# Ontario

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



# Directory

The following section provides more information on unique places and experiences in Ontario.

## Services and activities legend

The legend below identifies some of the services and activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for these symbols when planning your visit.

 Parking	 Backpacking/hiking
 Bus parking	 Horseback riding
 Access for the physically disabled	 Golfing
 Restaurant	 Tennis
 Gift shop	 Birdwatching
 Interpretation	 Marine mammals
 Picnic area/shelter	 Beaches
 Playground	 Canoeing/Kayaking
 Camping	 Motorboating
 Recreational vehicles	 Fishing
 Parks Canada oTENTik	 Scuba diving
 Yurts	 Rafting
 Teepees	 Hot springs
 Cabins	 Mountain/Ice climbing
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 Mountain biking	



**40+ red chairs**

waiting to be discovered in Ontario

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Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area



Bellevue House National Historic Site

## 1 Pukaskwa



Lake Superior crashes against granite shores with boundless boreal forest beyond; moose and bears roam the woodlands and Anishinaabe First Nations intertwine a rich legacy. Pukaskwa National Park is a wilderness escape with an important human story.

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

## 2 Bruce Peninsula



Bruce Peninsula National Park beckons hikers to travel woodland trails, swimmers to refresh in clear waters, explorers to discover the rugged limestone coast and campers to revel at a stunning night sky.

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

## 3 Point Pelee



Canada's second smallest but most diverse national park, Point Pelee's forest hosts diverse habitats that provide a sanctuary for plants and animals rarely found elsewhere in the country.

**Leamington, ON  
1-519-322-2365 | parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee**

## 4 Georgian Bay Islands



Swim in Georgian Bay's clear waters. Cycle wooded island trails. Hike paths that meander between ecosystems. Unwind at a cosy cabin. Welcome to an inspiring and beautiful place. Welcome to Georgian Bay Islands National Park.

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

## 5 Thousand Islands



Granite islands speckle the St. Lawrence River in a transition zone between Canadian Shield and Adirondack Mountains. Explore by boating, paddling, or hiking. Awesome Thousand Islands National Park awaits, a few hours from Toronto or Montreal.

**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**

## 6 Sault Ste. Marie Canal



Tour the Sault Ste. Marie Canal with an informative Parks Canada guide and you'll soon understand the vitally important role this innovative piece of engineering made to water transportation in Canada.

**Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
1-705-941-6205 | parkscanada.gc.ca/saultstemariecanal**

## 7 Fort St. Joseph



Visit Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site, 92 km south east of Sault Ste. Marie on the southern tip of St. Joseph Island, to learn about the once-vital British stronghold on Upper Canada's western front.

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

## 8 Fort Malden



Visit Fort Malden in Amherstburg, Ontario – Major General Sir Isaac Brock and Shawnee Chief Tecumseh's base for the attack on Fort Detroit and later the location of the longest American occupation on Canadian soil.

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

## 9 Woodside



Come to Kitchener, Ontario to visit Woodside National Historic Site, the boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's longest-serving Prime Minister. View authentic King family artifacts and gain an understanding of Victorian family traditions.

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

## 10 HMCS Haida



Commissioned in August 1943, HMCS *Haida* served for an impressive 20 years in times of war and peace. Today, Canada's most famous warship is moored in Hamilton Harbour near Bayfront Park, where you can explore her historic decks.

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

## 11 Queenston Heights



Queenston Heights is the Niagara battlefield where Major General Sir Isaac Brock, Commander-in-Chief of British forces in Upper Canada died while leading British regulars, local militia and First Nation warriors against an American invasion.

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON – 132 km from Toronto, ON;  
22 km from Niagara Falls, ON  
1-905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/queenstonheights**

## 12 Fort George



Mingle with British redcoats among Fort George's soldier's barracks, palisades and cannons; experience the sounds of the War of 1812 through Fort George's internationally renowned 41<sup>st</sup> Fife and Drum Corps; witness military demonstrations and fire a musket yourself!

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON – 132 km from Toronto, ON;  
22 km from Niagara Falls, ON  
1-905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgeorge**

### 13 Bethune Memorial House



A revered icon to China. A medical pioneer. A wartime hero. A political activist. Dr. Norman Bethune's lasting worldwide influence is on display in a perfectly preserved Victorian-era home and interactive Visitor Centre.

**Gravenhurst, ON – 170 km from Toronto, ON**  
1-705-687-4261 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/bethune](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/bethune)

### 14 Trent-Severn Waterway



Discover a newfound fascination with engineering along the Trent-Severn Waterway. This navigational wonder adds up to 44 locks, 104 operable dams and six heritage lockstations along a 386-km scenic string of canals and waterways.

**Peterborough, ON – 136 km from Toronto, ON;**  
**272 km from Ottawa, ON**  
1-888-773-8888 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/trentsevern](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/trentsevern)

### 15 Bellevue House



Follow staff in period costume on a tour of Bellevue House. Hear stories about Canada's first prime minister, who made history here in the 1840s. Feel a Lake Ontario breeze in an heirloom garden.

**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](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/bellevue)

### 16 Fort Wellington



At Fort Wellington, one of the fortified posts the British built to defend its colonies against American invasion in 1812 and 1838, you can relive this precarious period when the fate of Canada hung in the balance.

**Prescott, ON – 95 km from Ottawa, ON;**  
**187 km from Montréal, QC**  
1-613-925-2896 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/wellington](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/wellington)

### 17 Rideau Canal



An historic 19<sup>th</sup> century military waterway linking rivers and lakes across Eastern Ontario's countryside, the Rideau Canal is now a popular natural playground, perfect for boating, paddling, fishing, camping, hiking and cycling the canal's pathways.

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

### 18 Laurier House



Two of Canada's most important Prime Ministers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, resided in this Victorian Ottawa mansion where they entertained dignitaries and politicians and conducted the nation's business.

**Ottawa, ON**  
1-613-992-8142 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/laurierhouse](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/laurierhouse)

### 19 Lake Superior



Home to more than 70 fish species and 50 shipwrecks, Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area is one of the world's largest protected freshwater areas and offers outdoor activities ranging from fishing and swimming to snowshoeing and surfing.

**Nipigon, ON**  
1-807-887-5467 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/superior](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/superior)

### 20 Fathom Five



Fascinating limestone flowerpots, pristine freshwater, lush cliff-edge woodland, serene backcountry campsites, historic lightstations and exciting scuba-sites make Fathom Five National Marine Park an awe-inspiring Great Lake escape.

**Tobermory, ON – 296 km from Toronto, ON**  
1-519-596-2233 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/fathomfive](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/fathomfive)

## The Wild Side



#### Monarch Butterfly

A Monarch's life begins as an egg laid under a Milkweed leaf before becoming a magnificent butterfly one month later. From the end of August to mid-October, visit Point Pelee and see the gathering Monarchs before they head off on their courageous 3000 km journey to the mountainous forests in Mexico.



#### Snowshoe Hare

A snowshoe hare can travel as fast as 45 km an hour. The female has up to four litters of young each year. Commonly found in Canada, snowshoe hares can reach great numbers—as many as 500 per km<sup>2</sup>. During the winter, their tracks are easy to spot in the snow!



#### Massasauga Rattlesnake

The massasauga is an unusual rattlesnake protected in Georgian Bay Islands and the Bruce Peninsula. Up to a metre in length, it is solitary, passive and timid, however when threatened, it will shake its tail in warning. Did you know its "rattle" gains a new ring every year?



#### Stinkpot Turtle

The Stinkpot Turtle gets its name from the musky fluid it secretes when it feels threatened. It is an excellent tree climber but has difficulty swimming and walking on solid earth. Rarely found out of water, it prefers to trudge along the bottom instead. Whether in a national park or a canal, be like this little turtle and head to the water!



#### Bald Eagle

This powerful yet fragile majestic bird of prey has a wing span that can measure up to two metres in width. It typically builds a large nest in a tall tree near sizable bodies of water. Although it can be seen from coast to coast, you'll be happy to hear that it has re-emerged in national parks near you.

Give these animals the space they need. Your responsible behaviour contributes to the survival of wildlife – and your own safety!

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\*Up to seven people arriving together in a single vehicle at a National Park, National Marine Conservation Area or National Historic Site. Prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change.

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