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in Ontario

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 Pukaskwa National Park



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CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150th!



2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation and we invite you to celebrate with Parks Canada! Get curious about Canada's unique natural treasures, hear stories about Indigenous cultures, learn to camp and paddle and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Canada's national historic sites with us.

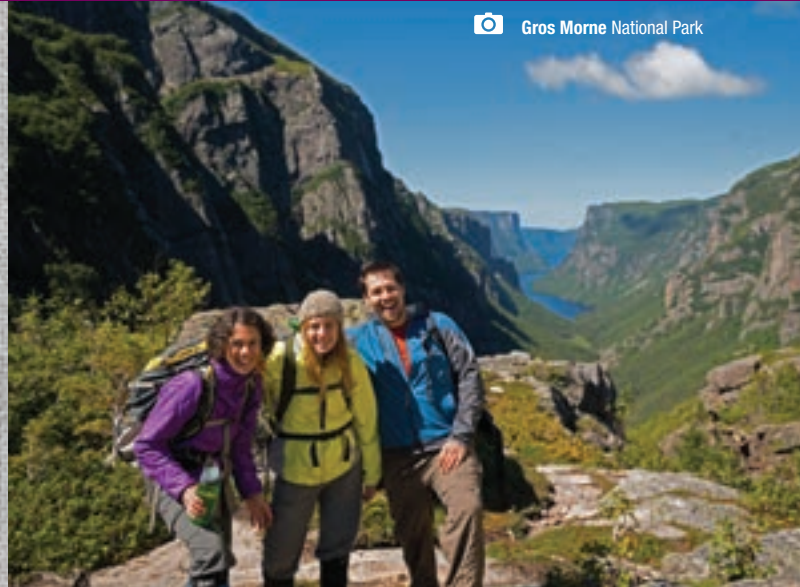
YOUR FREE PASS TO DISCOVERY

As Canada's gift to you, the 2017 Discovery Pass provides free admission for the entire year to Parks Canada places from coast-to-coast-to-coast!

Get your pass now at www.parkscanada.gc.ca or by calling 1-888-773-8888.



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DISCOVER CANADA CONTEST

Enter the Discover Canada Contest for a chance to win an unforgettable 7 day trip for four to Western Newfoundland, 1 of 3 weekend getaways in a Parks Canada oTENTik, Parks Canada merchandise and more!

Contest closes on September 30, 2017.

In collaboration with:



The good news doesn't end in 2017;
beginning in 2018, admission for children under 18 is free!

WELCOME!



Woodside National Historic Site



Rouge National Urban Park



Point Pelee National Park

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Discover Parks Canada!

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.

There's never been a better time to visit!

DISCOVER CORNERS OF PARADISE



7 DAYS

Ottawa to Kingston via Thousand Islands National Park and Rideau Canal



ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING



DAY 1

Thousand Islands National Park, Mallorytown Landing, 136 km from Ottawa

Escape from everyday life and enter into the heart of the wilderness only a few hours from the city.

Lace up your running shoes and discover different paths that wind through the park on undulating hiking trails. Explore hemlock forests, walk through spectacular wetlands, reach wooded ridges and admire impressive rock walls covered with ferns. Discover a forest changed dramatically by the work of industrious beavers.

Don't forget your binoculars, the park is the ideal place to observe wildlife.

Spend the night in the heart of nature in your comfortable waterfront oTENTik. Stoke up your campfire, roast some marshmallows, take in thousands of stars and just relax...



DAY 2

Wake up to the sound of water lapping the shore. Walk on the wharf, coffee in hand, what a relaxing morning!

Ready for adventure? Grab your kayak and explore the St. Lawrence River's blue-green waters. Visit picturesque granite islands and admire iconic windswept pine trees. You will be fascinated at every turn by sunken ships, historic castles and a landscape steeped in First Nations history.

You might be lucky enough to glimpse a soaring bald eagle or a family of turtles basking on a rock.

DAY 3

Ride the 40 km of paved bike path along the 1000 Islands Parkway and observe its stunning river views.

Take a picnic break on the breezy banks of the St. Lawrence River. In the afternoon, relax by the waterside and take a refreshing dip in the water.

Want to go fishing before dinner? Who knows, with a bit of luck, you will be frying what you caught today!



DAY 4

Prescott, 45 km from Mallorytown Landing

Go to **Fort Wellington National Historic Site** and enlist in the Royal Artillery for a day! Recruits will spend their time training to be a member of the cannon crew. Feel the surge of adrenaline as you fire a 19th century muzzle-loading cannon.

Return to **Thousand Islands National Park** for a final night along the scenic County Rd 2. Stop in Brockville along the way to shop on the main street and maybe pick up a Thousand Islands souvenir.





DAY 5

Kingston, 45 km from Mallorytown
Merrickville, 105 km from Kingston

Tour the restored home and gardens of **Bellevue House** National Historic Site, home of Sir John A. Macdonald. Wander through the family's preserved kitchen garden, bite into an heirloom apple and watch costumed gardeners cut the lawn with scythes, just like in the 1840s.

Take a stroll through the charming Kingston streets. Explore the city's defensive system at **Kingston Fortifications** National Historic Site – located by the Kingston Harbour – and discover the defensive heart of Canada's first Capital.

Continue your journey all the way to Merrickville, a magnificent Victorian village along the Rideau Canal. Wander around the historic village and travel through time. Cozy up for the night in an oTENTik by the Rideau Canal.

DAY 6

Ottawa, 75 km from Merrickville

Discover the national capital in a different light! Paddle through the scenic countryside, historic towns and quaint villages of Eastern Ontario on one of the many lakes, rivers or canals that wind through the city. There is so much to see and do along the **Rideau Canal** National Historic Site.

Create your team and join us for a Voyageur Canoe Sunset Paddle in Ottawa on the Rideau Canal!



DAY 7

Take time to explore the canal on foot! It is a perfect activity to immerse oneself in the Rideau Canal's history and nature. Do not miss the lockstation in Ottawa, with its historical flight of eight locks.

On the way back home, stop at **Laurier House** National Historic Site. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes white glove tour: explore rooms usually off-limits to visitors and touch some of the artifacts in the collection. Enjoy afternoon tea served on the veranda before heading back home.



ENJOY A FAMILY GETAWAY

3 DAYS

Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake



ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING



DAY 1

Rouge National Urban Park, Toronto

Looking to escape the stress of everyday life? Come recharge at Rouge National Urban Park! Explore Carolinian ecosystems, discover one of the largest marshes in the region, walk along unspoiled beaches and let the sand soothe your feet. There's nothing like a gentle lake breeze on a hot summer day.

Immerse yourself in a cultural experience and discover a piece of human history stretching back more than 10,000 years, including Aboriginal sites that are among the oldest in Canada.

DAY 2

HMCS *Haida* National Historic Site, Hamilton, 80 km from Toronto

After a good breakfast and a heaping bowl of fresh air, make your way to the Port of Hamilton. Climb aboard the most famous Canadian war vessel and imagine what life must have been like for the crew serving on the Navy's most decorated ship. Can you spot any imminent threats on the horizon?

Enjoy the Hamilton farmers' market where you can pull together a delicious picnic before heading out to Niagara-on-the-Lake.



DAY 3

Fort George National Historic Site, Niagara-on-the-Lake, 75 km from Hamilton

Watch a musket firing demonstration. Better yet, put on a red coat, slip on a military hat, load and fire. Wander through the fort's eight restored buildings and revisit the lives of British soldiers and their families. Enjoy beautiful views of the mighty Niagara River.

Take the rest of the day to leisurely stroll around town on foot or by bike. Make sure to fill your shopping bags with local products before heading back home.

Return to Toronto, 130 km

DISCOVER OTHER ITINERARIES
AND PLAN YOUR VISIT AT
WWW.PARKSCANADA.GC.CA/VISIT

HIDDEN GEMS

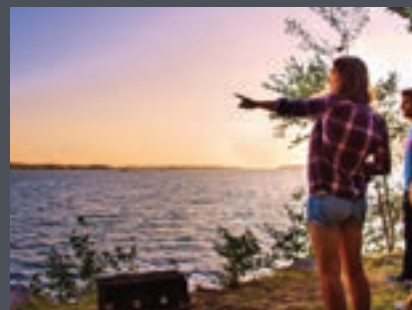
STAFF FAVOURITES



LLOYDS LOOKOUT

“Part of the Nipigon River Recreation trail, this hidden gem has spectacular views of the islands and sparkling waters of **Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area**! The brand new viewing platform offers a place to relax and really take in the beauty that the region has to offer.”

Sadie – Promotion Officer



GORDON ISLAND SUNSETS AND CAMPSITE

“Ever dream of having your own private island? Experience a million-dollar sunset view while camping on a secluded site on Gordon Island in **Thousand Islands National Park**. Try campsite 3 or oTENTik site 1A – both are staff favourites!”

Suzanne – Visitor Services Team Leader



THE CAPONNIÈRE

“The caponnière is a long tunnel through the fort’s earthen walls at **Fort Wellington National Historic Site**. An enemy who managed to reach the fort’s ditch would have met a volley of fire from the caponnière. The stone walls are thick enough to stop cannon fire, and the roof is bombproof.”

Caitlyn – Interpreter



PLAYER PIANO

“Located in the Lauriers’ library, Zoé’s (Sir Wilfrid Laurier’s wife) piano is one of the few player pianos still working to this date. It is a marvel to see this piano in **Laurier House National Historic Site** playing a Chopin’s Waltz or “Hey Jude” from the Beatles. Come and sing along as did the Lauriers with their guests a long time ago.”

Natalie – Interpretation Coordinator



CACTUS FIELD FOOTPATH

“Visit this newly restored savannah area for a unique and beautiful experience in **Point Pelee National Park**. This footpath winds through open savannah habitat; a bird watcher’s delight in spring and home to one of the most impressive Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus patches in the park.”

Sarah – Promotion Officer

FROM TRADITIONAL... TO ORIGINAL!



RESERVE AT WWW.RESERVATION.PC.GC.CA

1 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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3 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 Islands**, **Trent-Severn Waterway** or **Rideau Canal**. Plus the kids will love the bunkbeds!



4 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*.



2 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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5 WATERFRONT CABINS
Enjoy a romantic, private, two-person cabin overlooking the water at **Georgian Bay Islands**. 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.

MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDAR

JUNE
24-25

LANDMARKS 2017

A Signature Canada 150 Event, Landmarks will feature an outdoor exhibit with multidisciplinary art installations inspired by the Rouge's natural and cultural heritage.

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CANADA DAY

JULY
1

From east to west and north to south, there will be many special celebratory events at Parks Canada locations on this day. Join us as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation and the 100th anniversary of National Historic Sites.

Enjoy cake, traditional games, and face painting, along with a new exhibit about insect superheroes at **Thousand Islands National Park**. Try the new World War One battlefield family play area at **Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site**. Watch the Parade of Paddles from the lock wall of **Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site** or start off on a new backcountry adventure by hiking the Mdaabii Miikna ('go to the shore trail' in Anishinaabemowin) on the day it will officially open in **Pukaskwa National Park**.



JULY
15

PARKS DAY

Show your appreciation for parks and celebrate Parks Day at Thousand Islands. Take part in fun activities for the whole family at the Mallorytown Landing Visitor Center or just sit back in one of our Muskoka chairs and enjoy the river view.

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JULY
2017

A SÉANCE IN TIME

Prime Minister Mackenzie King invites you to his residence for a séance on the eve of the harvest moon. Join King's medium, his military adviser, and his household staff as they prepare to contact the other side. Will you be able to help King and his household during this interactive, clue-based theatre experience? July 19, 20, 26 & 27.

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SUMMER
2017

WHISKY TASTINGS

Let your senses be guided by a whisky expert through whisky tasting and food pairings while you learn about the history of whisky making along with MacDonald's private & political life. The first whisky tasting of the season will be featuring Canadian Whiskies in honour of Canada 150. June 29, July 13, August 3 & 17.

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Ontario

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



- National Park
- National Historic Site
- National Marine Conservation Area
- National Urban Park
- ★ Capital
- ★ National Capital

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	 Horseback riding
 Bus parking	 Golfing
 Access for the physically disabled	 Tennis
 Restaurant	 Birdwatching
 Gift shop	 Marine mammals
 Interpretation	 Beaches
 Picnic area/Shelter	 Canoeing/Kayaking
 Playground	 Motorboating
 Camping	 Fishing
 Recreational vehicles	 Scuba diving
 oTENTik	 Rafting
 Yurts	 Hot springs
 Teepees	 Mountain/Ice climbing
 Cabins	 Winter activities
 Cycling	 Wi-Fi (in certain areas only)
 Mountain biking	 Dark Sky Preserve
 Backpacking/Hiking	



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Georgian Bay Islands National Park

Sault Ste. Marie Canal 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
@PukaskwaNP | #PukaskwaNP

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
@BrucePNP

3 Point Pelee



Canada's most southern 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
@PointPeleeNP | #PointPeleeNP

4 Georgian Bay Islands



Swim in Georgian Bay's clear waters. Cycle wooded island trails. Hike paths that meander between ecosystems. Unwind at a cozy 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
@GBINP

5 Thousand Islands



Granite islands speckle the St. Lawrence River in a transition zone between the Canadian Shield and the 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 Montreal, QC; 319 km from Toronto, ON**
1-613-923-5261 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ti
@TINationalPark

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/sault
@SaultCanalNHS | #SaultCanal

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/joseph
@FortStJosephNHS | #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
#FortMalden

9 Woodside



Come to Kitchener, Ontario to visit Woodside National Historic Site, the boyhood home of Rt. Hon. 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
#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
#HMCSHaida

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 soldiers' barracks, palisades and cannons; experience the sounds of the War of 1812 through Fort George's internationally renowned 41st 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
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inspiring views from
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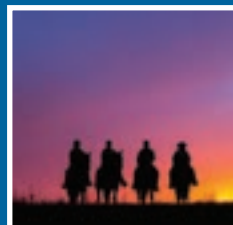
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