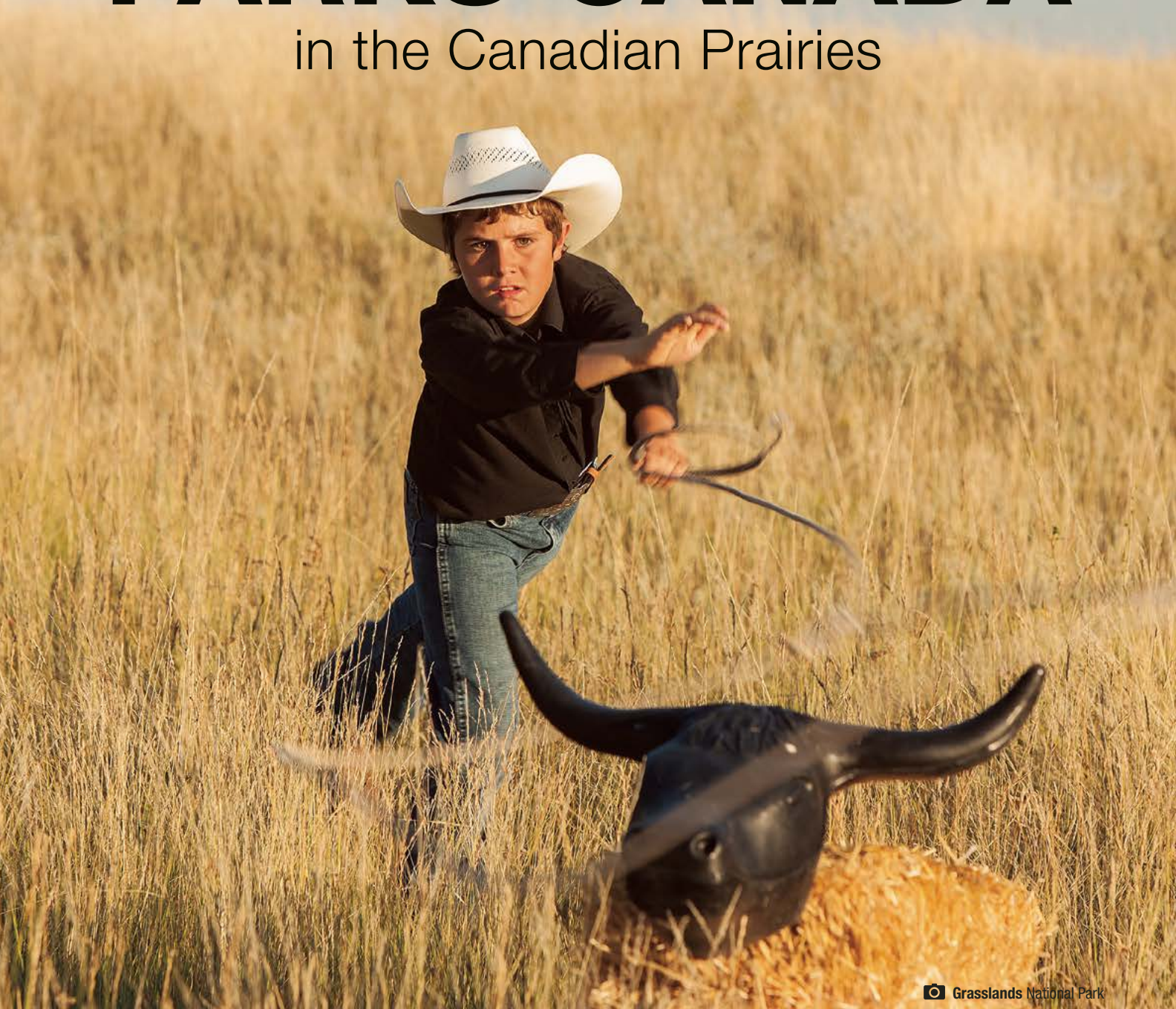




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Welcome!

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.

WONDERFUL WASAGAMING

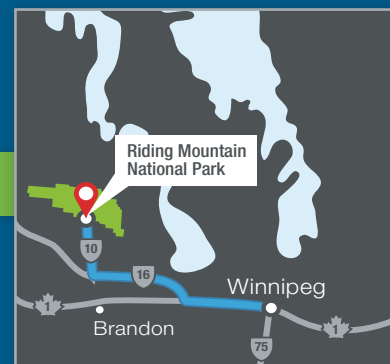
5 DAYS

Riding Mountain National Park

Manitoba



ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING



DAY 1

Arrive at Wasagaming campground. Unpack your suitcase. Settle into your oTENTik. Family camping has never been so easy!

After supper, enjoy family time by the campfire. Roast marshmallows. Gaze at the stars. Relax.



DAY 2

After breakfast, hop on your bikes and explore the trails. Which one is going to be your favourite?

Head to the beach after lunch. Don't forget to bring sand pails! Build the highest sandcastle!

After supper, join park staff for a Campfire program, take a sunset cruise on Clear Lake.



DAY 3

Rent a paddle boat and explore Clear Lake as a family.

Have the kids join in on the interpretive action station. It's **FREE**.

Enjoy an ice cream and take in the entertainment of a local busker.

Hop in your car for a wildlife safari drive in the early evening. What might you see? A White-Tailed Deer, a Black Bear, a Moose or a Bald Eagle?



DAY 4

Meander through the rustic and historic town site. Browse through the quaint shops and eat at a local restaurant.

The kids will love playing on the swings and slides at the playground.

Stop in at the Park Visitor Centre and sign-up the kids for the hour-long L'il Critter Camp.

Take in a game of mini-golf or lawn bowling before taking a short drive to the "must-see" wishing well.



DAY 5

Before you head home, take a detour out to the bison enclosure, just north of Wasagamung. Approximately 30 bison can be found in the enclosure.

Perhaps you will get lucky and see some young calves playing, or bulls sparring. On your way out, stop by Lake Audy and relax with a picnic by the lake.



BISON BINGE



2 DAYS

Saskatoon to
Prince Albert National Park
via Batoche

Saskatchewan

ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING

DAY 1

Start Saskatoon to
Prince Albert National Park

Distance: 230 km
(add 50 km return to Batoche)

Driving time: 2.5 hours



A.M. Start your journey at Batoche National Historic Site with our “Journey Through Time” tour.

Go back 130 years, meet living characters and have a “blast from the past.”



P.M. After your visit, head to the town site of Waskesiu. Book a night in an oTENTik in Beaver Glen Campground. Connecting with nature has never been so easy!

Spend the evening by the campfire or take in our fun program, “Bison Will Rise Again.”

DAY 2

Waskesiu Lake to West Side of
Prince Albert National Park

Distance: 130 km one way

Driving Time: 2 hours

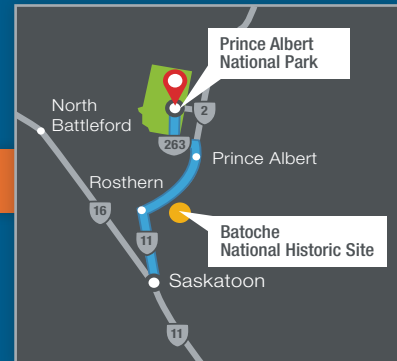


A.M. Begin your day at the Waskesiu Visitor Centre. Get directions to the West Side and receive bison safety information.

While there, measure your bison IQ by playing “Match-the-Bison-Horn.”

Gather your hiking/biking/camping gear, make a picnic lunch and put gas in your tank. You’re off!

Have your binoculars and camera ready for the drive. Will you be lucky enough to see a Sandhill Crane?



P.M. Enjoy your picnic overlooking the beautiful Sturgeon River Valley.

After lunch, hike or bike through aspen forest and pockets of open meadow on the 15.5 km Amyot Lake Trail. Look for bison wallows and tracks along the trail. You never know when that magical sighting will happen!

Head home after a spectacular adventure.



5 FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



1 FROM FIELD TO FORK

Make hay while the sun shines at the historic homestead where Canada's agricultural policy was born. Gather wheat into sheaves, learn to milk a cow, savour an authentic homestead supper.

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2 EXPLORE MORE OF THIS 2000-ACRE HISTORIC SITE

Hop onboard as the Shuttle calls at important sites along the way to help visitors understand more of the life of the Métis who made their homes here and of the bloody battle of 1885.

Batoche National Historic Site p. 10



3 HI HO, IT'S OFF TO THE FORT WE GO!

Roll up your sleeves and sign on as a labourer for the Hudson's Bay Company. Experience a taste of life in the 1850s in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site p. 11



4 PLAY A ROUND OF DISC GOLF

If you can throw a Frisbee, you can play Disc Golf! Suitable for all ages and abilities, have fun with the family exploring the parkland beyond the palisades along the North Saskatchewan river.

Fort Battleford National Historic Site p. 10



5 VARIETY HERITAGE ADVENTURE PARK

Splash through the water park and dive into 6,000 years of adventure from tipis to trading posts to trains.

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MARK YOUR 2016 CALENDAR

WILD WEST AND FAMILY FEST



Gun slingers, archery, live music, great food, bouncy castles, tattoos, face paint and much more!

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KID-FEST



Enjoy the petting zoo, discover your inner Métis warrior playing games of skill and strength as pint-sized pioneers hook bison in a fun fishing game.

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FORT FEST



Get ready for this fun-filled day of bouncy castles, wagon rides, black powder canon and rifle demonstrations, live music, a petting zoo and much more.

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PARTY AND CONCERT WEEKEND



Start with fireside tales of the open range and a night under the stars, followed by a day of river kayaking and wagon rides, all capped by an outdoor concert.

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

AUG
2016

Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of the annual outdoor concerts. Dance under the trees and clap your hands to the music.

Riding Mountain National Park p. 10



TRADES DAY

AUG
6

Watch the NWMP and RCMP on a drill. Cover your ears as the canons blaze and rifles fire. Taste oven-warm Bannock and sip a cool drink in the shade of a tree.

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LOUIS RIEL RELAY

AUG
20-21

Live music, kids' activities, pavilions, family fun, and of course, the race! New unique twists on a classic Saskatoon event that you won't want to miss!

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FOSSIL FEVER AND BADLANDS BLAST

AUG
11-15

Spend the day searching for dinosaur fossils, or hop on a horse-drawn wagon for a tour of the Badlands, followed by a country hoedown.

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SYMPHONY UNDER THE SKY

AUG
27

Join us for a jam packed day of activities including threshing demonstrations, the Field to Fork Festival and kids' activities.

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HALLOWEEN HAUNTED FORT

OCT
29

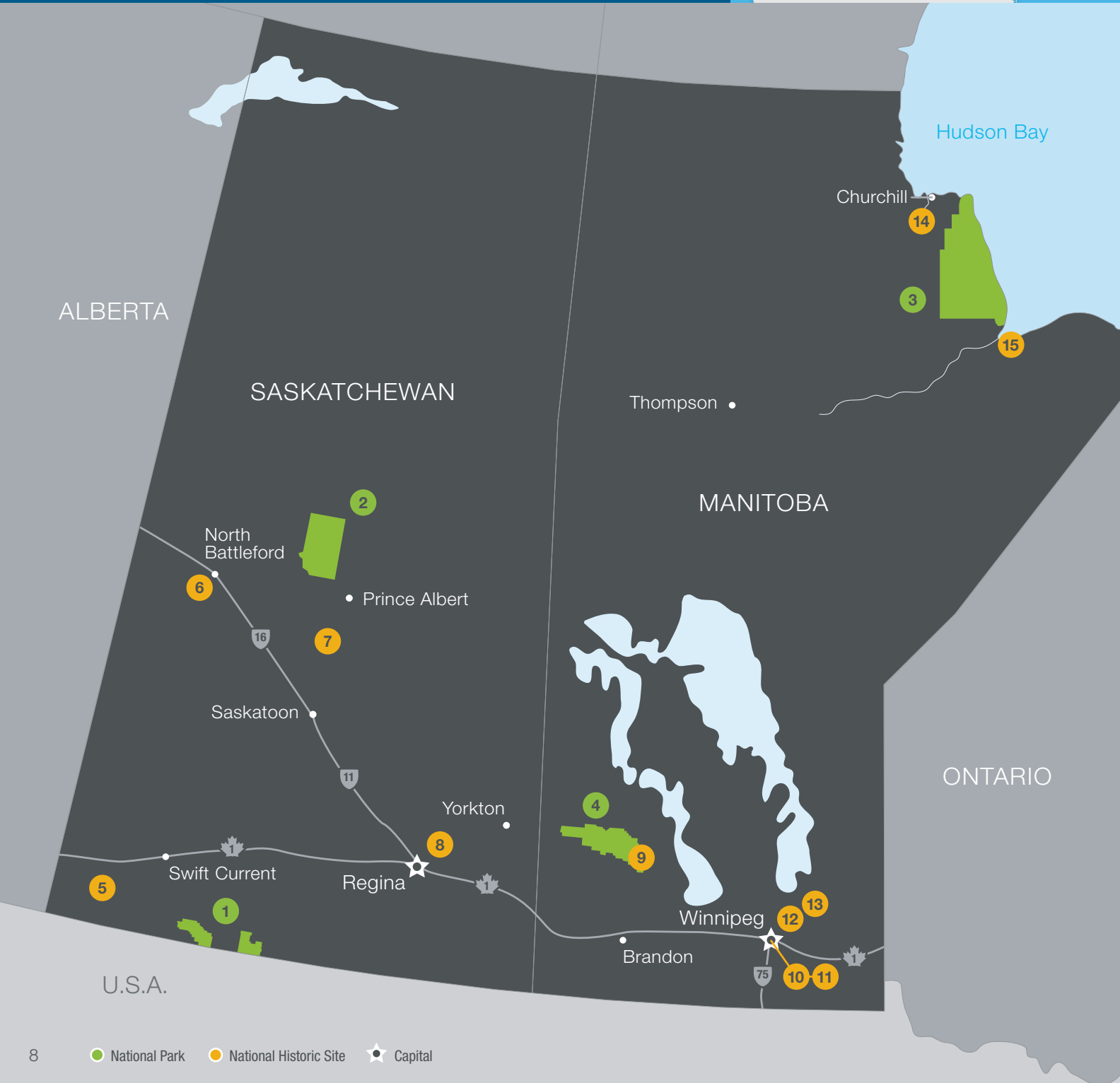
The Ultimate Halloween experience... not one, but five, haunted historic buildings! Beer gardens from the Friends of Fort Battleford also on site.

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Canadian Prairies

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada



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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.

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 Picnic area/shelter	 Beaches
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Prince Albert National Park

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Saskatchewan

1 Grasslands



At Grasslands National Park, expanses of dinosaur fossils harken back to a time before history. Tipi rings are testament to First Nations communities, and ruins of prairie homesteads tell of settlers intent on taming the prairie.

Val Marie, Saskatchewan
1-877-345-2257 | parkscanada.gc.ca/grasslands

2 Prince Albert



Prince Albert National Park offers accessible wilderness and extensive outdoor recreation in central Saskatchewan. Hike boreal forests, canoe pristine lakes and see free-range bison, with the town of Waskesiu as a convenient base.

Waskesiu, Saskatchewan
1-306-663-4522 | parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert

5 Fort Walsh



Experience life with James Morrow Walsh and his NWMP troops in the 1870s. Barter for buffalo robes at the trading post, smell sweet lodge pole pines on a hike through the Cypress Hills.

Maple Creek, Saskatchewan
1-306-662-3590 | parkscanada.gc.ca/walsh

6 Fort Battleford



Step back into a turbulent time in Canada's past, as life on the prairies changes forever for the First Nations and Métis as the newly-formed North West Mounted Police march into Fort Battleford.

Battleford, Saskatchewan – 145 km from Saskatoon, SK
1-306-937-2621 | parkscanada.gc.ca/battleford

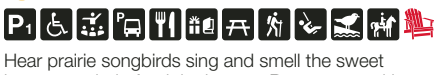
7 Batoche



Experience life as a Métis settler in the village community of Batoche and discover the bloody history of the last battle of the Northwest Resistance of 1885, scene of Louis Riel's last stand.

Wakaw, Saskatchewan – 90 km from Saskatoon, SK
1-306-423-6227 | parkscanada.gc.ca/batoche

8 Motherwell Homestead



Hear prairie songbirds sing and smell the sweet hay as you help feed the horses. Re-connect with Canada's homestead life and bake bread with flour ground from grain harvested from the golden fields outside.

Abernethy, Saskatchewan – 100 km from Regina, SK
1-306-333-2116 | parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell

Manitoba

3 Wapusk



A vast subarctic wilderness of tundra and boreal forest, Wapusk protects one of the world's largest known polar bear maternity denning areas, as well as more than 200 bird species, caribou, wolverine, arctic hare and foxes.

Churchill, Manitoba
1-204-675-8863 | parkscanada.gc.ca/wapusk

4 Riding Mountain



Find peace on the prairies in a place where the boreal forest and aspen parkland meet. Enjoy superb wildlife and bird watching along more than 400 km of trails and sandy lakeside beaches.

Wasagaming, Manitoba – 270 km from Winnipeg, MB
1-204-848-7275 | parkscanada.gc.ca/riding

9 Riding Mountain Park East Gate Registration Complex



Constructed by skilled local craftsman, the East Gate Registration Complex, with its hand-hewn logs and stone walls built from local materials continues to welcome visitors as a shining example of 1930s architecture.

Wasagaming, Manitoba
1-204-848-7275 | parkscanada.gc.ca/riding

10 Riel House



Travel back to spring 1886, six months after the death of Louis Riel. Visit his family home and discover what life was like for the Riel family and Métis who lived along the banks of the Red River.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
1-204-257-1783 | parkscanada.gc.ca/riel

11 The Forks



At the place where generations of people have met for 6,000 years or more, discover a history rich in stories of Aboriginal heritage. This is the birthplace of Western Canada.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
1-204-983-6757 | parkscanada.gc.ca/forks





Riel House National Historic Site



Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site



Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site

12 St. Andrew's Rectory



Learn about the significance of the St Andrew's Rectory, an excellent example of mid-19th century Red River Hudson's Bay Company architecture. Imagine the day to day lives of the Reverend and his Red River settler parishioners in the 1800s.

St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB
 1-204-785-6050 | parkscanada.gc.ca/standrewsrectory

13 Lower Fort Garry



Standing on the bank of the Red River for more than 180 years, Lower Fort Garry tells inspiring tales of innovation, discovery and struggle. Chat with a 19th century Red River settler and immerse yourself in the daily life of the Fort's inhabitants.

St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB
 1-204-785-6050 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgarry

14 Prince of Wales Fort



Stone remains of the star-shaped, 18th century Prince of Wales Fort stand on Hudson Bay's tundra shore, offering a glimpse into a remote Hudson's Bay outpost amid a wild subarctic landscape alive with polar bears, birds and beluga whales.

Churchill, Manitoba
 1-204-675-8863 | parkscanada.gc.ca/princewalesfort

15 York Factory



Perched incongruously amid vast tundra wilderness, York Factory was the Hudson's Bay Company's major trading and administration centre for centuries. Its grounds and grand Depot, filled with artifacts, provide profound insights into a pivotal period in Canada's founding days.

Churchill, Manitoba
 1-204-675-8863 | parkscanada.gc.ca/yorkfactory

Let's Go!
Play. Learn. Grow

The Wild Side



Where the Bison Roam!

Once hunted to near-extinction, bison are again roaming the prairies. Don't let their large size (up to 2 metres tall at the shoulder) or weight (over 900 kg) fool you. They can run at speeds up to 65 kilometres per hour!



Bugling Elk (Wapiti)

The elk or wapiti is a very vocal member of the deer family. Young elk keep in contact with their mothers with squeals, chirps and mews. Barks warn others of danger. Fall is the best time to hear the elk.



Busy Beaver

Well-known for building dams, canals, and lodges, you can spot these wide-tailed toothy rodents hard at work in streams and ponds. Best time to see this Canadian symbol performing their engineering marvels? Dawn or dusk.



"Little White Whale"

Nicknamed "sea canaries" for their high-pitched underwater vocalizations, some 3,000 Beluga Whales inhabit the warmer waters of the Churchill River after the ice breaks up. Don't be surprised when their curious nature inspires them to investigate...you.



"White Bear"

Polar Bears congregate near Churchill, Manitoba during October and early November, and can be seen as early as June in coastal areas when there is no sea ice present. Adult males average 300 to 450 kg. At birth, cubs are about the size of their mother's paw and weigh less than 1 kg.

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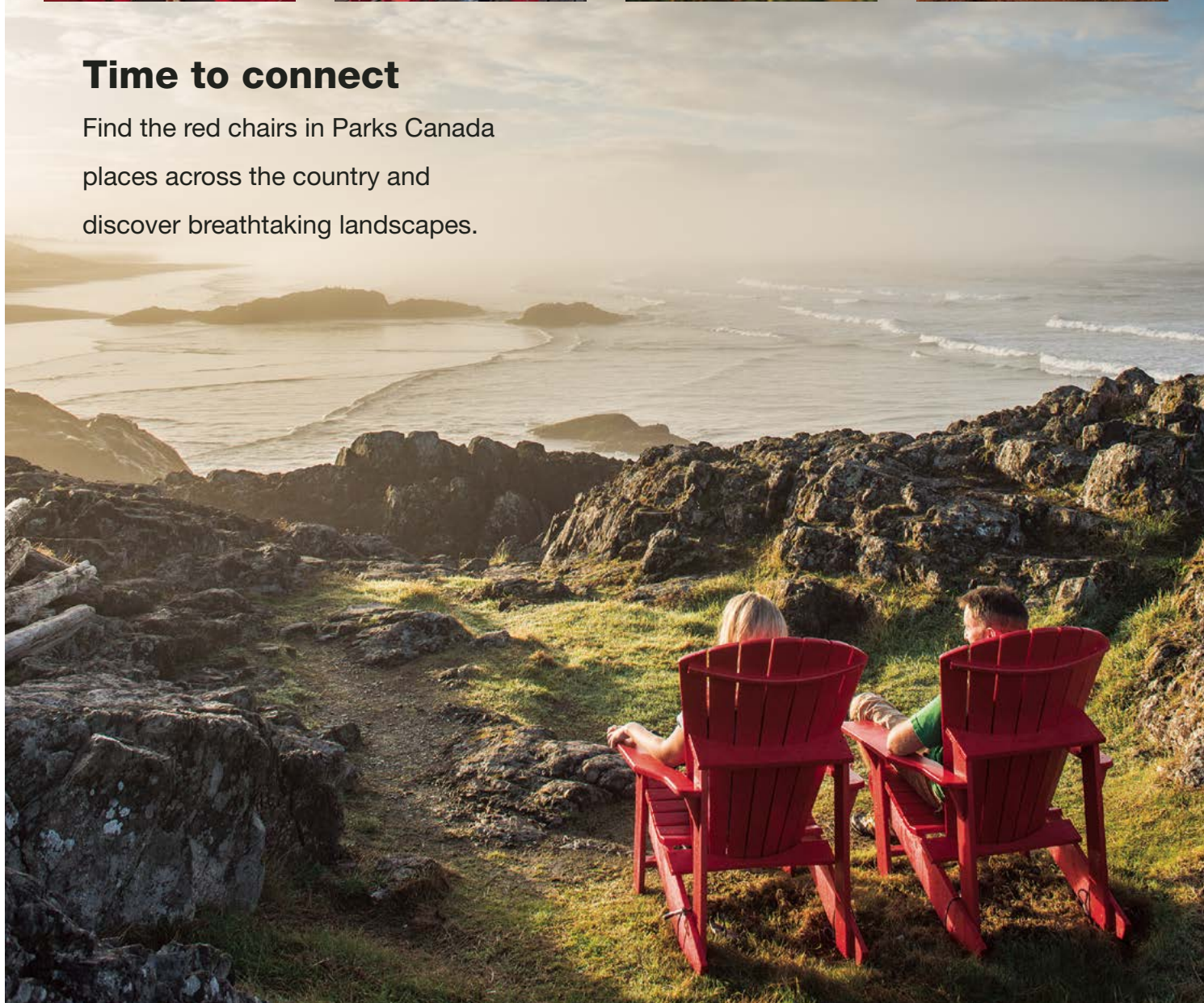
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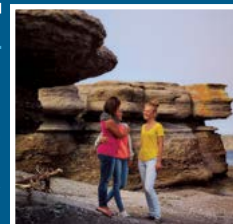
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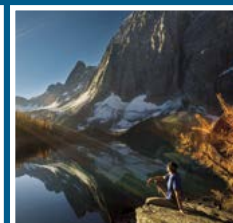
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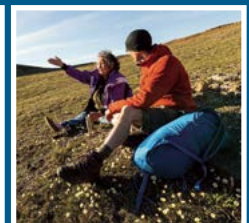
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