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in the Canadian Prairies

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 Grasslands 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.

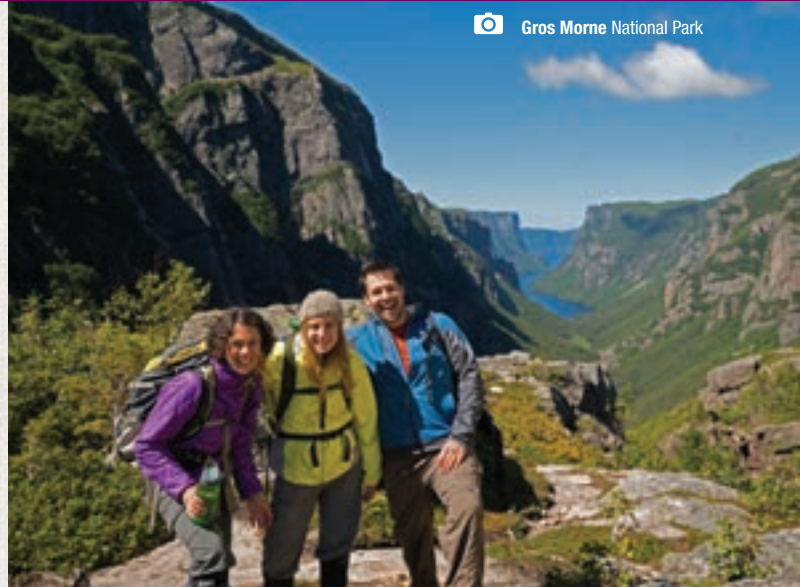
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As Canada's gift to you, the 2017 Discovery Pass provides free admission for the entire year to Parks Canada places from coast-to-coast-to-coast!

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

WELCOME!



Riding Mountain National Park



Batoche National Historic Site



Grasslands 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!

WONDERFUL WASAGAMING

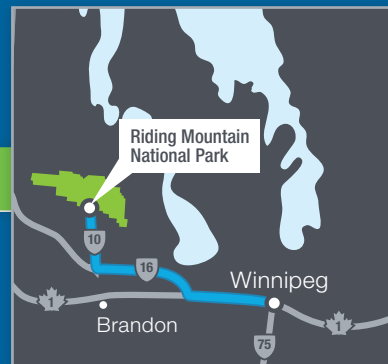
5 DAYS

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! Who can 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.

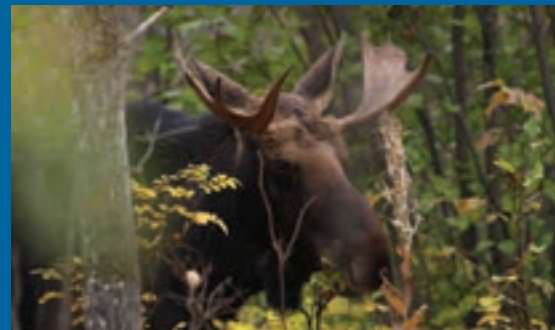
DISCOVER OTHER ITINERARIES AND PLAN YOUR VISIT AT
WWW.PARKSCANADA.GC.CA/VISIT



DAY 5

Before you head home, take a detour out to the bison enclosure, just north of Wasagaming. 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.

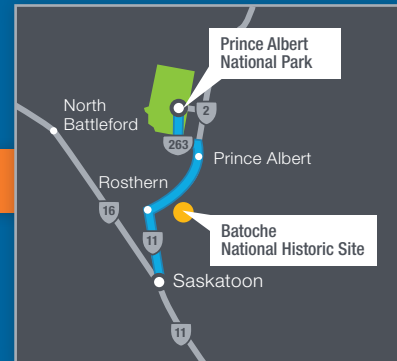


BISON BINGE

2 DAYS

Saskatoon to
Prince Albert National Park
via Batoche

Saskatchewan



ITINERARY & SIGHTSEEING

DAY 1

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 the 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 fuel up 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.



HIDDEN GEMS

STAFF FAVOURITES



CHERISHED POSSESSIONS

"My favourite hidden gems at **Fort Battleford National Historic Site** are the Poundmaker's War Club and Winchester Rifle, found in our First Nations' Room. The Ceremonial War Clubs were cherished personal possessions of the men who carried them. It is truly an honour to be able to see them today."

Tami – Interpretation Officer Coordinator



STORIES TO TELL!

"Walking into the Warehouse building at **Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site**, you would never know it was once a penitentiary from 1871 to 1877. But look up to the big wooden ceiling beams and you will see holes left over from where the prison cell bars once stood!"

Laurie – Interpreter



HISTORICAL EAST GATE

"Many people don't know that **Riding Mountain National Park** is also home to a National Historic Site, the **Riding Mountain East Gate Registration Complex**. The East Gate was built in 1930 and is the only gate of its kind left standing in Canada. Don't miss the grand reopening this fall, just in time for the 100th anniversary of National Historic Sites in Canada."

Megan – Promotions & Non-Personal Media Officer



THE PATH OF TIME

"Hidden in plain sight is one of my favourite art installations, "The Path of Time" created by Marcel Gosselin. The bronze shell is forged from nearly 1600 kg of melted down railway car parts, and depicts the east to west movement of European influence and historical progression of events through 135 unique tools – it encapsulates the history of **The Forks National Historic Site**."

Barb – Visitor Experience Product Development Officer

PERMAFROST IN PANP!

"Hike Boundary Bog Trail in **Prince Albert National Park** this summer. Lie down on the boardwalk and push your fingers down into the wet mosses until you feel the permafrost. It's there year-round, even when the temperature soars. Come back in winter and snowshoe the trail to see how the forest looks when the tamaracks have lost all of their needles."

Shannon – Communication

FROM TRADITIONAL... TO ORIGINAL!



Reserve at www.reservation.pc.gc.ca unless contact number otherwise noted below.



1 PADDLE TO A PRIVATE GET-AWAY

Grab a paddle for an overnight canoe excursion! Start off with a stop at the visitor centre where a friendly attendant will issue a back-country permit and answer any questions you may have. Load up your boat and slice through the clear water as you set out to one of the 12 back-country campgrounds accessible by kayak or canoe. Whichever route you take, you'll be experiencing unforgettable sites; watch for moose in the forest, eagles soaring above, and loons on the lake!

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2 OTENTIK

Are you interested in camping but prefer the comfort of a bed and arriving to find camp already set-up? Parks Canada oTENTik tents in Beaver Glen Campground offer an easy and relaxing way to experience camping.

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3 MICRO CUBE

A brand new accommodation, this 10 by 10 ft. space includes a table, sleeping platform, electrical outlets, and interior lighting. The Micro-Cube also gives you a great view, as a panoramic window makes up one side of the cube.

For reservations call 1-204-848-7275

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4 THE DOUBLE-TENT

Double-Tents are one of Parks Canada's newest accommodations! A smaller tent sits within a larger screened area. The exterior tent allows you to relax outside without the nuisance of bugs. Riding Mountain's Double-Tent is equipped with a sleeping platform and a small table with chairs.

For reservations call 1-204-848-7275

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5 TEEPEE CAMPING

Cultural ties, brilliant skies, nature's lullabies. Dream among thousands of years and over 12,000 teepee rings.

West Block: Two Trees Day Use Area south of Val Marie.

East Block: Adjacent to the Rock Creek Campground. For reservations call 1-306-476-2018.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2017

JULY
1

CANADA DAY

Celebrate Canada's birthday in a national park or historic site in the Prairies:

Riding Mountain National Park has all day entertainment for the whole family, including a new Canadian Citizenship Ceremony, multicultural entertainment and birthday cake.

Fort Battleford National Historic Site will be celebrating Fort Fest on this day, with festive family fun, hands-on activities and bouncy castles. Don't miss their Canada Day Fort Field Dance with live musical entertainment in the evening!



JULY
8

LOUIS RIEL RELAY & KIDFEST

In honour of Canada 150, enjoy a unique twist on a classic Saskatoon event. Sign up for the Saskatoon berry pie eating contest, line up for archery practice and try canoeing. The day's highlights are the Louis Riel Relays and Kidfest activities, while live entertainment and great food round out the festivities. Register your team today! louisrielerelaydays.com

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AUGUST
5

WILD WEST TRADES DAY

Ready... aim... Canada 150 fun! Fort Walsh meets the wild west at this family fest of trades and tradition all wrapped up in a whole lot of fantastic family activities, including Red Ryder bb gun challenge, archery, RCMP cadets marching drills, black powder demo, bouncy castles, tattoos, face paint, Métis dancers and other Wild West fun!

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AUGUST
16-20

FOSSIL FEVER, FEATURING BADLANDS BLAST

Got fossil fever? An exclusive opportunity to dig for a day with Royal Saskatchewan Museum palaeontologists. Don't miss Badlands Blast on Saturday, August 19 with kids activities, wagon rides and dine and dance with the diggers at the Rock Creek Hoedown. Bring your instrument and jam with the locals!

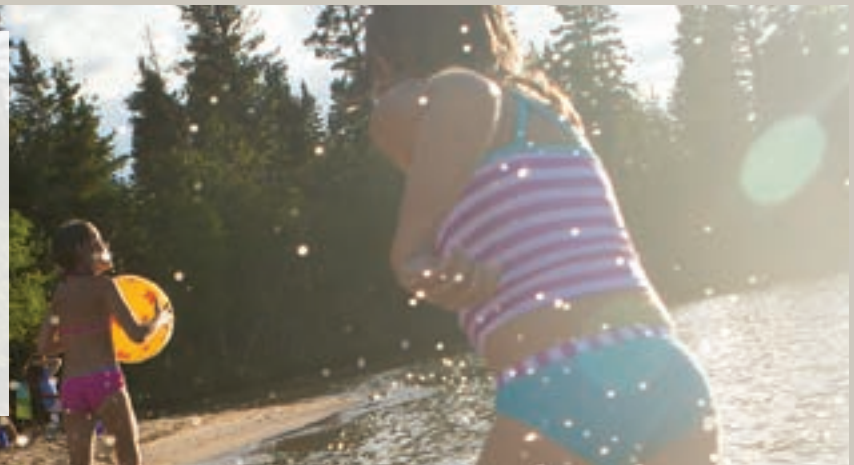
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AUGUST
25-27

WASKESIU LAKESIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL

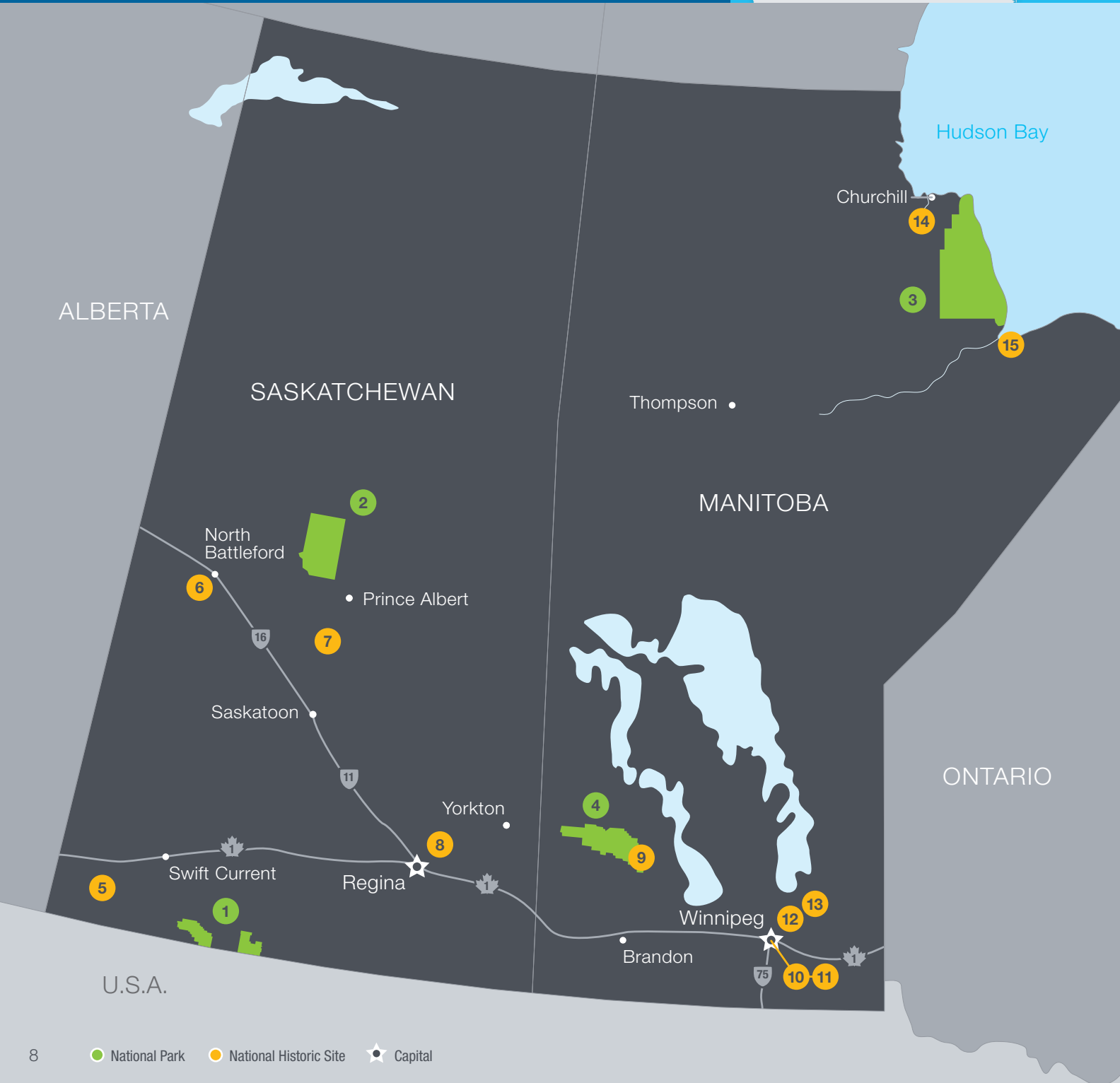
Grab your dancing shoes, explore the displays, or kick back and enjoy the performances at the Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival. This three-day event is jam packed with a variety of activities including live musical entertainment, interpretive activities, displays highlighting conservation projects, a pancake breakfast, food vendors and beer gardens.

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Canadian Prairies

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada



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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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Directory



Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site

Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site

Saskatchewan

1 Grasslands



At Grasslands National Park, expanses of dinosaur fossils harken back to a time before history. Teepee 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
@ParksCanada_SK | #GrasslandsNP

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
@PukaskwaNP | #PukaskwaNP

5 Fort Walsh



Experience life with James Morrow Walsh and his North West Mounted Police 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
@ParksCanada_SK | #FtWalshNHS

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
@ParksCanada_SK | #FtBattlefordNHS

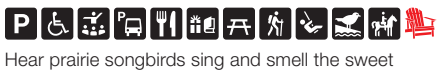
7 Batoche



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
@ParksCanada_SK | #BatocheNHS

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
@ParksCanada_SK | #MotherwellNHS

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



Adventure through endless forests and lakes. Enjoy an ice cream on the beach or explore the shops downtown. 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
@RidingNP | #RidingNP

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



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Looking for a great way to have fun as a family?

**Get the booklet.
Do the challenges.
Get the reward!**





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Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site



Riel House National Historic Site

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/rieland
 @ParksCanadaWPG | #RielHouse

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 Indigenous heritage. This is the birthplace of Western Canada.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
 1-204-983-6757 | parksCanada.gc.ca/forks
 @ParksCanadaWPG | #TheForks

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
 @ParksCanadaWPG | #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
 @ParksCanadaWPG | #LowerFortGarry

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
 #PrinceofWalesFort

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
 #YorkFactory

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 km per hour! In the prairies, bison can be seen in **Riding Mountain, Prince Albert and Grasslands National Parks**.



Burrowing owls

Perfectly adapted to the prairie environment, these small and unique owls live in abandoned gopher, prairie dog, fox, coyote, and badger holes. They hunt all the time, consuming insects, snakes and frogs by day and small mammals by night. **Grasslands National Park** represents important habitat for this endangered species and is a great place for you to see them in the wild!



Beaver

Learn about their importance in the fur trade at a national historic site or observe them in their natural habitat in a national park. Known for building dams, canals, and lodges, these well-known ecosystem engineers have links to all of our Parks Canada sites in the prairies in some way. Spot this Canadian symbol hard at work in streams and ponds near 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 on your way to **Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site**.



White Bear


Polar bears congregate near Churchill, Manitoba and **Wapusk National Park** during October and early November. They 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.

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

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