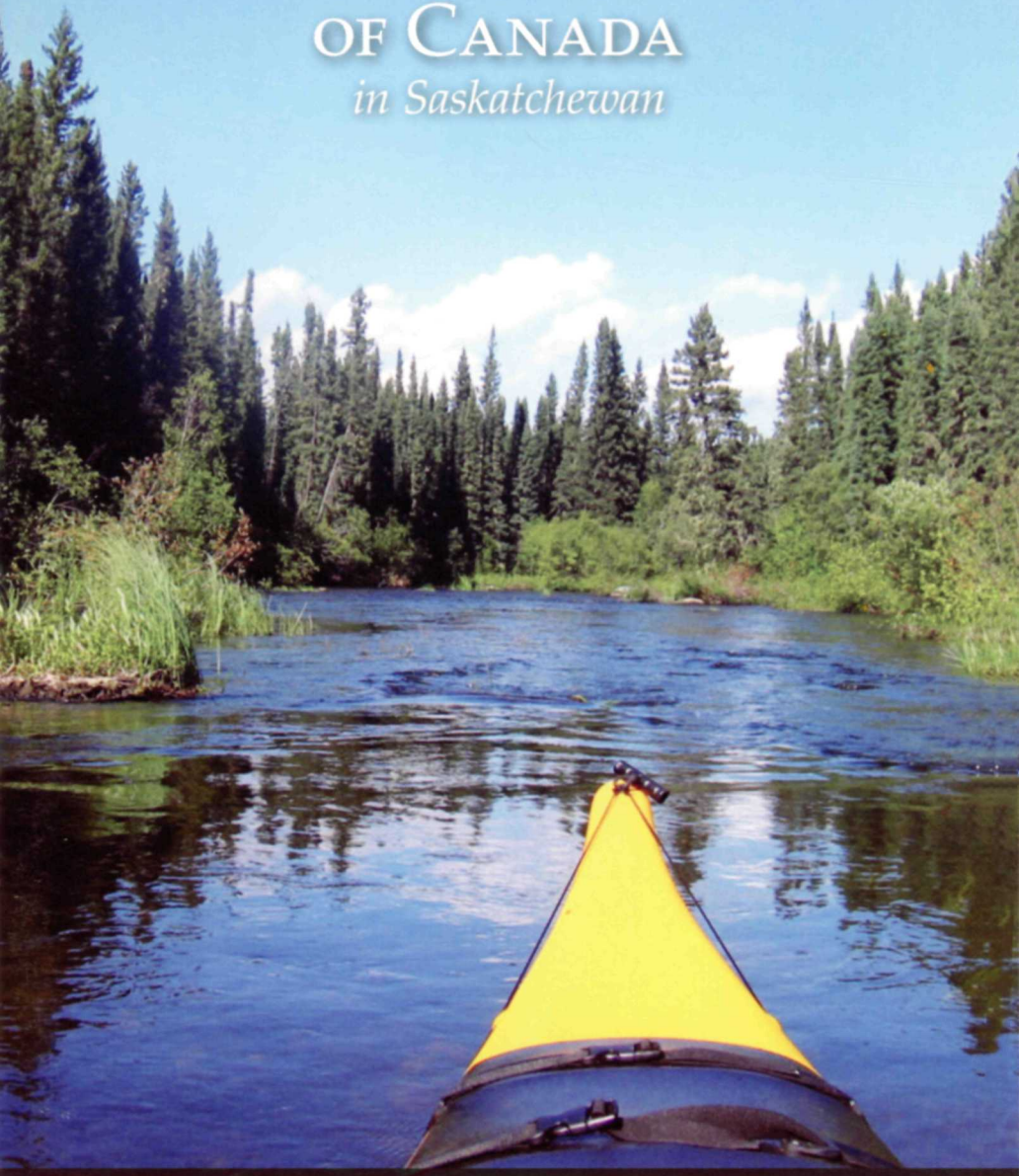





# NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OF CANADA

*in Saskatchewan*



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## *Proudly Bringing You Canada at its Best*

Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of protected places that allow us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced and, therefore, your support is vital in protecting the ecological and commemorative integrity of these natural areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future.

Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole — for their sake, for our sake.



## *Our Mission*

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations. These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.



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## SAFEGUARDING CANADA'S FAMILY OF HERITAGE TREASURES

The idea of a Canada-wide system of protected areas took root in the Rockies more than a century ago. Today, national parks protect significant landscapes that represent Canada's vastness and diversity. National historic sites commemorate Canada's evolution as a country, past and present. Together, they are a family of special places which symbolize the important link between stewardship of the land and respect for our human heritage.

Parks Canada is proud of its leadership role in preserving and presenting Canada's natural and cultural resources. National parks and national historic sites offer world-class heritage experiences. You can do your part—by respecting the land and celebrating our traditions. It's up to all of us to make sure our parks, our waterways, and our past will always have a future.



# WELCOME

*A beaver slaps the water and dives.  
Startled, you cozy up to the fire and  
dream of adventure. An owl calls and  
reminds you that it's time for a story...*

Welcome to an exciting journey through your choice of national parks and national historic sites in Saskatchewan. Your imagination will be your guide...

The earth yields tales of lives past, from whiskey cellars to fox dens, from riflepits to prairie dog homes. Water washes over leaky scows and spawning beds; it carries troops, fuels forts and gives birth to dragonflies. The air rings with fiddle and song and the chortle of an eagle. Fire re-grows northern forest, rips through settler homes, warms campers and bakes bannock.



Whether exploring barnyard, battlefield or boreal forest, you can write your own future memories. Retrace the route of Mistahimaskwa also known as Big Bear, listen to wolves howl, find out what stooking is, taste mint along a wild river, rub a buffalo rubbing stone, smell an old leather harness and see the forever of a prairie sky.

*Go to a place you've never been before.  
All without leaving the province.*



# PUTTING FEES TO WORK FOR YOU

When you pay to enter a national park or national historic site, you are contributing to trails leading to discovery, forts serving as visual reminders, docks launching you into exploration, picnic sites feeding your outdoor cravings and roads luring you into the most scenic country anywhere.

Thank you for helping to improve campgrounds, enhance signage, restore historic buildings, provide

unique programs and foster an enriching and informative visit.

Please contact sites or visit our website at [pc.gc.ca](http://pc.gc.ca) to inquire about entry fees and how to purchase your permits for camping, fishing and other services. Ask about rates for children, seniors, families and groups. There are special events throughout the season which may require an admission fee.



## *How to contact us*

For further information on any of the national parks and national historic sites, visit the Parks Canada web site [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca) or contact the parks and sites directly.



### **Batoche National Historic Site**

Box 999  
Rosthern SK S0K 3R0  
Ph 306.423.6227  
Fax 306.423.5400  
Email: [batoche.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:batoche.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[www.pc.gc.ca/batoche](http://www.pc.gc.ca/batoche)  
GPS Location: N52 45.135' W106 07.049'

### **Fort Battleford National Historic Site**

Box 70  
Battleford SK S0M 0E0  
Ph 306.937.2621  
Fax 306.937.3370  
Email [battleford.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:battleford.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[www.pc.gc.ca/battleford](http://www.pc.gc.ca/battleford)  
GPS Location: N52 43.616' W108 17.970'

### **Fort Walsh & Cypress Hills Massacre National Historic Sites**

Box 278  
Maple Creek SK S0N 1N0  
Ph 306.662.3590 (Victoria Day to Labour Day)  
Ph 306.662.2645 (off-season)  
Fax 306.662.2711  
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[www.pc.gc.ca/walsh](http://www.pc.gc.ca/walsh)

### **Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site**

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Abernethy SK S0A 0A0  
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Fax 306.333.2210  
Email [motherwell.homestead@pc.gc.ca](mailto:motherwell.homestead@pc.gc.ca)  
[www.pc.gc.ca/motherwell](http://www.pc.gc.ca/motherwell)  
GPS Location: N50 43.052' W103 25.475'

### **Prince Albert National Park**

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Waskesiu Lake SK S0J 2Y0  
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[www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert](http://www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert)

### **Grasslands National Park**

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Fax 306.298.2042  
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[www.pc.gc.ca/grasslands](http://www.pc.gc.ca/grasslands)  
GPS Location: 13 U 0301177 UTM 5458380





# BATOCHÉ

## *National Historic Site*

### GALLOPING THROUGH TIME

*The life of the thriving community of Batoché was at stake. The land shares its secret past: the strain of a fiddle, the creak of a Red River cart, the peel of a church bell. The Métis soldiers and troops are gone now but the cemetery and zareba remain. Listen to the hooves of history galloping through time... sounds of a turning point in the history of Canada.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

The Canadian government, through land surveys, is making way for new settlement in the West. Batoché is the heart and soul of the Métis community. Tensions are rising as surveyors move in. It's 1885 and the Métis, led by Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont, are facing the North West Field Force under General

Middleton. Canada's growing pains are evident amid the boom and twang of rifleshots at the Battle of Batoché. The Métis struggle for land and recognition continues as the West expands, the railway is built and bison herds disappear. Canada would never be the same.



## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- A fascinating multi-media presentation takes you right back into the days of the armed conflict that changed Canada forever!
- Soak up the stories as you tour the restored church, rectory and battlegrounds.
- Imagine the blast of gunfire and shouting as you visit the remains of the rifle pits and zareba; a nearby cemetery bears witness to the struggle.
- What's a zareba? The knowledgeable friendly staff at the Visitor Reception Centre are waiting to welcome you and answer questions while history comes alive with interpreters in period clothing.
- Drop by the gift shop and take home a memory.
- Exhibits in the Visitor Reception Centre allow you to discover at your leisure and explore on your own.
- Step into the home of early Métis homesteaders, the Carons, and discover daily life.
- The story doesn't end at Batoche – drive to the nearby original village of Batoche.

## GETTING THERE

The site is located 88 km northeast of Saskatoon. Travel north on Highway 11 to Rosthern. Turn East onto Highway #312, travel 15 kms, then turn north on Highway #225.



## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Dress up in Métis and other period clothing.
- There are special events and programs waiting for you to join in!
- Pitch in with chores like loading a Red River cart.
- This is a big place where you can run and run. Dig up secrets of the past. Gophers do it – so can you!

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The site is open from May to the end of September.
- The site covers a large area; plan to spend about 3 hours.
- Wear sturdy shoes for extensive walking or inquire about carts to facilitate moving around the site.
- Camping is available in the surrounding area.
- Contact the site to inquire about entry fees and special events.
- Keep pets on a leash, but let your imagination run wild!



# FORT BATTLEFORD

*National Historic Site*



## WINDS OF CHANGE

*Experience the unique smell of cannon fire. The wind changes direction and you hear muffled shouts. Are you a North West Mounted Police securing peace, a Cree diplomat negotiating treaties, or a townsfolk wondering about your future? There it blasts again. The wind picks up and blows the smoke into your face. Which way will you go?*

## NATIONAL TREASURES

Battleford is declared the capital of the North West Territories in 1876, while the North West Mounted Police build a post nearby. For a short time during the late 1800s Fort Battleford grew to become the largest North West Mounted Police post on the Canadian prairies. In 1885 Pitikwahanapiwiyn also known as Poundmaker and the search for Mistahimaskwa otherwise known as Big Bear symbolize the

challenges facing original inhabitants, newcomers, and those who come to establish law and order. During this hub of activity First Nations try to negotiate with the government to fulfil treaty promises, townsfolk try to establish their newly formed homesteads and the North West Mounted Police represent the new western Canada – all bring their own hopes and fears.

## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Experience the life of a North West Mounted Police officer as you visit the Commanding Officer's residence, Officers' Quarters, Barracks Five, Sick Horse Stable and Guard House.
- Have a blast watching the cannon and rifle demonstrations with costumed interpreters.
- Find out what Mistahimaskwa means and who Pitikwahanapiwiyn was.
- Enjoy a refreshing stroll along the grounds and check out the archaeological remains and markers of over thirty buildings.
- Walk through time in Barracks Five. Enter a cabin, peak into a tipi and watch a visual presentation.
- The Visitor Reception Centre is a large modern facility with washrooms, concession and gift shop. It's geo-thermal-heated and solar-powered.



## GETTING THERE

The site is located 153 km northwest of Saskatoon, just off the Yellowhead Highway #16 in the town of Battleford.



## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Dress up like a Mountie and participate in marching drills.
- Find objects with a story to tell. Go on an archaeological dig!
- Inquire about programs for children.
- Try your hand at games from the past.
- Ask for your scavenger hunt before your tour begins.
- Find out how you can go to jail!

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The site is open from mid-May to early September.
- Local campground adjacent to the site.
- Plan to spend a minimum of 2-3 hours at the site.
- Concession available at the Visitor Reception Centre.
- Check in with the Visitor Reception Center before going on site
- Be prepared for a lot of walking
- Limited number of scooters available to assist with mobility
- Arrive with a hungry mind.





# FORT WALSH & CYPRESS HILLS MASSACRE

## *National Historic Sites*

### TASTE OF ADVENTURE

*The breathtaking beauty of the Cypress Hills echoes with the stories of whiskey and bravado. Coyotes cry tales of lonesomeness and quiet valour. Root-a-toot-toot the morning horn summons you to drill. You joined the North West Mounted Police for adventure, and now... there's talk of Custer's defeat at the Little Bighorn; the victorious Lakota want to take refuge in Canada.. What will happen next?*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

Major James Walsh and Tatanka Iyotanka also known as Sitting Bull, Lakota spiritual leader, ride to meet each other. Their encounter reflects the peaceful co-existence around Fort Walsh. Symbolic of the Queen's law, the North West Mounted Police, are headquartered there from 1878 – 1882. These harmonious relations are a far

cry from an earlier attack on Nakoda people near Farwell's and Solomon's Trading Posts. Known as the Cypress Hills Massacre of 1873, it was the event that hastened the recruitment and dispatch of the North West Mounted Police. Now the stamp of Canadian sovereignty is upon the West.

## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- The Visitor Reception Centre is the place to start your discovery of one of the most fascinating chapters in the story of Canada.
- What's "rotgut"? Take a bus tour to the site of the Cypress Hills Massacre and find out.
- Who are the "Redcoats" and what are they doing here? Interpreters in period costume will reveal the answer as you discover life at Fort Walsh.
- Visit the concession and gift shop in the Visitor Reception Centre. Wait! Your visit isn't over yet – stroll through nearby cemeteries where brave Mounties and hardy settlers rest.
- Picnic near Battle Creek, and hike along the tree-lined valley, listening for coyotes and birds.



## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Be a North West Mounted Police recruit! Wear a child-sized North West Mounted Police tunic and pillbox hat. You'll get to march, go on scavenger hunts and more!

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The site is open from mid-May to September.
- Plan to spend at least 2-3 hours.
- For entrance fees and special events please contact the site.
- Camping is available in the surrounding area. Visit [www.cypresshills.com](http://www.cypresshills.com) Use Highway 271 during wet weather.



## GETTING THERE

The site is located 55 km southwest of Maple Creek, off of Highway 271 near the West Block of Cypress Hills Provincial Park.



# MOTHERWELL HOMESTEAD

*National Historic Site*



## OASIS OF THE PRAIRIES

*Under the coarse mane of the plough horse you feel its warm flesh. Pigeons coo atop the great barn. The delicate scent of fresh hay fills your nostrils. You grab a carrot straight out of the garden, wipe it on your trousers and crunch into its juicy sweetness. Mmmm...*

## NATIONAL TREASURES

The full dugout and gardens of Lanark Place are a haven against the dry winds as they rip across the prairies. Challenges don't phase W.R. Motherwell who has been lured from Ontario by the promise of free land. He dedicates his life to the promotion of western agriculture, becoming the first Minister of

Agriculture in Saskatchewan and Canada's Agriculture Minister. He works to establish the Dominion Rust Research Laboratory and the College of Agriculture of Saskatchewan. The "Grand Old Man of Canadian Agriculture" dies in 1943, but his homestead survives as a tribute to his tenacity, foresight and creativity.

## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Experience life on a farm at the time of horse power.
- What's all the fuss about? Well if you have eaten anything today you can thank farmers like W.R. Motherwell. While you're at it, enjoy a mouth-watering snack at the concession.
- Explore the huge barn and magnificent stone house from pre-World War I days!
- Pitch in with farm chores like feeding chickens, pigs and sheep or maybe milk a cow.
- Relax, and visit with the hired help while they regale you with stories of days gone by.
- Binding, stooking, threshing. What's that? Find out during August special events.
- Don't miss the gift shop!



## GETTING THERE

The site is located 3 km south of Abernethy off Highway 22, one hour southwest of Yorkton and one hour northeast of Regina.



## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Have you ever played old-fashioned games? Here's the place!
- Check out the kids corner in the Visitor Reception Area.
- Pack a picnic or buy one on site – what part of it came from a farm?
- Pump water, hang laundry, find out how big the barn is, or learn about draft horses...

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The site is open mid-May to the first week of September.
- Plan to spend at least 2 hours, more for special events.
- Services available in surrounding villages and towns.
- Please contact the site for information regarding entry fees and special events.
- Bring your camera! Motherwell Homestead plus family equals treasured memories.
- Picnic facilities are available.





# FORT LIVINGSTONE

## National Historic Site

### MARCHING WEST

*A snake crawls harmlessly over your boot. You jump to attention off the rock pile and prepare for the tasks ahead: mucking out the stables, whitening your pith helmet, lowering the Union Jack, and writing a letter to your folks in Ontario. As you enter the barn, a button scrapes off your shirt. Without noticing, you grind it deeper into the soil. It may never be seen again...*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

The new recruits of the North West Mounted Police are marching west to bring law and order and to assert the authority of the Canadian government. They stop near the junction of Snake Creek and Swan River. It is 1874 and they build their first post in the West. They name it Fort Livingstone after

Dr. David Livingstone, the Scottish medical missionary and explorer. The post houses 185 men and their mounts. It will serve as headquarters for the next two years, and in 1878 become the first capital of the North West Territories.

### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Almost 50 hectares (120 acres) in size, the site encompasses archaeological remains. These include lost items, discarded materials, fragments of lives, and... perhaps a button or two...
- Rocky, bushy, wild land – the isolation hasn't changed much since the days of the North West Mounted Police post. This place breathes history!
- Be sure to stop in Pelly to explore the Fort Pelly Livingstone Museum. It features a model of Fort Livingstone and staff who know the area and appreciate its history.

# FORT PELLY

## National Historic Site

### FUR TO FLOUR

*You rest your eyes on the big bustling building that will turn your beaver pelts into flour, lard and salt. How much? Changing seasons mean cycles of birth and death. Will the Hudson Bay Company be here forever? Time for fur to meet fur buyer.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

The Hudson Bay Company is marking its territory by building a series of fur trading posts in the Assiniboine River area. The last one they build is Fort Pelly in 1856. It is large and boasts substantial buildings, and fine horses and cattle. It will stand for almost half

a century as the Company's headquarters in that region, a hub of travel, trade and commerce on the prairies. This focal point for the Company is defining and shaping the country that will become Canada.



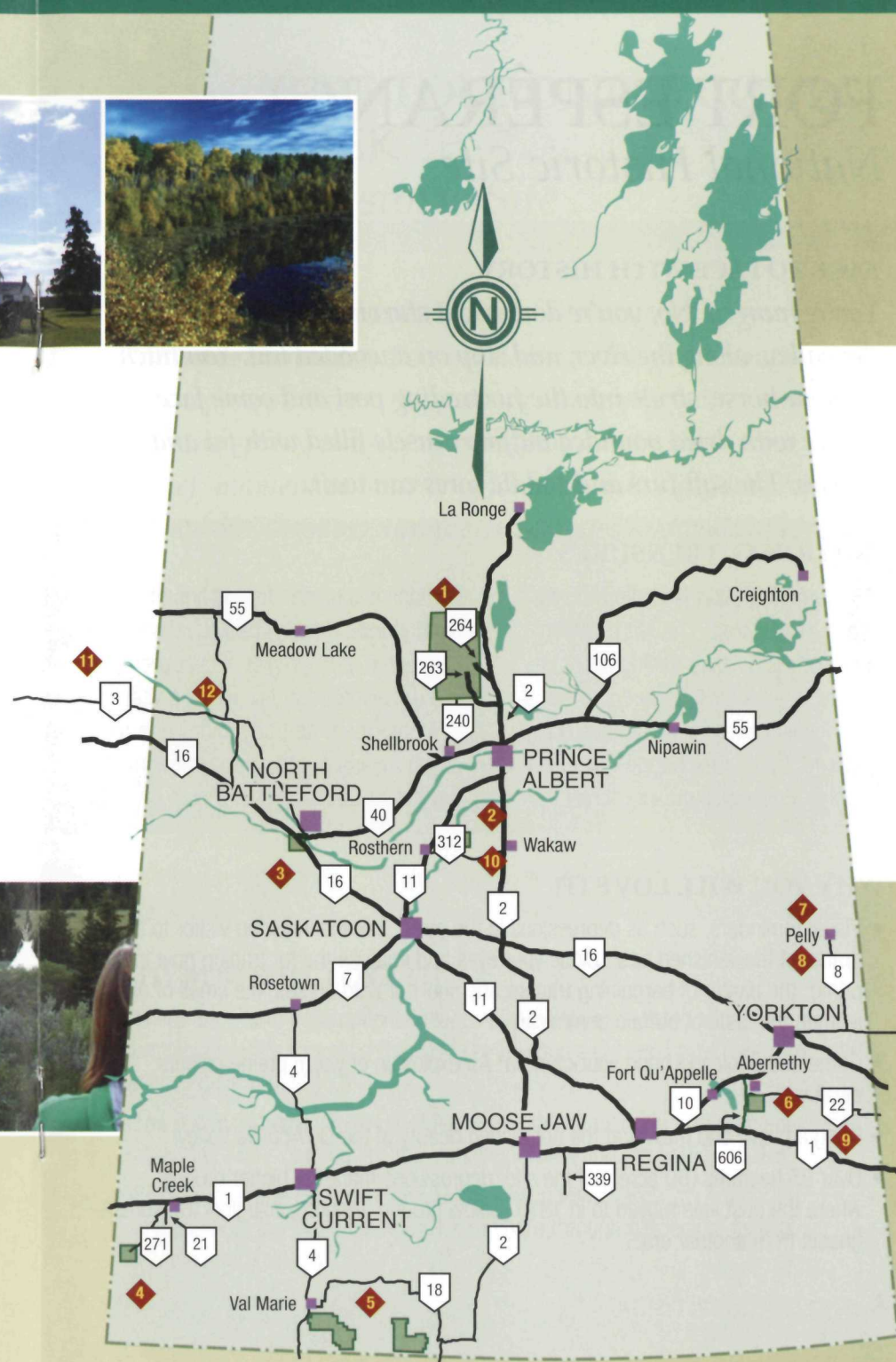
### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Fort Pelly is a small site (2 hectares or 5 acres) with a big story. Mounds and depressions mark old chimneys and cellars. Here lived employees of the Hudson Bay Company who tended gardens, groomed horses, discussed prices, traded goods, and wondered if their hunters and trappers would remain loyal.
- A series of panels on site describes the story of this important fur trading post.
- Create future memories by self-directed exploration of Fort Pelly. Look up at the clouds and imagine you are a hawk following the Swan River. The first thing you see is the Union Jack fluttering above the chief factor's residence. Horses and wagons are coming and going from the stockade. You eye tipis near the poplar bluff where you land. Smoke rises, a dog barks, and dried venison swings from a rack...





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# FORT ESPÉRANCE

## National Historic Site

### FACE TO FACE WITH HISTORY

*You're hungry. No, you're downright starvin'. You ride through the valley, along the river, and stop on a wooded hill. You hitch up your horse, stride into the fur trading post and come face to face with dried pounded buffalo muscle filled with fat and berries. The soft furs and saddle sores can wait.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

Fierce competition is fueling the fur trade in the west. The North West Company is building trading posts in strategic locations. They want the Aboriginal hunters of the area to bring pelts to them in exchange for guns and staples. Espérance means, "hope."

Perhaps it is named for the hope the North West Company had of securing the commerce of this region. Fort Espérance – a provision post that forms a vital link to the northern fur trade and one of the oldest trading posts and pemmican depots in Saskatchewan, built in 1787.

### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Visual reminders, such as depressions in the earth, link the inquiring visitor to the drama of the vanished past. Close your eyes and imagine the fur trading post in its prime: the banter of bargaining traders, the snort of tired horses, the smell of old leather, the taste of buffalo pemmican...
- Come in the fall and bring your camera! An explosion of warm prairie colours await you.
- Bring a picnic and marvel at the untouched beauty of the Qu'Appelle Valley.
- Over 25 hectares (60 acres) of the site, depressions mark the higher ground where the post was moved to in 1816. Below ground are archaeological treasures – ghosts from another era.



# BATTLE OF TOUROND'S COULEE/ FISH CREEK

## *National Historic Site*

### THE CREEK REMEMBERS

*You carve the coulee, flowing down to the great South Saskatchewan River. As you run along you gather strength from the spring run-off of meadows and bushes. Now, for a brief moment in your long journey, you shudder from the sounds of rifle shots, thundering hooves and calls of alarm.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

It is the spring of 1885 at la coulee des Tourond on the South Saskatchewan River and the scene of a stand-off. The Canadian Militia, under General Middleton, is there to quash an uprising; the Métis, and some Dakota and Cree, under Gabriel Dumont, are

there to protect their homeland. By the end of April 24 the earth is soaked with the blood of both sides, buildings lie smouldering and horses lay dead. The confrontation will delay the Battle of Batoche by two weeks. Two weeks to wonder...

### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- There are over a dozen people, places and events associated with the armed conflict of 1885, including the Battle of Tourond's Coulee/Fish Creek. How many places have you visited?
- The site is a scenic 15 minute drive from Batoche where you can find out more about the Métis community, the Canadian Militia and the battles of 1885.
- Enjoy this serene setting in the Saskatchewan River valley. It's not hard to imagine how the Métis made their living here through gardening, fishing, trapping and hunting.

# FROG LAKE

## National Historic Site

### CHANGE IN THE WIND

*The church bells peel for the service as the sawmill whine fades in the distance. The crack of a rifle shot splits the fresh spring air and echoes from house to Church to store. Confusion and fear builds as the sun rises higher in the sky.*

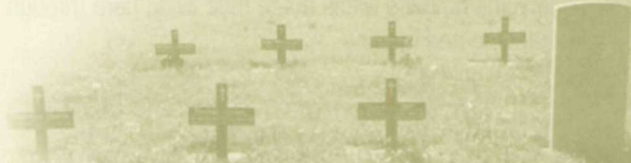
### NATIONAL TREASURES

Frog Lake becomes a rallying cry for the Canadian Militia who are sent west to deal with the rising conflicts. Frustrated with the Canadian government, especially the provision of food rations Kah-Paypamhchukwao also known as Wandering Spirit and other warriors take control of Mistahimaskwa's also

known as Big Bear's Cree band and come to Frog Lake to take up issues with the Indian Agent. Tension erupts in the small settlement and nine people are killed and the rest taken hostage. The deaths at Frog Lake drive the Canadian Government to take a stronger law and order stance in the West.

### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Just inside the Alberta border, the site of this tragic event is laden with memories of lives lived and lost: archaeological remains, a cemetery, and depressions in the earth representing the church, the mill, the milk house, stables... remnants of the old wagon trails still exist. Imagine living as they did: mail arriving by ox-train, coal being delivered, and flour being sold...
- Listen to the voices in the wind rustling through the poplars... whispers of love, cries of sorrow. What stories does the earth hold, waiting to be shared?





# FRENCHMAN BUTTE

## *National Historic Site*

### SWEATING BULLETS

*Your heart pounds as a horse snorts in the settling dust.  
Armies of mosquitoes buzz around and you swat at them  
as they attack. Beads of sweat roll down your forehead.  
You wait, and wait, and wait...*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

Violence erupts as First Nations bands and the Canadian Government become frustrated over treaty negotiations. A group of First Nations under the leadership of Big Bears War Chief Kah -Paypamhchukwao (Wandering Spirit) encounter the Canadian Militia

under General Strange at Frenchman Butte. Shots are fired and both sides retreat. Frenchman Butte is one of several locations making up the armed conflict of 1885. It is a period of transition from a traditional way of life to a new life within the Dominion of Canada.

### WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- There is no other place in Canada like Frenchman Butte National Historic Site. Like every historic site, it has a narrative all its own. A series of events led to this battle, and after it was over, tension remained. This was one spoke in the wagon wheel of a young Canada.
- Visit a place little changed from the time of the battle that pitched Canadian troops against First Nations. One thing they had in common was the challenge to use the landscape to their advantage. At Frenchman Butte there are still signs of pits that had been dug and trails that had been used.
- Don't forget to explore the nearby local Frenchman Butte Museum; it will help you understand the events surrounding the conflict.
- Run your fingers over the words on the cairn facing the ridge where General Strange's guns were set up.

# GRASSLANDS

## National Park



### BUTTE-IFUL!

*You can see forever. Climb a butte, scan the big horizon for bison, inhale the scent of sage and listen to the wind caress golden bean. A soaring Ferruginous hawk circles a prairie dog colony. Your eyes sweep the open land and trace fleet-footed pronghorn. Freedom reigns here.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

Yodelling coyotes, burrowing owls, prairie grass and rattlesnakes. They are a testament to the same unspoiled landscape as when the North West Mounted Police passed through and ranchers settled in the area. Tipi rings and rubbing stones bear witness to the

lives of Chief Sitting Bull and the buffalo culture. Over 900 sq km of mixed prairie grassland breathes history. From short-horned lizard to sage grouse: from the Frenchman River Valley to the famous 70 Mile Butte... the fauna is unique and the formations striking.



## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Explore one of the last frontiers of the Canadian west! Whether you hike, horseback ride or drive, the opportunities are as endless as the sky.
- This is cowboy country! Visit Wood Mountain Regional Park and learn about the western way of life.
- Time slows down in Grasslands National Park. Peel away the hustle and bustle of daily life. Kick back and enjoy the hospitality of people deeply connected to the land.
- Grasslands National Park is home to rare and endangered species; the park and surrounding area are the only place in Canada where black-tailed prairie dogs are found in their natural habitat.
- Plains bison are back a century after their disappearance!
- Badlands in the East block; cliffs and coulees in the West block. Wide open spaces have the power to transform the ordinary into the sublime.
- Being outdoors here isn't a pastime – it's a way of life. Picnic, hike, camp, photograph, birdwatch...
- See this national treasure through the eyes of an interpreter. Go on a guided walk or take a self-guided driving tour. The informative staff at the Visitor Centre in Val Marie will be glad to help you plan your experience.



## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Count prairie dogs – they're easy to spot in the open spaces.
- Go with a park interpreter and watch for tipi rings, pronghorn poop and discover amazing geology.
- Look for shooting stars in the big clear night sky.
- What's a yellow-bellied blue racer? Find out at the Visitor Centre in Val Marie.

## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The park is open year-round; the Visitor Centre in Val Marie is open daily from May long weekend to September long weekend.
- Hot dry summers are typical – Bring water, hat, sunscreen and good footwear.
- Road conditions vary . Contact the site for an update.
- Travel with a full tank of gas – services are few and far between.
- Rustic camping is available; register at the Visitor Centre. Serviced campgrounds are available outside of the park.
- Got a wide-angle lens on your camera? You're going to need it in Big Sky Country!
- Come home where the bison and rattle-snake roam. Check with staff at the Visitor Center first for important safety tips and possible viewing locations.

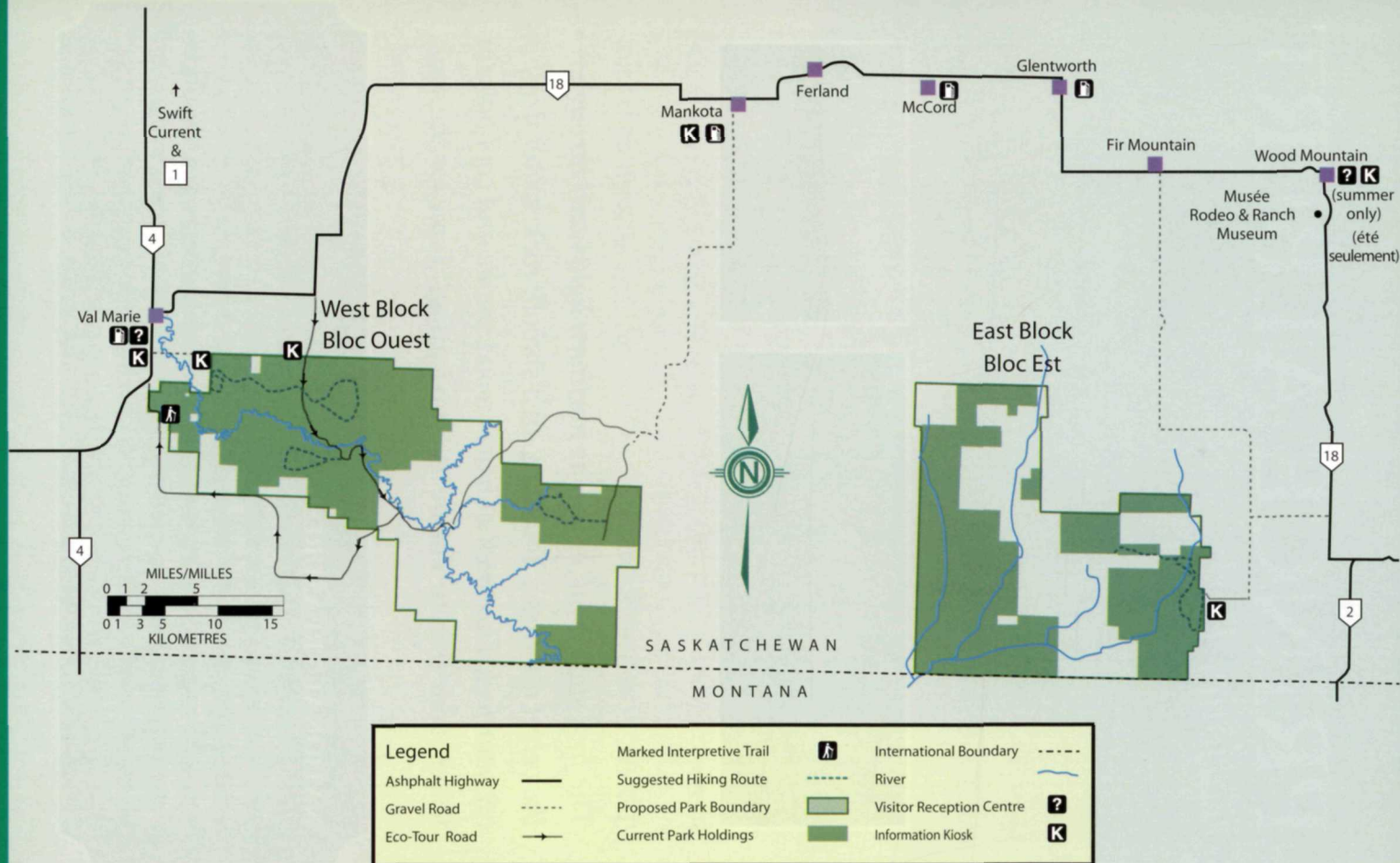


## GETTING THERE

The park is located in south western Saskatchewan, near the Montana border, accessible by Highway 4 (about 120 km south of Swift Current) and Highway 18. The Visitor Centre is located in Val Marie, close to the West Block. The Rodeo and Ranch Museum in the Wood Mountain Regional Park provides limited services (summer only) for the East Block.







# PRINCE ALBERT

## *National Park*



### TONIC FOR THE SOUL

*The first stars wink at you as northern lights curl through the velvet darkness. You relax on a smooth rock, water dripping off your feet. The smell of warm wood smoke and cool balsam teases your senses. The air is intoxicating! Tonic for the soul.*

### NATIONAL TREASURES

Aspen of the south meet spruce of the north on the southern edge of the great northern forest. Prince Albert National Park is a million acres of stories. Stories shaped by land and lake... of Aboriginal people, freighters, fur traders, families,

and the conservationist Grey Owl. His words: "You belong to Nature..." ring true as you explore and discover roaming bison, fishing pelicans, unique prairie grass, and over 240 species of birds - an unforgettable experience !



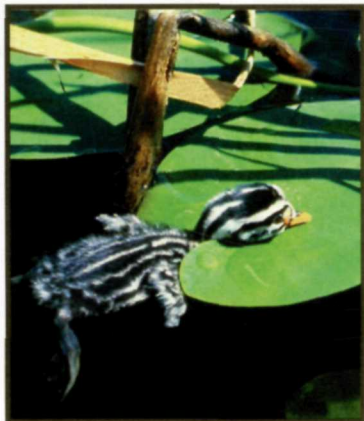


## WHY YOU WILL LOVE IT!

- Relax on a hot beach followed by a cold ice cream!
- Snorkel, swim and paddle the cool clear waters of a northern lake.
- Cycle the historic Freight Trail or the Red Deer Trail starting at the giant rock in the Waskesiu town site.
- Meet old friends and make new ones in the little village with the big heart. Waskesiu – it's where people gather.
- See the beauty of the boreal forest from a tour boat on the Hanging Heart Lakes.
- Thrill to the sight of the northern lights playing off the lake as loons call.
- Waskesiu vibrates with special events from pow-wows to festivals.
- History is everywhere! Enjoy a heritage walk with a self-guiding brochure; revel in the lakeshore scenery with the Heritage Driving Tour brochure.
- The haunting howl of a wolf, the bawl of a bison – you will be inspired by a myriad of experiences.
- Steep yourself in the mystery of Grey Owl, internationally renowned conservationist and author. Visit a replica of his cabin at Friends of the Park. While there wallow in the nostalgia of the Heritage Museum.
- 230 km of trails are waiting for you to explore. Join an interpreter on a guided walk or venture out on a self-guiding trail.
- Want to see a bear? Go to the Nature Centre. You won't want to leave!
- Bugling elk in the fall, the dazzling winter wonderland or the freshest spring air. Try a new season to invigorate body and soul.
- Friendly knowledgeable staff at the Visitor Centre will help you plan your next adventure. Make it your first stop!

## GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS!

- Dress up like a pelican or stickleback in the Nature Centre.
- Be a Junior Naturalist and sign up for fun.
- The annual Children's Festival is especially for you!
- Swing, jump, crawl and climb on the playground at the beach.
- Waskesiu River boardwalk is short, easy and laden with colourful pictures.
- Ask about programs at Friends of the Park Bookshop.



## IMPORTANT TIPS

- The park is open year-round; peak season is mid-June to September.
- Purchase your permits for backcountry camping, fishing and other services at the Visitor Centre.
- Waskesiu is a fully serviced town site on a seasonal basis.
- Watch for wildlife on the roads.



## GETTING THERE

The park is located in central Saskatchewan, where prairie and parkland gradually give way to the lake country of the north. Just a short drive, 80 km north of Prince Albert, the park is accessible by Highways #2/264 and #263 (scenic route).





# FAMILY OF SITES

*A Canada wide family of national historic sites celebrates a variety of stories of people, places and events. These special places would make great stops for any holidays. Among them are the following:*

## **ADDISON SOD HOUSE**

[www.kindersely.ca](http://www.kindersely.ca)

### **North of Kindersley on Highway 21**

Remarkably well-preserved and rare surviving example of the sod type of construction.

## **BATTLE OF CUT KNIFE HILL**

### **40 km west of Battleford and north of Cutknife**

Site of military attack on Cree First Nations in 1885

## **BATTLE OF DUCK LAKE**

[www.ducklake.ca](http://www.ducklake.ca)

### **West of Duck Lake on Highway #212**

First battle of 1885 Northwest Rebellion

## **BATTLEFORD COURT HOUSE**

[www.battleford.ca](http://www.battleford.ca)

### **291 - 23rd Street West Battleford**

1909 symbol of justice in the new province.

## **BIGGAR RAILWAY STATION GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC**

### **Main Street, Biggar**

Typical 1910 station, reflects railway impact on the West.

## **CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE**

### **Town of Watson**

Rare extant example of prefabricated western bank

## **CLAYBANK BRICK PLANT**

[www.claybank.sasktelwebsite.net](http://www.claybank.sasktelwebsite.net)

### **15 km west of Avonlea on Highway #339**

Important early 20th century brick making complex.

## **COLLEGE BUILDING**

[www.usask.ca](http://www.usask.ca)

### **University of Saskatchewan Campus, Saskatoon**

Main component of an excellent example of university buildings in the College Gothic Style in Canada.

## **CUMBERLAND HOUSE**

[www.villageofcumberlandhouse.ca](http://www.villageofcumberlandhouse.ca)

### **Village of Cumberland House**

Hudson's Bay Company post established by Samuel Hearne, 1774

## **DOUKHOBORS AT VERIGIN**

[www.spirit-wrestlers.com](http://www.spirit-wrestlers.com)

### **Village of Verigin**

Administrative, distribution and spiritual centre for the region during the first period of Doukhobor settlement in Canada, founded 1904.

## **FORESTY FARM PARK AND ZOO**

[www.saskatoon.ca/org/leisure/facilities/zoo.asp](http://www.saskatoon.ca/org/leisure/facilities/zoo.asp)

### **1903 Forest Drive, Saskatoon**

Important federal contribution to prairie forestation.

## **FORMER PRINCE ALBERT CITY HALL**

[www.citypa.ca](http://www.citypa.ca)

### **1010 Central Avenue**

Rare surviving 19<sup>th</sup>-century town hall on the prairies.

## **FORT À LA CORNE**

### **Memorial Park, Kinistino**

Sites of several fur trade posts 1753 – 1932 North West Company

## **FORT CARLTON**

[www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/FortCarlton](http://www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/FortCarlton)

### **Highway 212, Duck Lake No 463**

Site of Hudson's Bay Company post 1795-1885



### **FORT PITT**

[www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/FortPitt](http://www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/FortPitt)

#### **22 km west and south of Frenchman Butte off grid #797**

Site of Hudson's Bay Company post and signing of Treaty 6

### **FORT QU' APPELLE**

[www.fortquappelle.com](http://www.fortquappelle.com)

#### **198 Bay Avenue Fort, Qu'Appelle**

Hudson's Bay Company fort, negotiation of Treaty number 4

### **GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

[www.ops.gov.sk.ca](http://www.ops.gov.sk.ca)

#### **4607 Dewdney Avenue, Regina**

Territorial government building 1891-1905

### **GRAVELBOURG ECCLESIASTICAL BUILDINGS**

[www.gravelbourg.ca](http://www.gravelbourg.ca)

#### **Main Street, Gravelbourg**

Major cathedral, bishop's residence and convent school from Prairie Franco-Catholic colony, 1918-1919

### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

[www.townoflaronge.ca](http://www.townoflaronge.ca)

#### **Stanley Mission**

Early Anglican mission church in the West, 1852-1856

### **HUMBOLDT POST OFFICE**

[www.humboldtmuseum.ca](http://www.humboldtmuseum.ca)

#### **Town of Humboldt**

Romanesque Revival Post office reflects growth of West in 1911.

### **ÎLE-À-LA-CROSSE**

[www.sakitawak.ca](http://www.sakitawak.ca)

#### **Community of Île-à-la-Crosse**

Fur trade site, Hudson's Bay Company

### **LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE BIRD SANCTUARY**

[www.mb.ec.gc.ca](http://www.mb.ec.gc.ca)

#### **Northern end of Last Mountain Lake**

First wildlife sanctuary in Saskatchewan, 1887

### **MOOSE JAW COURT HOUSE**

[www.moosejaw.ca](http://www.moosejaw.ca)

#### **64 Ominica Street West, Moose Jaw**

Beaux-arts symbol of justice in a new province

### **NEXT OF KIN MEMORIAL AVE**

[www.saskatoon.ca/org/parks/cemetery/information/memorial.asp](http://www.saskatoon.ca/org/parks/cemetery/information/memorial.asp)

#### **Woodlawn Cemetery 1502 2nd Avenue N. Saskatoon**

Road of remembrance commemorating World War I soldiers

### **OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

[www.battleford.ca](http://www.battleford.ca)

#### **Government Ridge, Battleford**

Seat of territorial government 1876

### **SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

[www.legrehab.gov.sk.ca/ConstHistory/Constchistory.html](http://www.legrehab.gov.sk.ca/ConstHistory/Constchistory.html)

#### **122-2405 Legislative Drive, Regina**

### **SASKATOON RAILWAY STATION C.P.R.**

[www.city.saskatoon.sk](http://www.city.saskatoon.sk)

#### **305 Idylwyld Drive N. Saskatoon**

Château style station begun in 1907

### **SEAGER WHEELER'S MAPLE GROVE FARM**

[www.seagerwheelerfarm.org](http://www.seagerwheelerfarm.org)

#### **7 km east of junction Highways 11 and 312 to Seager Wheeler Road and 0.5km North.**

Typical grain farm of early 20th century developed by Seager Wheeler.

### **STEELE NARROWS**

[www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca](http://www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca)

#### **Loon Lake**

Last engagement of Northwest Rebellion 1885

### **WANUSKEWIN**

[www.wanuskewin.com](http://www.wanuskewin.com)

#### **3 km north of Saskatoon**

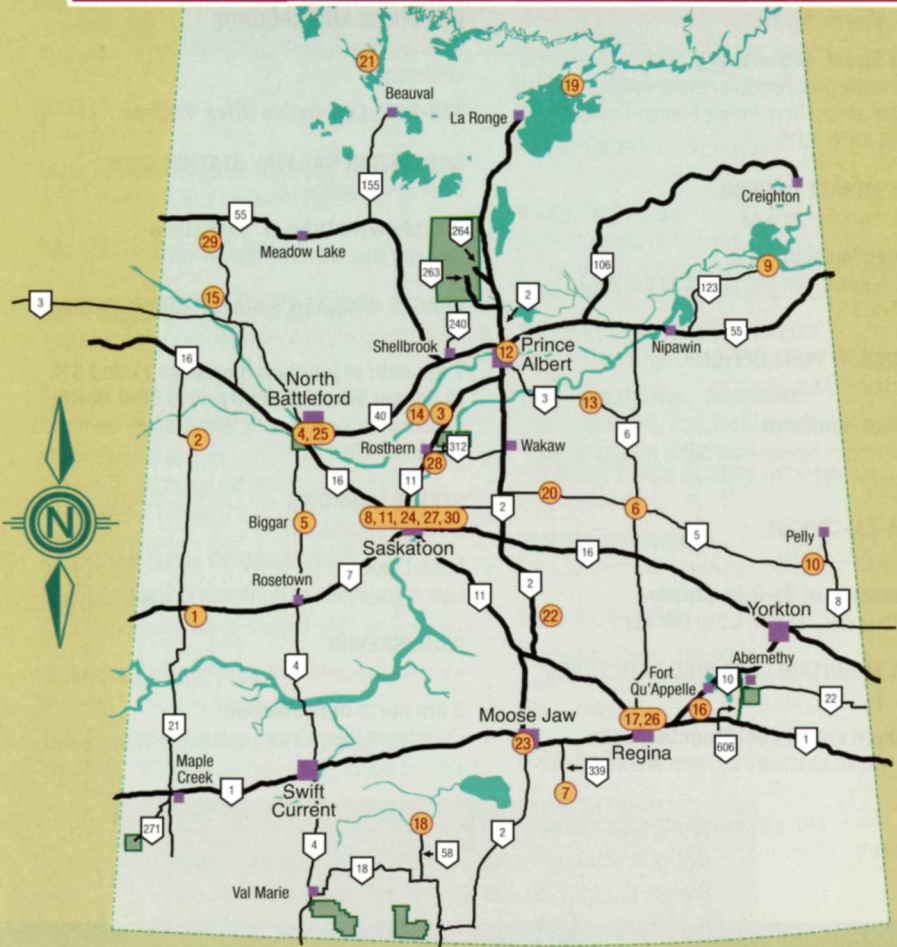
Complex of Plains Indian cultural sites

### **IMPORTANT TIPS**

Not operated by Parks Canada—services may vary.  
Please check with site for up to date information.

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