



THE NATIONAL PARKS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OF CANADA in Ontario



Introduction

Canada's magnificent system of national heritage areas is one of the world's largest and finest. In Ontario, Parks Canada's system comes alive at five national parks, one national marine park and 11 national historic sites, including three historic canals. Butterfly and bird migrations. Canada's first national marine park. Nineteenth century forts. Island parks. Engineering wonders. Historic homes of remarkable men. Idyllic solitude and hearty fellowship. You'll find them all in Ontario. This year, visit your heritage in Ontario.

How to contact us

You can reach individual parks and sites listed here or call 1-800-839-8221 Fax: (613) 937-1331 Website: www.parksCanada.gc.ca

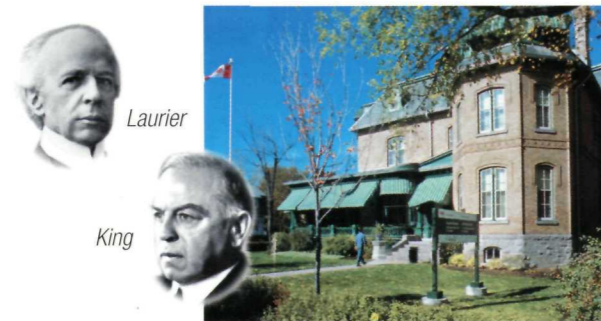
EASTERN ONTARIO

1 Laurier House National Historic Site of Canada Ottawa

Laurier House was the home of two Canadian prime ministers; Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King. The home is filled with an authentic collection of unique furniture and memorabilia that spanned their lives. One of the highlights is Mackenzie King's third floor study, which he used as an extension of his parliamentary office. Here one can find King's famous crystal ball, as well as his official guest book containing signatures of distinguished visitors such as King George VI, Sir Winston Churchill, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Shirley Temple.

Open April to Thanksgiving (October). Open mid-October to March for groups by reservation only.

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2 Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada 202-km waterway from Ottawa to Kingston



A superb example of an early 19th century canal still in operation. Built 1826-1832 as a military supply route; later a commercial artery; today a popular recreational waterway. A series of beautiful lakes, rivers and canal cuts are joined by 24 lockstations, most with hand-operated locks, accessible by land and water. Highlights include:

National Capital's oldest stone building and majestic staircase of eight Ottawa locks beside Parliament Hill, blockhouse and visitor centre at Kingston Mills, stone arch dam at Jones Falls, exhibits, museums and interpretive trails. Group tours available at Kingston Mills, Jones Falls, Smiths Falls, Merrickville and Ottawa Locks. Lockstations provide picnic facilities, washrooms, limited docking and boater camping. Navigation season mid-May to mid-October.

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Guides in period costume bring life to the historic landscape at Fort Wellington.



3 Fort Wellington National Historic Site of Canada Prescott (88 km south of Ottawa)

Strategic site of a British fort that has guarded the St. Lawrence River for over 185 years. The fort was built in 1813-14 to protect the vulnerable trans-shipment depot and defend the border with the United States. Original blockhouse, officer's quarters and other structures built in 1838, at the height of the Upper Canada Rebellion, refurbished to their appearance in the mid-1840s. Guided and self-guided tours, staff in period costume and demonstrations of 1840s activities. Visitor centre with orientation videos, exhibits and gift store. Group tours are available. Battle of the Windmill National Historic Site, location of the 1838 battle, is situated just 3 km down river. Open summer months; rest of year, by reservation for groups only.

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4 St. Lawrence Islands National Park of Canada

Mallorytown Landing (between Gananoque and Brockville, on the 1000 Islands Parkway)

Established in 1904, St. Lawrence Islands was Canada's first national park east of the Rocky Mountains. It preserves and protects part of the richly diverse 1000 Islands ecosystems. There are over 20 island properties accessible by boat (transportation not provided by park). Whether you come by road or by water, plan a stop at the park's headquarters, Mallorytown Landing, where exhibits and displays tell the exciting natural and cultural story of the 1000 Islands. Enjoy a leisurely picnic, relax, walk on the nature trail or talk with staff about the park.

Facilities and services vary from mid-May to mid-October.

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5 Bellevue House National Historic Site of Canada Kingston



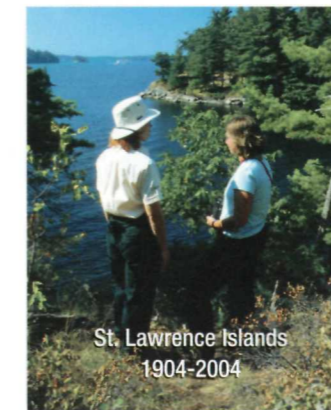
A rare and fine example in Canada of Italianate villa architecture, Bellevue was home to Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister. Today, the house is a national historic site commemorating Macdonald's contribution to the development of Canada. The visitor centre offers a video in English, French, German, Japanese and Cantonese, exhibits and gift shop. Costumed staff in the restored house and on the grounds interpret the life of the Macdonald family in the mid 19th century. Open from April to October. Open year-round for groups by reservation.

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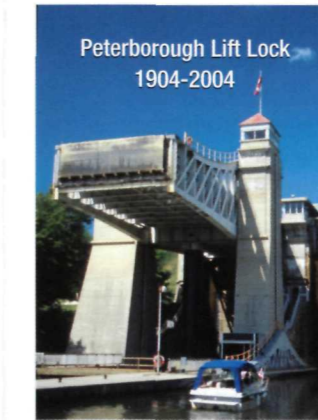
Young visitors dressed in period costume learn about life at Bellevue House.

St. Lawrence Islands is located in the heart of the beautiful and popular 1000 Islands tourism area.



CENTRAL ONTARIO

6 Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site of Canada 386-km waterway between Trenton and Port Severn



Peterborough Lift Lock 1904-2004

Staff at all waterway locks and bridges welcome boaters and motorists alike. There are interpretive brochures, exhibits, picnic areas and washrooms. Fuel, food and accommodation are available in communities along the waterway. Navigation season mid-May to mid-October.

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7 Georgian Bay Islands National Park of Canada

Georgian Bay, north of Midland

Fifty nine captivating islands in the heart of Ontario's vacationland. Canadian Shield and hardwood forests. Boating, fishing, hiking and swimming. Diverse wildlife and shorelines. Serviced and primitive campgrounds. Day excursions to the park are available via the park's Day Tripper boat. Day-use and picnic areas with shelters, tables and fireplaces. Interpretive program includes guided walks, video presentations, displays and visitor centre. Boat access only; private water taxi service available from Honey Harbour. Winter access only when ice conditions permit. Open year-round; services vary from mid-May to October.

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Reservations: (705) 756-5909 E-mail: info-gbi@pc.gc.ca

8 Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site of Canada Gravenhurst (two hours north of Toronto; one hour southwest of Algonquin Park)

Visit the birthplace of the most famous Canadian in the world, Dr. Norman Bethune. His enduring fame in China has helped shape Canada's reputation as a humanitarian nation. View videos and displays in English, French or Chinese, on the surgeon, medical inventor, artist and early advocate for socialized medicine. Tour the restored church manse where he was born in 1890, now a national historic site.



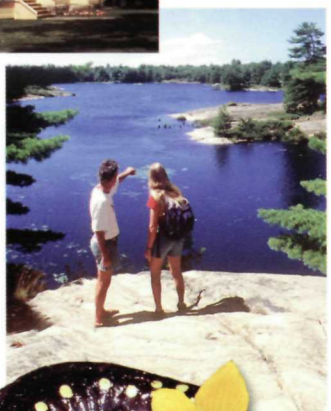
Open year-round. June through October: open daily. November through May: open weekday afternoons except statutory holidays. School programs and bus group tours available.

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The birthplace of a hero, Dr. Norman Bethune.

The magnificent beauty of these barren rocks, windswept pines and deep blue waters in Georgian Bay adorned many Group of Seven canvases.



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

9 Bruce Peninsula National Park of Canada

At the tip of the Bruce Peninsula



Situated at the northern tip of an 80-km limestone finger separating Georgian Bay from the main basin of Lake Huron. Rugged limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment; extensive cobblestone beaches. A natural paradise for hikers, botanists and seekers of awesome scenery. A variety of hiking trails, including

sections of the renowned Bruce Trail, contain many spectacular vistas. Campsites, excellent hiking, swimming. Open year-round.

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10 Fathom Five National Marine Park of Canada

At the tip of the Bruce Peninsula

Canada's first national marine park; 11,655 hectares of clear, cold water enveloping age-old mysteries and inviting fresh discoveries. Spectacular cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment; 19 islands. Mystical rock pillars of Flowerpot Island. Historic shipwrecks. Sea caves and natural harbours. Superb diving and snorkeling, charter dive boats, sightseeing cruises. Island campsites.

Open year-round.

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11 Niagara National Historic Sites of Canada Niagara-on-the-Lake

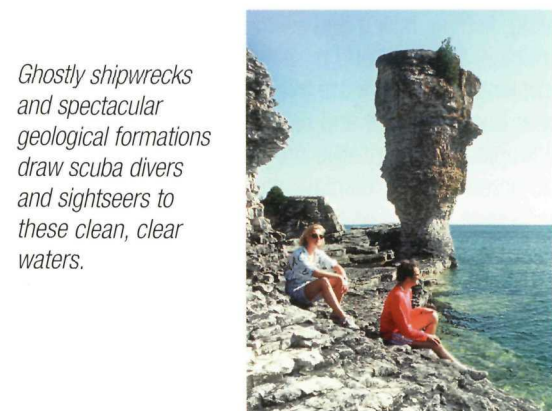
British military complex begun in 1765 to defend the Niagara frontier and serve as the headquarters of the British Army in Southern Ontario. Programs are focused on Fort George, which played a crucial role in the War of 1812. Staff dressed in the uniforms and clothing of the period demonstrate the lifestyles and weapons of the war. The original stone powder magazine and reconstructed log buildings are refurbished to reflect their appearance during the war. Brock's Monument at Queenston Heights is the tomb of General Sir Isaac Brock, commander in chief of Upper Canada, killed in the pivotal Battle of Queenston Heights. The monument is open to the public and a self-guided tour helps visitors understand the battlefield and its dramatic stories.

Fort George is open from April to October. Brock's Monument is open from May to October.

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Learn about a soldier's life in Fort George over 200 years ago.



Ghostly shipwrecks and spectacular geological formations draw scuba divers and sightseers to these clean, clear waters.



Look for the Parks Canada beaver on highway maps and signs. It will lead you to our national parks and national historic sites.



12 Woodside National Historic Site of Canada

Kitchener



Woodside is the stately boyhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's 10th and longest serving prime minister. It is restored and refurbished to the Victorian

style of the 1890s, guided by King's recollections. The splendid grounds and the decor of the furnished rooms change with the seasons, offering a variety of experiences throughout the year. Victorian summer teas, Thanksgiving, Christmas and other celebrations make this a special place to visit.

Open Victoria Day weekend to Dec. 23; year-round for groups by reservation.

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History comes alive at 19th century Fort Malden.

Contact the sites for information on hours of operation, special activities that are held throughout the year and fees. Inquire about our national pass. Many facilities are accessible to disabled visitors.



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13 Point Pelee National Park of Canada

56 km southeast of Windsor

The most southern tip of mainland Canada is a huge sandspit on the north shore of Lake Erie. World renowned for spring and fall bird migrations and Monarch butterfly concentrations each autumn, Point Pelee protects marsh, forest, dunes and beaches. The visitor centre features interpretive programs and exhibits. Take the open air shuttle to the tip or explore the rare 'Carolinian' environment on one of the many trails. Swimming, canoeing, bicycling, picnicking, interpretation programs, observation tower and marsh boardwalk. A food concession with canoe and bicycle rentals is available during the summer. Spectacular ice formations along the beaches in winter; skate on the marsh (weather permitting).

Open year-round. No public camping.

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Point Pelee's beaches and marsh boardwalk are major attractions.



14 Fort Malden National Historic Site of Canada

Amherstburg, 32 km south of Windsor

Landmark to events that shaped the Canadian nation – War of 1812 and Rebellion of 1837-38. Site of British fort from 1796. Army garrison, British Indian Department post and dockyard for Upper Great Lakes. Meeting place for Chief Tecumseh and British General Brock. Original circa 1819 barracks and remains of earthworks in riverfront park. Exhibits and weekend activities. Annual summer tattoo and Christmas program.

Open year-round. May-October, daily; Nov.-April contact site for details. Closed statutory holidays Nov.-April.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO

15 Pukaskwa National Park of Canada

Main entrance: Hattie Cove, 15 minutes from Trans-Canada Highway (17) via Highway 627

Ontario's wilderness national park protects 1878 km² of boreal forest and Lake Superior shoreline. Pukaskwa offers frontcountry and backcountry opportunities. Visit the Hattie Cove Visitor Centre, day trails, and picnic area. Summer interpretive programs and special events explore natural history and First Nations culture. Hattie Cove campground provides 67 sites (29 electrical), showers and washrooms. Self-reliance and minimum impact recreation are required in the backcountry (reservations are recommended and registration is mandatory). Trip guidebooks are available.

Open year-round; full service campground from late June to September.

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16 Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site of Canada

Sault Ste. Marie



Boaters and boat watchers experience a unique historical setting. When it opened in 1895, the historic lock was the largest in the world, and the first to be

electrically operated. It was the last link to an all-Canadian waterway leading from Lake Superior to the Atlantic Ocean. The site preserves historic buildings, machinery and the world's last operational emergency swing bridge dam. In 1998, a new recreational lock, built within the walls of the historic lock, opened at the canal.

Navigation season open mid-May to mid-October. Visitor centre open year-round; closed weekends and statutory holidays from October to May.

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17 Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site of Canada

70 km southeast of Sault Ste. Marie on St. Joseph Island, via Highway 548

In 1796, Fort St. Joseph was constructed on the south east shore of the island to become the most westerly military post in British North America. It was established to maintain an alliance with First Nations peoples and linked the fur trade routes to Montreal from 1796 to 1812. In 1814, American forces burned the fort to the ground. Today, the remains are a prime attraction for visitors; archaeologists continue to make new discoveries. A modern visitor centre has a theatre and exhibits that depict military, Aboriginal, fur trade and archaeological themes. Picnic with a view of the shipping channel and watch birds on the trails.

Open from June to Thanksgiving (October).

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Ruins of Fort St. Joseph recall a troubled past.

Exploring the backcountry in Pukaskwa provides solitude and a chance for reflection.

