



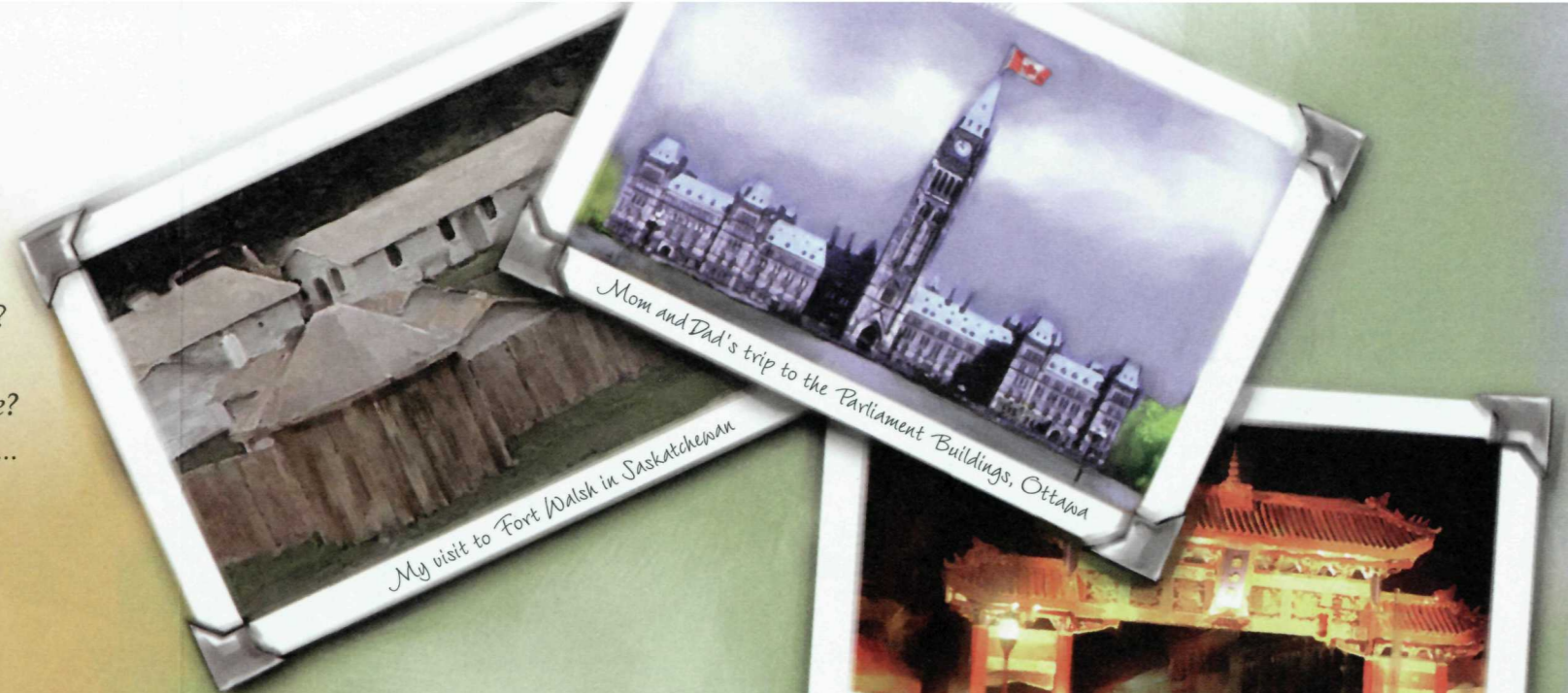
Journey Through Time

The National Historic Sites of Canada

Where do You Keep Your Memories?

In a scrapbook? A photo album?
A box tucked away in your room?

Remember the special moments in your life?
...the birth of a brother or sister...your first day at school...
an unforgettable trip...
These memories are all part of your story.



Just as YOU have a Story so does Our Country

National historic sites of Canada are special places where Canada's precious memories are kept alive.

They tell us about the places, people and events that made Canada what it is today – *each one telling an important piece of the story of our country.*

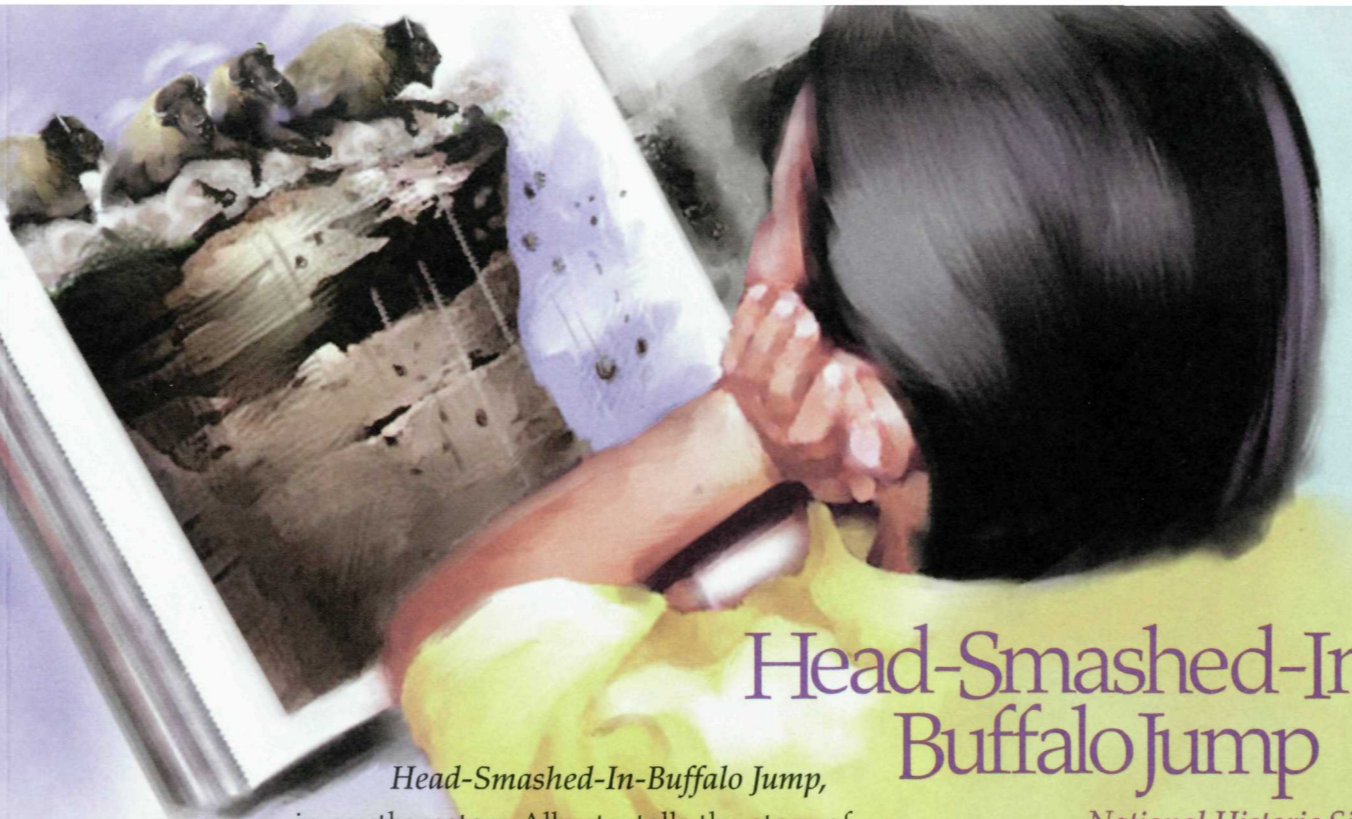
You can find national historic sites in every province and territory. By either visiting them or learning about them, you can journey into Canada's past.

Here are a few examples of national historic sites:

Pier 21, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, tells the story of the arrival over many years of more than one million people who came by boat from all over the world to live in Canada. For those men, women and children, this was the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. Pier 21 is now a place where we celebrate the contribution of all the people who came to help build our country.

Pier 21

National Historic Site of Canada



Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo Jump, in southwestern Alberta, tells the story of a hunting custom practised by Aboriginal people of the North American plains for nearly 6,000 years.

Fall Caribou Crossing

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Fall Caribou Crossing, in Nunavut, tells the story of the traditional life of the Inuit people. Each year, a caribou herd crossed the Kazan River, moving slowly in the icy water. Hunts here were more successful; families were well fed and warm.

Places such as these are important to Aboriginal people, and to all Canadians, as they tell us what has gone on before.

Special Treasures

National historic sites, like your own special treasures, cannot be replaced. Parks Canada and its partners – like museums, historical societies and Canadians like you – take care of these special places. They also make sure that the story of each national historic site is told so that visitors will understand why these sites are important and will learn how to look after them. Just like you hold onto your special memories, we can all help keep our country's memories alive for all time.

When Canada's historic sites are cared for, respected, and their stories are told, we say that they have commemorative integrity.



When you visit a national historic site:
Ask questions – the people who work at national historic sites like to hear your questions. They have many stories to tell.
Be respectful of the site and its rules. Check before touching anything and be careful, because some things cannot be replaced.

Take pictures. Find out all you can about this special place so you can tell your friends about it and show them the place you visited. The more people know about national historic sites, the more they will want to protect them.

After touring a site, put together your own story and present it to your class.

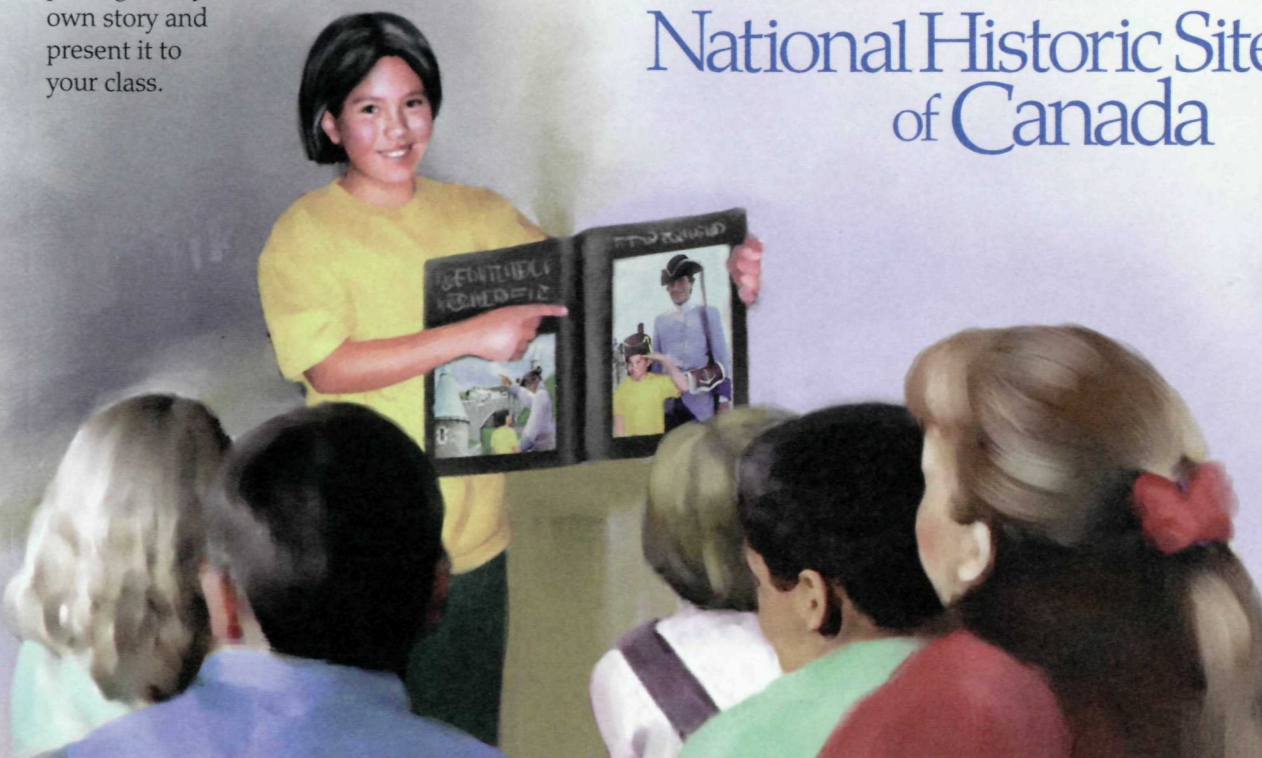
Get involved!
Visit Parks Canada's Internet site: www.parkscanada.gc.ca
Check out *This Week in History* and have fun.

Organize a Canadian history contest in your class. At the library, you'll find books, music, CD-ROMs, videos and Internet sites on Canada's history.

Watch history shows on TV. It's just like going back in time.

Participate in a school Heritage Fair.

Find out More about the National Historic Sites of Canada



The story of how our country became what it is today is told through the national historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas of Canada. Parks Canada works to protect and present our natural and cultural heritage so that it may continue to be enjoyed by present and future generations of Canadians.

For more information:
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Connecting Canadians to our roots, to our future and to each other

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