



Battle of the Châteauguay National Historic Site

Annual update of the 2018 Management Plan—2019 Season



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The Battle of the Châteauguay National Historic Site Management Plan 2018 sets out the long-term strategy for the site as well as how the site is administered. Parks Canada’s mandate is to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada’s natural and cultural heritage, and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.

The purpose of this annual update is to share 2019 achievements with partners, stakeholders and the public. Between May and September, the site received 2,041 visitors.

This short summary reports on the progress made in implementing the Management Plan over the past year.



KEY STRATEGY #1: A VIBRANT SITE WHERE EVERYONE CAN DISCOVER AND COMMEMORATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BATTLE OF THE CHÂTEAUGUAY

Objective : Implement a varied selection of activities tailored to the needs of the site's target audiences (school groups, servicewomen and servicemen, tourism professionals).

- Parks Canada is working closely with partners to enhance and diversify the ways the national historic site can be enjoyed. This fruitful collaboration is the driving force behind the site and has made it possible to carry out four activities during the summer season : Canada Day (July 1), presentations for Archaeology Month (August 10-11), the 5th edition of the Canadian military history in the spotlight (August 24) and Battle of the Châteauguay Run (October 1).
- Improvements will be made to exhibits for the next season by adding an information kiosk and highlighting all those who fought at the Battle of the Châteauguay, particularly First Nations.

Objective : Work together with Indigenous communities, linked to the site, in order to honour and showcase their culture and to present their contributions to the history.

- Parks Canada is currently working with several Indigenous communities to update the list of First Nations people who took part in the battle, their origins and the role they played in the conflict.

Objective : Increase the site's success by working in concert with partners.

- The Municipalité Régionale de Comté (MRC) du Haut-Saint-Laurent had a kiosk at the historic site to promote Upper St. Lawrence tourism.
- The historic site collaborates with various partners to hold activities, including the municipality of Très-Saint-Sacrement, Archéo-Québec, the 4th Battalion— Royal 22nd Regiment of the Canadian Armed Forces, and the New Frontiers School Board.
- To provide more interpretation opportunities, the site is taking advantage of staff resources shared with other Parks Canada sites related to the War of 1812.



KEY STRATEGY #2: A VISITOR EXPERIENCE CENTRED ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Objective : Improve the presentation of the various elements of the site's history outside the interpretation centre.

- The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque has been restored. It will be reinstalled outside the interpretation centre in 2020.
- A dozen interpretative panels are installed along the battlefield.
- The obelisk erected in 1895 is accessible to the public near the interpretation centre.

Objective : Implement a new management approach for the interpretation centre in concert with local and regional stakeholders and partners.

- A plan to reorganize the exhibits and a new approach to interpretation are being developed. They will be implemented in 2020.



CONCLUSION — NEXT STEPS

Given the COVID19 pandemic, over the next year Parks Canada will be working to provide public access to commemorative messages and certain facilities, in compliance with current health standards, and to protect the cultural resources of the national historic site.

Following this major crisis, Parks Canada will resume implementing the objectives identified in the 2018 Management Plan.



5th Edition of the Canadian military history in the spotlight, August 24, 2019 @Parks Canada



Obelisk of the Battle of the Châteauguay and representatives from the 4th Battalion—Royal 22nd Regiment. @Parks Canada

