

Management Planning Newsletter

What is a management plan?

A management plan is a plan for the future. It guides Parks Canada's decision making so visitors can experience and enjoy their national historic sites while making sure that natural and cultural heritage features are protected. It is an opportunity to celebrate past successes, re-evaluate goals and create new strategies.

The Niagara National Historic Sites are seven sites in Niagara-on-the-Lake that reflect the area's military, social and First Nations heritage. They include Fort George, Butler's Barracks, Fort Mississauga, Mississauga Point Lighthouse, Battlefield of Fort George, Battle of Queenston Heights and Navy Island National Historic Sites (NHS). A single management plan is being written for these special places.

Fast Facts

- Niagara NHS occupy 25% of lands in the Old Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Some of these were active military sites from 1796 through 1992.
- Niagara NHS protect important Carolinian forest reserves, home to 9 Species at Risk.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomes over 2.4 million visitors each year while Niagara NHS have an average annual visitation of 73,000.



Parks Canada manages national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas for all Canadians.

You can help by sharing your thoughts and ideas on the future of Niagara National Historic Sites.

Proposed Vision



For over 200 years, the Niagara National Historic Sites have been intrinsically linked to the local community and have played a key role in the shaping of Canada's destiny. Collectively, they present an important part of Canada's national identity in key events such as the War of 1812, and its coming of age through the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

Your experience at these treasures will be as varied as the sites themselves. From the hustle and bustle of activity at Fort George to moments of quiet contemplation at Fort Mississauga, the Niagara National Historic Sites offer Canadians immersive opportunities to connect with our nation's great history.

Our sites are "must-see/do" destinations for learning and enjoyment. Unique and engaging programmes and events pay tribute to the sacrifices made by Canadians, instill a sense of national pride, and encourage Canadians to reconnect with their history and heritage.

As an integral part of the community, the Niagara National Historic Sites are a gathering place for families and friends and a source of community pride. Innovative visitor experiences and environmental and heritage stewardship practices contribute to the region's success. Together, we will build a legacy that Canadians will remember and learn from for generations to come.



Strategic Opportunities

The management plan will focus on a number of high level priorities and strategic opportunities which include:

Working with partners to promote Niagara National Historic Sites

The seven Niagara National Historic Sites will be promoted together to increase the ability of Parks Canada and our partners to raise awareness about exceptional visitor experiences that reflect the unique character of each site, and connect Canadians with over 250 years of shared natural and cultural heritage in the Niagara region.

Visioning the shared future of the Battlefield of Fort George NHS

On behalf of all Canadians, public use and enjoyment of the Battlefield of Fort George NHS and the nearby lands will be balanced with the protection of exceptional natural and cultural heritage resources.

Empowering Aboriginal voices

Through new experiences, valued First Nation partners will share their stories and traditions to enrich the heritage fabric of the Niagara NHS.

Connecting Canadians through epic visitor experiences

Niagara NHS are uniquely situated to connect visitors to their natural and cultural heritage through innovative visitor experiences including special events.



We Want To Hear From You!

- What do you value most about the Niagara National Historic Sites?
- What types of experiences would you like to see offered for you or your visiting guests?
- Are there any additional issues that should be considered during the planning programme?

We encourage you to keep informed and involved in several ways. Check regularly for updates and details on the planning programme at www.parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgeorge, under the Site Management section. If you are interested in speaking with Parks Canada staff, a public open house is being planned for January 2016. You may also share your ideas through our online questionnaire, or by voicemail, regular mail or email at:

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