



Grasslands
National Park

XPLORERS

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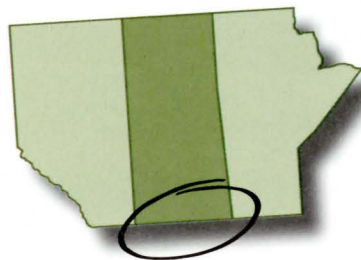
WELCOME!

to GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK

There are 70 kinds of grass and over 50 kinds of wildflowers in Grasslands National Park. See as many as you can during your visit.

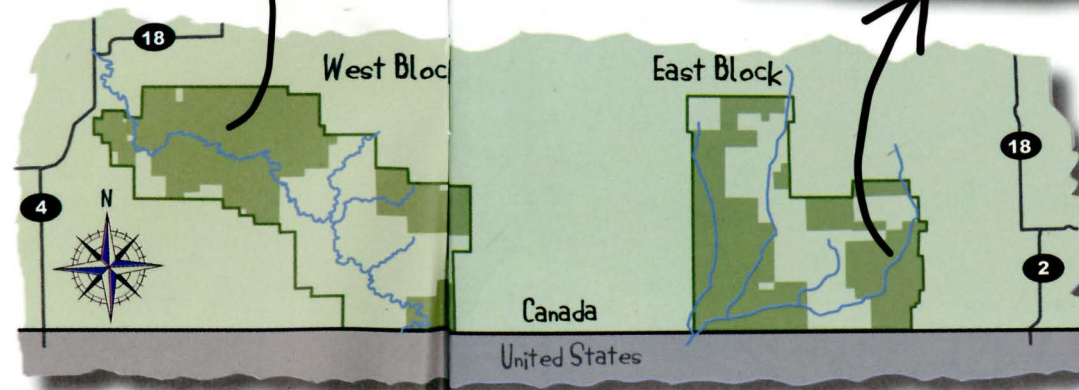
You'll see the numbers below on the activity pages in your booklet. Look at these pages to see where to go to complete the activities.

- ① West Block Visitor Centre
- ② Ecotour Road stop #2
- ③ Ecotour Road stop #3
- ④ Belza Day Use Site
- ⑤ Riverwalk Trail
- ⑥ Larson Homestead
- ⑦ Ecotour Road stop #7
- ⑧ Frenchman Valley Campground



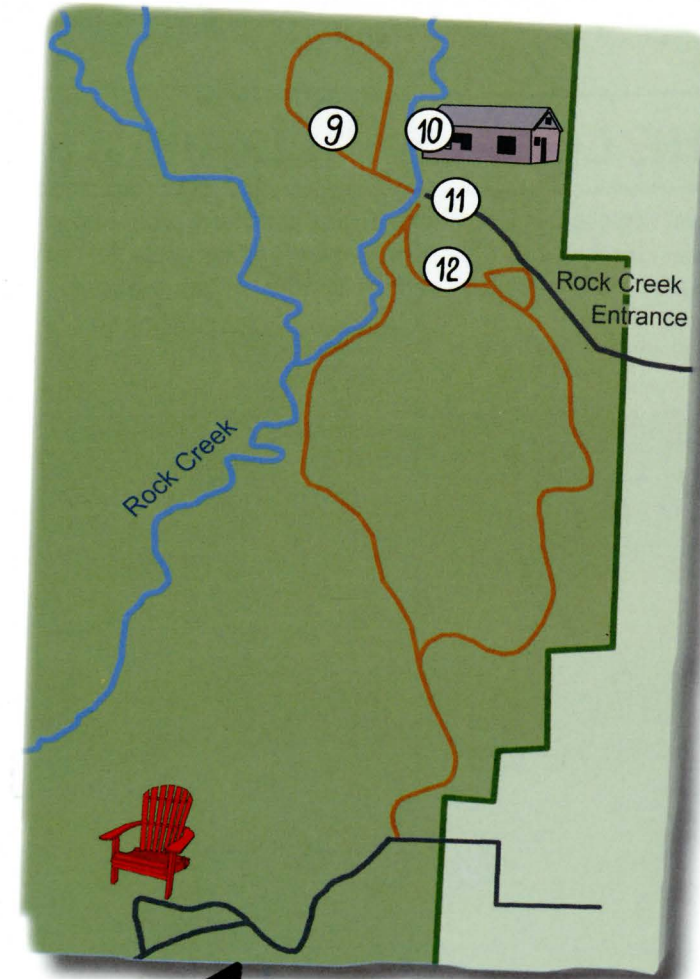
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- ⑨ Rock Creek Trail
- ⑩ East Block Visitor Centre
- ⑪ Rock Creek Campground
- ⑫ Creek to Peak trail

At the end of your visit, bring your booklet to **either Visitor Centre** to have your certificate signed and get a special souvenir.

GO INVESTIGATE



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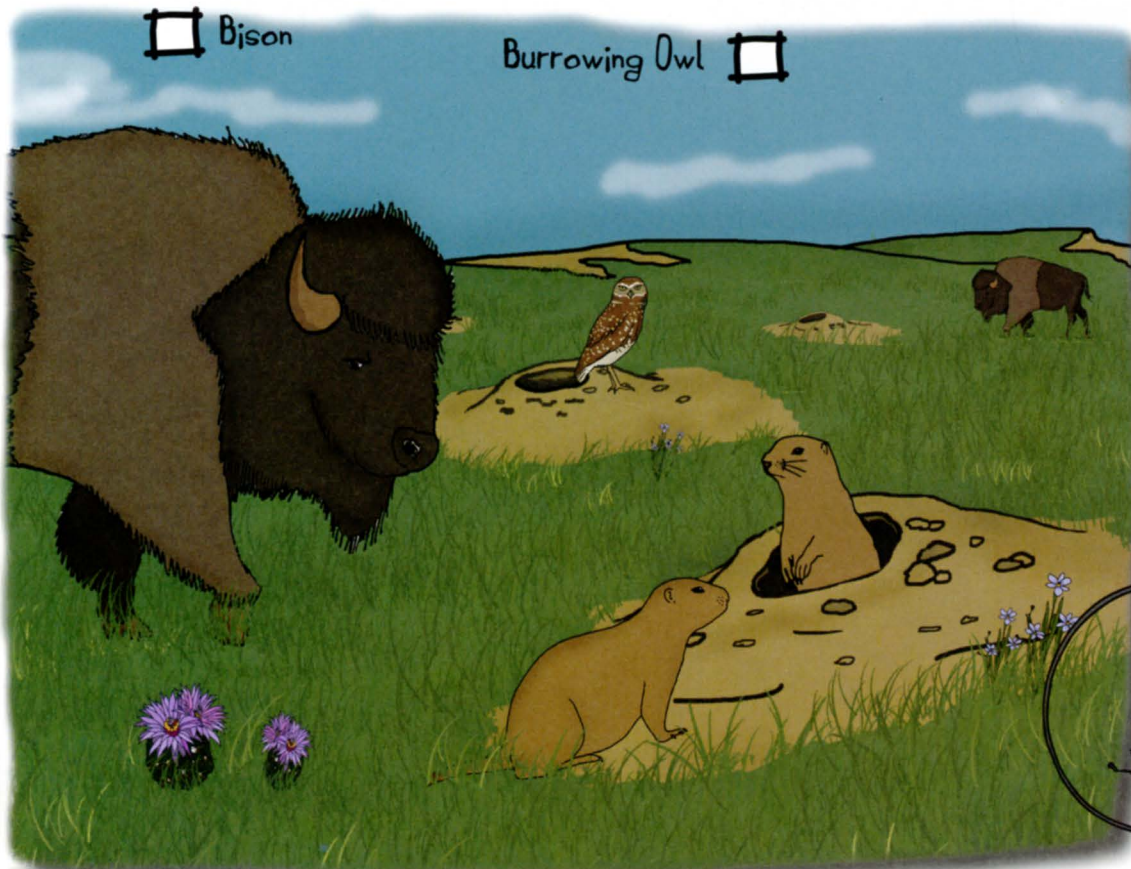
SPY ON THE LOCALS

Ready to be a detective? Xplore Top Dog Town, one of the many prairie dog colonies in the park! See the holes in the ground? They are prairie dog homes called burrows. Walk slowly and watch your step - there are hundreds of burrows all around you!

Look for the things in the picture below. Check ☒ them as you find them.

☐ Bison

Burrowing Owl ☐



☐ Cactus Flower

Prairie Dog ☐

Blue Eyed Grass ☐

TAKE A DRIVE



BISON SAFARI!!!

Cruise down Ecotour road to see bison. Did you know that you can tell a Bison's mood..... just by looking at its tail???

Your mission:

- Study the tails in the 4 blocks below.
- When you see a bison in the park, look carefully at its tail and decide what mood it's in.
- Record your findings on the bison chart.

Calm



Alert



Alarmed



Angry



Draw the correct tail on the bison below like the ones you see in the park. Have fun and keep your eyes on those tails!



CHECK IT OUT

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EXPLORE MORE!!

You are standing in the middle of the mixed-grass prairies! There are over 70 different kinds of grasses here all around you!!

Can you spot the ones below?



The **BLUE GRAMA** grass looks exactly like real eye lashes!!



The **NEEDLE & THREAD GRASS** makes a loop and spirals back down to the ground.



PASTURE SAGE has a strong scent...rub the leaves lightly between your fingers and smell.



GO PLAY

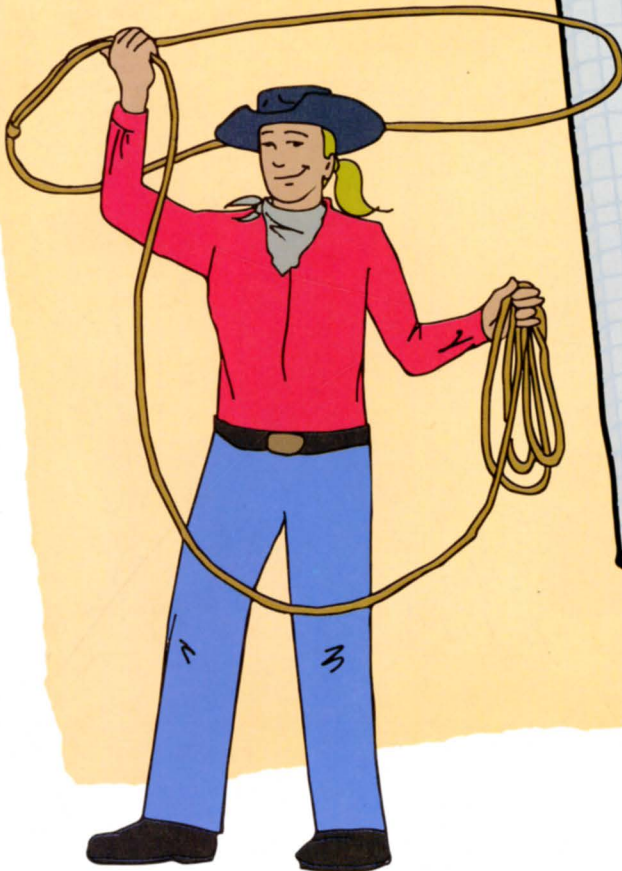


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THE WILD, WILD WEST

Many years ago, before Grasslands National Park existed, this land was home to all different cultures. Amongst them.....the cowboys!

Rope a steer just like the real cowboys did!



How many times out of 15
can you successfully rope
the steer:

- ☐ 1 Time
- ☐ 2 Times
- ☐ 3 Times
- ☐ 4 Times
- ☐ 5 Times
- ☐ More? _____

TAKE A LOOK

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WHAT'S THE POOP?

Test your tracking skills! Keep your eyes on the ground and see if you can find the poop in the pictures below. Read the clues carefully and then match the poop to the animal it belongs to!



A-This animal may howl and yip at night.



B-This animal is the largest land mammal in North America

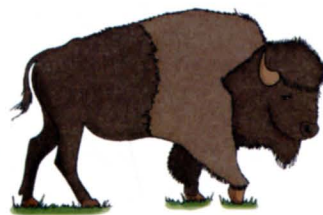


C-This animal lives in a colony



D-This animal has antlers

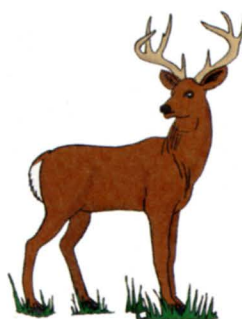
1- Bison



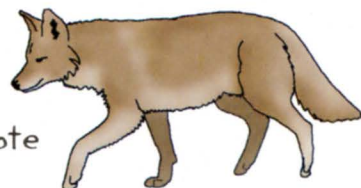
2- Prairie dog



3- Deer



4- Coyote



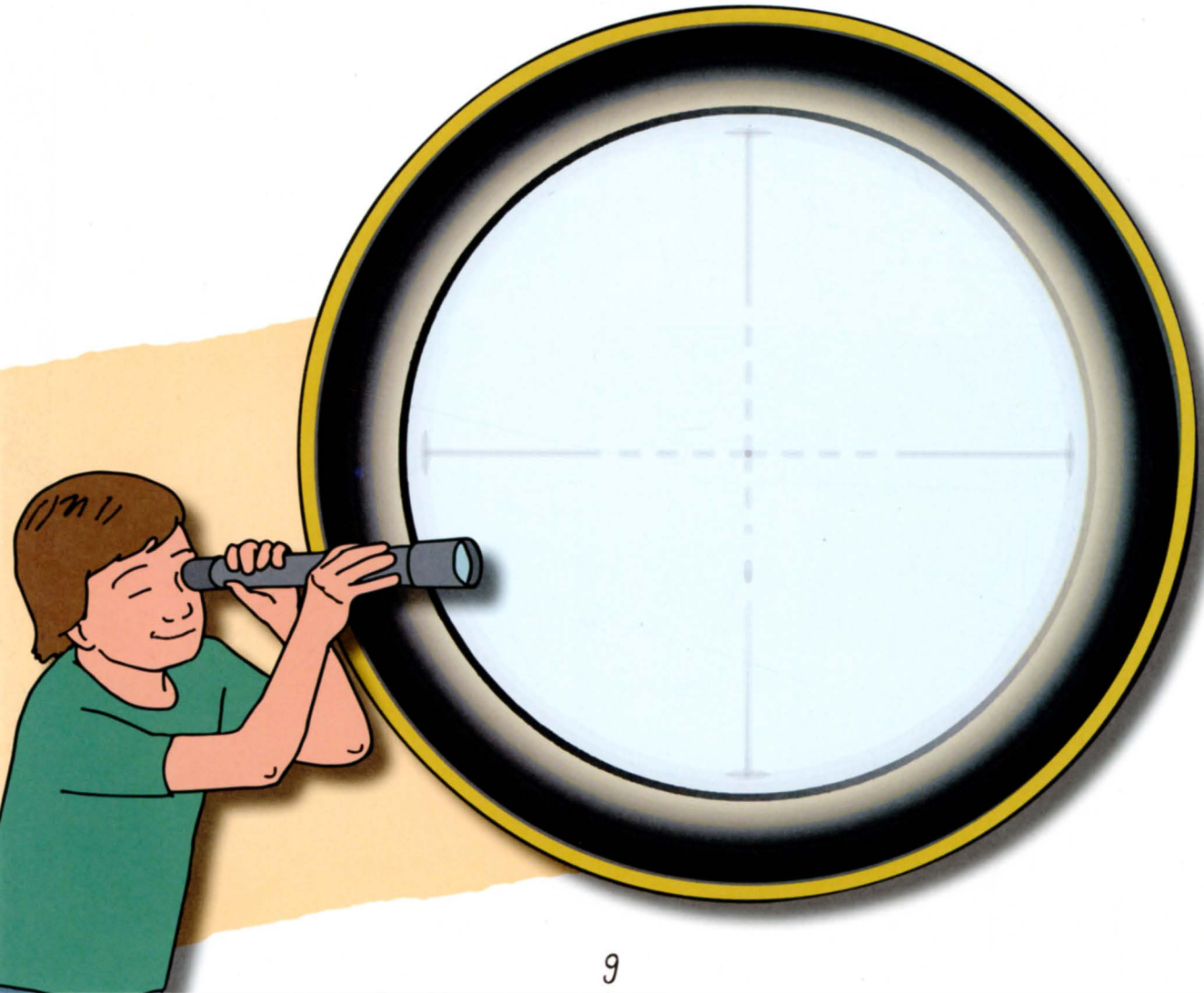
USE YOUR SENSES



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SCOUT IT OUT

How's your vision? Métis guides used all their senses to search this area for game and for safety. Now it's your turn to be a Métis guide! Use your eyes, ears and nose to scout out the animals on the prairies. Then draw what you see in the telescope circle below.

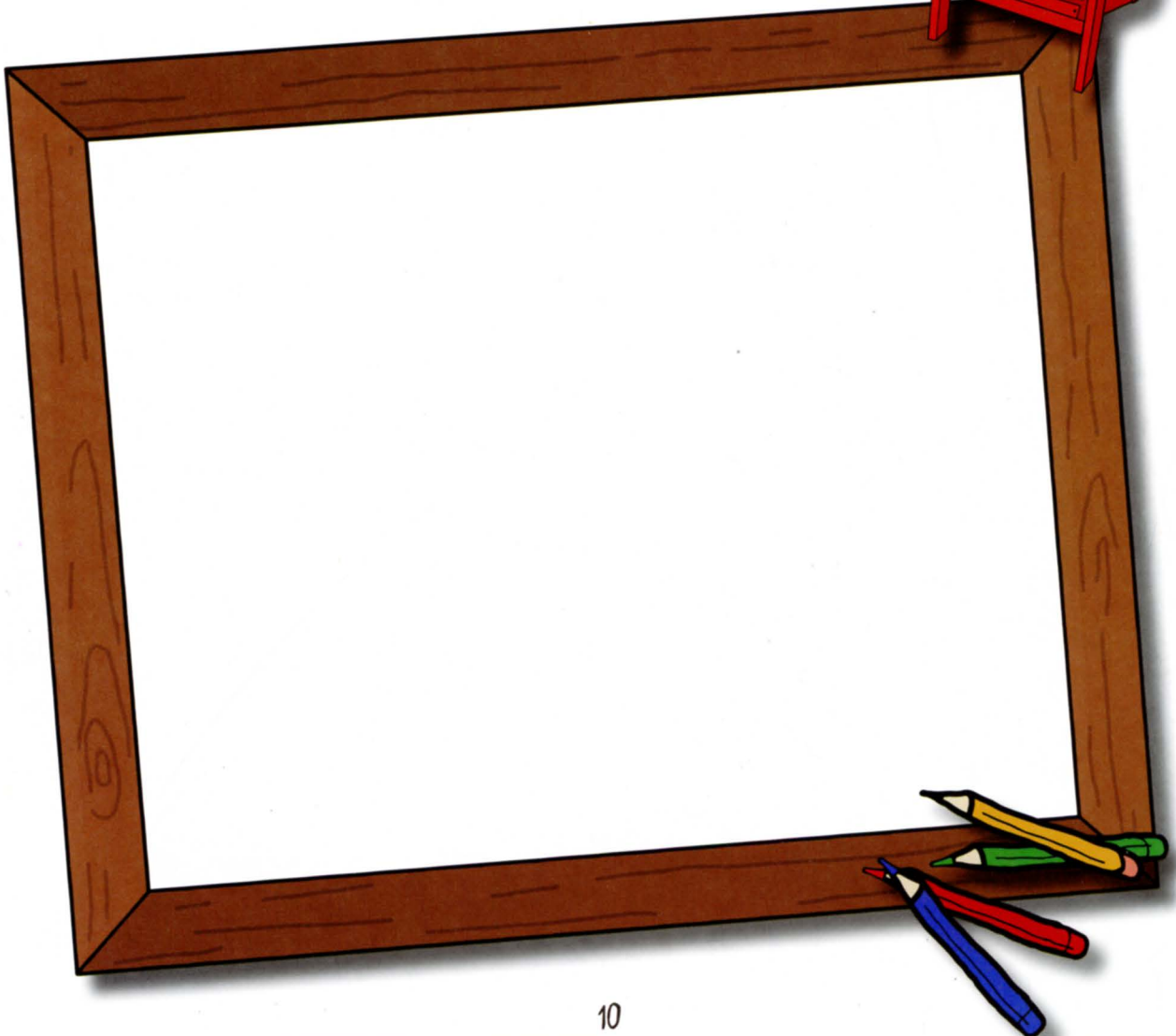


REMEMBER



THE RED CHAIRS

Visit the red chairs and have someone take your picture! Draw something fun that you saw while you were sitting on the red chairs.



GO MEET



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THE CRITTERS IN THE CREEK

What lives in a prairie creek? There are many wonderful critters to look for.

Keep a tally ~~||||~~ of each one you see on your notepad. At the end of your visit, count them.

- duck
- butterfly
- bird
- fish
- frog

The critter I saw the most:

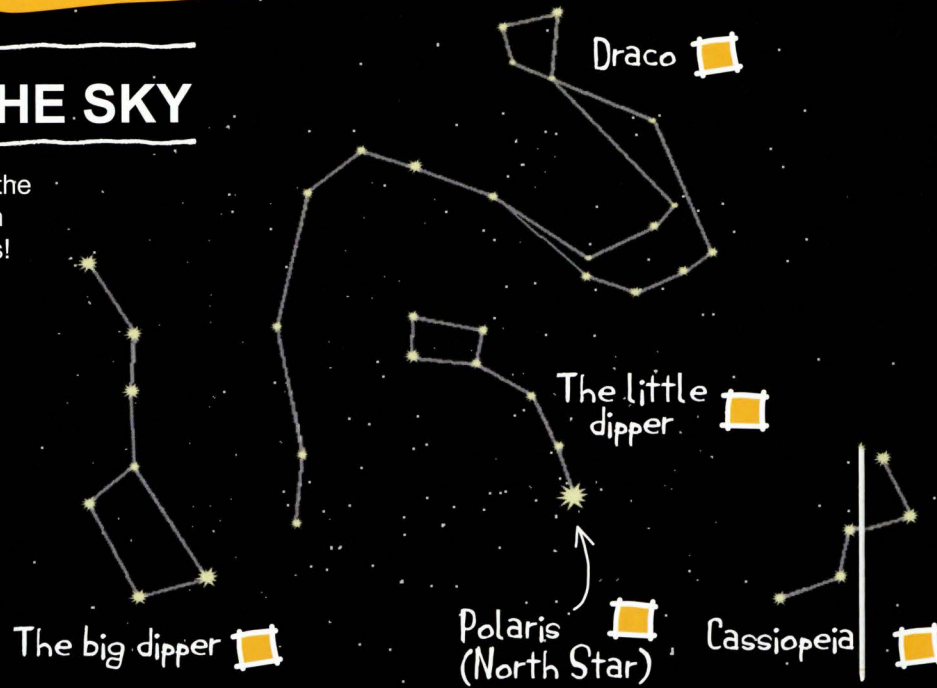


FIND IT

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SHAPES IN THE SKY

Grasslands National Park is the darkest Dark Sky Preserve in Canada! Let's study the stars! Can you find the North Star? The Big Dipper? Spot these constellations:



 The Milky Way

 The moon

A constellation is a group of stars that form a pattern. Once plenty of stars come out, use your imagination and find your own constellation. What is it?

Draw it here and connect the stars to make the shape you see:

Grasslands is an official Dark Sky Preserve, a place with little artificial light where you can enjoy starry nights.

Want to learn more about the night sky? Go to a Dark Sky Program. See interpretive schedule for days and times.

SEARCH FOR



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THE DINOSAURS!!

I'm sure you've heard of the Tyrannosaurus Rex and the Triceratops. They once stood in the very same spot you're standing. These and many other pre-historic animals once lived here in the East Block area.

Dig for some Dinosaurs. Once you find a skull, match it to an image on the guide to find out what species it belonged to! Happy digging!!

I found

DINOSAUR SKULLS Identification Guide



Parasaurolophus



Carnotaurus



Brachiosaurus



Velociraptor



Oviraptor



Nigersaurus



Diplodocus



Dilophosaurus



Dracorex



Triceratops



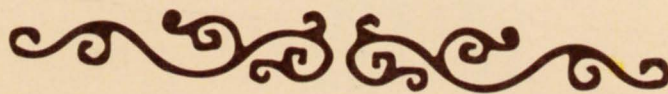
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CREATE YOUR OWN



POET IN TRAINING

With your family, create a poem by following the instructions above each line.



1 word for your subject (noun)

2 words to describe your subject (adjectives)

3 '-ing' words (verbs)

A 4 to 5 word phrase about your subject

1 different word for your subject (noun)

CAN YOU HELP US OUT ???

Way to go Xplorer! Now be an Xplorer Xtraordinaire by giving this page with your comments to a Parks Canada employee...

...and don't forget to ask for your special souvenir!

I am an **XPLORER XTRAORDINAIRE** and I will respect nature and stay curious about history.

1- I thought this booklet was: (Circle your answer.)



SUPER FUN



FUN



BORING

2- My three favourite activities were on pages _____, _____ and _____

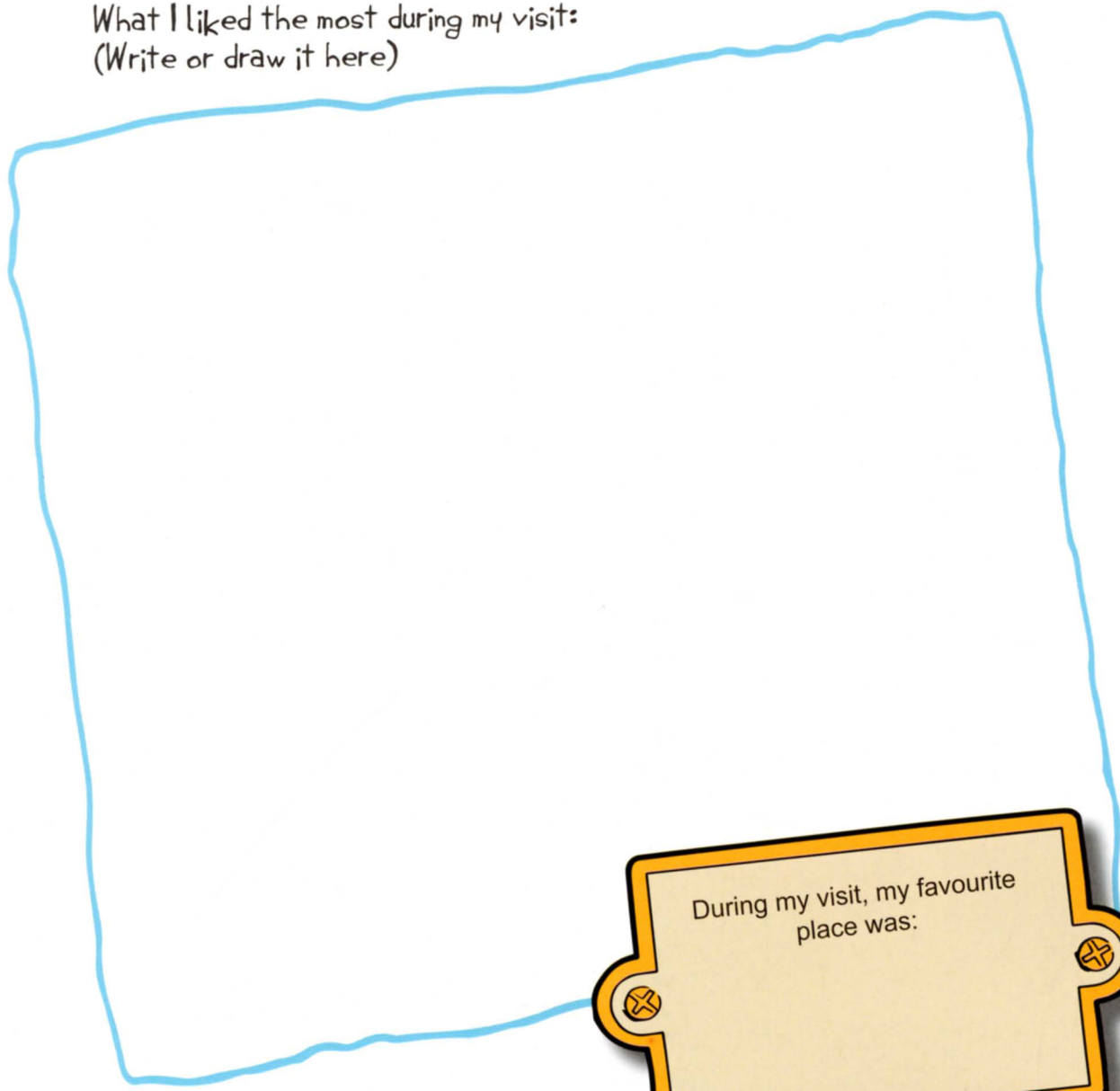
3- My age: _____

4- My Xplorers day was: _____

Stuff adults need to know... Participation is voluntary. All information provided will remain anonymous and confidential. Results will be used in aggregate form only. If you have any questions about the collection and use of the information in this survey, please email us at information@pc.gc.ca or call 1-888-773-8888.

MY FAVOURITE THINGS

What I liked the most during my visit:
(Write or draw it here)

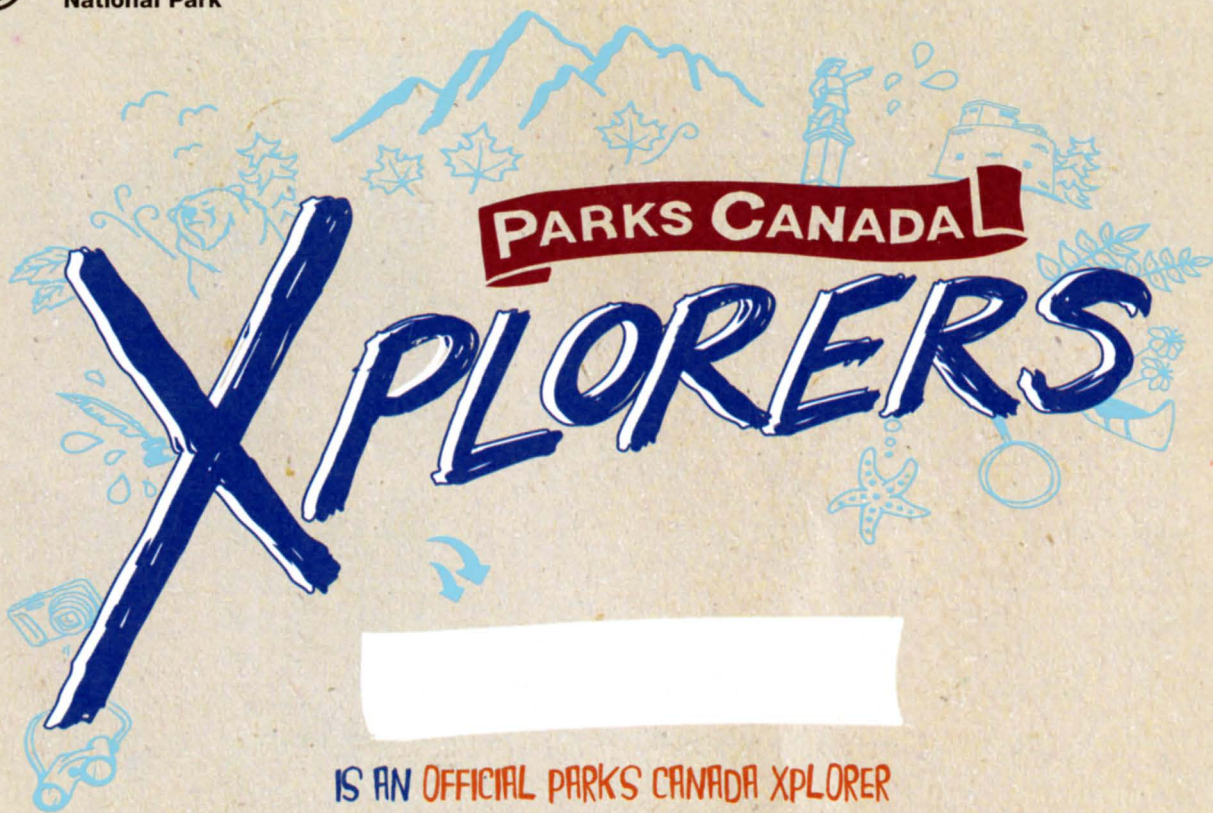


During my visit, my favourite
place was:





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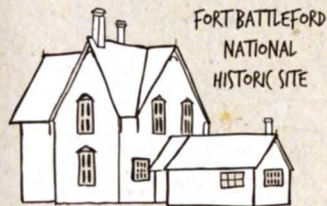
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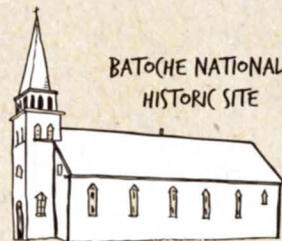
You can have fun in lots of
Parks Canada places! Go to
parkscanada.gc.ca/xplorers
to see where they are.



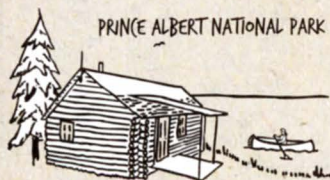
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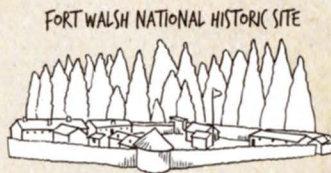
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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



BATOCHE NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITE



PRINCE ALBERT NATIONAL PARK



FORT WALSH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



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