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Dive into an exciting world of adventures when you explore Ontario's historic treasures and dazzling wild nature.

Planning to visit one of Parks Canada's 220 destinations? Plan ahead! Each year more than 20 million visitors explore these magnificent places, so make sure your camping, parking and/or shuttle reservations are in place, and verify what services might be available before you go. Leave with peace of mind and enjoy your vacation to the fullest.

Start living your story today!

EXPERIENCE HISTORIC **FORTS AND** BATTLEFIELDS

FROM FORT MALDEN TO THE **NIAGARA REGION**

The route from the City of Windsor eastbound to the Niagara region is a continuous historic corridor of defence commemorating fortifications used during the War of 1812, as well as battlefields where significant conflicts occurred.



Find more day trips, weekend getaway ideas and week-long itineraries at parks.canada.ca/itineraries



IF YOU'RE A DAY TRIPPER

Your day adventure focuses on Fort Malden National Historic Site near Amherstburg, 28 km south of Windsor. The site commemorates both Fort Amherstburg and Fort Malden, which formed the British stronghold on the Detroit frontier during the War of 1812 and the Upper Canada Rebellions. Take part in the fort's signature interpretive experience, the explosive might of a 19th-century Brown Bess musket.

IF YOU'RE AN **OVERNIGHTER**

DAY 1: Visit **Fort Malden National Historic Site**, then take in the engaging exhibits at the nearby **Park House Museum**. Just 1.5 km from Fort Malden, the **Amherstburg Freedom Museum** preserves and presents stories and artifacts of African-Canadians, many of whose ancestors fled U.S. slavery. Travel 98 km to Chatham-Kent and the site of **The Battle of Moraviantown**, a decisive American victory which resulted in the death of Tecumseh, an iconic war hero. Here, the Tecumseh Parkway follows the Thames River, tracing the battle sites that are marked with signage guiding you to 11 interpretive stops.

DAY 2: Travel 26 km east to Thamesville, where **Tecumseh Monument Park** pays homage to its namesake with a statue, and is an ideal place to picnic. In just 8 km, visit the Fairfield on the **Thames National Historic Site**, a community destroyed by American forces following the Battle of Moraviantown. Next, travel 83 km east to the **Southwold Earthworks**, near St. Thomas, where from 1500 to 1650, a village of as many as 24 longhouses was home to 800 to 900 Attiwandaron (Neutral Iroquois). Oral tradition within the local Oneida First Nation recounts that Southwold, enclosed by a palisade, was used as a seasonal ceremonial site for healing and purification.

IF YOU'RE A WEEKENDER

DAY 1: Day one begins at **Fort Malden**, and includes visits to the Park House Museum and the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Head to Chatham-Kent to visit the Battle of the Moraviantown and the Tecumseh Parkway.

DAY 2: Your second day is dedicated to visiting the Tecumseh Monument Park, the Fairfield on the Thames National Historic Site, and the Southwold Earthworks. Drive 235 km east to the fortifications and battlefield sites located in the Niagara region.

DAY 3: Start your day at **Fort Mississauga National Historic Site**, the only remaining military complex in Canada designed with a square tower within a star-shaped earthwork. Built between 1814-1816 to replace nearby Fort George as the counterpoise to the American Fort Niagara, it had various uses until the 1860s.

Just 2 km away, the War of 1812 comes to life at **Fort George National Historic Site**, with its restored powder magazine and other reconstructed buildings, military music of the 41st Fife and Drum Corps, musket demonstrations and 'British soldiers' talking about their families, and of May 27, 1813, the fateful day the fort fell to American forces. Conclude at the **Queenston Heights National Historic Site**, commemorated by an extensive park on the Niagara escarpment (11 km from Fort George), the centrepiece of which is a 58-metre classical column containing the graves of Major General Sir Isaac Brock and Lt. Col. John Macdonell, Brock's Provincial Aide-de-Camp. Near Brock's Monument is the Landscape of Nations, a monument commemorating Indigenous contributions to the War of 1812.

DAY TRIPS FROM TORONTO

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES OR PARKS **ALL WITHIN 2 HOURS OF THE CITY**



National Urban Park

📑 1 hour → 40 minutes Discover Canada's first national urban park! Full

of amazing hiking opportunities, join a guided walk and learn about the park's rare forests. restored wetlands, farm landscapes and stunning fall colours.

National Historic Site 合 1 hour 📃 1.5 hours

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• Tour the preserved Victorian childhood home of William Lyon Mackenzie King filled with heirlooms and historic trinkets, then wander the grounds to discover 4.65 hectares of wooded areas, gardens, lawns, and serene pathways.



Fort George National Historic Site

合 1.5 hours

- · Head to the Niagara Peninsula and tour the principal fortification during the war of 1812. Enter the gates and explore the Soldiers' Barracks or tap your toes to the marching tunes of the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum Corps.
- Head to nearby Queenston Heights National Historic Site to climb the 235 circular steps to the top of Brock's Monument for a spectacular view of the Niagara Frontier.



Trent–Severn Waterway National Historic Site

合 2 hours

• Visit any of the 42 historic locks along this 386 km waterway connecting Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. These marvels of engineering connect one epic travel route through some of the finest parts of Ontario. Discover the heart of cottage country and beyond while you stop to watch the boats lock through. History awaits you around every bend!



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THE CHALLENGE

How can we improve ecosystem health?

Climate change, urban sprawl and development, and other humancaused impacts degrade natural habitats. Restoration work is one way to maintain healthy ecosystems and restore rare habitats. Restoration also helps to better connect ecological landscapes across protected areas in Ontario.



A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Parks Canada is working with Indigenous partners, communities, schools, and volunteers on restoration research, invasive species removal, and native species planting. Between 2017 and 2022, over 145,000 native shrubs and trees and almost 18,000 native grasses and wildflowers were planted.

THE RESULT

Resource conservation work has led to the restoration of more than 40 hectares or 98.8 acres (that's 56 soccer fields) of coastal sand dunes, meadows and savannah habitats in Ontario's national parks.

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER WITH THE TURTLE TRACKERS

Staff, scientists, partners and volunteers have installed eco-passages, protected and restored habitat, and even released turtle hatchlings to help increase turtle populations. Join the team effort and get firsthand experience monitoring turtle nests and collecting data.

Bruce Peninsula National Park

TEAM UP AND CLEAN UP THE SHORE

Make a difference in shoreline clean up! Pick up a cleanup kit and collect plastic waste and litter. Recording what you find will help Parks Canada identify and control sources of litter.

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area and Point Pelee National Park

RECORD YOUR HERPTILE OBSERVATIONS

Learn how to safely move turtles off the road as well as how to build and install a turtle nest box. Report your herptile sightings to the Herps of Ontario project section on the iNaturalist app and help raise awareness of these species at risk.

Bruce Peninsula, Thousand Islands and Georgian Bay Islands National Parks



STAYING THE NIGHT? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED



TENT AND RV CAMPING

Stay close to nature at one of our wonderful campsites – at your preferred comfort level.

Available in Pukaskwa, Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bay Islands and Thousand Islands National Parks, Rouge National Urban Park, and in Trent–Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.



BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

The ultimate overnight adventure: just you, your tent and the great outdoors — far from the beaten path.

Available in Pukaskwa, Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay Islands National Parks.



ÔASIS

Spend the night under a natural canopy and fall asleep admiring the stars! This tear drop shaped accommodation has a bench that converts into a bed and a suspended hammock loft. Treat yourself to a drop of heaven for the night.

Available in Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

Prices reflect 2023 rates and are subject to change













oTENTik

The perfect mix of tent and A-frame cabin comes together in our oTENTik with its raised floors and cosy beds; great for campers who want a little extra comfort in the wild.

Available in Point Pelee, Pukaskwa, Georgian Bay Islands and Thousand Islands National Parks; and in Trent–Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.

CABIN

Cottage life at its best with a rustic home-away-from-home in the woods. A hassle-free camping experience with a bit more privacy than the campground. Sweet dreams for happy campers.

Available in Georgian Bay Islands National Park and in Trent–Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

YURT

Live life without corners in a circular yurt! This traditional dwelling of Central Asian nomads is just right for a night of camping with a dash of homelike comfort.

Available in Bruce Peninsula National Park.

HISTORIC STAY

Immerse yourself in one of Canada's national treasures with a very special overnight stay in truly historic surroundings.

Davis Lockmaster's House and Newboro Canalman's Cottage are available in Rideau Canal National Historic Site.

Minimum stay is 1 week during peak season and 3 days in off-season.

OVERNIGHT MOORING

Have a unique nautical experience by mooring your boat in one of Canada's historic canals. Relax and enjoy nearby activities.

Available in Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.



Visitor Services

HIKING INTO THE PAST

The Dossyonshing Trail at Georgian Bay Islands National Park combines my favorite things about **Beausoleil Island** National Historic Site, from the smell of pine covered forest floors, the rocky outcrops of the Canadian Shield and the mossy blanket that inspired its Ojibwe name. Hiking the trail allows me to reset, reminding me of my childhood, learning and falling in love with the natural wonders and the history of the park.

∽ Staff Favourites

Get the inside scoop on the very best way to enjoy our parks and sites from Parks **Canada pros!**







CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF A VICTORIAN HOME

As an amateur photographer, I fell in love with the restored childhood home of Dr. Bethune; the curves of walnut and mahogany furniture, elaborate dinnerware, and intricately patterned rugs, fabric and wallpaper. I enjoy challenging myself to create scenes, work with different costumed heritage guides and experiment with the lighting in the historic house at Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site.



Dan Promotions

MY ÔASIS

I love drifting off to sleep nestled snugly inside my own little Ôasis on the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site. Every now and then a shooting star passes by the windows above and I think: this might be the best campsite in all of Ontario. A gentle morning paddle followed by an afternoon picnic watching the boats lock through makes the perfect weekend on the water.



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A wilderness woven with Canadian Shield, enriched by Anishinaabe First Nations culture.

DON'T MISS

- Taking in an impressive view, high above a waterfall on the White River Suspension Bridge Trail.
- Exploring rocky nooks and paddle along crystal-clear waters.

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Heron Bay – 320 km from Thunder Bay; 410 km from Sault Ste. Marie | 807-229-0801 parks.canada.ca/pukaskwa | @PukaskwaNP #PukaskwaNP



🗿 Georgian Bay Islands

The world's largest freshwater archipelago.

DON'T MISS

- Exploring Beausoleil Island, the largest of 63 idyllic boat-only access islands.
- Hitting the rugged trails on foot or rent a bike and enjoy the park's scenic beauty.



Honey Harbour – 165 km from Toronto 705-527-7200 parks.canada.ca/gbi | @GBINP



2 Bruce Peninsula

The park boasts limestone coasts, mixed-wood forests, cliffside cedars and blue waters of Georgian Bay.

DON'T MISS

- Challenging yourself and enjoying the rugged beauty on a bouldering adventure.
- Hiking along some of the most challenging and spectacular parts of the Bruce Trail.



Tobermory – 295 km from Toronto 519-596-2233 parks.canada.ca/bruce | @BrucePNP



3 Point Pelee

For more than a century, Point Pelee has protected its unique southern flora and fauna.

DON'T MISS

- Paddling the wetlands on a freighter canoe excursion and look for beavers and muskrats.
- Exploring the entire park by bike on winding trails through lush forests.



Leamington | 519-322-2365 parks.canada.ca/pelee | @PointPeleeNP

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5 Thousand Islands

Islands and inlets to explore along the St. Lawrence River.

DON'T MISS

- Island-hopping via kayak or canoe through a vibrant freshwater biosphere.
- Getting a breath of fresh air on the trails at Mallorytown Landing, Jones Creek or Landon Bay.



Mallorytown – 135 km from Ottawa; 230 km from Montréal, QC; 320 km from Toronto 613-923-5261 parks.canada.ca/ti | @TINationalPark



🗿 Sault Ste. Marie Canal

Once the longest lock in the world and the first to operate using electricity.

DON'T MISS

- Learning about the canal and the significance of the area to the Anishinaabe and Métis people in the new exhibit.
- Enjoying over 3 km of trails through wetlands by foot or fatbike.



Sault Ste. Marie | 705-941-6205 parks.canada.ca/sault | @SaultCanalNHS #SaultCanal

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7 Fort St. Joseph

Explore the remains of a thriving community of soldiers, Indigenous People and fur traders during the early 1800s.

DON'T MISS

- Experiencing life at the fort through daily heritage demonstrations.
- Winding through forested trails on foot or fatbike to Lake Huron's edge.

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Hilton Beach | 705-246-2664 parks.canada.ca/joseph | @FortStJosephNHS #FortStJoseph



追 Fort Malden

The principal military station for the defence of the western frontier.

DON'T MISS

- Getting a bang out of Fort Malden and firing a Brown Bess musket – an authentic 1812 experience.
- Visiting the cookhouse for a warming bowl of soldier's stew.

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Amhertsburg | 519-736-5416 parks.canada.ca/fortmalden | #FortMalden





The childhood home of Canada's 10th Prime Minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King.

DON'T MISS

- Exploring the grounds, which consist of 11.5 acres of mature woodland accessible year-round.
- Taking a self-guided tour around this historic family home packed with original heirlooms.

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Kitchener – 105 km from Toronto 519-571-5684 parks.canada.ca/woodside #Woodside



10 HMCS Haida

The world's last surviving Tribal Class destroyer ship.

DON'T MISS

- Walking the decks of the most famous ship in the Royal Canadian Navy.
- Exploring HMCS *Haida*'s authentic naval history on daily guided tours.

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Hamilton – 70 km from Toronto 905-526-6742 parks.canada.ca/haida #HMCSHaida



🔟 Queenston Heights

A battlefield where British/Canadian forces fought off an attempted invasion by American troops.

DON'T MISS

- Climbing the 235 steps up Brock's Monument for the spectacular view of the Niagara Frontier.
- Touring the battlefield as costumed guides bring that bloody October day in 1812 to life.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake – 130 km from Toronto; 20 km from Niagara Falls | 905-468-6614 parks.canada.ca/queenstonheights





The principal fortification on the Niagara Peninsula during the War of 1812.

DON'T MISS

- Booking a hands-on history experience and learning to load and fire a replica Brown Bess.
- Tapping your toes to the sound of the marching tunes of the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum Corp on parade.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake – 130 km from Toronto; 20 km from Niagara Falls | 905-468-6614 parks.canada.ca/fortgeorge | @FortGeorgeNHS #FortGeorge





Bethune Memorial House

The birthplace of Norman Bethune, an international hero.

DON'T MISS

- Testing your battlefield skills in a First World War trench.
- Discovering the life story, medical innovation and worldwide influence of Dr. Bethune on a guided tour.

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Gravenhurst – 170 km from Toronto 705-687-4261 parks.canada.ca/Bethune



</u> Trent-Severn Waterway

A 386 km waterway connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Huron.

DON'T MISS

- Marveling at the boats lifted 65' into the air by the Peterborough Lift Lock
- Paddling along gorgeous routes and experiencing 'locking through in a canoe'



Peterborough – 135 km from Toronto; 270 km from Ottawa I **1-888-773-8888** parks.canada.ca/trentsevern @TrentSevernNHS I #TrentSevern



15 Bellevue House

The home of Sir John A. Macdonald from 1848 to 1849.

DON'T MISS

- Joining Sir John A. Macdonald's gardeners and domestic staff as they carry out their tasks.
- Walking in the footsteps of Canadian history on a guided tour of the property.



Kingston – 195 km from Ottawa; 265 km from Toronto; 290 km from Montréal, QC 613-545-8666 parks.canada.ca/Bellevue



16 Fort Wellington

A historic fort dating back to the War of 1812.

DON'T MISS

- Getting hands-on training as a Royal Artilleryman and firing a 19th century cannon.
- Grabbing a copy of the Xplorers booklet and getting the inside scoop on the fort's mysteries.

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Prescott – 95 km from Ottawa; 185 km from Montréal, QC I 613-925-2896 parks.canada.ca/wellington





🔟 Rideau Canal

A 202 km water route constructed after the War of 1812 to connect Kingston and Ottawa.

DON'T MISS

- Snapping a photo at the set of 8 locks in Downtown Ottawa, a short walk from Parliament Hill.
- Living like a lockmaster during an overnight stay in a fully restored historic accommodation.



Smiths Falls (Kingston to Ottawa) 613-283-5170 | parks.canada.ca/rideaucanal @RideauCanalNHS | #RideauCanal

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your hand-held guide to the perfect visit!



1 Laurier House

The former residence of two of Canada's most important Prime Ministers.

DON'T MISS

- Stepping into a 1940s kitchen and contributing to the Second World War effort.
- Learning about William Lyon Mackenzie King's practice of spiritualism and gaze into his famous crystal ball.



Ottawa | 613-992-8142 parks.canada.ca/laurierhouse





19 Lake Superior

A freshwater inland sea where human history is intertwined with rich natural heritage.

DON'T MISS

- Hiking along Lake Superior's rugged north shore, letting this Great Lake take your breath away.
- Enjoying a chartered boat or guided paddle tour and answering the serene call of gichigamiing.



Nipigon | 807-887-5467 parks.canada.ca/superior @LakeSuperiorNMCA | #LakeSuperiorNMCA



20 Fathom Five

Iconic flowerpot formations and scenic limestone islands with underwater treasures.

DON'T MISS

- Camping in Flowerpot Island's serene backcountry for a peaceful escape to nature.
- Diving into Lake Huron and discovering an

underwater world of natural and cultural treasures.

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Tobermory – 295 km from Toronto 519-596-2233 parks.canada.ca/fathomfive @BrucePNP



21 Rouge

Canada's first and only National Urban Park, home to biodiversity, rich natural, cultural and agricultural heritage, and campers!

DON'T MISS

- Paddling a canoe through Toronto's largest remaining marshes and wetlands.
- Heading out on a guided cultural and historical excursion.

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