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Battle Hill

National Historic Site of Canada

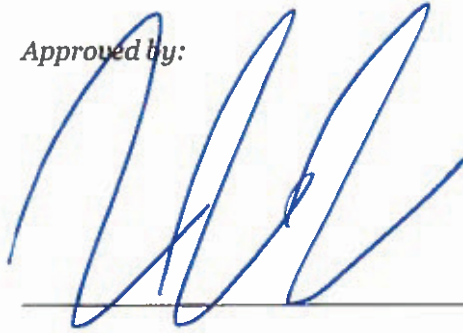
Management Statement

2019



Approval

Approved by:



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The Parks Canada Agency manages one of the finest and most extensive systems of protected natural and historic areas in the world. The Agency's mandate is to protect and present these places for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations. This management statement outlines Parks Canada's management approach and objectives for Battle Hill National Historic Site.

Battle Hill National Historic Site is located on a rolling landscape in the valley of Battle Hill near Highway 2 (also known as Longwoods Road) west of Wardsville, Ontario. The site is associated with the Battle of Longwoods, which occurred on March 4, 1814 on an open landscape near what is now Battle Hill Creek. Following a short skirmish between the British Regulars and American forces, the British were forced to retreat back to Delaware, while the Americans abandoned their advance and retreated to Detroit. Official recognition refers to a polygon of land near Highway 2 in Wardsville Ontario. The site is maintained by Parks Canada.

Management Approach

Battle Hill was designated by the HSMB as a national historic site on 1924-06-04. There are no known extant remains of the battle; however, the site is marked by a plaque and cairn positioned on a small rise of land and surrounded by an iron fence. Official recognition refers to a polygon of land near Highway 2 in Wardsville Ontario. The cairn site is maintained by Parks Canada. This is an unmanned site, the interpretive messaging is presented by the plaque.

Management Objectives

The Battle Hill NHS was established in 1924 in recognition of the special historic features of the Battle Hill and the Battle of Longwoods. Parks Canada's primary management objectives are:

Resource Conservation: Parks Canada protects cultural resources at its heritage places in accordance with its *Cultural Resource Management Policy* and the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. This includes basic monitoring of the state of cultural resources, and documentation of interventions at the site.

1. To protect the historic and archeological characteristics of the cairn site of the Battle of Longwoods.
2. To protect the cultural heritage associated with the cairn site and the viewscape from the battlefield to Battle Hill.

Visitor Safety: Parks Canada puts appropriate measures, such as site inspections to protect the health and safety of visitors to the site.

Site Maintenance: Parks Canada maintains a relationship with a local organisation to cut and maintain the grounds so as to respect the site's heritage values, present a positive image to the public, and reflect the Parks Canada brand.

Public Understanding and Appreciation: Parks Canada provides information about the significance of them Battle Hill site on its website, and on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

Links: www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/battlehill

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