



Manitoba Discovery Guide



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Legend

Services

- Accessible
- Food
- Gift shop
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Red chairs

Activities

- Interpretation
- Cycling
- Hiking
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Xplorers
- Wildlife viewing

Accommodations

- Camping
- oTENTik
- MicrOcube
- Yurt
- Recreational vehicle
- Cabin

Lower Fort Garry



Free admission for youth

Admission to Parks Canada administered places for youth 17 and under is free! There's no better time to create lasting memories with the whole family.

Daily workshops all summer

Through hands-on interpretive experiences, immerse yourself in the history of the First Nations and Red River Métis peoples and experience how Hudson's Bay Company employees lived.

About this site

Lower Fort Garry is a place of firsts. Here, the first numbered treaty was signed with Treaty No. 1 First Nations. This is where a young Western Canada began to take shape.

History will unfold before your eyes at this restored 19th-century fort, where skilled costumed interpreters evoke the spirit of the past on this Red River Settlement. Meet the governor of the Hudson's Bay Company within the fort's historic stone walls, barter with the company clerk or sit under an authentic birch bark dwelling and listen to stories of Indigenous peoples who lived and traded here.

With an on-site restaurant, theatre and gift shop, it'll take you days to fully absorb this majestic site full of grand history and elaborate character.



Contact us

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Tours: 204-785-6050

Friends of LFG: folfg.com



Get there

By vehicle

Lower Fort Garry is located just 30 minutes north of Winnipeg, and is easily accessible by private vehicle.

Try this

A walk through history

Journey through Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site and immerse yourself in its unique and varied history with our outdoor walking experience. Take a stroll through the grounds, watch historical demonstrations and participate in interactive activities led by interpreters.

Riel House



About this site

Riel House was built in 1880 by Louis Riel's brother Joseph. The house itself is constructed in Red River Frame style, which involves interlacing logs together to create structural integrity, eliminating the need for expensive nails. Designated a national historic site in 1976, Riel House stands as representation of a Red River Métis river lot settlement. Its river lot has particular importance as a symbol of Red River Métis culture in Manitoba.

Visit Riel House in July and August for guided tours and fun community events hosted by the Louis Riel Institute, the Manitoba Métis Federation and Parks Canada.



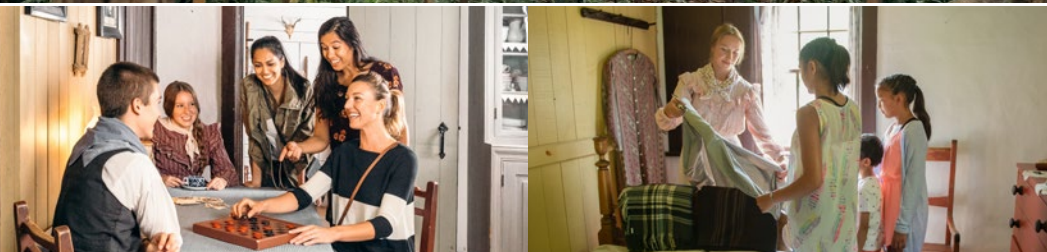
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The Métis perspective

Riel House represents the river lot system and explores 19th-century Red River Métis culture, while commemorating Louis Riel as a person of national historic significance.

Family artifacts

There are over 800 artifacts on site at Riel House which, with the help of historical interpreters, offer visitors a chance to experience life as it was for the Riel-Lagimodière family in 1886.

Get there

By vehicle

Located in Winnipeg's St. Vital neighbourhood, Riel House is a 20-minute drive from downtown.

By bus

For information on bus routes to Riel House, visit winnipegtransit.com

Try this

Parks Canada Xplorers

Xplorers booklets are filled with fun activities that will guide your kids through unique Parks Canada administered places, like Riel House! At the end of your visit, make sure to grab an official collectable souvenir and be recognized as an intrepid Parks Canada Xplorer!

The Forks



Located at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, The Forks has been a meeting place for more than 6,000 years. A tradition that began with First Nations peoples, followed by European traders and the Red River Métis—and later with surges of immigration and rail yards—the history of The Forks tells the dynamic tale of how Winnipeg grew into the beating heart of the continent.

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St. Andrew's Rectory



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Try this

**One Heart, Two Rivers,
Four Directions**

Through the Parks Canada App, experience an exclusive, self-guided tour at The Forks.



Get there

By vehicle

From Winnipeg, drive north on Main Street (Highway 9), turn right on River Road (#238), and proceed to St. Andrews Road.



- 1 Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- 2 Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP)
- 3 Travel Manitoba Visitor Info Centre
- 4 The Forks Market
- 5 The Canopy
- 6 Johnston Terminal
- 7 Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba
- 8 Oodena Celebration Circle
- 9 Manitoba Children's Museum
- 10 Inn at The Forks

- 11 CN Stage and Field
- 12 Parks Canada Orientation Circle
- 13 Fort Parka
- 14 Parks Canada Amphitheatre
- 15 Skateboard Plaza
- 16 Historic Railway Bridge
- 17 Esplanade Riel



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Parks Canada App

Prince of Wales Fort



They may be remote, but the protected sites in northern Manitoba are historically linked to those in the south.

Churchill, a traditional homeland for Indigenous communities, served as a key outpost for the Hudson's Bay Company in the 18th century, and later, a critical hub for the grain industry.

Take a boat ride across the Churchill River and get a sense of the life of an 18th-century fur trader. This massive stone fort at the edge of the Hudson Bay is what legends are made of.



Cape Merry Battery



The Cape Merry Battery, a stone wall built to protect its cannon from enemy fire, was constructed in 1744 to guard the river and Prince of Wales Fort.

Centuries later, both the battery and its cannon remain, ready as ever to defend the fort and Cape Merry from enemy occupation.

Contact us

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Try this

Parks Canada tours

During a trip to Churchill, be sure to stop by the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and VIA Rail Station and take a staff-guided tour through the museum.



Try this

Cape Merry tours

Let the salty sea air fill your lungs and the cold northern winds embolden your heart. Cape Merry Battery reveals how people have thrived in this harsh climate since time immemorial.



Wapusk



Named after the Cree word for “white bear,” this remote park represents the Hudson-James Bay Lowlands and is home to one of the world’s largest polar bear maternity denning areas. The tundra coastal ecosystem and diverse animal population make Wapusk an important natural laboratory for scientific research from across the world.

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Northern research

Research and monitoring programs are important tools that can be used to gain an understanding of ecological resources and processes in Wapusk National Park.



Lakes and landscapes

Made up of six unique ecosystems, Wapusk spans from forest to fen. These ecosystems include more than just plants and animals and the monitoring of nonliving elements of the landscape, such as water and permafrost, are an important area of research for scientists.



Carbon counting

By monitoring carbon sequestration and carbon loss, scientists can monitor how changes affect the climate, ecosystems and more.

Animal action

The furry and feathered inhabitants of Wapusk are important indicators of a healthy and resilient ecosystem and monitoring them is part of protecting the ecological integrity of the park.



Try this

Wapusk News

Wapusk News is the official newsletter of Wapusk National Park. Scan the QR code or visit the web link above to read the latest issue online!



York Factory



Sitting along the Hayes River, York Factory was a principal base for expansion of the fur trade into Western Canada for over 270 years. With a wealth of 18th-century relics like clay pipe stems, axe-heads and rusty cannon balls, York Factory is a surreal step back in time to a previous chapter in Canadian history.

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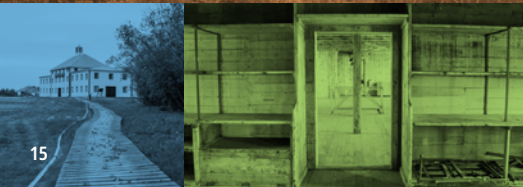
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Try this

Self-guided tour

Search out historic graffiti adorning the factory's wooden walls. Stroll wooden boardwalks over boggy tundra to the ruins of a powder magazine and cemetery.



Parks outreach

Spot the Parks Canada outreach team out and about in Winnipeg!



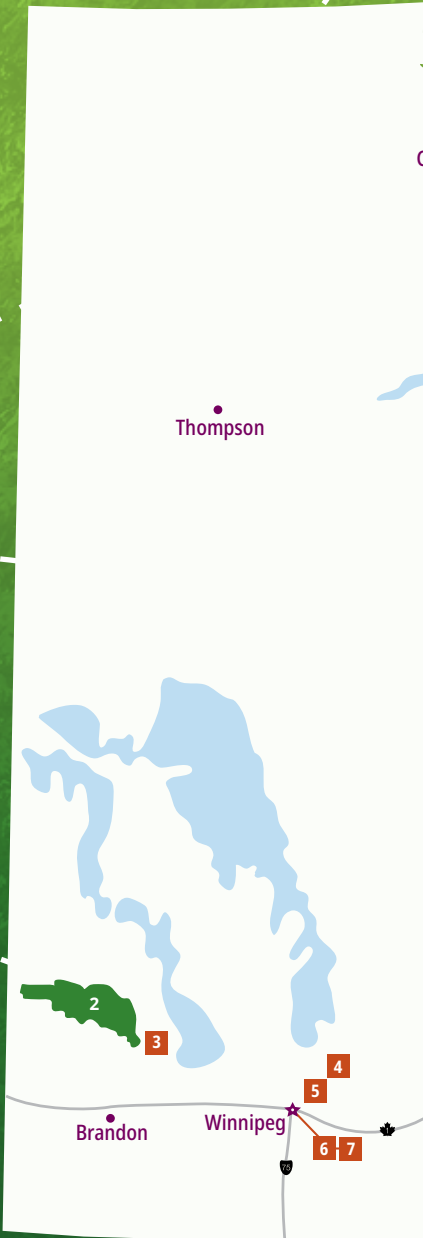
Play some games, spin the wheel, get a temporary tattoo, and learn about the animals that make Manitoba their home.

You can find the Parks Canada outreach team at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, the Pride Festival, and community events in Manitoba throughout the summer!



Map of Manitoba

Parks Canada administered places



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Churchill

Thompson

Brandon

Winnipeg



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