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Grasslands National Park



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# welcome TO THE **CANADIAN PRAIRIES**

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# ROAD TRIPS AND ITINERARIES



## THE RHYTHM OF THE PRAIRIES

Experience the open Prairies in this 7-day itinerary. Travel back in time and see what life was like in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Relax as you stargaze in a Dark-Sky Preserve. Discover beautiful wildflowers and some of the rarest wildlife in Canada.

### 7 DAYS

Depart from **Regina, SK**

🚗 **1 310 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Grasslands National Park
- 📍 Motherwell Homestead and Fort Walsh National Historic Sites



## HISTORIC ROOTS TO HIKING BOOTS

Discover the magic of Manitoba by immersing yourself in the fascinating world of the fur trade, meeting trappers and traders, and kicking back to relax in nature. This journey offers a perfect balance of cultural discovery and natural beauty.

### 3 DAYS

Departs from **Winnipeg, MB**

🚗 **620 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Riding Mountain National Park
- 📍 The Forks and Lower Fort Garry National Historic Sites



## RIDING MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Spend 5 days exploring Riding Mountain National Park, which offers incredible biking and hiking trails, lake adventures, wildlife safaris, and beach time. Cap off the trip with a scenic drive to a bison enclosure, where you can witness prairie wildlife in their natural habitat.

### 5 DAYS

Departs from **Winnipeg, MB**

🚗 **610 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- 📍 Riding Mountain National Park

Step into a vast, golden sea of wheat fields, endless skies, and serene landscapes that stretch as far as the eye can see. Spanning the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the Canadian Prairies stun with their natural beauty and vast open spaces that invite exploration and a sense of peaceful solitude. Let yourself be captivated by its unique and tranquil charm.



## BISON BINGE

Treat yourself to a 2-day getaway in Saskatchewan focused on bison and Métis history. Help Métis settlers with their daily tasks and learn about the Sturgeon River plains bison herd. Perfect for history buffs and wildlife enthusiasts, this short trip blends culture and nature seamlessly.

### 2 DAYS

Departs from **Saskatoon, SK**  
🚗 **590 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- ♥ Prince Albert National Park
- ♥ Batoche National Historic Site



## SUPER SASKATCHEWAN

Take the family on this week-long trip to uncover north and central Saskatchewan! Meet characters of the past and learn about the North West Rebellion. Make Prince Albert National Park your base camp for hiking, biking, canoeing and campfires. Adventure awaits!

### 7 DAYS

Departs from **Saskatoon, SK**  
🚗 **830 km** round trip

#### Locations:

- ♥ Prince Albert National Park
- ♥ Fort Battleford and Batoche National Historic Sites

Scan for full road trip and itinerary details, as well as other travel ideas in the Canadian Prairies





# DAY TRIPS FROM WINNIPEG

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES  
ALL WITHIN 40 MINUTES OF THE CITY



**The Forks**  
National Historic Site

Downtown Winnipeg

- Join us for *Where Our Stories Meet*, a guided tour that shares the history of The Forks, Winnipeg and Manitoba.
- Venture out into one of the many markets, museums, and festivals in this popular downtown meeting place.
- Download the Parks Canada app and walk through *One Heart, Two Rivers, Four Directions*, a nine-stop tour exploring Indigenous connections to The Forks.



**Lower Fort Garry**  
National Historic Site

30 minutes

- Delve into the secrets of this fascinating fort, see how the birch bark is held together and marvel at the intricate details holding the wigwams in place at Gabeshiwin, the camp.
- Take part in a culinary workshop and learn to make tasty bannock bread, chocolate and ice cream surrounded by Canada's oldest collection of stone fur trade buildings.



**St. Andrew's Rectory**  
National Historic Site

25 minutes

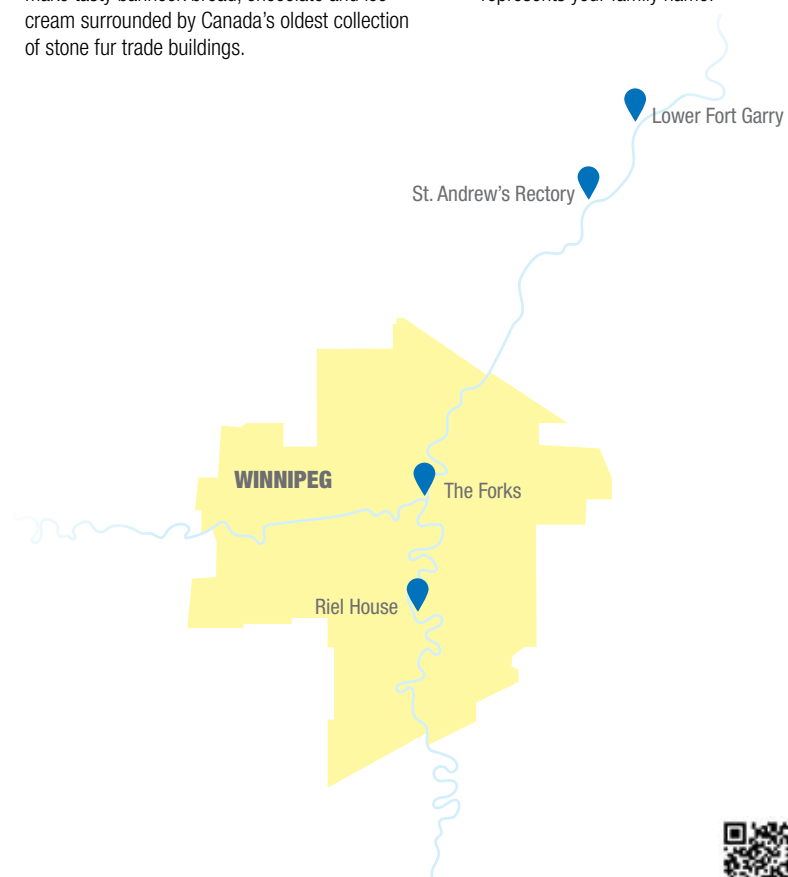
- Take a GPS-triggered self-guided tour and find out more about the people who lived along the Red River in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Are you of Scottish descent? Uncover your family's roots and discover which tartan represents your family name.



**Riel House**  
National Historic Site

15 minutes 40 minutes

- Learn more about the fascinating life of Louis Riel and the Red River Métis.
- Are your kids ready for some fun? Pick up an Xplorers booklet and uncover interesting ways to explore the site.



Find more day trips, weekend getaway  
ideas and week-long itineraries at  
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# CONSERVING

## FOR THE FUTURE



### FEATURED STORY

#### THE CHALLENGE

##### ***How can we protect the Greater Sage-Grouse in Grasslands National Park?***

Loss of native prairie ecosystem and human development are fragmenting the grasslands. These changes affect the birds' ability to move safely across its habitat, and they create additional perching and nesting spots for predators.

#### A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

In collaboration with our partners, we are clearing away the clutter and connecting wildlife habitats. This involves planting sagebrush and native plants to restore former farmland, burying power lines, removing and marking fences, dismantling decommissioned buildings, and installing perch deterrents.

#### THE RESULT

Over 818 hectares of habitat have been improved or restored, 135 km of fences have been removed or made safer, 13 decommissioned buildings have been removed, and 13 km of power lines have been buried. Local partnerships also continue to help preserve diverse pastures around the park.



# GET INVOLVED

## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

**Learning more is the first step!** Get the inside scoop on what scientists are doing to maintain and protect these special places across Canada. Don't miss the *Field Notes* vlogs, *Climate Crew* series or the *Connected* podcast.

Take conservation into your own hands and **participate in citizen science activities**. Record your observations of plants and animals in the iNaturalist app, watch out for loons and their young on lakes, survey breeding birds, and more!



Learn more and get involved  
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# STAYING THE NIGHT?

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## TENT AND RV CAMPING

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

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## BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

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

Available in Riding Mountain, Grasslands and Prince Albert National Parks.





## OTENTIK

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

Available in Riding Mountain, Grasslands and Prince Albert National Parks.



## 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 Riding Mountain National Park.



## MICROCUBE

Get super-cozy in a MicroCube, the designer way to score a window over the wilderness, while sleeping with a roof over your head and a floor beneath your feet.

Available in Riding Mountain National Park.



## HISTORIC STAY: EQUESTRIAN CAMPING

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

Available in Grasslands National Park.



# STAFF FAVOURITES

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



**Hailey**  
Partnering and engagement

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE RED RIVER MÉTIS

With the surge in gardening, **Riel House National Historic Site** has earned a special place in my heart. A large green space and working garden surrounds the historic Riel family home. The working garden is tended by the Manitoba Métis Federation, who grow heirloom produce to donate to Elders and people in need. When visiting the site, I escape the city bustle and pick up some gardening tips to take home!



**Heather**  
Asset management

## SENSES OF THE STONE FORT

Each season brings a fresh array of colours, smells and sounds to **Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site**. In summer, I hear the clanging of the blacksmith's hammer on the anvil and smell of beef tallow as fresh candles are made. The crunch of red and brown fall leaves at Gabeshiwin. The smell of wood smoke and the squeaking of the slide bolt lock on the Bastion door in winter leads to the ice cracking on the river as the spring ice jams make their way to the lake; then the cycle begins again.







**Janet**  
Heritage  
presentation

## HIDDEN TREASURE

**Fort Walsh National Historic Site** is truly a hidden gem, combining what feels like a vast national park and a historic site. The scenery is breathtaking, offering some of the most beautiful views I've ever encountered. What makes this place special is its deep connection to Canadian history. The site played a crucial role in shaping the west, and the rich narratives of the past are woven into the landscape. Exploring Fort Walsh not only immerses you in stunning natural beauty but also provides a fascinating glimpse into pivotal moments in Canadian history. Whether you are a history buff or just looking for a serene escape, this location is a must visit!



**Valérie**  
Public outreach  
and education

## GENERATIONS OF MEMORIES

A tourist attraction in the centre of our city, **The Forks National Historic Site** continues to be a meeting place for all. Its peaceful landscape, events, and ties to First Nations and Red River Métis culture remind me of childhood when I first visited the site. My countless memories of ice skating, tire d'érable (making maple taffy in the snow) and faithful connection to people and history make The Forks such a warm and comforting place.



**Kaitlin**  
Indigenous  
relations

## BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF BOUNDARY BOG

Boundary Bog in **Prince Albert National Park** is the trail that made me feel at home. The moss and lichen, the stunted black spruce – it invites you to slow down and take in your surroundings. My family has been on this land since time immemorial, and I am grateful to continue that connection. My favourite sight is muskeg tea plants blooming in spring, white flowers attracting pollinators.



**Dave**  
Assets

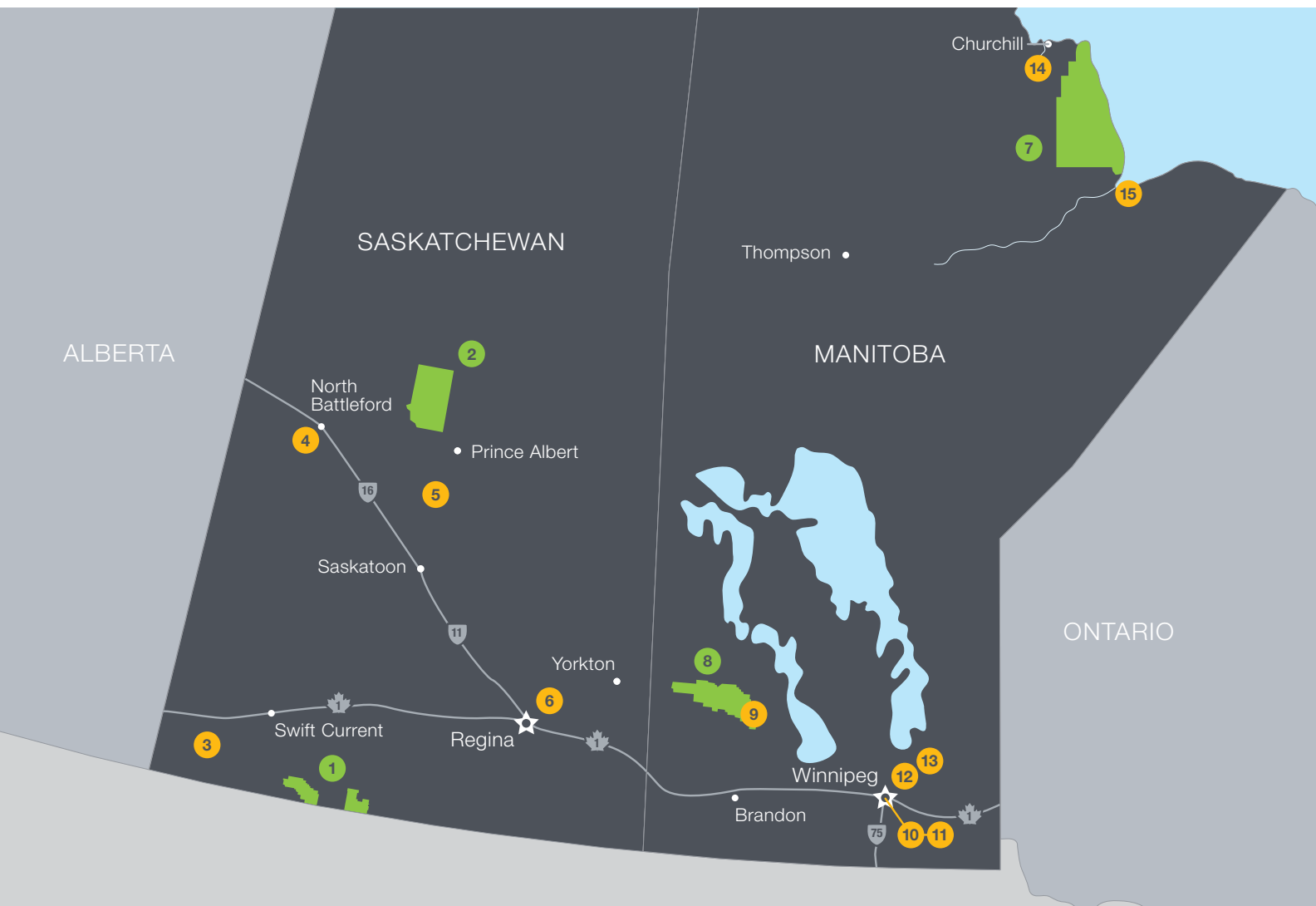
## GREEN PARKS

Most visitors don't see the many ways Parks Canada has taken positive steps towards greening operations. This is one of my favorite things about working for the Agency. Initiatives such as LED lighting, recycled canola oil for dust suppressant, and composting gardens are all ways we can make a difference. The rotary bacterial composting unit at **Batoche National Historic Site** is a great example of an environmental way to deal with sewage. I am proud to work for an organization that helps advance climate change goals.



# DIRECTORY

## CANADIAN PRAIRIES



● National Park ● National Historic Site

### SERVICES

- Access for persons with reduced mobility
- Restaurant
- Gift shop
- Picnic area/Shelter
- Playground
- Wi-Fi (in certain areas only)
- Equipment rental (varies by site)

### ACCOMMODATION

- Camping
- Recreational vehicle
- oTENTik
- Microcube
- Historic stay
- Yurt
- Cabin

### ACTIVITIES

- Interpretation
- Cycling
- Mountain biking
- Backpacking/Hiking
- Birdwatching
- Marine mammals
- Beach
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Motorboating
- Fishing
- Scuba diving
- Horseback riding
- Golfing
- Tennis
- Winter activities
- Hot Springs
- Dark-Sky Preserve
- Xplorers activities
- Mobile guided tours
- Red chairs



# SASKATCHEWAN



## 1 Grasslands

A home of wild prairie landscapes, species, skies and adventures.

### DON'T MISS

- Meeting some of Canada's rarest fossilized dinosaurs and present-day wildlife.
- Enjoying camping in frontcountry comforts or backcountry getaways. Adventure awaits!



Val Marie | 1-877-345-2257  
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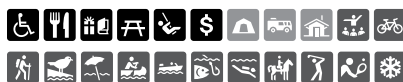


## 2 Prince Albert

A transition zone between fescue grasslands, aspen parkland and northern boreal forest.

### DON'T MISS

- Hiking the Boundary Bog Trail: follow the boardwalk through black spruce bogs and tamarack trees.
- Spending the day at one of the seven sandy beaches with marked swim areas on Waskesiu Lake.



Waskesiu | 306-663-4522  
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## 3 Fort Walsh

From Headquarters of the North West Mounted Police to a cattle ranch, and then as the home of the horses that would become a symbol of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

### DON'T MISS

- Discovering the Métis trail through the forest along the beautiful Battle Creek.
- Hearing the stories of the Cypress Hills Massacre and learning of its impact on the Nakoda people and on Canada.



Maple Creek | 306-662-3590 | [parks.canada.ca/walsh](https://parks.canada.ca/walsh)  
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## 4 Fort Battleford

Uncover the role of Fort Battleford in the 1885 conflict and explore its history through shared perspectives.

### DON'T MISS

- Discovering the rich history of the Fort on a self-guided tour.



Battleford – 145 km from Saskatoon  
 306-937-2621  
[parks.canada.ca/battleford](https://parks.canada.ca/battleford)  
[@ParksCanada\\_SK](#) | #FtBattlefordNHS



## 5 Batoche

Journey back to 19<sup>th</sup> century Métis settler life on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River.

### DON'T MISS

- Exploring the Li pchi shmayn Trail overlooking the South Saskatchewan River with the mobile guided tour on the Parks Canada app.
- Hiking, picnicking and exploring amazing river views and trails.



Wakaw – 90 km from Saskatoon  
 306-423-6227 | [parks.canada.ca/batoche](https://parks.canada.ca/batoche)  
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## 6 Motherwell Homestead

Discover land based living in the 1900s in the Qu'Appelle region, home to First Nations, Métis and new Canadian immigrants.

### DON'T MISS

- Meeting the animals! The heartbeat of the farm starts in the barn.
- Gathering and seasoning your senses with homestead flavours at the Friends of the Motherwell Homestead Café.



Abernethy – 100 km from Regina  
 306-333-2116  
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## 7 Wapusk

A subarctic wilderness protecting one of the largest polar bear maternity denning areas in the world.

**DON'T MISS**

- Flying in by helicopter for an aerial tour and the adventure of a lifetime!



Churchill | 204-675-8863  
[parks.canada.ca/wapusk](http://parks.canada.ca/wapusk)



## 10 Riel House

The family home of Louis Riel, commemorating Red River Métis culture.

**DON'T MISS**

- Getting the inside track on this amazing site with Parks Canada's Xplorers booklet, full of exciting activities!
- Jigging and weaving your way through cultural programming provided by the Louis Riel Institute!



Winnipeg | 204-983-6757  
parks.canada.ca/riel | @ParksCanadaMB  
#RielHouse



## 8 Riding Mountain

A great diversity of species in the heart of windswept grasslands and deep, silent forests.

## DON'T MISS

- Staying in a winterized oTENTik and exploring groomed trails for snowshoeing, nordic skiing, walking, and fat biking.
- Enjoying ice-skating trails through the forest and s'mores around the campfire.



**Wasagaming – 270 km from Winnipeg**  
**204-848-7275 | [parks.canada.ca/riding](https://parks.canada.ca/riding)**  
**@RidingNP | #RidingNP**



## 11 The Forks

The birthplace of Western Canada and  
a legendary hub of trade and culture.

## DON'T MISS

- Discovering The Forks' hidden history!  
Take a 6 000-year journey back in time on  
a 60-minute guided tour.
- Bringing the family to the Fort Parka playground  
and enjoying free activities happening all summer!



Winnipeg | 204-983-6757 | #TheForks  
parks.canada.ca/forks | @ParksCanadaMB



### 9 Riding Mountain Park East Gate Registration Complex

The only rustic design style gate left standing in a national park.

## DON'T MISS

- Enjoying a picnic while admiring the hand-hewn logs and carefully gathered stones.



Riding Mountain – 245 km from Winnipeg  
204-848-7275  
[parks.canada.ca/riding](http://parks.canada.ca/riding)



## 12 St. Andrew's Rectory

A mission serving as an excellent example of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Red River Hudson's Bay Company architecture.

## DON'T MISS

- Taking a self-guided GPS tour and learning more about life for those who lived along the Red River in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



St. Andrews – 25 km from Winnipeg  
204-785-6050  
[parks.canada.ca/standrewsrectory](https://parks.canada.ca/standrewsrectory)  
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### 13 Lower Fort Garry

Where Treaty No. 1 was made with the Anishinaabeg and Swampy Cree First Nations people and the Crown.

#### DON'T MISS

- Experiencing the Fort this summer with hands-on heritage workshops and new evening events.
- Pacing the rooms and halls of original fort structures like the Fur Loft, the Doctor's Office and the Big House.



St. Andrews — 25 km from Winnipeg  
204-785-6050

[parks.canada.ca/fortgarry](https://parks.canada.ca/fortgarry)

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### 14 Prince of Wales Fort

A key site in the 18<sup>th</sup>-century French-English rivalry for control of the territory around Hudson Bay.

#### DON'T MISS

- Admiring the intricate royal cyphers cast into the fort's military cannons.
- Taking a guided tour of Cape Merry Battery and experiencing panoramic views of the wildflowers, wildlife, and the Hudson Bay.



Churchill | 204-675-8863

[parks.canada.ca/princewalesfort](https://parks.canada.ca/princewalesfort)

@ParksCanadaMB | #PrinceofWalesFort



### 15 York Factory

The Hudson's Bay Company's major trading and administration centre for over 3 centuries.

#### DON'T MISS

- Time-travelling into fur-trade history on a self-guided tour.
- Exploring the Great Depot building's rooms filled with cannon balls, fine china, and thousands of other artifacts.



Churchill | 204-675-8863

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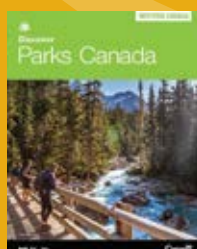


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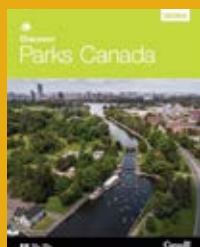
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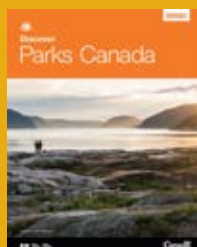
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