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Welcome to Saskatchewan and Manitoba, a land of contrast, mystery, history and beauty. Discover the subarctic tundra and Hudson Bay coastline where whales, caribou, and polar bears abound. Take in the vastness of open prairie... stop and take a breath... marvel at sunsets and the unexpected encounters with rare plants and animals. Explore the pristine and untouched boreal forest where great gray owl and moose live as they always have. Let Parks Canada introduce you to Manitoba and Saskatchewan... where you can reach beyond the ordinary, experience the inaccessible and let your imagination be your guide.

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SIMPLY breathtaking

Go beyond your idea of the prairies and search out the tundra, forests and exceptional landscapes in Manitoba and Saskatchewan's national parks and national historic sites. See beluga whales on the Churchill River and polar bears in their natural habitat. Find peace and beauty in a pristine boreal forest or travel back through 150 million years of geological history. Remember to stop and take a breath.



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Unexpected. Unfenced. Unforgettable.

Visit Prince Albert National Park's Westside. Ride horseback near the plains bison herds with a local ranch guide. Grab your bicycle and head out along the trails or paddle the Sturgeon River. Pause atop the hillside overlooking the river for outstanding views of the landscape. Watch the plains bison roaming freely on their historic Canadian range.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Wild Grasslands

Escape and enjoy your family's greatest adventure... Exciting trails, challenging geocaches, driving tour, guided nature hikes and Xplorers for kids. Discover rare wildlife, scenic rolling hills, rugged coulees, dinosaur bones and steep ravines at Grasslands National Park. Parks Canada staff will introduce you to this beautiful and complex terrain through fascinating programs and events. True western hospitality awaits your visit!

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Where the Stories About Life are Told

Take the opportunity to observe Riding Mountain National Park's bison herd in their native fescue prairie. Join a guided tour for a closer look at these fascinating creatures. A park expert will show you the importance of the park's unique habitat. Then cap off your day around an evening campfire. Lie back and watch the stars light the night sky!

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MANITOBA

© Wayne Lynch

Adventure on the Tundra

Be one of the few who have had the opportunity to visit the remote and beautiful Wapusk National Park on the shores of Hudson Bay. Fly in by helicopter for an adventure of a lifetime. Hike on the tundra, meet scientific researchers and look for caribou, wolves, arctic fox and over 250 species of birds. You may even see a polar bear!

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MANITOBA

The Accessible Arctic Experience

The tranquil beauty of Cape Merry Battery National Historic Site awaits you. Easily reached from Churchill, this stunning northern location is ideal for bird and whale watching. Join Parks Canada staff for a guided walk and learn about this site's role in the epic struggle between the English and the French for control of Hudson Bay. Then take some time to watch as thousands of beluga whales travel the Churchill River in summer.

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LIVE what is real



Step back in time and see what life was really like! Surround yourself with the sights and sounds of bygone eras at Manitoba and Saskatchewan's national parks and national historic sites. Experience western hospitality; take on the role of a fur trader, a North-West Field Force soldier or a settler. Discover the history and culture of the prairies for yourself.



SASKATCHEWAN

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The Guns are Blazing

Relive a great era, when the North West Mounted Police ruled the prairies! Come and experience Fort Walsh. History comes alive as guides dressed in period costumes lead you through buildings furnished to the 1880's. Taste fresh baking at the cook tent and see how historic weapons were used.

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Cowboy Coffee

Listen to cowboy stories of the open range, go for a horse-drawn wagon ride and taste a cup of traditional cowboy coffee. Western hospitality awaits you!

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He Who Walks by Night

Celebrate Grey Owl! To some a charlatan, Archie Belaney gained worldwide attention in the 1930s posing as Grey Owl, an “Indian” nature writer and lecturer. But behind his façade, this passionate man delivered a groundbreaking conservation message that is still powerfully relevant. Take the pilgrimage to his last home, “Beaver Lodge”. Head to the Nature Centre to learn more or ask an interpreter to share his history.

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MANITOBA

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Fur Trade First-Hand

Meet the personalities that bring Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site to life. Take a behind-the-scenes tour. Hear bold stories about the fur trade era. Test your skill as a blacksmith or a fur packer. Make fire with a flint and steel. Spin wool. Learn an historic craft or skill. You’re guaranteed a memorable experience!

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MANITOBA

Hudson’s Bay Company Encounter

Visit Prince of Wales Fort, built by the Hudson’s Bay Company on the Churchill River 250 years ago. Watch stone masons rebuild the fort’s walls using 17th century techniques. At Sloop Cove, see signatures carved into the bedrock by the brave employees who worked here. Local operators offer tours and transportation.

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LET THE FUN begin



Come in, take some time to play and experience something special at the national parks and national historic sites in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Try your hand at geocaching, shiver at real and curious ghost stories, do the chores in a fur trade fort or dress up as a Mountie and be part of an exhilarating courtroom trial. Let your senses be your guide.



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Kids, Arrest Your Parents

Kids, join the North West Mounted Police and dress in their uniform of red tunics and pill box hats. At Fort Walsh, you can arrest your parents, perform North West Mounted Police drills and go on a scavenger hunt. Adults participate in a "real" trial and defend yourself from accusations of minor offences.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Hiking, Geocaching, Canoeing, Art and more!

Bring your hiking shoes, bikes or canoes and explore the amazing views of the South Saskatchewan River along the scenic trails at Batoche National Historic Site. Let our helpful staff assist you in planning your Batoche experience.

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A Summer Job with a Difference!

Kids can “sign on” as a worker for the Hudson’s Bay Company at Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site and take part in entertaining activities every Thursday in July and August. Leave the chores to the kids! These special “Children’s Days” are a great opportunity to learn first-hand about the day-to-day life in Red River during the mid 1800s.

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Cache Me If You Can!

Take a fun filled, self-directed GPS tour; a high-tech history hunt at The Forks National Historic Site! Do you have what it takes to solve a history mystery at The Forks? Choose from two intriguing “cases.” Using GPS technology and a self-guided booklet, track down the elusive history at The Forks and locate a hidden geo-cache.

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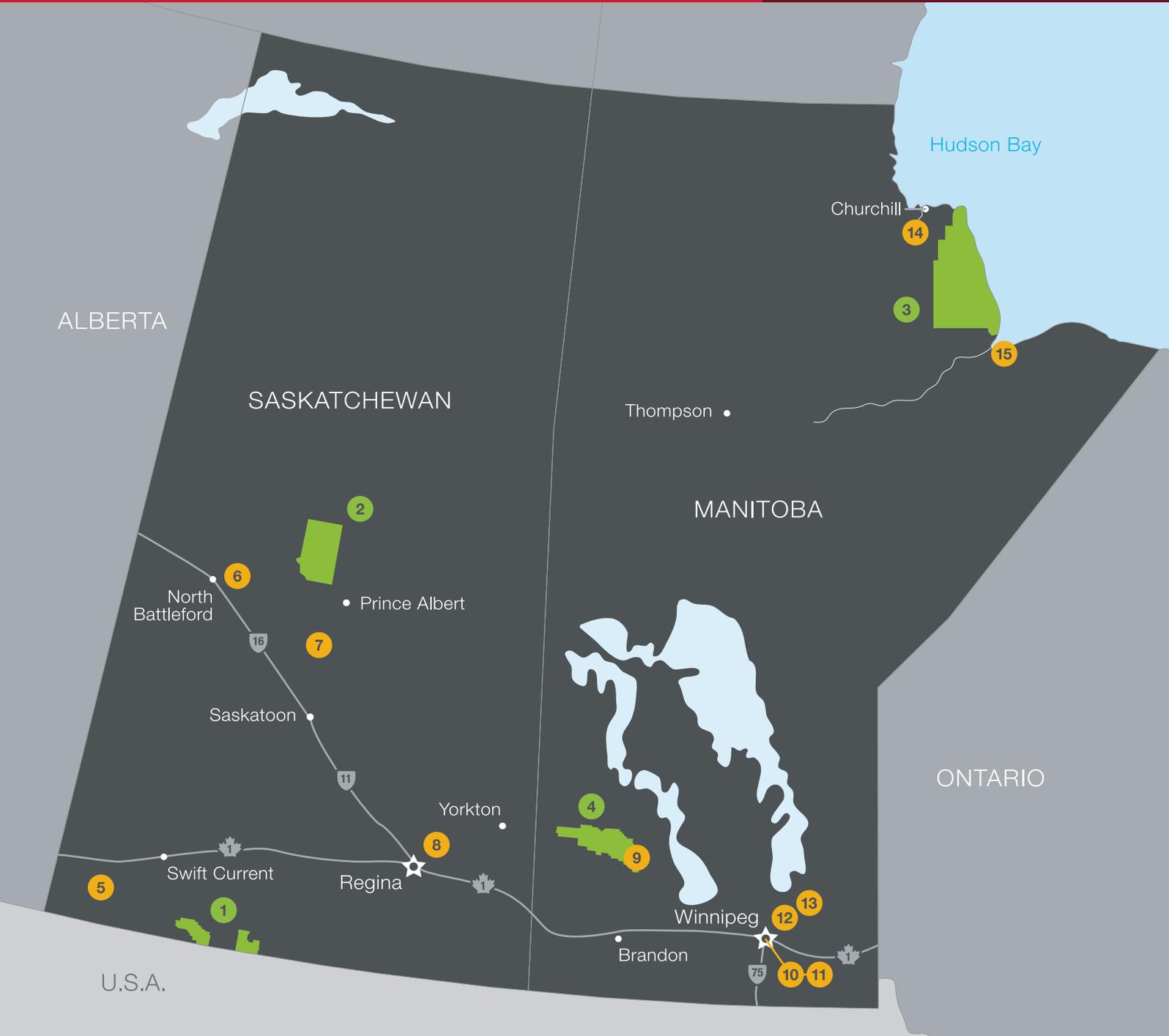
Experience Parks Canada’s oTENTik!

Are you interested in camping but prefer the comfort of a bed and arriving to find camp already set-up? Parks Canada oTENTik tents in Wasagaming Campground offer an easy and relaxing way to experience camping. The oTENTik, exclusive to Parks Canada, is a spacious blend of a tent and an A-frame cabin equipped with beds and furniture on a raised floor.

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Canadian Prairies

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada



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Services and activities legend

The legend below identifies some of the services and activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for these symbols when planning your visit.

 Information	 Scuba diving
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Directory



Prince Albert National Park



Riding Mountain National Park

Saskatchewan

1 Grasslands



Explore the West Block's Frenchman River Valley and marvel at unexpected encounters with rare animals and plants. Discover the East Block's astonishing geological formations and rock fossil beds.

Wander through miles of rolling hills and hidden coulees, where the buffalo roam. Catch a glimpse of a burrowing owl or black-footed ferret. Marvel at an active prairie dog colony, or an ancient teepee ring. Don't forget to experience the local-western hospitality.

Val Marie, Saskatchewan

1-306-298-2257 | parkscanada.gc.ca/grasslands

2 Prince Albert



Camp in deep forests, paddle on pristine waters, visit bogs or go hiking. Travel by canoe or foot to the lakeside cabin of legendary conservationist Grey Owl. See free-ranging bison on their historical home range. Spot a pelican on its way to the only fully protected white pelican nesting colony in Canada. With spectacular views, a charming village, and wild animals all around, the park is sure to offer something for everyone.

Waskesiu, Saskatchewan

1-306-663-4522 | parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert

5 Fort Walsh



Experience life in the 1870s and discover how Fort Walsh presided over one of the most dramatic periods of change on the Prairies. Learn how Canadian law was established in the West, while the Cypress Hills continued to be a meeting place and crossroads for many different peoples, including Mounties, First Nations peoples, Métis, fur traders and whiskey traders.

Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

1-306-662-3590 | parkscanada.gc.ca/walsh

6 Fort Battleford



As you walk towards the towering walls of the Fort Battleford stockade, take in the beautiful scenery and think about the dramatic history of the area that resulted in conflict between the First Nations people and the Canadian government in 1885. Discover how more than 500 settlers sought safety at Fort Battleford when conflict loomed. Discover the fascinating stories of the North-West Mounted Police, First Nations people, settlers and militia in these difficult times.

Battleford, Saskatchewan – 145 km from Saskatoon, SK
1-306-937-2621 | parkscanada.gc.ca/battleford

7 Batoche



Learn how in 1885, Gabriel Dumont, Louis Riel and the Métis took on the federal government in a battle that changed the development of Western Canada. Walk the grounds of the majestic historic village of Batoche. Learn about the extraordinary people and the events that shaped Canada. Celebrate Métis and Aboriginal culture through traditional activities and special events.

Wakaw, Saskatchewan – 90 km from Saskatoon, SK
1-306-423-6227 | parkscanada.gc.ca/batoche

8 Motherwell Homestead



Motherwell Homestead depicts the lifestyles, costumes, and architecture of the early 20th century. Here you can get a glimpse of the life and career of pioneer farmer and politician, W.R. Motherwell, and his significant influence on the development of scientific agriculture in Western Canada.

Abernethy, Saskatchewan – 100 km from Regina, SK
1-306-333-2116 | parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell

Manitoba

3 Wapusk



Let this land fill you with awe as you visit the remote subarctic wilderness that protects one of the world's largest known polar bear denning areas, where female bears give birth. Approximately 900 polar bears inhabit this huge 11 475 square kilometer park. As a nature lover, watch for arctic foxes, arctic hares, wolves, caribou and wolverines as well as 250 bird species. Access to Wapusk is via authorized commercial tour operators in Churchill.

Churchill, Manitoba

1-204-675-8863 | parkscanada.gc.ca/wapusk

4 Riding Mountain



Experience 3000 km² of prairie grasslands, boreal forest and aspen parkland by exploring the 400 km of trails! Take part in superb wildlife viewing and bird watching. Watch for bison, elk, moose, bear and wolves. Enjoy the resort atmosphere complete with sandy beaches, rustic log architecture, restaurants, accommodation and shopping. Learn about the human history and unique geological features of the area.

Wasagaming, Manitoba – 270 km from Winnipeg, MB

1-204-848-7275 | parkscanada.gc.ca/riding

9 Riding Mountain Park East Gate Registration Complex



See the historic log work of the East Gate, built in 1933 to accommodate early auto tourism and promote interest in outdoor leisure pursuits. Satisfy your curiosity; note the iconic Rustic Tudor architectural style of Canada's earliest national parks. A must-see on your list! This building was designed by Swedish immigrants using local building materials. It is the last of many original entrance gates left standing in the Parks Canada system.

Wasagaming, Manitoba

1-204-848-7275 | parkscanada.gc.ca/riding



Prince Albert National Park



Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site



Wapusk National Park

10 Riel House



Inside this restored Red River Frame house, you can reflect on the fascinating and complex story of Louis Riel and explore his modern legacy. Come to Riel House and learn about Riel and the Métis, a distinct Canadian people with a unique blend of French and Aboriginal traditions.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
1-204-257-1783 | parksCanada.gc.ca/rieland

11 The Forks



Visit The Forks National Historic Site and enter a green oasis in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. Taste foods from around the world and experience unique shopping in the bustling Forks Market. Discover each chapter of The Forks' 6 000 year story through lively guided tours, entertaining activities and festivals, one-of-a-kind art and sculpture, prairie gardens and heritage buildings.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
1-204-983-6757 | parksCanada.gc.ca/forks

12 St. Andrew's Rectory



St. Andrew's Rectory is an excellent example of mid-19th century Red River architecture. Outdoor exhibits interpret Red River architecture, and the roles of the Church Missionary Society and the Church of England in the settlement of the Red River and Western Canada.

St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB
1-204-334-6405 | parksCanada.gc.ca/standrewsrectory

13 Lower Fort Garry



Walk among the stone walls and buildings that tower above the Red River at Lower Fort Garry. Hear the ring of hammer on metal, savour the aroma of bannock drifting from an aboriginal campfire, or feel the coarse fur of a bison hide. Connect to history with the help of skilled costumed interpreters at this restored 19th century Hudson's Bay Company fort. Explore the multi-media interactive Visitor Centre exhibits, a perfect introduction to the historic grounds.

St. Andrews, Manitoba – 25 km from Winnipeg, MB
1-204-785-6050 | parksCanada.gc.ca/fortgarry

14 Prince of Wales Fort



Seek the thrill of adventure in Churchill Manitoba... Canada's accessible arctic...and see the astonishing Prince of Wales Fort built 250 years ago on the bare, windswept coast of Hudson Bay. Get a real sense of a fur trader's life in the sub-arctic at this massive stone outpost. Hop on a boat to the fort and experience unforgettable whale watching – more than 3,000 beluga whales gather in the Churchill River in July and August.

Churchill, Manitoba
1-204-675-8863 | parksCanada.gc.ca/princewalesfort

15 York Factory



Journey to York Factory, a huge fur trade era depot set in the remote Hudson Bay wilderness. Marvel that this isolated post was a vital fur trade hub for more than 250 years and was the gateway to the vast interior for British trade goods, Hudson's Bay Company employees, settlers and soldiers. Let York Factory's pristine setting and authenticity transport you back in time.

Churchill, Manitoba
1-204-675-8863 | parksCanada.gc.ca/yorkfactory

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Louisbourg300

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The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site in Nova Scotia will erupt with festivity and merriment in 2013 to mark the 300th anniversary of Louisbourg's founding. Join us for a celebration three centuries in the making. Dance, sing and dine in this 18th century fortified town.

FIND MORE ON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT
parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg300

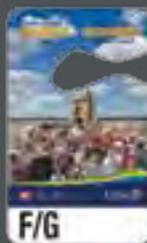


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