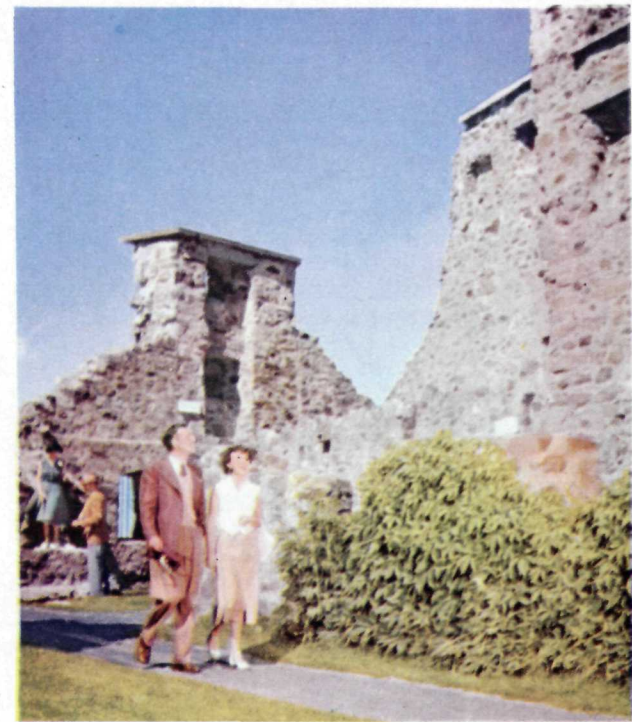


National Historic Parks



Ruins of Fort Chambly, P.Q.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PARKS AND SITES

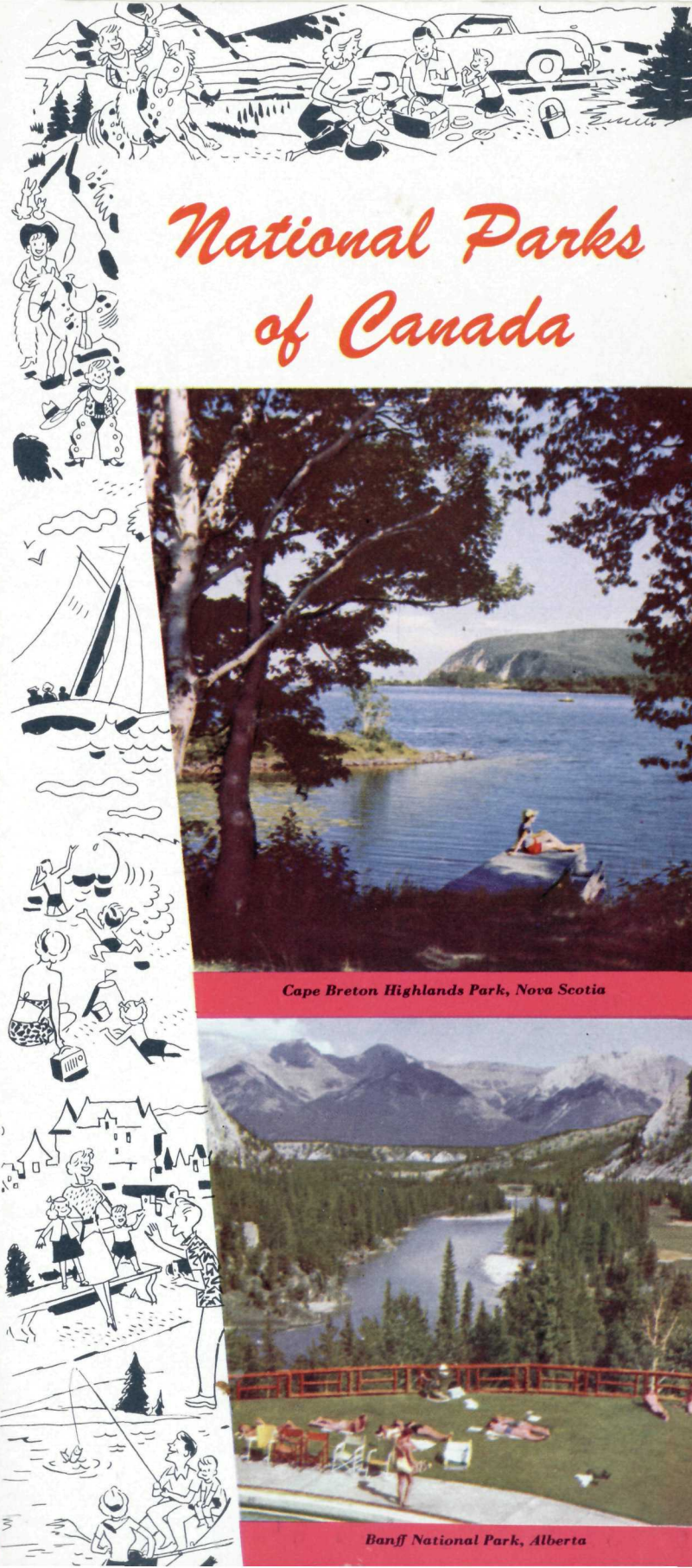
Canada's historic heritage includes many places of special interest relating to the exploration and development of the North American Continent. Eleven national historic parks and more than four hundred national historic sites are now under federal administration, and others are being added from time to time on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.



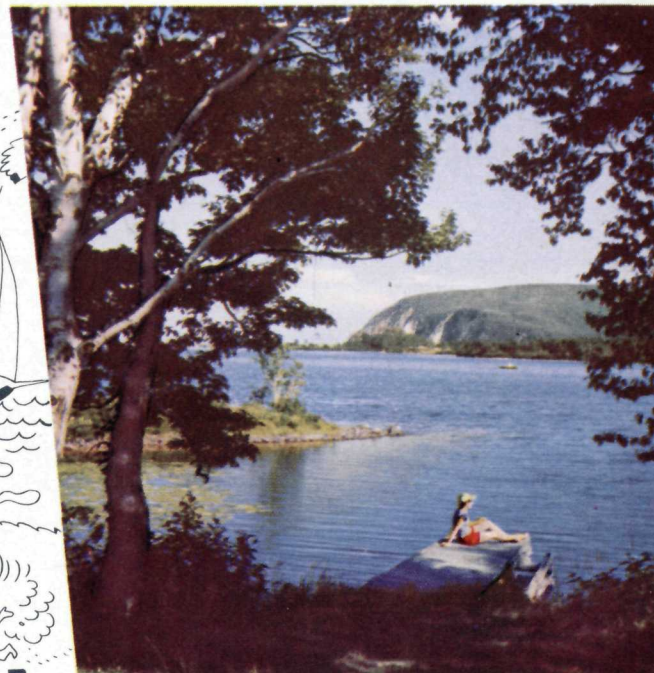
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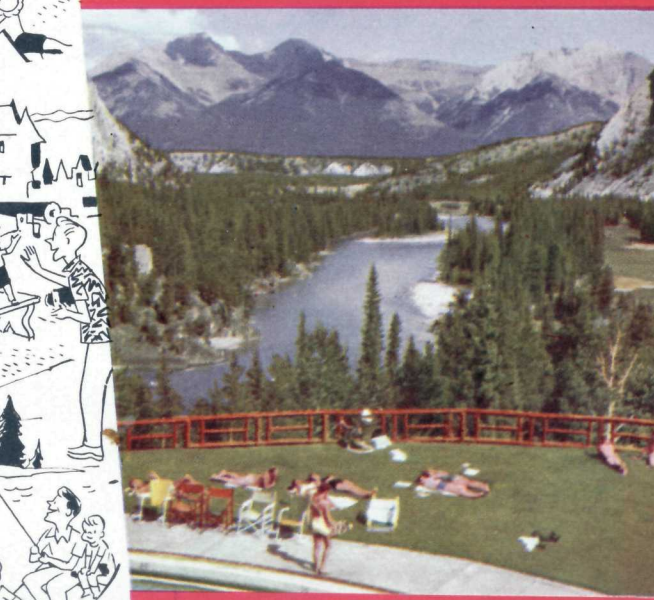
Fort Anise, Annapolis Royal, N.S.



National Parks of Canada



Cape Breton Highlands Park, Nova Scotia



Banff National Park, Alberta



Surf bathing, Prince Edward Island National Park.



Buffalo in Elk Island National Park, Alberta.



Bow Lake in Banff Park, Alberta.

Established to preserve forever the scenic beauty, native wildlife and natural wonders of the landscape

Canada's National Parks contain all the requisites of an ideal vacation. Extending from the mountain regions of British Columbia to the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia, this chain of national playgrounds offers the enjoyment of majestic mountains, flower-bedecked valleys, sparkling lakes, foaming streams, virgin forests, and picturesque stretches by the sea.

Hundreds of miles of roads and trails lead to thrilling sights and new experiences. Summer and winter sports, augmented by modern facilities, have an added zest in picturesque surroundings. Historic places excite the imagination and recall stirring episodes in Canada's storied past. In these vast areas may also be enjoyed the peace and quiet of wilderness regions, where the cares of everyday life may be forgotten, and health and happiness restored by association with primitive nature.

In the great parks of the Selkirk and Rocky Mountains are regions of breath-taking alpine grandeur. Huge peaks, eternally capped with snow or ice, stand silhouetted against the sky, or mirrored in mountain lakes as clear as crystal and as smooth as glass. Great glaciers creep slowly down from immense ice-fields, waterfalls cascade riotously down mountainsides, and rivers rush swiftly along on their way to the sea. On the lower slopes of the mountains grow evergreen forests, and higher, in the alplands and passes, one may walk knee-deep through meadows of colourful wild-flowers.

Eastward, in the prairie regions, are parks embracing

unexpected areas of forested lakeland. Here scores of lakes, interconnected by numerous streams and bordered by sand beaches, form a paradise for the canoeist and fisherman. In Eastern Canada are lakeshore and island park units, endowed by Nature with advantages that enhance their reputation as outstanding recreational and camping areas. Along the coasts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Bay of Fundy, and the Atlantic Ocean remarkable seashore areas have been set apart as national parks. Beaches beaten smooth and hard by the surf, miles of rugged coastline with a mountain background, and quaint fishing villages afford a vacation land unique in North America.

All national parks are wildlife sanctuaries, where wild animal, bird, and plant life are rigidly protected. As a result of this protection, many of the animals have lost their inherent fear of man, and a trip along the roads or trails may yield studies of deer, moose, elk, bear, mountain sheep or goat, and other interesting creatures of the wild. In Alberta a special park has been set aside primarily for the protection of the bison or buffalo, the former "monarch of the plains", a species that less than half a century ago was threatened with extinction.

The National Parks of Canada are part of a great national heritage, and under careful administration will continue as a perpetual asset—undiminished by use—for all future generations.

Issued under the authority of
the Honourable Jean Lesage
Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources

Emerald Lake, Yoho National Park, B.C.

Famous Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course.

Georgian Bay Islands National Park, Ont.





Cameron Falls, Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta.



Heated salt-water swimming pool, Fundy National Park, N.B.



The Aquacourt, Radium Hot Springs, Kootenay National Park, B.C.

Bathing and Swimming . . . Bathing in hot mineral springs in the mountain parks, in the clear fresh-water lakes in the prairie and eastern parks, and salt-water bathing in the parks bordering the Atlantic Ocean help to make a holiday a pleasant experience. Dressing-room facilities are provided by the National Parks administration, and life-guards are on duty at the main beaches. Heated outdoor swimming pools have been built in some of the parks.

Boating, Canoeing and Sailing . . . As most of the national parks are abundantly endowed with lakes and streams, boating and canoeing are major attractions. Usually watercraft may be hired locally. Sailing, particularly on the wide tree-bordered lakes in the prairie parklands, is growing in popularity.

National Playgrounds for your enjoyment!

Climbing . . . Mountaineers come from many parts of the world seeking "new heights to conquer" in the Canadian Rockies and Selkirks. The Alpine Club of Canada holds annual camps in the mountain national parks.

Cycling . . . A bicycle is a great convenience for sight-seeing in the parks as it can be used not only on the main park highways but also on the many fire trails. Cyclists are able to see and hear more of Nature's wonders than is possible when riding in a motor car.

Golf . . . Most of the larger parks have excellent 18-hole golf courses. With the exception of the famous courses in Banff and Jasper Parks, operated in conjunction with



Lake Waskesiu, Prince Albert National Park, Sask.

the Banff Springs Hotel and Jasper Park Lodge, all golf courses in the parks are maintained by the National Parks administration. Attractive club-houses are available to players.

Hiking . . . Nearly 2,500 miles of well-kept trails leading to places of inspiring beauty and interest are available to park visitors. Organized trail hikes are a feature in some of the parks.

Lawn Bowling . . . Bowling greens in sylvan settings have been built in several of the parks in recent years for the benefit of those who enjoy this form of recreation.

Motoring . . . There are 750 miles of good motor roads in the national parks, making it possible to admire the scenic beauty of these areas in comfort.

Nature Study and Photography . . . The national parks, with their great scenic and wildlife attractions, are a paradise for the naturalist and the photo-



Mountain goats near Banff-Jasper Highway.

grapher. Shooting with a camera has replaced shooting with a gun in these protected areas. Devotees of colour photography have unlimited opportunities for recording the marvelous colouring of the landscapes.

Tennis . . . Attractive tennis courts with club-house facilities have been provided in many of the larger national parks, and annual tennis tournaments are held under ideal conditions.

Trail Riding . . . Always a popular form of recreation with many park visitors. Organized trail rides are an



Clear Lake, Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

annual event in some of the larger scenic parks. Usually saddle ponies and guides may be hired locally.

Winter Sports . . . In three of the national parks in the Canadian Rockies and Selkirks—Banff and Jasper in Alberta and Mt. Revelstoke in British Columbia—winter sports have been developed on a large scale. These include skiing, ski jumping, ski mountaineering, tobogganing, skating, curling and colourful winter carnivals. Many championship ski-meets are held in these parks annually.

General . . . Other facilities for recreation in the national parks include well-equipped children's playgrounds, playing fields, outdoor roller-skating rinks, amphitheatres where concerts and picture shows are held in the open, horseshoe pitches, outdoor checkerboards, and many others. Community singing, camp concerts, dancing, painting, handicrafts, camping, picnicking, and angling all add to holiday enjoyment in Canada's national playgrounds.

Recreation in Canada's National Parks

There is healthful outdoor recreation for everyone in Canada's National Parks. To the natural amenities of these superb scenic areas, the National Parks administration has added numerous recreational facilities for the further enjoyment of visitors.

Many of the two million visitors who come to the parks annually, prefer quiet relaxation in the peaceful and serene environment of these spacious and orderly national playgrounds. For those who enjoy an active holiday out of doors, the following brief descriptions of the various forms of recreation available in the national parks should be of interest:



NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA

The approximate location of the National Parks is indicated by numbers on this decorative map of Canada. Detailed information may be obtained from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa.

Vacation Variety and Unspoiled Beauty

1 MOUNT REVELSTOKE *British Columbia*
Rolling mountain-top plateau on west slope of Selkirk Mountains. Colourful alpine meadows. Accessible by rail and highway. Summer accommodation in park. All-year accommodation in nearby town of Revelstoke. Equipped camp-grounds. Championship ski runs and ski jump. Area, 100 square miles.

2 GLACIER *British Columbia*
Superb alpine region in Selkirk Mountains. Towering peaks, glaciers and forests. Accessible by railway only. Climbing, skiing, camping. Area, 521 square miles.

3 YOHO *British Columbia*
On west slope of Rockies. Lofty peaks, magnificent waterfalls, colourful lakes. Yoho and Kicking Horse valleys. Accessible by rail and highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 507 square miles.

4 KOOTENAY *British Columbia*
Encloses Vermilion-Sinclair section of the Banff-Windermere Highway in Rockies. Broad valleys, deep canyons, hot mineral springs. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 543 square miles.

5 JASPER *Alberta*
Mountain playground and noted wildlife sanctuary. Contains majestic peaks, ice-fields, beautiful lakes and famous resort, Jasper. Hot mineral springs, summer and winter sports. Accessible by rail, highway and air. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 4,200 square miles.

6 BANFF *Alberta*
Magnificent scenic playground in central Rockies. Contains noted resorts, Banff and Lake Louise. Hot mineral springs; summer and winter sports. Accessible by rail, highway and air. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 2,564 square miles.

7 WATERTON LAKES *Alberta*
Canadian section, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Mountain playground with colourful peaks and charming lakes. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 204 square miles.

8 ELK ISLAND *Alberta*
Fenced preserve near Edmonton containing a large herd of buffalo; also deer, elk and moose. Popular recreational area; bungalow cabin accommodation and equipped camp-grounds. Accessible by highway. Area, 75 square miles.

9 WOOD BUFFALO *Northwest Territories and Alberta*
Immense region of forests and open plains between Athabasca and Great Slave Lakes. Home of the largest remaining herd of bison on the continent. Other wildlife species abundant. Area, 17,300 square miles.

10 FORT BATTLEFORD *Saskatchewan*
North West Mounted Police Post built in 1876 in the territory of the Cree Indians. Original buildings house interesting museum collection and are surrounded by a log stockade. Area, 36.7 acres.

11 PRINCE ALBERT *Saskatchewan*
Forested region dotted with lakes and interlaced with streams. Summer playground and recreational area. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 1,496 square miles.

12 RIDING MOUNTAIN *Manitoba*
Playground and wildlife sanctuary on summit of Manitoba escarpment. Fine lakes; summer playground and recreational area. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 1,148 square miles.

13 LOWER FORT GARRY *Manitoba*
Stone fort built by the Hudson's Bay Company between 1831-39. Located on west bank of Red River about 20 miles north of Winnipeg. Area, 12¾ acres.

14 PRINCE OF WALES FORT *Manitoba*
National Historic Park at Churchill on the shores of Hudson Bay. Ruins of fort built 1733-71. Area, 50 acres.

15 FORT MALDEN *Ontario*
National Historic Park with museums at Amherstburg. Site of defence post built in 1779-99. Area, 5 acres.

16 POINT PELEE *Ontario*
Recreational area on Lake Erie. Remarkable beaches, southern flora. Resting place for migratory birds. Accessible by highway. Tourist accommodation within park boundaries and in vicinity. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 6.04 square miles.

17 GEORGIAN BAY ISLANDS *Ontario*
Recreational and camping areas. Unique pillars on Flowerpot Island. Accessible by boat from nearby mainland points. Equipped camp-grounds on Beausoleil Island. Area, 5.40 square miles.

18 ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS *Ontario*
Mainland area and 13 islands among the "Thousand Islands". Recreational and camping area. Mainland accessible by highway; islands reached by boat from nearby mainland points. Area, 189.4 acres.

19 FORT WELLINGTON *Ontario*
National Historic Park with museum at Prescott. Defence post built 1812-13. Area, 8.5 acres.

20 FORT CHAMBLY *Quebec*
National Historic Park with museum at Chambly. First built by the French, 1665. Area, 2.5 acres.

21 FORT LENNOX *Quebec*
National Historic Park on Ile-aux-Noix in Richelieu River, near St. Johns. Built by French in 1759. Area, 210 acres.

22 FUNDY *New Brunswick*
Delightful recreational area on the Bay of Fundy between the cities of Saint John and Moncton. Forested region, wildlife sanctuary, rugged terrain. Bungalow cabin accommodation and equipped camp-grounds. Area, 79.5 square miles.

23 FORT BEAUSEJOUR *New Brunswick*
National Historic Park with museum near Sackville. Site of early French fort. Area, 81 acres.

24 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND *P.E.I.*
Coastal strip 25 miles long on shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Recreational area; fine bathing beaches. Accessible by highway. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation within and adjacent to park. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 7 square miles.

25 PORT ROYAL *Nova Scotia*
National Historic Park at Port Royal. Restoration of "Habitation" or first fort built in 1605 by Champlain, DeMonts and Poutrincourt. Area, 17 acres.

26 FORT ANNE *Nova Scotia*
National Historic Park with museum at Annapolis Royal. Well-preserved earthworks. Area, 31 acres.

27 FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG *Nova Scotia*
National Historic Park with museum near Louisbourg. Ruins of walled city erected by the French 1720-40. Interesting excavations. Area, 340 acres.

28 CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS *Nova Scotia*
Rugged Atlantic coast line with mountain background. Fine seascapes from park highway. Recreational opportunities. Hotel and bungalow cabin accommodation within park area. Hotel and boarding-house accommodation adjacent to park. Equipped camp-grounds. Area, 390 square miles.

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