



Fort William Historical Park

BRINGING LIFE TO HISTORY

Welcome! Bienvenue! Nanaboozhoo!

Welcome to 1815! We're delighted you could join us today. There is plenty happening at the Anishinaabe Encampment and Fort William, the North West Company's inland headquarters and world's largest fur trade post.

Activity	Description	Time	Location
Guided Tours	Take a guided tour of Fort William led by one of its inhabitants. Available in English and French.	English Guided Tours 11 a.m. 2 p.m.	Tour Shelter
		French Guided Tours 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	Tour Shelter
Art of the Storyteller	Storytelling teaches important lessons and instills cultural values from generation to generation. Come enjoy fun and interesting stories from the Anishinaabe and voyageurs cultures. This program is offered in both English and French.	Storytelling in English 2:45 p.m.	Main Square, by the Corn Stores (10)
		Storytelling in French 11 a.m.	Main Square, by the Corn Stores (10)
Paddle a Canoe	Explore the historic Kaministiquia River by canoe while voyageurs entertain you with songs and stories. Available Wednesday through Sunday.	10:45–11:20 a.m. and 2:45–4:20 p.m.	Voyageur Encampment (38)
Axe Throwing (Ages 13+)	Try your hand at throwing a trade axe! Voyageurs and tradesmen spend their leisure time trying to best one another in this game of precision and skill.	12–12:30 p.m.	Armourer's Shop, Trades Square (36)
Arrival	Celebrate the arrival of travellers and traders to Fort William with a traditional salute from the Fort's inhabitants.	2:30 p.m.	Wharf (39)
Skills of the Anishinaabe	Come experience how the Anishinaabe live in harmony with Nimaamaa Aki (Mother Earth). Learn about the transition and melding of different tools and technologies through trade.	2:30–4 p.m.	Anishinaabe Encampment (1)
Fire a Musket (Ages 13+)	Firearms are an important trade item in 1815. Learn the skills you'll need to use a fur trade era musket to hunt for your food.	3–3:30 p.m.	Armourer's Shop, Trades Square (36)
Songs of the Fur Trade	Join Fort William's inhabitants as they celebrate with singing and dancing in the Main Square.	4–4:30 p.m.	Main Square
Artisan Bread	Smell the aroma of fresh baked bread, baked in our historic bake ovens. Swing by the Bakery and enjoy a sample today!	All day	Bakery (25)
Farming Fun	Meet our farmers at the Farm. Consider lending a hand, there's always chores to be done!	All day	Farm (15)

- Activities are offered in English, unless otherwise noted.
- Activities are offered Monday through Sunday, unless otherwise noted.
- Activity schedules may change or be cancelled without notice.

The Cantine Restaurant ~ Open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cantine offers a variety of menu items such as stews, salads and sandwiches.

The Trading Post Gift Shop ~ Open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Stop by our gift shop, located in the Visitor Centre, to commemorate your visit to Fort William Historical Park.

QR Code Tour

You'll find QR Codes posted outside many locations across the Historic Site. Scan them with your smartphone camera to access informative videos about the buildings. Available in English, French and Oji-Cree.

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## **Special Events**

We host a variety of special events throughout the year!

### **The Great Rendezvous ~ July 12-14, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily**

Hundreds of re-enactors from across North America converge to re-create the annual summer gathering held at Fort William over 200 years ago when it was the inland headquarters of the North West Company! The historic re-enactment includes artisan workshops and demonstrations, contests, a grand canoe arrival, and more!

### **Perseid Meteor Shower ~ August 12, 2024 | 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**

Considered the best annual meteor shower, you may see up to 100 meteors per hour! Join us to watch this amazing celestial event (weather dependent) and enjoy a presentation on asteroids and comets, the opportunity to hold real meteorites, learn about Indigenous astronomy, and more.

### **Anishinaabe Keeshigun ~ August 17, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**August 18, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Free event. Celebrate First Nations culture at Fort William Historical Park! Join us for a free weekend filled with entertainment, hands-on activities and demonstrations that highlight Anishinaabe culture, traditions, language, and technology. This year's event will also include a Pow Wow highlighting regional dancers and drum groups, as well as a community feast. The community feast will be after 5 p.m. on Saturday and is open to all visitors.

### **Celtic Day ~ August 25, 2024 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Free event. Join us for a Celtic celebration of culture, music, dance, hands-on activities, and great food! Featuring local pipe and drum bands, Highland dancers, and more.

### **New Year's Eve Family Frolic ~ December 31, 2024**

Ring in the New Year at Fort William Historical Park! Enjoy a family-friendly evening filled with indoor and outdoor activities, games, and live entertainment.

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