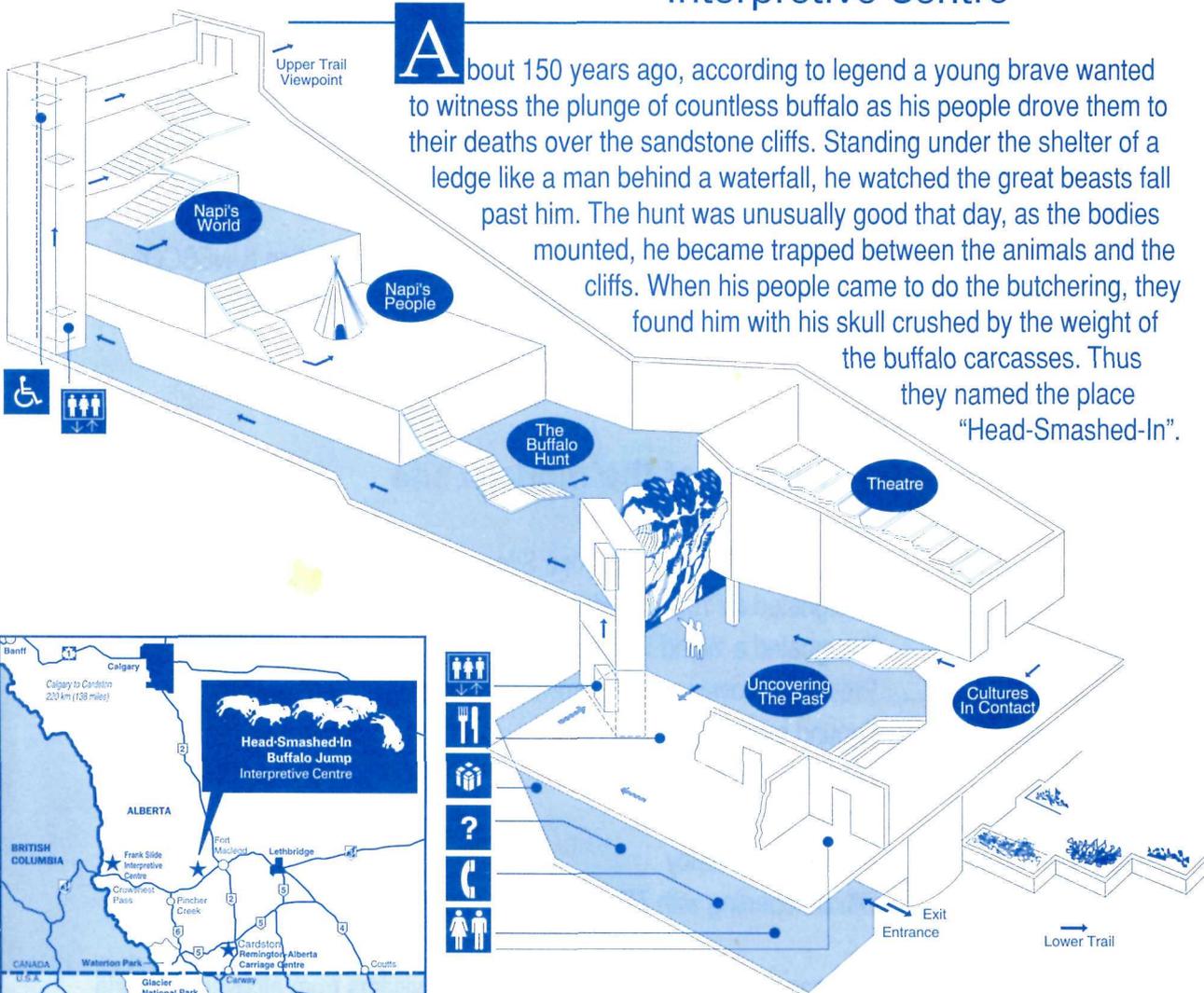


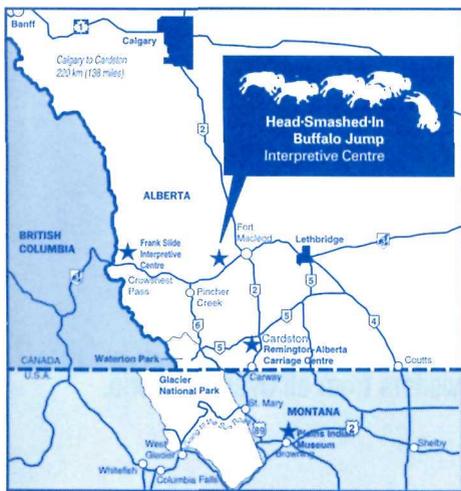


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Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre



About 150 years ago, according to legend a young brave wanted to witness the plunge of countless buffalo as his people drove them to their deaths over the sandstone cliffs. Standing under the shelter of a ledge like a man behind a waterfall, he watched the great beasts fall past him. The hunt was unusually good that day, as the bodies mounted, he became trapped between the animals and the cliffs. When his people came to do the butchering, they found him with his skull crushed by the weight of the buffalo carcasses. Thus they named the place "Head-Smashed-In".



Visit the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, Remington-Alberta Carriage Centre and Plains Indian Museum.

- **Cafeteria** (seats 60) - hot and cold food and beverage service available.
- **Theatre** (seats 80) - 10 minute film features a reenactment of a buffalo hunt. It is shown throughout the day.
- **Gift Shop** - Aboriginal arts and crafts, and a variety of souvenir items.

Why is this place a World Heritage Site?

- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is known around the world as a remarkable testimony of prehistoric life. Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump bears witness to a custom practiced by native people of the North American plains for nearly 6000 years.

Thanks to their excellent understanding of topography and of bison behavior, they killed bison by chasing them over a precipice and subsequently carving up the carcasses in the camp below.

- In 1981, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated the jump as a World Heritage Site placing it among other world attractions such as the Egyptian pyramids, Stonehenge and the Galapagos Islands.

History of the modern site

1968.....	Designated a National Historic Site
1979.....	Designated a Provincial Heritage Site
1981.....	Designated a World Heritage Site
1982, May.....	Provincial Government approval for Interpretive Centre.
1984, September 28.....	Ground breaking ceremony
1985, June.....	Start construction
1986, October.....	Finish construction
1986, December.....	Building occupancy
1987, July 23.....	Official opening with TRH The Duke and Duchess of York

Since then, the Interpretive Centre has welcomed over 1.5 million visitors from all over the world.

Thank you for visiting today.

Inquiries and tour reservations: for your family or special group, please call us at 403-553-2731.