



The Story

During the War of 1812, the Niagara River was a vital water transportation route between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The "Front", as it was known, was the scene



of many battles, including the ferocious Battle of Fort George between the British stationed there and American forces



based across the river. The fort sustained heavy damage from cannon fire and, virtually destroyed, was captured by the Americans.

It was retaken that same year by the British. After the war, it was abandoned and fell into ruins until the 1930s, when restoration of the earthworks and buildings began. Fort George was designated as a national historic site in 1921.



A Powerful Bastion



Fort George is an impressive structure, boasting six massive earthen and log bastions linked by a wooden palisade surrounded by a dry ditch.

The interior of the fort houses a number of reconstructed buildings – a guardhouse, log blockhouses containing the barracks and the storage depot, a kitchen, a workshop and an officers' quarters. The sturdily built, stone powder magazine is the oldest original military building in Ontario.



The Saviour of Upper Canada



Major General Sir Isaac Brock, "the saviour of Upper Canada" is strongly associated with Fort George. Brock used the fort's strategic location to

plan his defence of Upper Canada. To honour his memory, a spectacular monument was erected near Queenston Heights, where he died in battle in October, 1812.

Where Young meets Old



Fort George National Historic Site is a fascinating place to explore the history of Canada and the War of 1812, with knowledgeable, costumed staff who bring the site to life with their tales from the past. Musket and cannon fire and the traditional sounds of fife and drum music fill the air.



The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake



Fort George is located just a short walk from the centre of the beautiful and historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake: the first capital of Upper Canada. With the natural wonder of Niagara Falls just 20 minutes away, a visit to Fort George National Historic Site will be part of an experience you will never forget.

Visit us – it's fun!

Fort George National Historic Site is located off Queen's Parade and the Niagara Parkway in the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

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