

Plan Your Visit

Let our friendly and knowledgeable staff, at both Visitor Centres, help you plan your Grasslands experience and how to have a safe and unforgettable adventure!

Open

May 20 - June 30: Thu to Mon
July 1 - Sept 5: Daily
Sept 6 - Oct 10: Thu to Mon

Hours

May - Aug: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fridays in Jul / Aug: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sep / Oct: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Contact Us

(306) 298-2257 / Toll Free: 1-877-345-2257
West Block Visitor Centre in Val Marie

(306) 476-2018
East Block McGowan Visitor Centre at Rock Creek Campground

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The park is always open.

***Fees Apply For Events & Guided Experiences**
Please visit the website for details.

CATTLE TRAILS AND COWBOY TALES



Saddle up and Ride the Ol' West!

2-Days / 2-Nights

Package Includes:

- Trailing cattle on the open range
- Cowboy-style meals
- Campfire entertainment
- Rustic range tent accommodation
- Ride with local ranchers and hear cowboy stories
- Ride past remnants of 100 year old homestead, amazing wildlife, teepee rings and fossils!

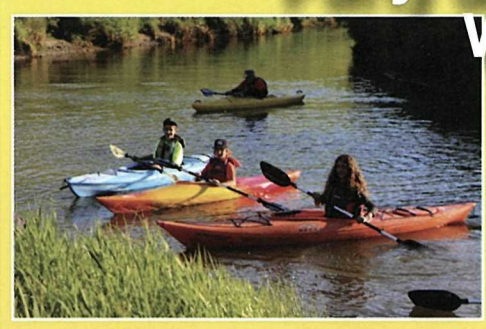
2016 Dates:

June 19, 20, 21
June 23, 24, 25
Aug 29, 30, 31
Sep 2, 3, 4

\$595.00 per person + GST.
Ages 13+. Space is limited.
Pre-registration required.

The EVENTS of the Summer!

Sleep-Under-The-Stars Party & Concert Weekend



July 22-24

West Block - Frenchman Valley Campground
A jam-packed weekend of family fun!

- **Friday night: Astronomy & Family Fun**
- **Saturday afternoon: Kayaking**, wagon rides and stories. **Activity Pavilion** for face painting, crafts, games and more
- **Saturday night: Beer gardens**, outdoor concert and dance! (Supper concession available)
- **Sunday morning: Pancake breakfast** and more family fun activities.

Watch for our

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT!
For advance tickets call the visitor centre.



Badlands Blast Weekend

August 13
East Block

Fossil Fun -

Celebrate The Dig!
View the **badlands** on a wagon, **fossil experts** share their adventures, **delicious** supper. Kick up your heels, bring your instrument and **jam with the locals** at the **ROCK CREEK HOEDOWN!**



Fossil Fever

August 11-15
East Block

Got the Fever? Fossil Fever? An exclusive opportunity to **dig for a day** with world renowned McGill University and Royal Saskatchewan Museum **Palaeontologists**. Pre-register at the McGowan Visitor Centre. *Space is limited. Pre-registration required.*

Wilderness Getaways

History Abounds: A Land of Cultural Treasures

Let the grasslands capture your imagination and explore one of the largest, most intact pre-contact landscapes in North America! Discover **teepee rings**, **bison drive lanes** and **stone tools**, a rich testimony to the lives of **First Nations** here for the last **10,000 years**.

A Prairie in Bloom

Witness a succession of **vibrant colours** and **sweet aromas**. Crocus, prairie onion, cinquefoil, rose, cactus, vetch, locoweed, violets, asters, fleabanes, goosefoot, and buttercup to name a few!
June is the peak season.

Sounds of Silence

Grasslands National Park is considered to have some of the quietest and purest sounds on EARTH.

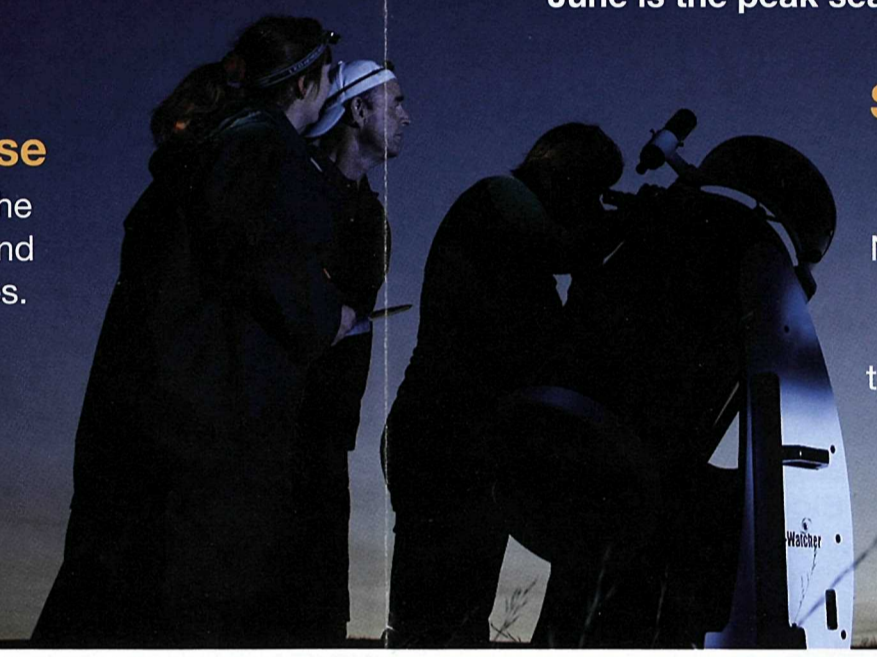
Astronomy: Beyond the Big Dipper
Join the Royal Astronomical Society in exploring the rings of Saturn to a glimpse of another galaxy - the sky has **no limit**. Grasslands National Park: the best night sky observing place IN CANADA!
May 28 - East Block
July 22 & 23 - West Block

Wood Mountain Wagon Train

Let the **horses** do the walking! Retrace the **homesteader** trails of the East Block. **Book your spot for July 3-8.**

Birder's Paradise

Catch a glimpse of the unique, the unusual and the iconic bird species.



Grasslands National Park 2016 Adventures

Welcome!

Discover Grasslands National Park in Southern Saskatchewan - the **only park** in Canada to represent the **largest and least disturbed** remaining pockets of native prairie. **Connect** with national treasures.

Two unique geographic locations: the West Block and East Block. The distance between the two visitor centres is 166 km or a 2 hour drive. **Your Parks Canada Surprise Awaits!**
#TimeToConnect

#WestBlock

Discover the varied landscapes of the Frenchman River Valley and observe some of **Canada's rarest wildlife**.



#EastBlock

Explore the breathtaking **badlands** and discover astonishing **dinosaur fossils** exposed in the eroding layers of earth.



GUIDED Adventures

Sunset Horseback Adventures

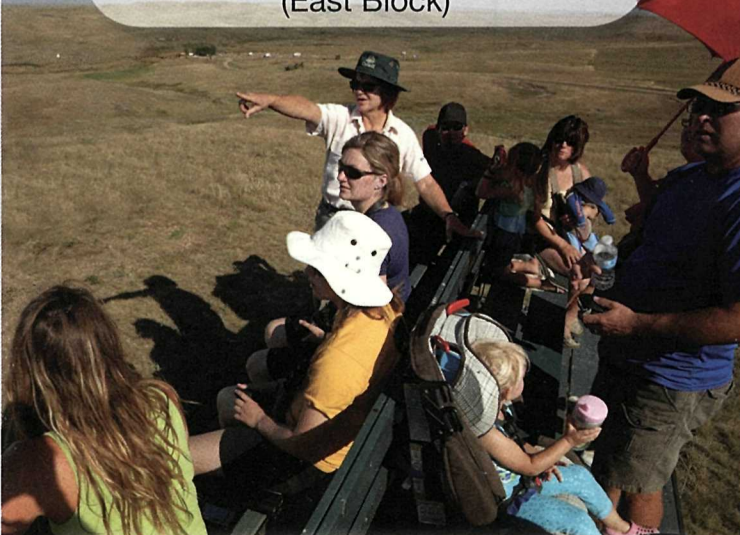
Saturdays in Jul / Aug, 7:00 p.m. (West Block)

Enjoy a one-of-a-kind guided wildlife horseback experience and search for some of Canada's rarest prairie creatures, from the majestic Plains Bison to the prehistoric Short-horned Lizard. **Ages 10+.** *Pre-registration required.*



Wagon Trails

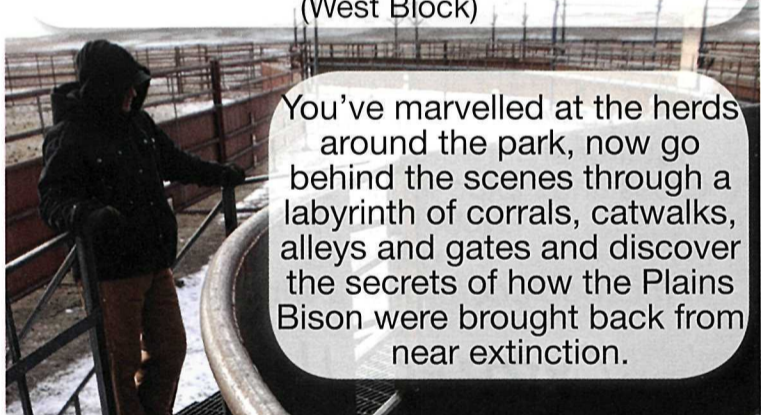
Saturdays in Jul / Aug, 7:00 p.m. (East Block)



If trails could talk ... what would they say?
There is history in these trails!
This wagon ride is bad to the bone.

Bison Backstage Tours

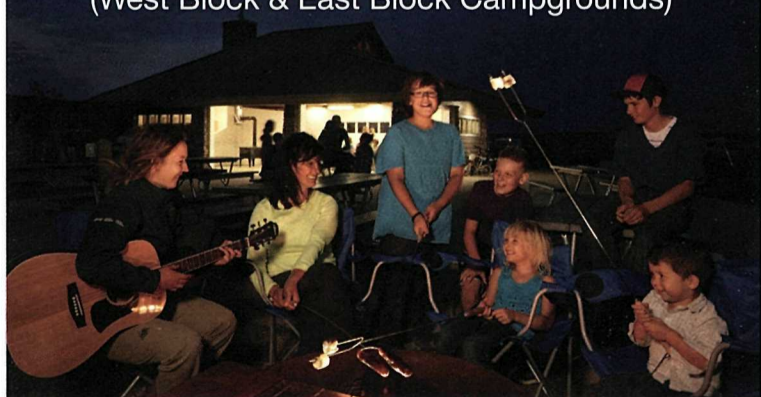
Wednesdays in Jun - Aug, 9:00 a.m. (West Block)



You've marvelled at the herds around the park, now go behind the scenes through a labyrinth of corrals, catwalks, alleys and gates and discover the secrets of how the Plains Bison were brought back from near extinction.

Fireside Chats, Stories & S'more!

Fridays in May - Aug, 7:00 p.m. (West Block & East Block Campgrounds)



Junior Naturalists

Saturdays in Jul / Aug - 4:00 p.m. (West Block & East Block)

Guided Hikes and Walks

May - Aug (West Block & East Block)



Prairie Cinema

Movie under the stars. Starts at dusk. Saturdays, Jul 2, Jul 30 & Sep 3. (West Block)

WILDLIFE WONDERS

Bison Black-tailed Prairie Dog Black-footed Ferret Greater Short-horned Lizard Turtles Prairie Rattlesnake 	Greater Sage Grouse Ferruginous Hawk Burrowing Owl Greater Short-horned Lizard
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Camping

Frenchman Valley Campground

West Block - 1 1/2 hours south of Swift Current

- 20 tent/RV electric campsites
- 1 wheel chair accessible site
- Fire pit and picnic table per site
- Potable water and vault toilets
- Coulee Centre cook shelter - central location for guided programs.

Teepee Camping

- West Block:** Four walk-in teepee camping sites.
- East Block:** Two walk-in teepee camping sites.

Reserve at reservation.pc.gc.ca or 1-877-737-3783.

Reserve at (306) 476-2018.



NEW! 2016 West Block Reservations

For Frenchman Valley Campground, reserve at reservation.pc.gc.ca or 1-877-737-3783.

Rock Creek Campground

East Block - 2 hours south of Moose Jaw.

- Beautiful kitchen shelter and bridge
- 12 tenting sites
- 10 RV / motor home sites
- Picnic tables, fire pits, vault toilet and potable water
- McGowan Visitor Centre - central location for guided programs.

Equestrian Camping

West Block and East Block

- Horse pens
- Vault Toilet
- Water Troughs
- Manure receptacle

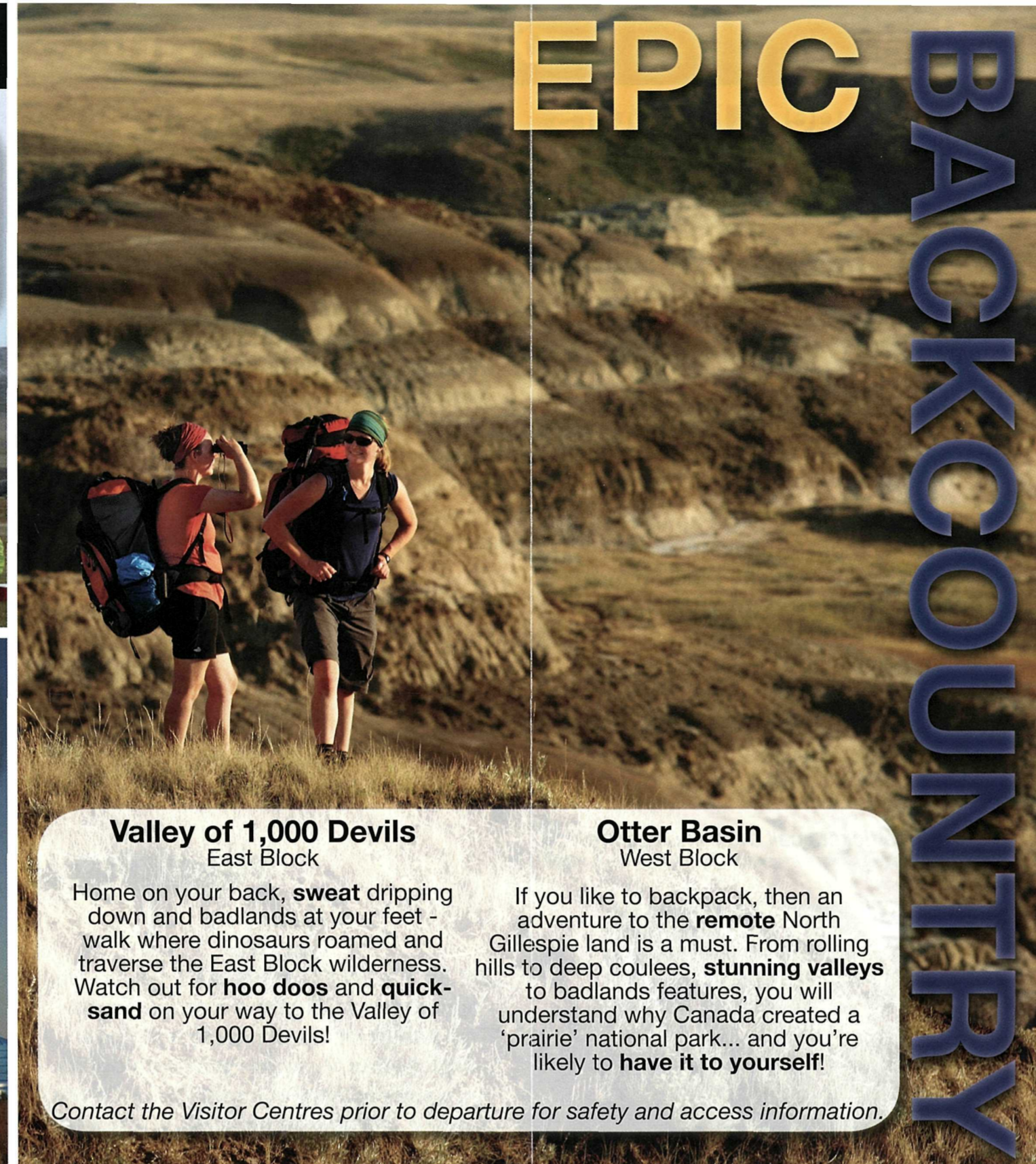


2016 East Block Reservations

For Rock Creek Campground, self-registration or call McGowan Visitor Centre (306) 476-2018

EPIC

BACKCOUNTRY



Valley of 1,000 Devils

East Block

Home on your back, **sweat** dripping down and badlands at your feet - walk where dinosaurs roamed and traverse the East Block wilderness. Watch out for **hoo doos** and **quicksand** on your way to the Valley of 1,000 Devils!

Otter Basin

West Block

If you like to backpack, then an adventure to the **remote** North Gillespie land is a must. From rolling hills to deep coulees, **stunning valleys** to badlands features, you will understand why Canada created a 'prairie' national park... and you're likely to **have it to yourself!**

Contact the Visitor Centres prior to departure for safety and access information.

EXPLORE On Your Own

Hiking / Trails



Select a **trail experience** that's right for you - from **leisurely strolls** to **awesome backcountry** experiences.

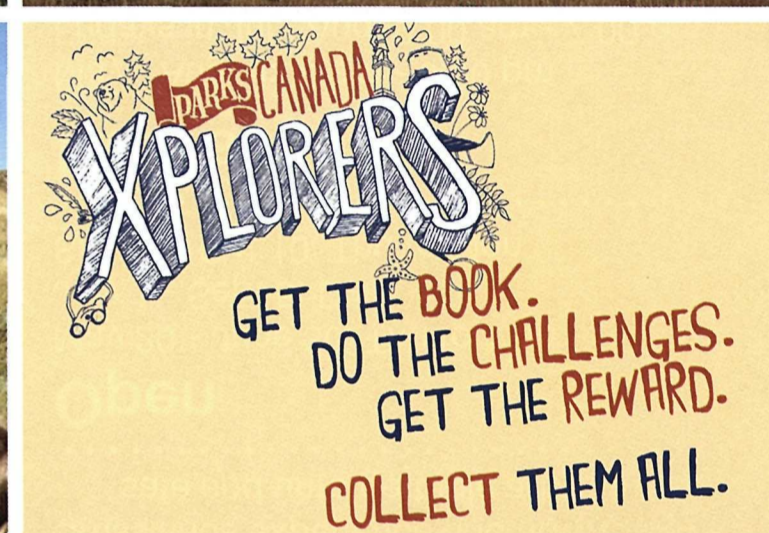
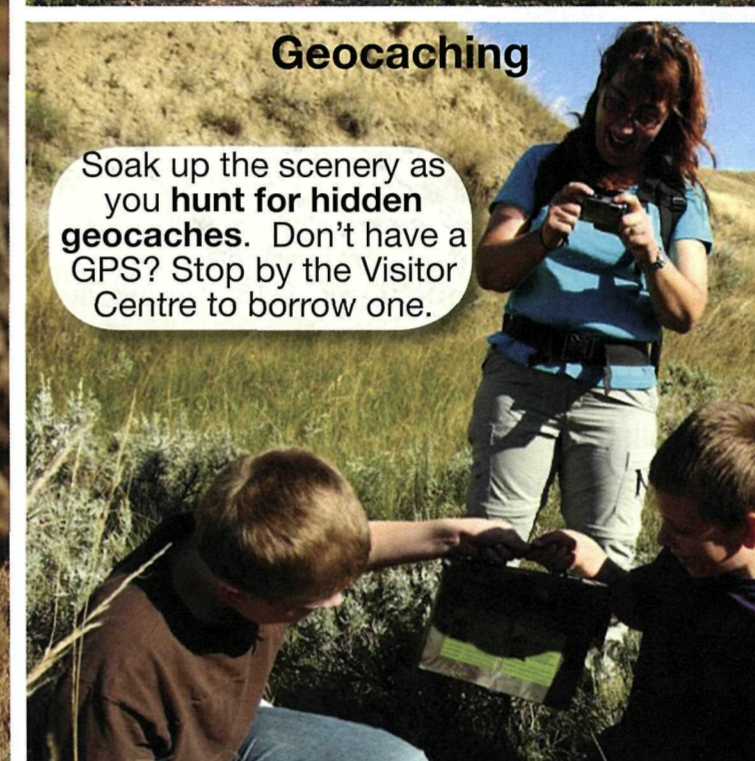
Biking

Great options to choose from!
Creek to Peak Trail (East Block)
Two Trees Trail (West Block)
... and more!



Geocaching

Soak up the scenery as you **hunt for hidden geocaches**. Don't have a GPS? Stop by the Visitor Centre to borrow one.



Hey Teachers!

The park offers a wide selection of school programs that can be adapted or customized to fit any school group.

TOP 5 MUST-DOs



Sunset Horseback Adventure

- Guided rides, horses provided (West Block)
- Independent riding adventure (East Block)

Scenic Driving Tours

- Ecotour Driving Adventure (West Block)
- Million Dollar Badlands Viewpoint (East Block)

Teepee Camping

- Cultural ties, brilliant skies, nature's lullabies
- Dream among thousands of years and over 12,000 teepee rings

Sunrise / Sunset Hikes

- Top of 70 Mile Butte (West Block)
- Creek to Peak Trail (East Block)

Amazing Views: Red Chairs

- Broken Hills (West Block)
- Zahursky Point (East Block)



DISCOVER The Region



A volunteer, non-profit group, providing additional services to help you enjoy your Grasslands experience. Based in Val Marie. (306) 298-4910

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CYPRESS HILLS DESTINATION AREA

The official tourism destination marketing organization for the Cypress Hills - Grasslands National Park area.

visitcypresshills.ca
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We're Closer Than You Think!

Distance from West Block Val Marie Visitor Centre to:
Maple Creek, SK 260 km
Medicine Hat, AB 345 km
Swift Current, SK 120 km
Saskatoon, SK 390 km
Regina, SK 359 km
Fort Walsh National Historic Site 314 km
Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, SK - Centre Block (via Eastend) 233 km
T.rex Discovery Centre, Eastend, SK..121 km

Distance from East Block McGowan Visitor Centre to:
Wood Mountain, SK 18 km
Assiniboia, SK 111 km
Moose Jaw, SK 214 km
Regina, SK 285 km

Wood Mountain Rodeo and Ranch Museum

A wide range of historical activities, the Métis Adobe and the Heritage House (seasonal). (306) 266-4953

woodmountain.ca/RodRanc.html
[facebook.com/RodeoRanchMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RodeoRanchMuseum)

Wood Mountain Regional Park

Camping, showers, swimming pool and concession. (306) 266-4249

woodmountainpark.ca
[facebook.com/woodmountainregionalpark](https://www.facebook.com/woodmountainregionalpark)

Grasslands GPS Coordinates:
Val Marie Visitor Centre, West Block
49°14'44.77"N 107°43'55.85"W
McGowan Visitor Centre, East Block
49°4'15.85"N 106°31'46.92"W

"The distance between the two Grasslands National Park Visitor Centres in the West and East Blocks is: 166 km or ~2 hour drive."



PARKS CANADA Red Chairs



Take your photo and share it with us later
#ShareTheChair

In Grasslands National Park, find them at 6 enchanting locations:

3 in the West Block & 3 in the East Block.



Other PARKS CANADA Events

Wild West Family Fest July 9
Fort Walsh National Historic Site

Fort Fest July 16
Fort Battleford National Historic Site

Trades Day Aug 6
Fort Walsh National Historic Site

Louis Riel Relay Aug 20 & 21
Batoche National Historic Site

Symphony Under the Sky Festival Aug 27
Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site

... and much more!