

Plan Your Visit

Let our friendly and knowledgeable staff, at both Visitor Centres, help you plan your Grasslands experience and assist you in having a safe and unforgettable adventure!

Visitor Centre Hours of Operation

May 18 – September 3, Daily

West & East Blocks 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Sept 4 – October 8, Daily

West & East Blocks 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Frenchman Valley Campground Kiosk

May 18 – September 3, Daily

West Block 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Contact Us

West Block Visitor Centre

(in Val Marie) (306) 298-2257, Toll Free: 1-877-345-2257

East Block McGowan Visitor Centre

(in Rock Creek Campground) (306) 476-2018

The park is always open. Fees apply. Please visit the website for details.

Visit our website:
[parksCanada.gc.ca/
grasslands](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/grasslands)



Other Parks Canada Events in Saskatchewan

Every Saturday
Frontier Life
Fort Walsh National Historic Site

July 7
Louis Riel Relay & Kidfest
Batoche National Historic Site

August 25
Symphony Under the Sky Festival
Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site

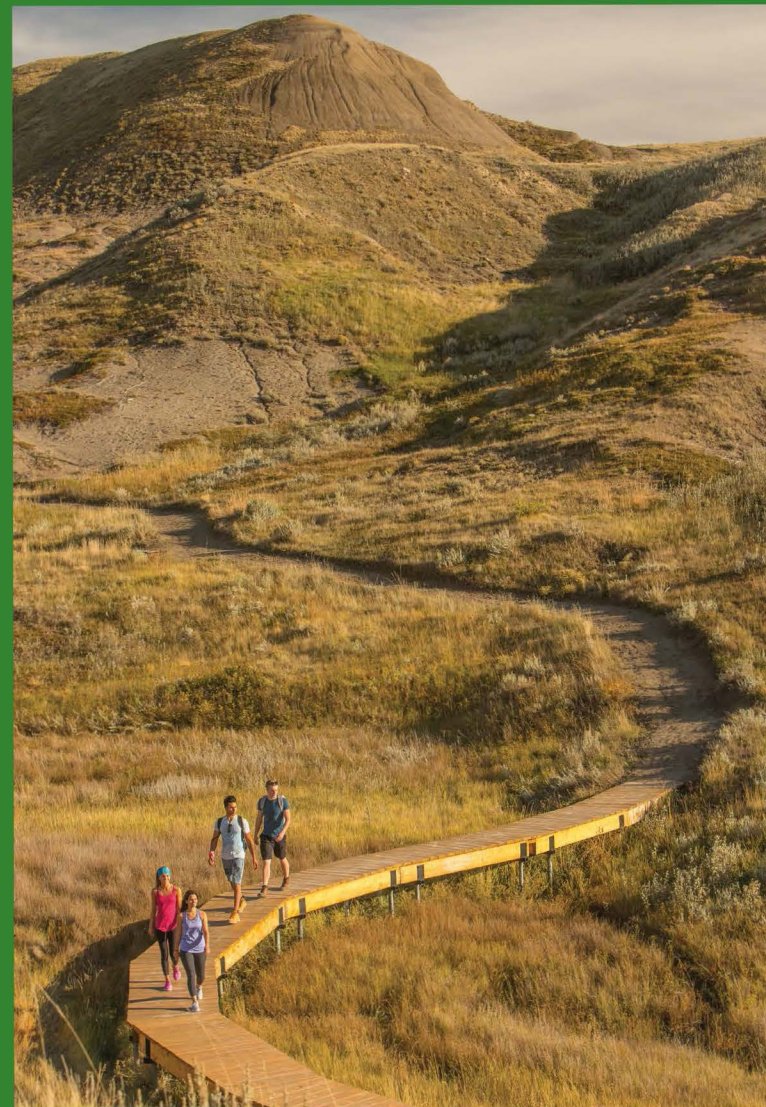
October 27
Halloween Haunted Fort
Fort Battleford National Historic Site

... and much more!

Aussi disponible en français.



Activities 2018



West Block



East Block

Experience the solitude of the wide-open plain as the prairie wind ripples a sea of grasses beneath the clear blue sky. Two unique geographic locations:

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

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

*Plan your visit to
Grasslands National Park.*





Camping

Frenchman Valley Campground

West Block – With a view of the Frenchman River, rolling hills and roaming bison, the perfect destination for your front country camping experience. 32 km SE of Val Marie.

GPS: 49 9°0.9'N 107 30°30.48'W

- 20 tent / RV electric campsites (20, 30 and 50 amp)
- Picnic tables, fire pits, vault toilets, potable water, RV sani dump, Wi-Fi
- Coulee Centre cook shelter

Rock Creek Campground

East Block – Amazing skies day and night, the leopard frogs' symphony at dusk, and the meadowlarks' serenade at dawn. Enjoy prairie elegance. 29 km SW of Wood Mountain.

GPS: 49 4°15.85N 106 31°46.92'W

- Renewed Campground
- Picnic tables, fire pits, vault toilet, potable water, RV sani dump, Wi-Fi
- 24 tent/RV electric campsites (all 50 amp)
- Summer Kitchen

oTENTik Camping

We've got you covered! A spacious blend of a tent and an A-frame cabin equipped with beds and furniture on a raised floor. An easy and relaxing way to experience camping. In proximity to toilets, potable water taps and kitchen shelters. *Reservations required.*

Inside each tent: Electricity, small heater, lantern, sleeping area for up to 6 people. Please bring your own bedding and cooking supplies. On each campsite: BBQ, fire pit, picnic table, adirondack chairs.

West Block – Frenchman Valley Campground.

- 4 oTENTik units available (1 pet-friendly)

East Block – Rock Creek Campground.

- 8 NEW oTENTik units available (1 wheel-chair accessible & 1 pet-friendly)

Backcountry Camping

Drop your pack following an exhilarating hike. Pitch a tent where no one has camped before – well, maybe not for a thousand years! Look forward to the sunset, and perhaps a Coyote howl. The park is yours to explore when Back Country Camping. *Check-in required.*

Tipi Camping

Reservations required.

West Block – Tipi accommodations are located at the Two Trees Day Use Area 13 km South of Val Marie.

GPS: 49 10°50.14'N 107 41°16.21'W

East Block – Tipi accommodations are located in the Rock Creek Campground.

Equestrian Camping

West Block – South of the Belza Day Use Area

East Block – Rock Creek Campground

- Horse pens
- Vault toilet
- Water troughs
- Manure receptacle
- First come, first served
- Check-in required.*

Camping Reservations:

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

Applies to: All Grasslands National Park campgrounds, oTENTiks, Tipis, and West Block Backcountry camping. In the event the campgrounds are full, unserviced overflow camping is available by self-registration.

* For East Block backcountry camping, reserve at: 1-306-476-2018.





Hiking & Wilderness

Hiking

Choose your own adventure and immerse in a spectrum of views, lengths and landscapes waiting to be explored at Grasslands National Park, from hard-packed trails to guided routes you find with a GPS... adventure awaits!

Trails

Experience the rare opportunity of walking a timeless, prairie landscape. Select a trail experience that's right for you - from leisurely strolls to awesome backcountry experiences.

Insider tip: Bring your camera and don't miss sunset at the top of 70-Mile Butte Trail in the West Block!

Backpacking

Enjoy the true wilderness of the only national prairie park through backpacking!

Insider tip: Walk where dinosaurs roamed and traverse the East Block wilderness. Watch out for quicksand then explore the hoo doos in the Valley of 1,000 Devils!

Biking & Bike Rentals

Great options to choose from including Broken Hills Trail and Creek to Peak Trail.

Wild & Rare

With ~70 million year old fossilized species to over 20 present-day species at risk, a wild & rare conservation story is an understatement.

Birder's Paradise

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

Sounds of Silence

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

Geocaching

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

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.

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 tipi rings, bison drive lanes and stone tools, a rich testimony to the lives of Indigenous Peoples dating back 10,000 years.

Events

Grasslander Classic

West Block July 28, 2:00pm - Frenchman Valley Campground

Enjoy the day in true prairie style kayaking the heart of the Frenchman River, touring the bison handling facility and riding on a wagon to hear stories of the open range. Try your hand at archery and rally your team to play in the ball hockey tournament. Join in the excitement at the kids activity pavilion, blacksmith demonstrations and dance the night away at the outdoor concert event with Guy and the Fellas and Buck\$hot featuring Canadian Idol finalist Tyler Lewis! *Tickets available at the gate. Check out our website for more information.*

Astronomy: Beyond the Big Dipper

The new moon opens the door to the darkest Dark Sky Preserve in Canada. Join the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as they unfold the mysteries within the rich darkness we actively protect.

East Block: May 19

West Block: July 14 and August 11

Fossil Fever

East Block August 15-19

Always wanted to dig into the past? Join the Royal Saskatchewan Museum as they uncover the secrets of the past. You can be part of the dig, a paleontologist for a day. Enjoy Fossil Talks each evening.

Pre-registration required.

Badlands Blast

East Block August 18

Kids activities, wagon rides and fossil experts share their adventures. Dine and dance with the diggers at the Rock Creek Hoedown. Bring your instrument and jam with the locals!

Discover Parks Canada

Amazing places. Unlimited possibilities.

Canada's national parks, national marine conservation areas and national historic sites are the ultimate awe-inspiring experience. Starting in 2018, Parks Canada is inviting young Canadians and their families to make visiting these places part of their traditions with **free admission for youth 17 and under.**

**Fees for enhanced services and events may apply.*



Guided Adventures

Bison Backstage Tours

West Block - Get a backstage pass through a labyrinth of corrals, catwalks, alleys and gates and discover how the Plains Bison were brought back from near extinction. Thursdays from May 24 - August 30, 3:00 pm.

Guided Hikes

Explore nature's wonders and experience stories that capture the character of this amazing land. May 19 - September 1.

Cowboy Coffee

Kick start your Sunday with a cup of traditional, brewed-over-the-campfire, cowboy coffee! Join us in tales of the ranching days of yesteryear. Sundays from May 20 - September 2, 9:00 am.

Fireside Chats

Join a park interpreter by the campfire for stories and S'more! Fridays, May 18 - August 31, 7:00 pm.

Junior Naturalists

Hey kids! Join us for hands on exploration of the only prairie park in Canada. Saturdays, June 30 - September 1, 4:00 pm.

School and Group Tours

The park offers a selection of school, outdoor education programs, and group tours for all ages.

Get Involved

Join conservation efforts for species at risk. Learn something new and make a difference for Sage Grouse, Short-horned lizards and Black-tailed prairie dogs. Contact us for details on volunteer opportunities! *Email: grasslands.info@pc.gc.ca.*

Outfitter Adventures

Many great guided outfitter experiences available in the area, including: horseback riding, kayaking, hiking, art, yoga.

**For more information: parksCanada.gc.ca/grasslands.*

Self-Guided Interpretation

Ecotour Scenic Drive West Block - Journey through stunning landscapes, rich history and active conservation! Pick up your Ecotour Scenic Drive brochure at the visitor centre!

Prairie Stories West Block - Hike to one of the tallest buttes in the park, 70 Mile Butte, and immerse in stories that capture the character of this land on our NEW interpretive panels.

Rock Creek Trail East Block - Experience a taste of the true essence of the East Block. The past, the present and the future in our hands and at our feet!

Creek to Peak Trail East Block - Let your senses explore the prairie. The gurgle of the creek, the wisp of the wind, the fragrance of the flowers, and the expanse of the valley. You and the little things.

Discover the Region - 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
Eastend, SK	121 km

Distance from East Block

McGowan Visitor Centre to:

Wood Mountain, SK	29 km
Assiniboia, SK	111 km
Moose Jaw, SK	214 km
Regina, SK	285 km

Distance between the two Grasslands National Park Visitor Centres in the West and East Blocks: 166 km or ~2 hours drive.

Other Local Attractions

- 1 Cypress Hills Provincial Park AB
- 2 Cypress Hills Provincial Park SK Centre Block
- 3 Cypress Hills Provincial Park SK West Block Wilderness Area
- 4 T.Rex Discovery Centre
- 5 Wood Mountain Regional Park
- 6 Wood Mountain Rodeo Ranch Museum

Prairie Wind & Silver Sage

Museum, gift shop, coffee, wifi and information. Val Marie.

Cypress Hills Destination Area

visitcypresshills.ca
Outfitter adventure bookings and regional trip planning information.

Wood Mountain Rodeo Ranch

Museum, gift shop and information.

Grasslands National Park
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

