

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

West Block

May 17 – October 14, Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

East Block

May 17 – September 2, Daily 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

September 3 – October 14, Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Frenchman Valley Campground Kiosk

West Block

May 17 – September 2, Daily 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Contact Us

West Block Visitor Centre

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

Rock Creek Visitor Centre

(in East Block, Rock Creek Campground) 306-476-2018

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

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grasslands](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/grasslands)



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Other Parks Canada Events in Saskatchewan

Every Saturday July & August

Frontier Life

Fort Walsh National Historic Site

July 6

Louis Riel Relay & Kidfest

Batoche National Historic Site

July 20

Waskesiu Children's Festival

Prince Albert National Park

August 24

Symphony Under the Sky Festival

Motherwell Homestead
National Historic Site

... and much more!

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Grasslands
National Park

Activities 2019



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.

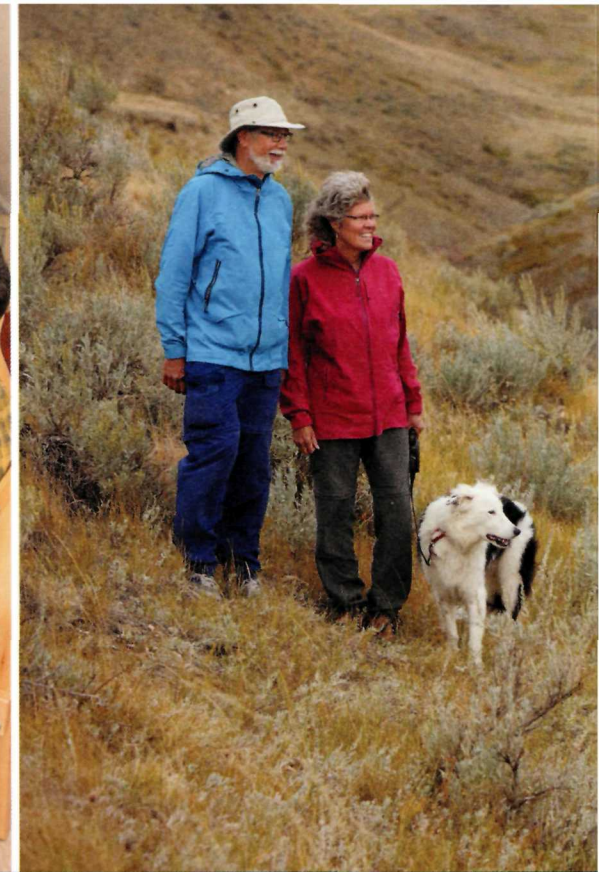
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Camping

Frenchman Valley Campground

West Block – With a view of the Frenchman River, rolling hills and roaming bison, it's 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)
- Coulee Centre cook shelter
- Picnic tables, fire pits, vault toilets, potable water, RV sani dump, Wi-Fi

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

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

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. 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 accessible & 1 pet-friendly)

East Block – Rock Creek Campground.

- 8 oTENTik units available (1 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

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.

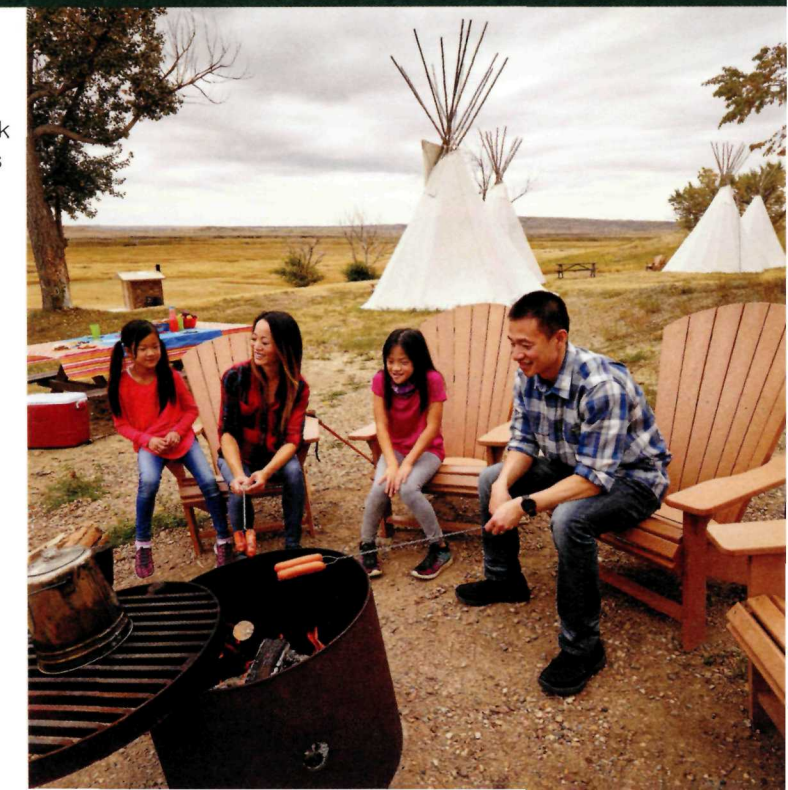
Equestrian Camping

- Horse pens
- Water troughs
- First come, first served
- Vault toilet
- Manure receptacle

Check-in required.

West Block – South of the Belza Day Use Area

East Block – Rock Creek Campground



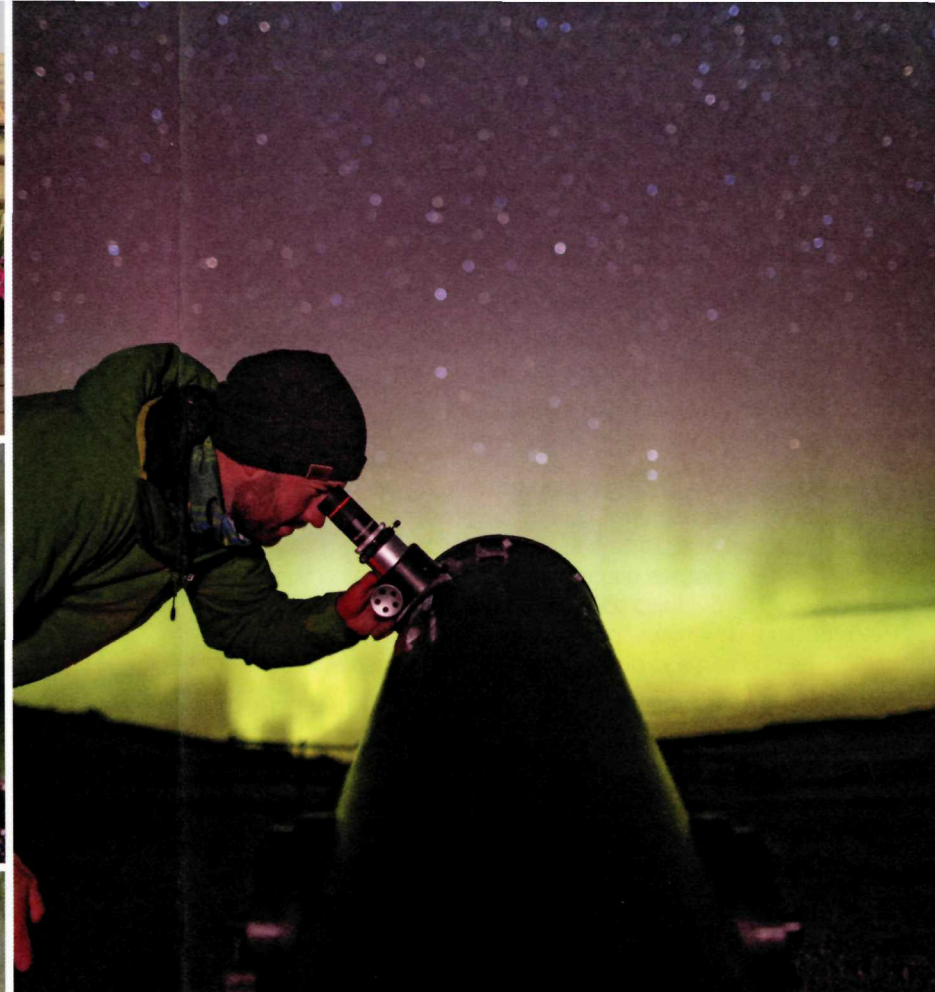
Camping Reservations:

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.



Guided Adventures

Join an interpreter and explore nature's wonders and experience stories that capture the character of this amazing land.

May 17 – June 30

	West Block	East Block
Friday	7pm Fireside Chats	7pm Fireside Chats
Saturday	9am Going, Going, Gone	9am Footprints in Time
Sunday	9am Cowboy Coffee	9am Cowboy Coffee

July 1 – September 2

	West Block	East Block
Monday	9am Going, Going, Gone	9am ekta wambli/Eagle View
Tuesday	9am The Cowboy Way	
Wednesday	1pm Métis Connections 7pm Fireside Chats	9am Eco Equation 7pm Fireside Chats
Thursday	9am Where the Buffalo Roam	
Friday	9am Going, Going, Gone 7pm Fireside Chats	1pm Lakota Legends 7pm Fireside Chats
Saturday	6pm Circling Back: A Story of Archaeology 7pm Junior Naturalists	9am Footprints in Time 7pm Junior Naturalists
Sunday	9am Cowboy Coffee	9am Cowboy Coffee

New in 2019!

Métis Connections

Join local Métis heritage presenters and learn about the special connections to this landscape through storytelling, interpretation, music and art.

Lakota Legends

Watch the canvas come alive as Lakota First Nations artist and storyteller, Kim Soo Goodtrack, illustrates the Star Nation in pastel as she speaks. Following the presentation, create your own artwork in Lakota design.

Circling Back: A Story of Archaeology

Take an exclusive journey to the Turkey Track Ridge and witness the secrets of the land unfold before you through the eyes of an archaeologist. *Pre-registration required*

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!

Outfitter Adventures

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

Group Tours

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

*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!

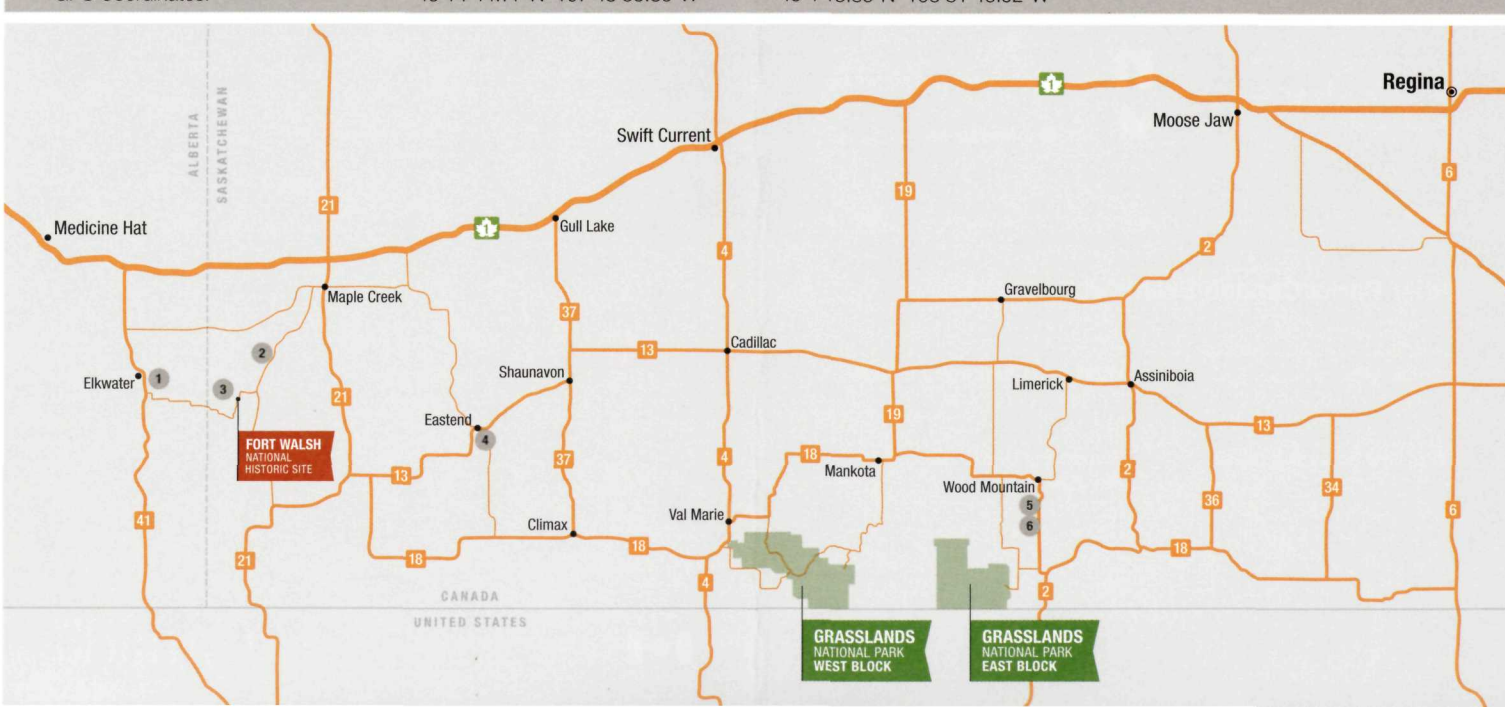
Badlands Parkway East Block - Take in the new 10 km scenic driving experience that meanders along the rim of breathtaking Badlands and see some of Saskatchewan's finest scenery! Open May 17 - October 14

70 Mile Butte Trail 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!

Discover the Region – We're Closer Than You Think!

Distance from West Block Val Marie Visitor Centre to:	Distance from East Block McGowan Visitor Centre to:	Other Local Attractions	Prairie Wind & Silver Sage Museum, gift shop, coffee, Wi-Fi and information. Val Marie.
Maple Creek, SK 260 km	Wood Mountain, SK 29 km	1 Cypress Hills Provincial Park AB	Cypress Hills Destination Area visitcypresshills.ca Outfitter adventure bookings and regional trip planning information.
Medicine Hat, AB 345 km	Assiniboia, SK 111 km	2 Cypress Hills Provincial Park SK Centre Block	
Swift Current, SK 120 km	Moose Jaw, SK 214 km	3 Cypress Hills Provincial Park SK West Block Wilderness Area	Wood Mountain Rodeo Ranch Museum, gift shop and information.
Saskatoon, SK 390 km	Regina, SK 285 km	4 T.Rex Discovery Centre	
Regina, SK 359 km		5 Wood Mountain Regional Park	
Fort Walsh		6 Wood Mountain Rodeo Ranch Museum	
National Historic Site 314 km	<i>Distance between the two Grasslands National Park Visitor Centres in the West and East Blocks: 166 km or ~2 hours drive.</i>		
Eastend, SK 121 km			
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	



Hiking & Wilderness

Hiking & Trails

Choose your own adventure and immerse yourself in a spectrum of views and landscapes waiting to be explored. Select a trail experience that's right for you – from hard-packed trails to routes you find with a GPS...adventure awaits!

Spectacular Night Sky

Experience the rare opportunity to see the night sky in all its wonder. Whether it's your first glimpse from the comfort of your campsite, or an in-depth view from the lens of your telescope, the brilliance that shines from a sky this dark is a sight to be seen.

Back Country Loop – West Block

Take yourself deeper into the West Block wilderness by travelling along the Back Country Loop. Experience the breathtaking scenery and discover a true appreciation for this remote landscape. Stop for a rest at the Red Chairs at the Borderlands Lookout or hike along the Otter Basin Route. Please check with visitor centre staff for road conditions and precautions before venturing into this area.

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

Astronomy: Beyond the Big Dipper

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

East Block: June 1, 8:00 pm

West Block: July 27, 8:00 pm

Fossil Fever

East Block: August 14-18
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 17
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. **Parks Canada invites 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.*