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I am staying in an oTENTik at Terra Nova National Park



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Working as a team, Terra Nova National Park and the Autism Society Newfoundland and Labrador, have created this social story for you and your family.

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This is an oTENTik at Terra Nova National Park. People like to camp in oTENTiks.

oTENTiks have decks, some with rails and a ramp or steps at the front.



All of the oTENTiks have canvas walls and a wooden floor. The oTENTiks at Terra Nova National Park have two green chairs on the deck in front.



Each oTENTIK is on a campsite. A campsite is a place outdoors used to stay overnight. Each campsite has a number on its post so we know where we are staying. Staying in an oTENTik can be fun!



Inside the oTENTik there is a table with four chairs. There is a lantern or a light over the table so we can see when it gets dark. At the table I may color pictures, put together puzzles, play games or do other activities.



Sometimes we might hear other people, birds or squirrels. If it's windy, we might hear the canvas sides of the oTENTik moving in the wind. That's okay.



We eat our meals outside the oTENTik.
We can use the barbeque and picnic table next to the oTENTik.

We can also eat at a kitchen shelter. Some people call a kitchen shelter a picnic shelter or a cookhouse. When I go to the kitchen shelter I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost.



In the oTENTik there are beds. There is a ladder to climb to the top bunk, or people can sleep on the bottom bunks. There are canvas panels or curtains to help keep out the light.



There is no sink and no washroom in the oTENTik, but there are washrooms nearby. I can brush my teeth, use the toilet and wash my hands in the washrooms. I can also use a shower in the washrooms. When I go to the washrooms I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost.



Staying in an oTENTik can be fun!
Sometimes the weather will be sunny and warm. Sometimes the weather will be rainy and cool.

We might see birds, squirrels, or other wild animals. We will see many different plants and trees.



We might go on a hike. When I leave the oTENTik to go on a hike, I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost.



We might visit a playground. When I leave the oTENTik to go to the playground, I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost.



If I am lost, I can ask people who work at Parks Canada for help.

People who work at the park wear a Parks Canada uniform with this logo:

