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WESTERN CANADA
AT A GLANCE

27 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES
12 NATIONAL PARKS
1 NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA
45+ WILDLIFE CROSSINGS
130+ RED CHAIRS
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BE INSPIRED!
COME… HIKE, BIKE, CAMP, SWIM, PADDLE,
LEARN, PLAY…

WELCOME!

Dive into an exciting world of adventures when you explore the dazzling wild nature and historic treasures of Western Canada.

Come for a day trip, or take a look at our itineraries and book a vacation to remember.

Learn more about how we’re working hard to fight climate change and discover how you can become a ‘citizen scientist’ and help protect biodiversity.

Memories await.

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DAY 6
Let’s get! Discover the oldest artillery fort on Canada’s west coast. Explore secret bunkers, military command posts and 19th century buildings at Fort Rodd Hill. Listen to moving stories of soldiers and their families. In the summer, get an introductory lesson in target shooting using a replica WWII machine gun. Watch the sunset from the lighthouse, then enjoy a night telling stories around the campfire.

DAY 7
After waking up to the sound of birds singing, soak up the beauty of the sunrise at the lighthouse. Take a walk through a salish oak meadow and see if you can find any Camassia, a plant used as a food source by local First Nations. Return to Vancouver, 130 km.
CONSERVING FOR THE FUTURE

THE CHALLENGE
What can we do to address climate change and fight global warming?
Carbon dioxide is a major greenhouse gas and driver of climate change, however, salt marsh ecosystems can store large amounts of CO₂ for much longer than mature forests.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
In an international effort, Parks Canada Coastal Ecologists are studying the effect that eelgrass meadow and tidal salt marshes have on absorbing carbon dioxide.

THE RESULT?
Understanding how these ecosystems work will hopefully encourage everyone to be more environmentally conscious.

GET INVOLVED NOW IT’S YOUR TURN

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Join The Friends of Elk Island Park Society for the annual Christmas Bird Count! Help play a part in future conservation and join keen birders out on the trails at dawn; volunteers are appreciated throughout the day.
Elk Island National Park p. 15

TREE DETECTIVES NEEDED!
Needles of five, keep them alive! Have you seen the endangered whitebark pine tree? Help us locate this species by sending in photographs and GPS coordinates of its location.
Glacier National Park p. 11

BE PART OF THE COMEBACK
We thought Pink Sand-verbena had been driven out of its natural habitat by invasive grasses, but thanks to volunteers, now there are thousands of these plants in the park! Join the fight and learn what makes them unique.
Pacific Rim National Park Reserve p. 11
STAYING THE NIGHT? WE’VE GOT YOU COVERED

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING
The ultimate in overnight adventure: just you, your tent and the great outdoors, far from the beaten path.
Available in Gwaii Haanas (Reserve), Pacific Rim (Reserve), Gulf Islands (Reserve), Kootenay, Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lakes, Elk Island, and Wood Buffalo National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

oTENTik
The perfect mix of tent and A-frame cabin comes together in our oTENTik with its raised floors and cozy beds; great for campers who want a little extra comfort in the wild.
Available in Pacific Rim (Reserve), Kootenay, Jasper, Banff, and Elk Island National Parks; and Fort Langley, Fort Rodd Hill, and Fisgard Lighthouse National Historic Sites.

CABIN
Cottage life at its best with a rustic home-away-from-home in the woods. Sweet dreams for 2-12 happy campers.
Available in Mount Revelstoke and Wood Buffalo National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

MICROCube
Get super-cosy in a MicrOcube, the designer way to score a window over the wilderness, while sleeping with a roof over your head and a floor beneath your feet.
Coming soon to Gulf Islands National Park Reserve.

HISTORIC STAY
Immerse yourself in one of Canada’s national treasures with a very special overnight stay in truly historic surroundings.
Available in Jasper National Park; and Fort St. James and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Sites.

TENT AND RV CAMPING
Stay close to nature at one of our wonderful campsites – at your preferred comfort level.
Available in Pacific Rim (Reserve), Gulf Islands (Reserve), Glacier, Yoho, Kootenay, Jasper, Banff, Waterton Lakes, Elk Island, and Wood Buffalo National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

EQUIPPED CAMPING
No gear? No problem! Now you can rent the whole kit and caboodle thanks to our partnership with MEC in an equipped campsite. Ideal for stress-free vacays and those who want to travel light.
Available in Banff, Waterton Lakes and Elk Island National Parks; and Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

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Get the inside scoop on the very best way to enjoy our parks and sites from Parks Canada pros!

**STAFF FAVOURITES**

1. **ICELINE TRAIL**
   “The Iceline Trail at Yoho National Park is an all-around favourite of mine. It takes you high up and really close to glaciers on one of the most scenic trails in Canada. It’s a hike to get up there, but once you’ve made the initial climb you can enjoy a long walk with mostly flat terrain and breathtaking vistas.”
   Allison - Education and Outreach Officer

2. **LEGACY POLE**
   “Sailing into Windy Bay, seeing the Legacy Pole and traditional Haida Longhouse amongst the old growth cedars and alka spruce, I love to imagine the people and work it took to raise the pole, and protect Gwaii Haanas.”
   Natalie - Promotions Officer

3. **SKELETON KEY**
   “Seeing the antique skeleton key in the Big House at Fort Langley National Historic Site. Just showing it to adults and children alike turns them into wide-eyed, imaginative believers in magic. I usually let them try to lock and unlock one of the doors.”
   Nette - Heritage Programmer

4. **BURGESS SHALE**
   “Among my personal favourites, the Burgess Shale Hike takes you to one of the most scenic locations in Kootenay National Park. It’s a great location in itself with amazing views of Mounts Whymper and Stanley, and you get to learn about 505 million years of history. Right here!”
   Jacquie - Interpretation Coordinator

5. **BEAR CREEK FALLS**
   “The rushing water at beautiful Bear Creek Falls in Glacier National Park reminds me of the transient quality of nature. The water there makes its way through the mountains via the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean.”
   Amy - Education and Outreach Officer

6. **WINTER WONDERS**
   “My hidden gem is the lower boardwalk at Cave and Basin National Historic Site in winter. Around flowing warm springs, frosty vegetation creates a winter wonderland. In silence, you can hear the sounds of running water flowing into the marsh.”
   Jocelyn - Interpretation Coordinator

7. **BISON TRAILS**
   “I enjoy stepping into bison territory and walking in their tracks in Elk Island National Park. Bison trails always lead to something interesting: a pond full of birds, a wonderful view, or even bison themselves!”
   Laure - Interpretation Coordinator
1. **Gwaii Haanas (Reserve)**
   - Where lush rainforested islands, seas rich with wildlife and Haida heritage come together.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Explore weathered carved poles, longhouse remains and learn about traditional Haida culture.
     - Cruise through an ocean fronting with marine mammals and other wildlife.
   - Skidegate | 1-877-559-8818
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/gwaiihaanas

2. **Pacific Rim (Reserve)**
   - An area of rainforests, marine kelp forests and rich heritage.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Catch a wave and go for a once-in-a-lifetime surfing experience!
     - Walk under the rainforest canopy and identify wonderful creatures and plant life like Old Man's Beard and the Banana Slug!
   - Ucluelet – 300 km from Victoria; 300 km from Vancouver
   - 1-250-726-3500
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/pacificrim

3. **Gulf Islands (Reserve)**
   - Fifteen islands and 36 square kilometers of protected marine wilderness.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Paddle a kayak through the sheltered waters of the Salish Sea.
     - Camp at one of several oceanfront back-country campgrounds.
   - Sidney – 25 km from Victoria; 85 km from Vancouver
   - 1-866-944-1744
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/gulfislands

4. **Mount Revelstoke**
   - A showcase of Western Canada’s dramatic mountain landscapes, from dense rainforests to craggy peaks.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Hike alpine meadows, meandering past colourful wildflowers.
     - Lean out over the historic Nels Nelson ski jump and imagine launching into flight.
   - Revelstoke | 1-250-837-7500
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/revelstoke

5. **Glacier**
   - Deep valleys, ancient forests and exceptional alpine scenery.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Take a stroll through towering moss-draped old-growth cedars.
     - Push yourself to the limit with an exhilarating high-country experience!
   - Revelstoke | 1-250-837-7500
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/glacier

6. **Yoho**
   - A pristine National Park with 28 peaks soaring over 3,000 metres.
   - **DON’T MISS**
     - Book a guided fossil tour of the Burgess Shale and explore the origins of life on earth.
     - Hike a dawn on the spectacular Twin Falls trail along the Yoho River.
   - Field – 210 km from Calgary, AB
   - 1-250-343-6783
   - parkscanada.gc.ca/yoho
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An important centre of trade and commerce with First Nations on the Pacific Slope.
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- Escape the fort using the clues and reap your reward.
- Check the odds and place your bet at our world-class chicken races.
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The final link in connecting Canada via the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway.
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Wood Buffalo
Canada’s largest National Park, established to protect some of the last remaining herds of bison.
DON’T MISS
- Visit the famous Maligne Lake and experience the mountain scenery.
- Explore the spectacular Maligne Canyon.
- Witness the starry night sky at the annual Jasper Dark Sky Festival.

Jasper – 335 km from Edmonton;
Jasper – 130 km from Calgary
1-403-762-1550 | 1-403-522-3833
parkscanada.gc.ca/jasper | @JasperNP
#JasperNP

Elk Island
A refuge for bison and oasis of calm only 35 minutes east of Edmonton.
DON’T MISS
- Take a VIP Bison Backstage tour to discover how plains bison were brought back from near extinction!
- Discover the wonder of a night sky twinkling with stars without the city’s light pollution.

Fort Saskatchewan – 45 km from Edmonton;
Fort Saskatchewan – 265 km from Calgary
1-867-872-7960 | 1-780-922-5790
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Waterton Lakes
A dramatic landscape where the prairies of Alberta meet the Rocky Mountains.
DON’T MISS
- Some areas of the park are now open to the public following the 2017 Kenow Fire. Closures are still in effect for areas heavily affected by fire due to safety hazards and infrastructure damage. Updates are posted on our website and social media channels as they become available.

Waterton Park – 265 km from Calgary
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Lake Louise (Banff)
The heart of the Canadian Rockies where history and wild nature blend.
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- Explore the world-famous Icefields Parkway.
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Lake Louise – 190 km from Calgary
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Lake Louise
A part of UNESCO’s Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.
DON’T MISS
- Watch dramatic mountain scenery unfold as you drive the world-famous Icefields Parkway.
- Witness the starry night sky at the annual Jasper Dark Sky Festival.

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Check out the car-free exploration options at parkscanada.gc.ca/banff-transit.
Banff Upper Hot Springs are the highest elevation developed hot springs in the Canadian Rockies.

Banff, AB – 130 km from Calgary, AB
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Radium Hot Springs, in BC’s Kootenay National Park, is famous for its canyon setting.

Radium Hot Springs, BC – 260 km from Calgary, AB
@KootenayNP | #Radium

Jasper National Park contains Miette Hot Springs with the hottest mineral water in the Rockies.

Jasper, AB – 340 km from Edmonton, AB
@JasperNP | #Jasper

Visit on weekday mornings for a quieter experience.

Canadian Rockies
Hot Springs
1-800-767-1611
parkscanada.gc.ca/hotsprings

Canada’s most famous hot springs are in the Canadian Rockies National Parks. There’s nothing like soaking in hot, naturally heated mineral water surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery.

For centuries, Indigenous peoples used these springs as sacred places while travelling through the Canadian Rockies. Today, the iconic Banff Upper Hot Springs continue to delight and welcome visitors as it has for over 130 years. Get off the beaten path and visit Radium Hot Springs in Kootenay National Park. This hot spring is nestled within the stunning rock walls of Sinclair Canyon. Jasper’s Miette Hot Springs is the perfect place to soothe sore muscles after a scenic walk or hike on the Sulphur Skyline trail.
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