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Pukaskwa National Park
Parks Canada in Ontario

At a Glance

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90+ Red Chairs
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Be Inspired!
Discover. Protect. Connect.
WELCOME!

Dive into an exciting world of adventures when you explore Ontario’s historic treasures and dazzling wild nature.

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.
7-DAY ITINERARY

A SUPERIOR ROAD TRIP

FROM SUDBURY TO ROSSPORT

ROUNDTRIP 1735 km

LOCATIONS
Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area
Pukaskwa National Park
Fort St. Joseph and Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Sites

DAY 1
FORT ST. JOSEPH
Hilton Beach, 270 km from Sudbury
From the ruins of a British fort to sheltered coves and spectacular trails, explore rugged shorelines and beautiful forests as you discover why these lakes are so ‘great’!
Spend the afternoon amongst the ruins of this historic fort. Let a Parks Canada guide show you the fascinating history of the grounds, then hike a short trail to admire the beauty of Lake Huron.

DAY 2
LAKE SUPERIOR
Rossport, 580 km from Sault Ste. Marie
Take time to enjoy the spectacular views as you travel along the coast of Lake Superior. Once you arrive in Rossport, enjoy hiking along that same stunning coastline.
Get out on the water and discover the sheltered islands of Rossport. Paddle through the coves, bays and inlets of Lake Superior for an unforgettable experience.
DAY 3

Get ready for a treasure hunt! Use your smartphone to find the 3 hidden geocaches along the scenic trails of Lake Superior’s northern shores. Don’t forget to bring a pencil to sign the logbook and leave your mark!

Join a local boat tour and enjoy an afternoon on the lake, as you learn about the history and wildlife of the area.

||oTENTik, Hattie Cove campground, Pukaskwa, 130 km from Rossport||

DAY 4

PUKASKWA

Keep the treasure hunt going and see if you can find the 7 geocaches hidden around the park! When you’re done, take some time to share your achievements and pictures!

Join a park interpreter at the Anishinaabe camp and learn more about the strong connection the local Indigenous peoples have with the land and water in this area.

||oTENTik, Hattie Cove campground||

DAY 5

Follow the Beach Trail on your way to explore Horseshoe Beach. Spend the day relaxing in the sand or enjoying the crystal clear waters.

Up for an adventure? Rent a canoe, or bring your own, and explore Hattie Cove from the water. Keep an eye out and with a little luck you’ll be able to spot some of the animals that call Lake Superior home.

||oTENTik, Hattie Cove campground||

DAY 6

Pack a lunch, and head out for a day on the first leg of the famous Coastal Hiking Trail! Enjoy the spectacular views as you make the 18 km round-trip hike to the White River Suspension Bridge. Stroll through boreal forest, follow the boardwalk over wetlands and trek across the rocky surface of the Canadian Shield.

||oTENTik, Hattie Cove campground||

DAY 7

SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL

Sault Ste. Marie, 425 km from Pukaskwa

Marvel at the impressive sight of the world’s first electrically powered lock. Tour the historic buildings or watch boats pass through.

Explore South St. Marys Island on foot or by bike and take in the beautiful landscapes found within the heart of Sault Ste. Marie.

Return to Sudbury, 310 km

Pukaskwa National Park

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area

Plan your visit at parkscanada.gc.ca/visit and discover other itineraries.
3-DAY GETAWAY

WEEKEND ESCAPE

FROM TORONTO TO GRAVENHURST

ROUNDTRIP
430 km

LOCATIONS
Georgian Bay Islands National Park
Trent–Severn Waterway and Bethune Memorial House
National Historic Sites

DAY 1
TRENT–SEVERN WATERWAY, LOCK 45
Port Severn, 165 km from Toronto
Want to escape the city for the weekend?
Enjoy the local cuisine as you watch boats rise and fall in the last lock connecting Lake Huron to Lake Ontario. Learn about the history and importance of the waterway at the nearby self-guided visitor centre.

GEORGIAN BAY ISLANDS
Honey Harbour, 15 km from Port Severn
After lunch, enjoy the view as you embark on the scenic boat ride to Beausoleil Island. Take in the sights and sounds as you gather round the campfire and watch the stars appear over the sparkling waters of the lake.

Cabin,
Cedar Spring campground

DAY 2
Be sure to bring your camera as you hike or bike the trails! Explore the beauty of the rugged Canadian Shield and the hardwood forests, then spend the afternoon relaxing on the beach or cooling off in the crystal waters of Georgian Bay.

DAY 3
BETHUNE MEMORIAL HOUSE
Gravenhurst, 70 km from Honey Harbour
Dive into the history and life of Dr. Norman Bethune and discover what made him an international hero. Learn about his legacy and experience what it was like to be a stretcher bearer in the trenches of World War I.

TRENT–SEVERN WATERWAY, LOCK 42
Washago, 20 km from Gravenhurst
On the way home, stop by the final lock constructed in the Trent–Severn, which was completed in 1920. Admire the ingenuity that went into building this world renowned waterway!

Return to Toronto, 160 km
CONSERVING FOR THE FUTURE

THE CHALLENGE
How can we measure the health of Canada’s protected areas?

Ecosystems respond differently to shocks and disruptions brought about by climate change. Recording data on thousands of insect species across Canada’s national parks can reveal a lot about the state of these ecosystems.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
Volunteers and scientists have found more than 725,000 specimens to scan using the Guelph Centre for Biodiversity Genetics’ Barcode of Life.

THE RESULT?
Scientists now have a baseline to track long-term shifts in species.

GET INVOLVED NOW IT’S YOUR TURN

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Come participate in a Christmas Bird Count, Point Pelee’s longest-running citizen science project! For more than 50 years, volunteers have spent a day tallying all the birds they can find.

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INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP
Take part in the International Coastal Cleanup at the northern shores of Lake Superior! Contact us to find out how you can protect Lake Superior’s precious coastline.

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BE PART OF THE COMEBACK
Look for peregrines in Pukaskwa’s backcountry or learn about bats and share your sightings! Your help will contribute to the monitoring of both the park and the species.

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TENT AND RV CAMPING
Stay close to nature at one of our wonderful campsites — at your preferred comfort level.
Available in Pukaskwa, Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bay Islands and Thousand Islands National Parks; Rouge National Urban Park; and in Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING
The ultimate overnight adventure: just you, your tent and the great outdoors — far from the beaten path.
Available in Pukaskwa, Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay Islands National Parks.

ÔASIS
Spend the night under a natural canopy and fall asleep admiring the stars! This tear drop shaped accommodation has a bench that converts into a bed and a suspended hammock loft. Treat yourself to a drop of heaven for the night.
Available in Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

FROM $10 PER PERSON PER NIGHT
FROM $26.95 PER NIGHT
FROM $122.65 PER NIGHT

STAYING THE NIGHT?
WE’VE GOT YOU COVERED
**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 Point Pelee, Pukaskwa, Georgian Bay Islands and Thousand Islands National Parks; Rouge National Urban Park; and in Trent–Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.

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**CABIN**
Cottage life at its best with a rustic home-away-from-home in the woods. A hassle-free camping experience with a bit more privacy than the campground. Sweet dreams for happy campers.

Available in Georgian Bay Islands National Park and in Trent–Severn Waterway National Historic Site.

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**YURT**
Live life without corners in a circular yurt! This traditional dwelling of Central Asian nomads is just right for a night of camping with a dash of homelike comfort.

Available in Bruce Peninsula National Park.

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**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 Thousand Islands National Park and in Rideau Canal National Historic Site.

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**HISTORIC STAY**
Immerse yourself in one of Canada’s national treasures with a very special overnight stay in truly historic surroundings.

Davis Lockmaster’s House and Newboro Canalman’s Cottage are available in Rideau Canal National Historic Site.

Minimum stay is 1 week during peak season and 3 days in off-season.

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**OVERNIGHT MOORING**
Have a unique nautical experience by mooring your boat in one of Canada’s historic canals. Relax and enjoy nearby activities.

Available in Trent–Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal National Historic Sites.
PERCHED OVER RUSHING WATER
35 metres below your feet, a torrent of water rushes towards Lake Superior. A challenging day hike, paddle or short boat shuttle brings you to Chigamiwinigum Falls. You can hear the water long before you get there, and the view is spectacular!

AMY
Visitor Experience Manager

NATURE, HUMANS, AND HISTORY, OH MY!
Entering the forests of Woodland trail transports you to a wondrous place filled with the sounds of gray tree frogs, woodpeckers and rustling leaves. I love coming here to take a break from bustling city life and to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, culture and agriculture in Rouge National Urban Park.

KIRUSHANTH
Partnering and Engagement Officer

WOODLAND NATURE TRAIL
The Woodland Nature Trail has always been one of my favourite spots in Point Pelee National Park, especially in the spring. I can remember walking the long bridges, under the canopy of large trees always hoping to catch a glimpse of the golden swamp warbler, more commonly known as the Prothonotary Warbler, an endangered species that nests in the park.

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Promotion Officer
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Lake Superior
Lake Michigan
Lake Huron
Lake Ontario
Lake Erie
Georgian Bay
Thunder Bay
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Sault Ste. Marie
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National Park
National Historic Site
National Marine Conservation Area
National Urban Park

SERVICES
- Access for persons with reduced mobility
- Restaurant
- Gift shop
- Picnic area/Shelter
- Playground
- Wi-Fi (in certain areas only)
- Equipment rental (varies by site)

ACCOMODATION
- Camping
- Recreational vehicle
- oTENTik
- Yurt
- Cabin
- Historic stay
- Overnight Mooring
- Equipped camping
- Oasis

ACTIVITIES
- Interpretation
- Cycling
- Mountain biking
- Backpacking/Hiking
- Birdwatching
- Beach
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Motorboating
- Fishing
- Scuba diving
- Winter activities
- Dark-Sky Preserve
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- Photo Missions app
- Red chairs

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1 Pukaskwa
A wilderness woven with Canadian Shield, enriched by Anishinaabe First Nations culture.
DON'T MISS
- Take in an impressive view, high above a waterfall on the White River Suspension Bridge Trail.
- Explore rocky nooks and paddle along crystal-clear waters.
Heron Bay – 320 km from Thunder Bay; 410 km from Sault Ste. Marie | 807-229-0801 parkscanada.gc.ca/pukaskwa | @PukaskwaNP #PukaskwaNP

2 Bruce Peninsula
The park boasts limestone coasts, mixed-wood forests, cliffside cedars and blue waters of Georgian Bay.
DON'T MISS
- Challenge yourself and enjoy the rugged beauty on a bouldering adventure.
- Hike along some of the most challenging and spectacular parts of the Bruce Trail.
Tobermory – 295 km from Toronto 519-596-2233 | parkscanada.gc.ca/bruce @BruceNP

3 Point Pelee
For more than a century, Point Pelee has protected its unique southern flora and fauna.
DON'T MISS
- Paddle the wetlands on a freighter canoe excursion and look for beavers and muskrats.
- Explore the entire park by bike on winding trails through lush forests.
Leamington | 519-322-2365 parkscanada.gc.ca/pelee | @PointPeleeNP #PointPeleeNP

4 Georgian Bay Islands
The world’s largest freshwater archipelago.
DON’T MISS
- Explore Beausoleil Island, the largest of 63 idyllic boat-only access islands.
- Hit the rugged trails on foot or rent a bike and enjoy the park’s scenic beauty.
Honey Harbour – 165 km from Toronto 705-527-7200 | parkscanada.gc.ca/gbi @GBINP

5 Thousand Islands
Islands and inlets to explore along the St. Lawrence River.
DON'T MISS
- Island-hop via kayak or canoe through a vibrant freshwater biosphere.
- Get a breath of fresh air on the trails at Mallorytown Landing, Jones Creek or Landon Bay.
Mallorytown – 135 km from Ottawa; 230 km from Montréal, QC; 320 km from Toronto 613-923-5261 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ti @TINationalPark

6 Sault Ste. Marie Canal
Once the longest lock in the world and the first to operate using electricity.
DON'T MISS
- Stand on the lock gates while vessels rise and descend 6.4 metres from one lake level to the other.
- Explore the trails with fun, off-road-ready fat bikes.
Sault Ste. Marie | 705-941-6205 parkscanada.gc.ca/sault | @SaultCanalNHS #SaultCanal

Grab your souvenirs at one of our gift shops or online at parkscanadashop.ca
7 Fort St. Joseph
The remains of an isolated outpost from 1796 to the War of 1812.
DON’T MISS
- Take in the fascinating history of the fort as you explore its ruins.
- Wind through the forest along the trails to Huron’s edge.
Hilton Beach | 705-246-2664
parkscanada.gc.ca/joseph | @FortSJJosephNHS
#FortSJJoseph

8 Fort Malden
The principal military station for the defence of the western frontier.
DON’T MISS
- Get a bang out of Fort Malden and fire a Brown Bess musket – an authentic 1812 experience.
- Visit the cookhouse for a warming bowl of soldier’s stew.
Amherstburg | 519-736-6416
parkscanada.gc.ca/fortmalden | #FortMalden

9 Woodside
The childhood home of Canada’s 10th Prime Minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King.
DON’T MISS
- Explore the grounds, which consist of 11.5 acres of mature woodland accessible year-round.
- Take a self-guided tour around this historic family home packed with original heirlooms.
Kitchener – 105 km from Toronto
519-571-5684 | parkscanada.gc.ca/woodside
#Woodside

10 HMCS Haida
The world’s last surviving Tribal Class destroyer ship.
DON’T MISS
- Walk the decks of the most famous ship in the Royal Canadian Navy.
- Explore HMCS Haida’s authentic naval history on daily guided tours.
Hamilton – 70 km from Toronto
905-526-6742 | parkscanada.gc.ca/haida
#HMCSHaida

11 Queenston Heights
A battlefield where British/Canadian forces fought off an attempted invasion by American troops.
DON’T MISS
- Climb the 235 steps up Brock’s Monument for the spectacular view of the Niagara Frontier.
- Tour the battlefield as costumed guides bring to life that bloody October day in 1812.
Niagara-on-the-Lake – 130 km from Toronto; 20 km from Niagara Falls
905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/queenstonheights

12 Fort George
The principal fortification on the Niagara Peninsula during the War of 1812.
DON’T MISS
- Book a hands-on history experience and learn to load and fire a replica Brown Bess.
- Tap your toes to the sound of the marching tunes of the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum Corp on parade.
Niagara-on-the-Lake – 130 km from Toronto; 20 km from Niagara Falls
905-468-6614 | parkscanada.gc.ca/fortgeorge
@FortGeorgeNHS #FortGeorge

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Do the activities
Get a reward
13 Bethune Memorial House
The birthplace of Norman Bethune, an international hero.

DON’T MISS
- Test your battlefield skills in a First World War trench.
- Discover the life story, medical innovation and worldwide influence of Dr. Bethune on a guided tour.

Gravenhurst – 170 km from Toronto
705-687-4261 | parkscanada.gc.ca/Bethune

14 Trent–Severn Waterway
A 386 km waterway connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Huron.

DON’T MISS
- Take a summer motorcycle tour to the Big Chute Marine Railway and into cottage country.
- Chart a course to Kawartha Lakes’ dream boating destinations: Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls.

Peterborough – 135 km from Toronto;
270 km from Ottawa | 1-888-773-8888
parkscanada.gc.ca/trentsevern
@TrentSevernNHS | #TrentSevern

15 Bellevue House
The home of Sir John A. Macdonald from 1848 to 1849.

DON’T MISS
- Join Sir John A. Macdonald’s gardeners and domestic staff as they carry out some tasks.
- Walk in the footsteps of Canadian history on a guided tour of the property.

Kingston – 195 km from Ottawa;
265 km from Toronto; 290 km from Montréal, QC
613-545-8666 | parkscanada.gc.ca/laurierhouse

16 Fort Wellington
A historic fort dating back to the War of 1812.

DON’T MISS
- Get hands-on training as a Royal Artilleryman and fire a 19th century cannon.
- Grab a copy of the Xplorers booklet and get the inside track on the fort’s mysteries.

Prescott – 95 km from Ottawa;
185 km from Montréal, QC | 613-925-2896
parkscanada.gc.ca/wellington

17 Rideau Canal
A historic shipping route constructed after the War of 1812.

DON’T MISS
- Snap up a fishing permit and outdoors card, and head to Dow Lake to catch some dinner.
- Combine history with fun in a 27-foot Voyageur canoe tour.

Smiths Falls (Kingston to Ottawa)
613-283-5170 | parkscanada.gc.ca/rideaucanal
@RideauCanalNHS | #RideauCanal

18 Laurier House
The former residence of two of Canada’s most important Prime Ministers.

DON’T MISS
- Step into a 1940s kitchen and contribute to the Second World War effort.
- Enjoy tea and a basket of sweet delicacies on the historic veranda.

Ottawa | 613-992-8142
parkscanada.gc.ca/laurierhouse

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