

Fort Carlton Provincial Park

2022 Education Programs

Guided school programs are offered in the spring at Fort Carlton Provincial Park and are a great opportunity to immerse students in the past while investigating and applying learning objectives. Sask Parks' guided school programming connects the Saskatchewan Curriculum to place-based learning.



Booking:

Bookings are accepted starting on Tuesday, January 4, on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the attached form and return by email to outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca

Cost:

School groups are no longer required to pay a program fee. A vehicle entry permit is required upon entry to the park for \$10/vehicle (buses and chaperone vehicles included). Permits are available for purchase from the Visitor Centre.

Program Dates:

Monday to Friday, May 16 to June 24, 2022.

Park Quick Facts:

- Reconstructed Hudson's Bay Company fort and tipi encampment
- Original site operated from 1810-1885
- History of the fur trade and the signing of Treaty No. 6
- Located 110 km north of Saskatoon and 82 km south of Prince Albert
- Explore two hiking trails
- Large picnic area with covered picnic shelter and wood/briquette barbecues
- Group camping available

In the Area:

- Batoche National Historic Site
- Duck Lake Interpretive Centre
- Russel Hanson's Mounted Police Museum

Programs

Most programs can be adapted for any grade level, however, suggested grades are included.

History/Social Programs

Hands on History (Grade 4-9)

Two nations were brought together by European demand for North American natural resources, which created and sustained the longevity of the fur trade. The Hands on History program gives a glimpse into the lives of the First Nations, Métis and European people at Fort Carlton in the 1800s. Students will visit the tipi encampment and tour the entire fort. Activities include examining trade goods, First Nations artifacts and participating in fur baling. Maximum 100 students.

Location: Meet at the Visitor Centre

Duration: 1.75 hours

Suggested Curriculum: IN4, DR4, IN5, DR5, PA5, IN8, DR8, RW8, IN9, DR9, PA9

Accepting the Queen's Hand Treaty Program (Grade 4-9)

Treaty No. 6 was signed near Fort Carlton in 1876. Students will participate in a re-enactment of the treaty signing, discovering the roles of historical figures including Chief Atahkakoop, Chief Mistawasis and Lt. Gov. Alexander Morris. Students will also explore life in a pre-treaty Cree community and will work in groups to build a mini-tipi. Students will also be led in a discussion about the Indian Act. Prior knowledge of these topics is beneficial for the discussion held during the program. Maximum 40 students.

Location: Meet at the Visitor Centre

Duration: 1.75 hours

Suggested Curriculum: IN4, DR4, IN5, DR5, PA5, DR6, PA6, DR7, PA7, IN8, DR8, IN9, DR9





Archaeology Programs

Digging into History

(Grade 4 to 12)

Runs from June 6 to 10 only. Fort Carlton Provincial Park is excited to partner with the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society to conduct an archaeological dig uncovering more of the history of Fort Carlton and the land that it sits on. For the first-time ever, your students are invited to participate in this hands-on event that will undoubtedly uncover treasures that have been buried for over 130 years!

Location: Meet at the Visitor Centre

Duration: 2 hours

Suggested Curriculum: N4, PE4, RM4, IN4, DR4, RW4, CR5, SS5, PE5, MC5, FM5, WE5, IN5, DR5, PA5, CG6, CC6, CR6, USC6, PE6, IN6, DR6, RW6, CR7, CC7, USC7, EC7, WS8, IN8, DR8, IN9, DR9, PA9, RW9

Self-Guided Programs

Fur-Trapper Geocaching

Learn about the animals whose fur fueled the fur trade in this geocaching program. Students will learn GPS navigation skills as they navigate to animal habitats and "trap" animals by finding their corresponding geocaches. This self-guided program must be booked in advance.

Suggested Curriculum: PE4, PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, PE10, PE20, PE30.

Spend the Day

Pack a bagged lunch or have a wiener roast in our picnic area. Enjoy the trails and explore the Visitor Centre.

Crossing Place Trail

Lead your students up this trail to a stunning view overlooking the river valley and fort. Interpretive signs provide details about the history and geography of the area. Along this trail you can still see the ruts where Red River Carts travelled to and from the fort on the historic Carlton Trail. During an average season around 300 carts would make the round trip with furs and goods. Crossing Place Trail is approximately a one hour round trip from the trailhead or forty minutes from the access point to the back half of the trail.

River Trail

This is an easy trail that links the Fort to the North Saskatchewan River. Stretching along between open prairies and northern

woodlands, the river opened up much of Canada's west to the fur trade. It was also the main route from eastern Canada to the Rocky Mountains. The trail signage provides details on river transportation during the fur trade, from York boats to steamships. It is an approximate 30 minute round trip to the river and back to the fort. Please instruct students to exercise caution and stay back from the edge of the water.

Booking Information

Educational Programming:

Please fill out the attached School Booking Request Form and email the completed form to outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca. Program times are listed on the booking form and specific to the program selected. Times may be flexible to accommodate travel times.

Group Size:

Each program can accommodate 20-30 students. For larger group sizes, contact us at outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca to discuss program options.

Group Camping:

Group camping is available to school groups free of charge from August 31 to June 22! To book group campsites, please contact the park office at 306-467-5205. Standard nightly group camping fees apply from June 23 through August 30, in addition to a \$12 non-refundable reservation fee when booking online. Visit saskparks.com for standard nightly group rates. Valid vehicle entry permits are required.



Know Before You Go

Note: teachers and chaperones are required to participate in all programs.

Be Prepared for the Weather:

Bring sunscreen, insect repellent and warm and waterproof clothing. Rubber boots may also be required for your program.

Cell Coverage:

There is good cell service at Fort Carlton Provincial Park, though it may be limited in some areas. Wi-Fi is not available.

Late Arrivals or Cancellations:

Programs are not usually cancelled due to weather unless requested by the school or in extreme/unsafe situations. Please phone us to let us know if you are late arriving. We will try to accommodate changes, however, late arrivals may result in program reduction or cancellation due to other school booking commitments.

Campfires:

Campfires are allowed in the park. Please bring matches, roasting sticks and an axe. Wood is provided on site. Please discuss campfire needs during your booking. In the case of a fire ban, campfires are prohibited. To find out if the park is under a fire restriction or ban, head to saskparks.com.

Drinking Water:

Drinking water may not be available at your program location. Plan ahead and bring filled water bottles.

Safety:

In case of medical or other emergencies, all groups must maintain their own transportation while visiting the park.

In the Classroom:

Discuss with your students ways that they can reduce their impact — reduce packaging on food items, recycle materials and respect the natural environment during your visit.

Further Information:

Learn more about Fort Carlton Provincial Park at www.saskparks.com.



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You will receive a response within 10 business days to confirm your booking. Park Interpreters begin work in May and will contact you at that time to finalize details. If desired, group camping must be booked separately by contacting the park office at 306-467-5205.

School Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

School Phone: _____

Name (contact person/teacher): _____

Name(s) of teacher(s) attending trip (if different than above): _____

Cell phone number of teacher(s) attending trip: _____

Grade(s): _____ # of students: _____ # of chaperones: _____

Is your group staying the night? Yes No

**If yes, be sure to book a group campsite by contacting the park office at 306-467-5205.*

Preferred Program Date:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Planned Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Select desired program(s) and time(s):

Hands on History (Grade 4-9)

9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

3:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Digging into History (Grade 4-12)

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please list any other curriculum-based themes or inquiry-based learning questions that would help interpretive staff tailor the program to your group.

Are there any special considerations that your interpreter should be aware of (i.e. mobility issues, special needs, allergies, medications, etc.)?

Yes No

In most cases, programs can be adapted to better suit your group. Please discuss any special needs with a Park Interpreter ahead of time.

Please return completed form to: outdoorclassroom@gov.sk.ca.

Submit



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Park Info: 1-800-205-7070
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