



## Exploring Canada

This challenge is to get our members excited for our national and provincial parks systems throughout Alberta, NWT and Yukon. Members are encouraged to get out and enjoy these amazing places.

### To earn this challenge:

**Sparks/Brownies** - Need to complete **one** challenge from each section.

**Guides** - Need to complete **two** challenges from each section.

**Pathfinders/Rangers** - Can complete either:

- **Three** challenges from each section; or
- Plan an “Exploring Canada’s Parks” event for your district or for a younger branch to participate in with a minimum of 3 activity stations.

### National Parks

1. Learn about the history of the national parks system in Canada.
2. Learn about how an area receives the national park designation.
3. Explore options to visit a National Park in another province/territory.
4. Travel to a National Park and take part in their learning activities.
5. Learn about the Parks Canada Youth Ambassador program.
6. Learn about the *National Park Act* and its history.

### Provincial Parks

1. Learn about the history of the provincial park system in your province/territory.
2. Learn about how an area receives the provincial park designation.
3. Learn about a site that has been selected on Canada’s Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.
4. Explore options to visit a Provincial/Territorial park in another province.
5. Travel to a Provincial Park and take part in their learning activities.
6. Learn about your province’s *Provincial Park Act*.

### World Heritage Site (UNESCO)

1. Learn how a site becomes a world heritage site.
2. Learn about the history of the World Heritage Sites system.
3. Learn about the World Heritage Convention.
4. Learn about the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
5. Learn about two Canadian sites on the World Heritage List.
6. Learn about the different status of a World Heritage site can hold. What’s the difference between In Danger, Dislisted, Transboundary, Cultural, Natural, and Mixed?
7. Learn about one site on World Heritage List that classified as “in danger”? Talk about why the site is “in danger”.

8. Explore options to visit a World Heritage Site outside your province.
9. Travel to a World Heritage Site.
10. Learn about Canada's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites and pick one location to learn about.

## National Historical Sites

1. Learn about the history of the National Historical Sites system.
2. Learn about how a site receives the "National Historic Site" designation.
3. Learn about one historical site in your province/territory.
4. Learn about a historical site in another province/territory.
5. Visit a National Historic site and take part in their programming.

## Program Links:

**Sparks:** In my community, World around me.

**Brownies:** Key to my community - Proud to be Canadian, Interest badges: All about Canada, Special interest badge.

**Guides:** Beyond You – Discovering your Community #1, 6. Interest Badges: Folklore, Heritage, Provincial/Territorial Heritage, Travelling, and Design your own badge

**Pathfinders:** Canada at Your Doorstep, Going Global.

**Rangers:** Community Connections #13, Leadership work

## Resources:

1. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - <http://whc.unesco.org/>
2. World Heritage List - <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/>
3. Canada's Historic Places - <http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/home-accueil.aspx>
4. Parks Canada Xplorers - <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/voyage-travel/xplorateurs-xplorers.aspx>
5. Alberta Parks - <http://www.albertaparks.ca/>
6. Yukon Parks - <http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/>
7. NWT Parks - <https://nwt-parks.ca/>
8. Parks Canada – <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/progs/pn-np/index.aspx>

## Search Keywords:

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