



## 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 Tie-Ins – All Branches:

### Explore Identities

Different Together

### Connect and Question

Local Communities

Canadian Connections

## 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>

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# EXPLORING CANADA – SPARKS AND BROWNIES

## LEADER'S OUTLINE

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pencils
  - Scissors
  - Craft thick glue
  - Crayons, pencil crayons
1. GET EXCITED ABOUT CANADA
    - Each girl needs 1 Canada Day Maze sheet and a pencil
    - Start at the beginning and make your way to the flag
  2. CANADA MATCH GAME
    - Each girl needs 1 Canada Day Match Game
    - Color boxes and cut out
    - Girls pair up
    - Place pictures face down
    - Girls take turns by turning over 2 pictures face up to find a match. If a match, girl keeps both pictures, if no match, flip over again and next girl tries
    - Play several times
  3. CRAFT: HEAD SMASHED IN BUFFALO
    - Cut out buffalo pieces
    - Glue brown wool on beard piece and glue on eyes.
    - Make buffalo puppet as per sample included.
  4. SING SONG: GREAT BIG BUFFALO
    - Great big buffalo coming round the mountain
    - Long, long ago
    - Great big buffalo coming round the mountain
    - Long, long ago
    - Long, long ago woof woof woof
    - Long, long ago woof woof woof
    - Long, long ago woof woof woof
    - Long, long ago
  
    - Teany weany buffalo coming round the mountain
  
    - Enormous buffalo coming round the mountain
  5. GAME: CANADA EH!
    - 1 wall is the Arctic Ocean, 1 wall Pacific Ocean, 1 wall Atlantic Ocean and 1 wall O Canada!
    - Leader calls out name of a province/territory or O Canada! And girls run to wall (ocean) closest to that province/territory
    - Play game several times until girls are tired!
  6. FORTUNE TELLER: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HISTORICAL SITES AND PARKS WITHIN ALBERTA
    - Color
    - Cut out square
    - Fold
    - Play
  7. Each girl receives the Exploring Canada Badge. Well done!

# EXPLORING CANADA – GUIDES, PATHFINDERS, RANGERS

## LEADER'S OUTLINE

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Pencils
  - Scissors
  - Coloured pencils
  - Black permanent marker
1. GET EXCITED ABOUT CANADA
    - Each girl needs 1 Canada Day Maze sheet and a pencil
    - Start at the beginning and make your way to the flag
  
  2. GAME: CANADA EH!
    - 1 wall is the Arctic Ocean, 1 wall Pacific Ocean, 1 wall Atlantic Ocean and 1 wall O Canada!
    - Leader calls out name of a province/territory or O Canada! And girls run to wall (ocean) closest to that province/territory
    - Play game several times until girls are tired!
  
  3. HAT CRAFT: HEAD SMASHED IN BUFFALO
    - Trace and cut out buffalo pieces using template
    - Glue eyes and nostrils on to head
    - Glue buffalo pieces together as per sample. Pin on hat.
  
  4. FORTUNE TELLER: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HISTORICAL SITES AND PARKS WITHIN ALBERTA
    - Cut out square
    - Fold
    - Play
  
  5. CRAFT: DREAM CATCHER
    - Each girl gets a dream catcher kit
    - Using picture provided as a guide, make a dream catcher
  
  6. Each girl receives the Exploring Canada Badge. Well done!