

## Get to Know Canada's National Parks



Geographically, Canada has some of the most diverse and rich landscape in the world! People travel from all over the globe to experience the beauty of our backyard. Parks Canada is the governing body that protects and maintains our National Parks across the country, so that we can enjoy the landscape through activities, such as hiking and camping, for generations to come.

This activity will test your knowledge of some of the most iconic National Parks in Canada. Stuck on some of the answers? We've also provided a "cheat sheet" below the activity for some extra help.

Thank you to Parks Canada for sharing this activity and providing all the fun information about our parks!

## Sample Activity C - Getting to know Canada's National Parks

Using the national park fact sheets (available at [www.pc.gc.ca/education](http://www.pc.gc.ca/education) in the "Teacher Resource Centre"), match the correct national park with the descriptions provided below.

Banff National Park

Elk Island

Fundy National Park

Georgian Bay Islands National Park

Glacier National Park

Grasslands National Park

Gros Mome National Park

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Kluane National Park Reserve

Nahanni National Park Reserve

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

Point Pelee National Park

Pukaskwa Pelee National Park

Quttinirpaaq National Park

Riding Mountain National Park

Terra Nova National Park

1. This national park has the highest tides in the world. \_\_\_\_\_
2. This national park is situated in the world's largest freshwater archipelago \_\_\_\_\_
3. Canada's first national park, established in 1885. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This national park protects some of the last remaining original mixed-grass prairie of its kind.  
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5. This national park is Canada's most northerly park, and contains 900 metre thick icefields.  
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6. The first natural site named to the UNESCO World Heritage List \_\_\_\_\_
7. This national park is located in the Canadian Shield on the north shore of Lake Superior  
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8. The word "mountain" is in this park's name, however, the park is located in the Prairies  
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9. Canada's easternmost national park. \_\_\_\_\_
10. This national park is noted for its outstanding geological features and deep-sea fjords  
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11. Located on Vancouver Island, this national park contains some the biggest and oldest trees in Canada. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Rogers Pass is located in this park - the park's name means "large chunk of ice". \_\_\_\_\_
13. The word "island" in my name but I am not an island. \_\_\_\_\_
14. This national park is the most southerly point of mainland Canada - as far south as northern California. \_\_\_\_\_
15. This national park protects the Garry oak system - one of Canada's most endangered ecosystems. \_\_\_\_\_
16. This national park contains Canada's highest mountain peak. \_\_\_\_\_

## Canada's National Parks - Quick Reference Chart

National Park Name	Year Established or Year of Agreement	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Location	Description	Ecozone	Website URL
Aulavik	1992	12 200	North end of Banks Island in the Northwest Territories	Home to the endangered Peary caribou and to the highest density of muskoxen in the world	Northern Arctic	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/aulavik">www.pc.gc.ca/aulavik</a>
Auyuittuq	1976	19 089	Within the Arctic Circle, northeastern shore of Baffin Island, Nunavut	Classic alpine glacial landscape: mountains, deep fjords and glaciers	Arctic Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/ayuittuq">www.pc.gc.ca/ayuittuq</a>
Banff	1885	6 641	Southwest Alberta, Rocky Mountains	Mountain landscape comprising alpine, subalpine and montane sceneries	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/banff">www.pc.gc.ca/banff</a>
Bruce Peninsula	1987	154	Lake Huron, Southern Ontario	Jetty of land and rugged cliffs advancing in Lake Huron forming Georgian Bay to the east	Mixedwood Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/bruce">www.pc.gc.ca/bruce</a>
Cape Breton Highlands	1936	950	Northern Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia	Spectacular cliffs and coastal wilderness between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/capebreton">www.pc.gc.ca/capebreton</a>
Elk Island	1913	194	Central Alberta, east of Edmonton	Rolling hills oasis surrounded by cultivated lands, towns and industries	Prairie	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/elkisland">www.pc.gc.ca/elkisland</a>
Forillon	1970	240	Gulf of St. Lawrence, Quebec	Ecologically-rich mountainous peninsula extending into Gulf of St. Lawrence	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/forillon">www.pc.gc.ca/forillon</a>
Fundy	1948	206	On Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick	Acadian forests and site of world's highest tides	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/fundy">www.pc.gc.ca/fundy</a>
Georgian Bay Islands	1929	12	In the "Thirty Thousand Islands", along Georgian Bay's eastern shoreline	Forest transition zone and time-worn rock faces	Mixedwood Plains and Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/georgianbay">www.pc.gc.ca/georgianbay</a>
Glacier	1886	1 350	Southeast British Columbia	Mountains, interior rain forest and glaciers	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/glacier">www.pc.gc.ca/glacier</a>
Grasslands	1988	907	Southern Saskatchewan, bordering on the United States	Represents some of the last remaining original mixed-grass prairie	Prairie	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/grasslands">www.pc.gc.ca/grasslands</a>
Gros Morne	1973	1 805	On Newfoundland's west coast	Freshwater inland fjords and dramatic scenery	Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/grosmorne">www.pc.gc.ca/grosmorne</a>
Gulf Islands	2003	34	In southern Strait of Georgia, British Columbia	Unique climate and ecosystems	Pacific Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/gulfislands">www.pc.gc.ca/gulfislands</a>
Gwaii Haanas	1988	1 495	Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia	West Coast mountainous islands	Pacific Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/gwaiihaanas">www.pc.gc.ca/gwaiihaanas</a>
Ivvavik	1984	9 750	Northwestern corner of Yukon Territory	Home of the Porcupine caribou herd	Taiga Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/ivvavik">www.pc.gc.ca/ivvavik</a>
Jasper	1907	10 878	In the Rockies in west-central Alberta, bordering British Columbia	Largest and most northerly of the six Rocky Mountain parks	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/jasper">www.pc.gc.ca/jasper</a>
Kejimikujik	1974	403	Southwest Nova Scotia	Home of several endangered and unique species	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/kejimikujik">www.pc.gc.ca/kejimikujik</a>
Kluane	1976	22 016	Southwest Yukon Territory	Home of Canada's highest mountains	Boreal Cordillera and Pacific Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/kluane">www.pc.gc.ca/kluane</a>
Kouchibouguac	1969	239	On the shores of the Gulf St. Lawrence in New Brunswick	Protects New Brunswick Lowlands	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac">www.pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac</a>
Kootenay	1920	1 406	Southeastern Rockies in British Columbia	From glacier-clad peaks to semi-arid grasslands	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/kootenay">www.pc.gc.ca/kootenay</a>

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La Mauricie	1977	536	In the Laurentian Mountains, Quebec	Forests and lakes in the heart of ancient mountains	Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/lamauricie">www.pc.gc.ca/lamauricie</a>
Mingan Archipelago	1984	151	In the Jacques Cartier Channel, northeast Quebec	Home to rare plants and a multitude of birds	Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/mingan">www.pc.gc.ca/mingan</a>
Mount Revelstoke	1914	260	Southeast British Columbia, adjacent to the city of Revelstoke	Rainforest of 1 000-year-old cedars and spectacular mountains	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/revelstoke">www.pc.gc.ca/revelstoke</a>
Nahanni	1976	4 766	Southwest Northwest Territories	Canyons, Mackenzie Mountains, wild rivers	Taiga Cordillera and Taiga Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/nahanni">www.pc.gc.ca/nahanni</a>
Pacific Rim	1970	510	Southwest coast of Vancouver Island	Rich marine life, beaches and coastal forests	Pacific Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/pacificrim">www.pc.gc.ca/pacificrim</a>
Point Pelee	1918	15.2	On Lake Erie in Southwestern Ontario	Staging ground for numerous bird species and monarch butterfly migrations	Mixedwood Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/pointpelee">www.pc.gc.ca/pointpelee</a>
Prince Albert	1927	3 875	Central Saskatchewan	Forested and grassland plains. Home to a free-ranging plains bison herd.	Boreal Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert">www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert</a>
Prince Edward Island	1937	27	On the gulf side of Prince Edward Island	Sand dunes protecting the piping plover.	Atlantic Maritime	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/pei">www.pc.gc.ca/pei</a>
Pukaskwa	1978	1 878	Northeast end of Lake Superior	Rugged Lake Superior shoreline and boreal forest	Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/pukaskwa">www.pc.gc.ca/pukaskwa</a>
Quttinirpaaq	1988	37 775	North end of Ellesmere Island - the northern extremity of the Arctic Archipelago	Driest polar desert in the Northern Hemisphere	Arctic Cordillera and Northern Arctic	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/quttinirpaaq">www.pc.gc.ca/quttinirpaaq</a>
Riding Mountain	1929	2 969	Southwest Manitoba	Grassland, boreal and mixedwood forests	Boreal Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/ridingmountain">www.pc.gc.ca/ridingmountain</a>
Sirmilik	2001	22 200	Northeast Baffin Island and Bylot Island	"The Place of Glaciers"; spectacular rugged mountains, icefields, glaciers and coastal lowlands	Arctic Cordillera and Northern Arctic	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/simirlik">www.pc.gc.ca/simirlik</a>
St. Lawrence Islands	1904	9	Thousand Islands area, eastern Ontario	Vital link of an important natural corridor	Mixedwood Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/sli">www.pc.gc.ca/sli</a>
Terra Nova	1957	397	On eastern shore of Newfoundland	Northern end of the Appalachian Mountains	Boreal Shield	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/terranova">www.pc.gc.ca/terranova</a>
Tuktut Nogait	1998	16 340	Northeastern region of the Northwest Territories, on the Nunavut border	Calving grounds for the Bluenose caribou	Southern Arctic	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/tuktutnogait">www.pc.gc.ca/tuktutnogait</a>
Ukkusiksalik	2003	20 558	South of the Arctic Circle, around Wager Bay, Nunavut	Glacier-carved tundra and Hudson Bay influence	Northern Arctic	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca">www.pc.gc.ca</a>
Vuntut	1995	4 345	Northwestern corner of Yukon Territory	Northern Yukon's unique non-glaciated landscape	Taiga Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/vuntut">www.pc.gc.ca/vuntut</a>
Wapusk	1996	11 475	Northern Manitoba, on Hudson Bay	One of the world's largest polar bear denning areas	Hudson Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/wapusk">www.pc.gc.ca/wapusk</a>
Waterton Lakes	1895	505	Southwestern Alberta adjoining Glacier National Park in Montana, USA	The place where the Rocky Mountains meet the prairies	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/waterton">www.pc.gc.ca/waterton</a>
Wood Buffalo	1922	44 802	Straddling Alberta and the Northwest Territories	World's largest free roaming bison herd	Boreal Plains and Taiga Plains	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/woodbuffalo">www.pc.gc.ca/woodbuffalo</a>
Yoho	1886	1 313	Southeastern British Columbia, on the Alberta border	Rockwalls and waterfalls	Montane Cordillera	<a href="http://www.pc.gc.ca/yoho">www.pc.gc.ca/yoho</a>