

CANADA DAY JULY 1, 2020

Let's celebrate! Although this year we cannot gather as we usually do at Batoche National Historic Site, we want to celebrate the day with a number of activities you can enjoy all week and beyond! The Gabriel Dumont Institute in partnership with Parks Canada and Friends of Batoche have planned the day and are hosting the celebration.

You are invited to watch the premiere of an online celebration featuring Elders, performing artists, drummers, dancers, and special guests. **The premiere is Wednesday, July 1st at 1 p.m.**

https://www.facebook.com/pg/gabriel Dumont Institute/videos/?ref=page_internal and

www.youtube.com/gabriel Dumont Institute

The celebration video will be available after the premiere at these sites.

In advance of the premiere, we invite you to explore the following sites, many with printable activities, and all with information related to the day.

<http://www.metismuseum.ca/browse/index.php?id=13165>

1. Here you will find several activities for children.

- A wildlife colouring page and activity in celebration of the new nature trail at Batoche National Historic Site
- Two fun colouring pages of the Parks Canada mascot, Parka. On one page, Parka is fiddling in front of the iconic church at Batoche. In the other, Parka is paddling a canoe.
- A paper canoe in two formats; one to colour first and one that is already coloured.
- Links to sites with information related to today's celebration and the Batoche National Historic Site.

2. A Timeline of Métis History for older students and readers.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/canada-day-history.html>

Here you will find the history of Canada Day. It is available in both French and English.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-day/celebration-kit.html>

Here you will find hands-on activities related to Canada Day. The site is available in both French and English.

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/sgc-cms/expositions-exhibitions/batoche/html/about/index.php>

This is an interactive tour on the colourful history and culture of the past and present Batoche. The website features video interviews with elders, video and photo highlights from the annual Back to Batoche festivals, Métis music, games, quizzes, photo albums, virtual tours, hundreds of pages of text to learn from, as well as a series of interactive personalized guided tours. Available in both English and French. Created by the Gabriel Dumont Institute. Hint: Be sure and look at the "Resources" tab.

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ab/jasper/decouvrir-discover/animaux-animals>

This site provides information on wildlife that inhabit the area in and around Jasper National Park. Many of the animals also inhabit central Saskatchewan, including on the Nature Trail at Batoche National Historic Site (BNHS). Which of the animals from this site would you not see at BNHS?

Happy Canada Day!

