

GRASSLANDS NATIONAL PARK

ABOUT THE PARK:

Grasslands is the first national park of Canada to preserve a portion of the mixed prairie grasslands. Discover animals that never drink, the prickly pear cactus with 7 cm spines, red samphire - a plant that flourishes on salt flats and birds like the Sprague's pipit, which court in the sky.

HOW TO BOOK A VISIT:

To book a visit, call 306-298-2362 or email, grasslands.info@pc.gc.ca.

THE PROGRAM: ROCK TALK

Hike the amazing slopes of 70 Mile Butte, Eagle Butte, and the Sleeping Lion and discover amazing geological formations, rocks, and minerals.

Visitors will learn **5 facts** about how the West Block of Grasslands NP was geographically formed over a 600 million year period, including lessons on the rocks, minerals, sediments, fossils, and geographical formations.

Visitors will learn **3 stories** about specific formations of the area: 70 Mile Butte, Sleeping Lion, Eagle Butte as well as the Frenchman River Valley.

Participants will view and **feel the vastness** of the landscape as they hike to, and summit, the specified land formations. Participants will **feel impressed** by the enormity of the passage of time that is visibly recorded in the GNP landscape. Students will learn to respect rocks and landforms and treat them appropriately (with stewardship) in future encounters. Visitors will better understand GNP's unique landscape, and its historical significance.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Grade 8 Science

Earth and Space Science: Water Systems on Earth (WS)

- WS8.2 -Examine how wind, water, and ice have shaped and continue to shape the Canadian landscape.

