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Canada Day **Open house on the Plains of Abraham**

Québec City, June 26, 2009 – Next July 1st, the National Battlefields Commission invites you to an open house day to celebrate Canada Day on the Plains of Abraham. In addition to the activities included in the official program for this event, both the young and not so young will get a chance to visit, free of charge, the Odyssey multimedia exhibition and Martello Tower 1. A day of “Plainly” outstanding discoveries!

Odyssey multimedia exhibition

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham, 835 Wilfrid-Laurier Ave, level 0, Québec City

Discover the Plains of Abraham’ influence on the country’s history. A captivating virtual 400-year journey. Through this multimedia technology you will get to witness, in person, side by side with major historical figures: the birth of New France and the colony, the battles of the Plains of Abraham and Sainte-Foy, the British occupation, the founding of the country and the creation of this historic urban park.

Martello Tower 1

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., overlooking the St. Lawrence River, in Québec City

Completed in 1812 to prevent the invader from approaching the town’s fortifications, the only Martello Towers in the entire province are located in Québec City. Enter Martello Tower 1 to view the exhibition on military engineering which tells about the history of the Martello Towers, their purpose, architecture, and the life of the soldiers who lived in them.

Created over one hundred years ago, the National Battlefields Commission sees to the preservation and development of this majestic city park, which ranks as one of the most prestigious in the world. The actual lungs of the city, this rallying site par excellence welcomes four million local and foreign visitors. Immerse yourself again in the history of the country’s first national historic park with *My Park, My Plains*, a short film produced by the NFB and shown free of charge at the Discovery Pavilion.

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