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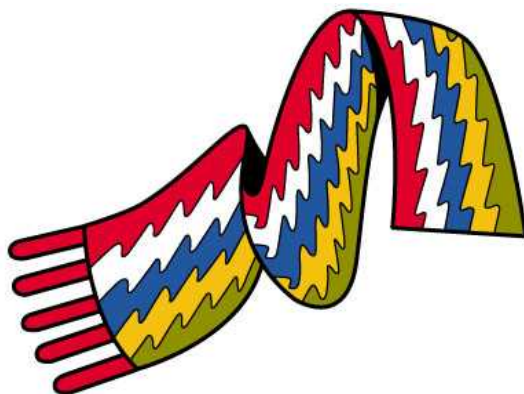
The National Battlefields
Commission

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Press Release

For immediate release

From January 30 to February 15, Enjoy Carnival Activities on the Plains of Abraham



Québec City, January 29, 2009 – From next January 30 to February 15, the National Battlefields Commission invites you to join in the numerous Quebec Winter Carnival festivities and celebrate on the Plains of Abraham. While visiting the park you can perform a winter activity: there are 12.6 km of cross-country trails, 3.8 km of snowshoe trail and 5.6 km of trodden snow walking paths.

To warm up, you can go to the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham. Show your Carnival effigy and obtain a \$1 discount on the admission fee for the multimedia exhibition, *Odyssey: a journey through history on the Plains of Abraham*. New this year: get your fill of history with the *Convict's Last Drink*, a unique activity in the evocative setting of Martello Tower 2.

ODYSSEY MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION

Relive the Battle of the Plains of Abraham through the magic of multimedia

\$1 discount upon presentation of the Carnival effigy



Set course for the Odyssey and relive the rich, colourful past of this historic city park. A captivating virtual journey covering 400 years.

Embark on the journey with, at your side, the great characters that helped shape our history. Witness the birth of New France (when the French dream was alive with the city's founder, Samuel de Champlain). Immerse yourself in the turmoil of the great

battles of Québec with the Marquis de Montcalm and James Wolfe: a memorable foray into the battle of the Plains of Abraham, a determining episode in the conflict that pitted England and France against each other in the midst of a world wide conflict. Admire the uniforms and discover military life as it was in 1759-1760: over 20 flamboyant regimental uniforms, accurate representations of the soldiers' garb during that period



Lift the veil on the events, activities, and use of the site for over one hundred years and consider the significance of the creation of the park, which ranks among the most prestigious in the world.

Every Saturday and Sunday of January and of February, the residents of Québec City and its surroundings will have the chance to visit, free of charge, the multimedia exhibition *Odyssey*, by showing proof of residency.

Information

Dates: everyday

Schedule: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham

Cost: \$8 / adulte, \$7 / 13-17 years old or 65 years old or older

Free for children under 12 with an adult

THE CONVICT'S LAST DRINK

Start your evening in good company at Jos Vaillancourt's Tavern. Get involved in this totally original activity where history, heritage, architecture and.... drinks will intoxicate you with pleasure and culture.

Get inside Martello Tower 2 and relive an episode of the history of 19th century Québec City, when a British soldier on furlough was accused being involved in a fight and using his bayonet against a civilian. Witnesses got together at Jos Vaillancourt's Tavern to discuss the fate of the culprit.



During this activity, five participants will be selected at random to play the role of period characters. Each will have their own idea on the type of punishment the soldier should be given: whip, wooden horse, absolution, quartering in barracks or banned from carrying a bayonet. Opinions vary. What about you? What fate will you have in store for the accused?

Military justice, leisure activities and punishment experienced by the soldiers, quiz. This activity includes the sampling of three home-made beers in collaboration with *the Barberie*.

A highly entertaining activity with a touch of humour, presented at Martello Tower 2, a unique defensive work in Québec City.

Information

Dates: February 6, 7, 13, 14, 2009

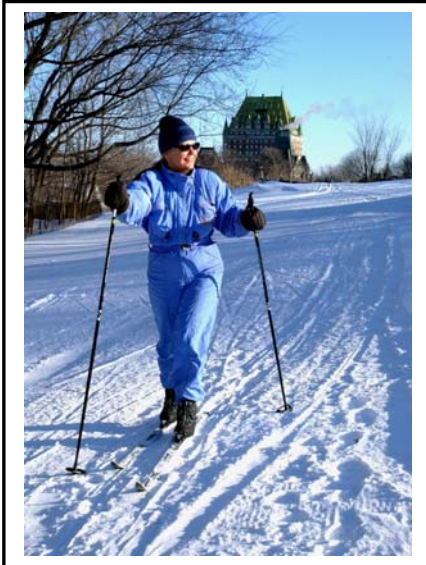
Schedule: from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in English; from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in French

Place: Martello Tower 2 (at the corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier streets, Québec City)

Cost: \$12 / person

Reservation required: 418 649-6157

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING AND WALKING



Winter is now upon us. Outdoor enthusiasts will be delighted, because starting right now they will be able to ski, snowshoe or simply take a walk in this enchanting beauty spot: the Plains of Abraham. Battlefields Park offers sportsmen and women a free access to nature in the heart of the city, as well as a breathtaking view of the St. Lawrence River. In this enchanting landscape, beginner or intermediate skiers can practise their favourite activity over 12.6-km of trails (marked for cross-country skiing and skate skiing). As for snowshoeing enthusiasts, they get a chance to travel a 3.8-km course (round trip) along Cap Diamant, from the Cap Blanc stairs to Gilmour Hill. A 5.6-km walking path is also available.

A waxing room allows skiing enthusiasts to gear up on the spot. Two heated rest stops are also provided for sports enthusiasts: one is located at

the Discovery Pavilion (near Drill Hall), the other at the pavilion (near the Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand).

A ski and snowshoe rental service is also available at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham from Thursday to Sunday.

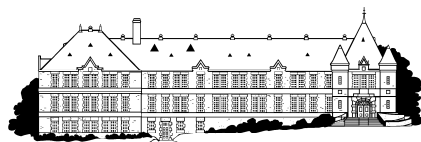


Information

Trail conditions (anytime): 418 648-4212

Ski and snowshoe rentals: 418 648-2586

from Thursday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham



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DÉCOUVERTE**
DES PLAINES D'ABRAHAM

Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham

835 Wilfrid-Laurier, level 0, Québec City (same address as the tourism information bureau)

Telephone: 418 649-6157

www.theplainsofabraham.ca

Monday to Friday: from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Saturday: from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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