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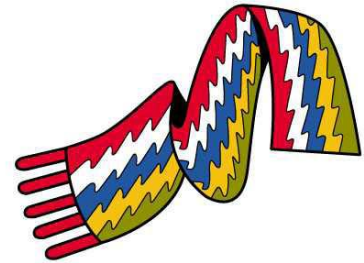
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PRESS RELEASE

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During the Quebec Winter Carnival Rain or shine, set course for the Plains of Abraham

Québec, January 26, 2010 – From next January 29 to February 14 a carnival atmosphere will reign on the Plains of Abraham. In addition to the Quebec Winter Carnival festivities, the National Battlefields Commission invites the public to enjoy low-cost entertainment by visiting the *Odyssey* multimedia exhibition and sample the joys of winter sports and leisure activities: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and walking.



An odyssey for carnival lovers

The Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham is the ideal place to warm up and immerse yourself in the history of Québec City's most popular rallying site. Present your carnival effigy and get a \$1 discount on the entrance fee for *Odyssey: a journey through history on the Plains of Abraham* and discover the importance of this site in the country's history. A captivating 400-year virtual journey alongside some of the great figures of the past who helped build our history, from the birth of New France to the park's creation through the battles of the Plains of Abraham and Sainte-Foy. A unique collection of some twenty uniforms in connection with the battles complement the exhibition. Multimedia technology, special effects, animatronics, interactive games, listen to the history of the Plains as you never heard it before. *Regular fare: \$8/13-64 years old, \$7/13-17 years old or 65 and over, free for children 12 or under.*

Moreover, every Saturday and Sunday in January and February, residents of the Greater Quebec Area will be admitted free to the *Odyssey* multimedia exhibition by submitting a proof of residence.

Experience the joys of winter

Set off to discover the winter sports and leisure activities of bygone years. With a 20th century snowshoer, join us for the brand new animated snowshoe tour of the park that combines history and winter activity: *The snowshoer's walk*. Snowshoes, lanterns and hot chocolate included. *In English (at 4 p.m.): February 6 and 13; in French (at 7 p.m.): January 30, February 5, 12 and 27, March 6. Reservations required. \$23/13-64 years old, \$20/8-12 years old and 65 and over.*

The park provides sports fans with a free access to nature in the heart of Québec City. Beginner and intermediate level skiers can enjoy a waxing room and 12.6 km of laid out trails (classic cross-country skiing and ski skating). A 3.8 km path (round trip) running along Cap Diamant, from the Cap Blanc stairs to Gilmour Hill, is reserved for snowshoers. A 5.6 km walking trail is also available, with two heated relays: in the pavilion (near the Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand) and in the Discovery Pavilion, where a cross-country skiing and snowshoe equipment rental service is offered to children and adults (*Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*).

Information

Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham

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

418 649-6157

www.theplainsofabraham.ca

Condition of cross-country ski trails: 418 648-4212

Equipment rental (skis and snowshoes): 418 648-2586

Animated old-style snowshoe tour: 418 649-6157



The carnival effigy is sold for \$12 at the Discovery Pavilion.



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