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Unveiling of the Traces: Listening to Remnants Exhibition

Over 100 artifacts from the Battlefields Park Collection

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The National Battlefields Commission today unveiled the *Traces: Listening to Remnants* exhibition at the Plains of Abraham Discovery Pavilion. This new permanent exhibition featuring more than 100 artifacts from the Battlefields Park archaeological collection shines a spotlight on how civilian and military life has changed over more than two centuries of history.

Quick Facts

- Archaeologists have been active in Battlefields Park for over 25 years, conducting digs, surveys, and
 monitorings. Their work has uncovered compelling vestiges and numerous artifacts. After all these years of
 discoveries, it was high time to put the park's archaeological collection on display. To do so, the park enlisted
 the expertise of the firm *Groupe GID Design*, which worked under the supervision of National Battlefields
 Commission historian Hélène Quimper to showcase the collection.
- Traces: Listening to Remnants presents an overview of what life was like under the French and English
 regimes. Two dig sites reveal their secrets: a 17th century civilian site (the Pinguet House and Dumont Mill) at
 Des Braves Park and a 19th century military site, the blockhouse.
- At Traces: Listening to Remnants, visitors will be able to admire artifacts illustrating different facets of daily
 life. Some of the themes explored in the exhibition include food (cooking pot, porcelain dishware, wine
 glasses, utensils), trade (coins, tokens, and trade beads), weapons (triangular blade bayonet, tomahawk,
 cannon ball, musket balls), and everyday life (hair brush, pipes, thimble).
- The free exhibition will be open to the public every day starting April 16:
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