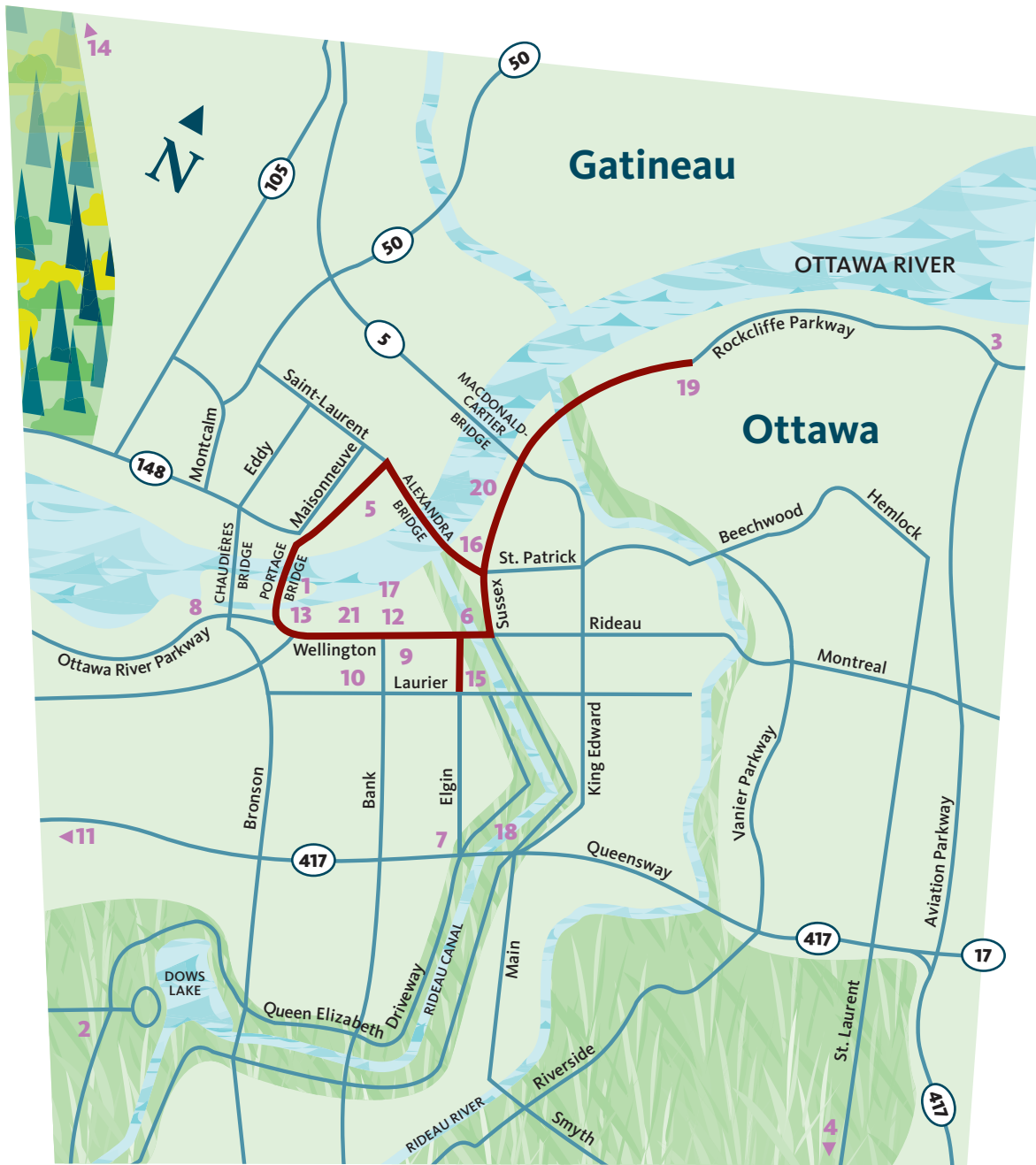




YOUR FIELD TRIP TO
CANADA'S
CAPITAL

2006-2007 PLANNING GUIDE AND
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
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PLANNING YOUR FIELD TRIP




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THIS GUIDE

provides the basic information you need to plan your group's field trip to Canada's Capital. It presents a snapshot of the various programs

available to help you decide which aspects to include in your educational trip. The first section of the guide describes programs offered by the National Capital Commission (NCC). The second section provides information about programs available through the various national museums and other institutions in Canada's Capital Region. The map on the opposite page indicates the locations of the various attractions described in this guide.

If you would like to participate in three or more programs, you may wish to take advantage of our itinerary planning service (available for programs identified with this symbol ). The service can reserve guided or non-guided tours for groups of 20 or more. It charges no administration fee for an itinerary of NCC programs, and a \$40 administration fee for other Capital programs. The last page of the guide provides a form you can fill out to assist you in using our reservation service.

Our planning and reservation service can also provide information and recommend activities to help introduce young Canadians to the symbolic sites and attractions in Canada's Capital Region. Log onto the NCC website (www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education) — it offers interactive, online youth programs that are innovative and fun!

For reservations and information, contact **Capital Group Reservations**

Telephone: 1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

Fax: 613-239-5758 **Email:** reservat@ncc-ccn.ca



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Get Ready for the Capital

Pre-visit resource

Get Ready for the Capital is the perfect tool to excite your students about their upcoming visit.

Do one of the self-contained activities in your classroom, or all four of them — they are designed to prepare your students for what they're going to see and do in Canada's Capital.

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

NCC PROGRAMS

Additional charges may apply.

A TULIP LEGACY

This interpretation program is set in Commissioners Park at Dows Lake among the Capital's most spectacular display showcasing 300,000 tulips! Your students will discover more about the renowned spring celebration and floral pageantry, all derived from the first Dutch "Gift of Tulips," which lends a unique character to the Capital.

May 4 to 21, 2007

Information:

1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

CAPITAL INFOCENTRE

When visiting the Capital, your students will enjoy a unique experience at the Capital Infocentre. Located across from Parliament Hill, close to several attractions, the Capital Infocentre offers a teaching program called "A World-Class Capital." This multimedia program showcases the history and treasures of our Capital, and traces how it evolved to become a city of the 21st century! Well-trained guides will lead young people on an interactive discovery of their national Capital (maximum of 60 people in each group). The program is intended for students in Grades 5 to 8 in Ontario, or Elementary 5 to Secondary 2 in Quebec. The program covers several aspects of their curriculum, such as history, geography, language arts, citizenship and science.

May 8 to mid-October, 2007

Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education



CANADA'S CAPITAL WALKING TOURS

See how Canada's Capital evolved from a rough-and-tumble town into a world-class city in the walking tour, "The Making of a Capital." The adventure begins at the Capital Infocentre (across from Parliament Hill), where your group will set off to explore numerous sites and symbols that showcase Canadian history and achievements. A descent along the Rideau Canal locks near the Château Laurier gives students an up-close appreciation of this engineering marvel. A visit to Bytown Museum will help your students discover how Bytown grew to become Canada's Capital.

NOW FREE! Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

CANADA'S CAPITAL BUS TOURS

Before visiting anywhere in the Capital, take a tour of Confederation Boulevard, Canada's discovery route. A knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide boards your group's bus to lead your students in discovering the Capital's national symbols and major attractions along Confederation Boulevard. It's the perfect introduction — an overview of all that you will experience in the Capital — revealing the significance and diversity of this special place.

NOW FREE! Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

DISCOVER THE HILL

Do you want to shed some light on Canadian heritage? Trained, lively interpreters will guide you around the grounds of Parliament Hill, using sights and symbols as cues to bring to life the history, social science and heritage elements of the curriculum. Two programs are available: for Grades 5 and 6, and for Grades 7 and 8 in Ontario, or for Elementary 5 and 6, and for Secondary 1 and 2 in Quebec.

May 16 to June 20, 2007

Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

GATINEAU PARK



Students can have great fun exploring the splendours of nature with a two-hour nature walk along one of Gatineau Park's scenic trails. As they unlock the secrets of the natural world, expert nature educators turn a simple stroll into an eye-opening experience for students. Themes fit in with a wide range of teaching modules.

Mid-May to mid-October

Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

MACKENZIE KING ESTATE



Students in Grades 6 to 12 in Ontario, or Elementary 6 to CEGEP 1 in Quebec, can enjoy an amusing and educational experience with "Stop the Presses," playing the roles of journalists investigating the facts about William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's 10th prime minister. Meanwhile, students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 in Ontario, or Elementary 4, 5 and 6 in Quebec, can learn as they play the game "Let's Build Democracy," while discovering a special historic place and a uniquely Canadian landscape.

May 12 to October 14, 2007

Reservations:

1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

NATIONAL CAPITAL GREENBELT

The Greenbelt is a fascinating destination for educational field trips, offering many opportunities to discover the secrets of nature first-hand. Walk along any of the 43 trails and learn about wildlife, plants and different ecosystems. Observe deer and beavers, and discover aquatic ecology along the boardwalks.

Information:

1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

RIDEAU CANAL SKATEWAY

Come and stretch your legs and benefit from the joys of winter on the world's largest skating rink, according to Guinness World Records. Your students can also travel back to the 1920s: an outdoor exhibit with artifacts tells the fascinating history of Union Station and the railway that used to run alongside the Rideau Canal. The Union Station thematic site is located at the Rideau Street Gateway.

Information:

1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

Ice conditions: 613-239-5234

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Canada: The Spirit of a Country

Celebrate the spirit of Canada, and experience the story of our country — as told through original music, giant images and spectacular lighting effects, using the Parliament Buildings as a backdrop. This free, 30-minute bilingual show is presented twice nightly, seven days a week. Come early, the number of (bleacher) seats is limited. Shows may be cancelled in the event of bad weather.

July 5 to September 9, 2007

Information:

1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education

WINTERLUDE

Pull on your hat and mitts and come play outside with thousands of fun-worshippers at Winterlude, North America's greatest winter celebration! It's a fantastic opportunity for your students to discover some of Canada's winter traditions. From Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park to the Rideau Canal Skateway and the new Snowbowl, it's a fun-filled adventure!

February 2 to 18, 2007

Information:

1-800-465-1867 or 613-239-5000

www.canadascapital.gc.ca/education



MORE CAPITAL PROGRAMS

Additional charges may apply.

ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

Share a journey through Canadian history with an authentic Aboriginal experience in downtown Ottawa. A First Nations host will introduce the diversity of Canada's native cultures as students enter teepees, wigwams and longhouses, and pass around traditionally crafted tools and materials. Hands-on programs, including traditional drum songs, powwow dance performances, craft workshops and storytelling, are customized and suitable for all grade levels.

May to October

Information: 613-235-2091

www.aboriginalexperiences.com

**ABORIGINAL
EXPERIENCES**
in the Heart of Ottawa



A TREASURE TO EXPLORE

Explore Parliament Hill — virtually! Give your students the chance to learn online about the history of Parliament Hill and its architecture, from a whole new perspective. Visit the website for projects and exercises that are insightful and fun!

www.parliamenthill.gc.ca



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du Canada



CANADA AVIATION MUSEUM



Help young people discover the wonder of flight! The Canada Aviation Museum is home to a unique collection of aircrafts that illustrates the full sweep of aeronautical history — from the first attempts at flight to the jet age. The fun activities range from aeronautics and science and technology, to history and geography.

Information and reservations:

1-800-463-2038 or 613-993-4264

www.aviation.technomuses.ca



Canada
Aviation
Museum

Musée de
l'aviation
du Canada

CANADA AGRICULTURE MUSEUM



Our programs extend and enrich the classroom experience by bringing curricula to life. These dynamic, hands-on programs stimulate many kinds of learning through scientific inquiry in an informal educational environment. Programs are linked to school curricula, including the Ontario Science and Technology Curriculum and Quebec's "Programme des programmes."

Information and reservations:

1-866-442-4416 or 613-991-3053

www.agriculture.technomuses.ca



CANADA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM



Hold a 4.5-billion-year-old meteorite, study the effects of extreme cold on objects, lift an 80-kilogram weight with two fingers and more! These are just a few of the activities that extend the classroom experience through hands-on learning in an interactive setting. The museum offers over 30 curriculum-linked programs, plus special school programs and events for all grades, including three programs for preschoolers. Pre- and post-visit information packages accompany each program.

Information and reservations:
 1-866-442-4416 or 613-991-3053
www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca



CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION



A world of discovery awaits you with interactive school programs tailored to the Ontario and Quebec curricula. Students can journey through a thousand years of Canadian history, learn about the rich traditions of First Nations peoples, and explore ancient and modern cultures from around the world. The Canadian Museum of Civilization is also home to the Canadian Children's Museum, the Canadian Postal Museum and an IMAX® Theatre.

Information and reservations:
 1-800-555-5621 or 819-776-7014
www.civilization.ca/educat/educate.html



CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE



The Canadian Museum of Nature is undertaking a major renovation project, but there is still much to see and do. Your students will love the "castle" in the city. We offer numerous curriculum-based, natural science programs (Nature Workshops) for all grades. Round out your visit with a high-definition nature movie and tour of our galleries. The fun comes first, the learning comes naturally!

Information and reservations:
 1-800-263-4433 or 613-566-4701
www.nature.ca ("Teacher Zone" section)



CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM



This museum is a must-see attraction, exploring Canada's military past and how it has shaped this country. It is a landmark attraction, combining a stunning building, interactive and absorbing exhibits, compelling personal stories, and innovative education programs. Ranging from kindergarten to the senior grades, our programs feature hands-on exploration, emphasize critical thinking and engage students in their history.

Information and reservations:
 1-800-555-5621 or 819-776-7014
www.civilization.ca/cwm/education/index_e.html



CURRENCY MUSEUM OF THE BANK OF CANADA



At the Currency Museum, where money talks, our special hands-on educational sessions offer an enlightening, fun way to explore the different aspects of money and exchange. Students can discover how currency has mirrored and influenced the very fabric of society through the ages. Free admission.

Information: 613-782-8914
Reservations: 613-782-8852
www.currencymuseum.ca



DIEFENBUNKER, CANADA'S COLD WAR MUSEUM



Canada's Cold War Museum was originally built to house the government and military in the event of a nuclear attack. Now, students in Grades 7 to 12 in Ontario, or Secondary 1 to CEGEP 1 in Quebec, can join our guides and spend an hour or two touring this 9,290-square-metre building! Learn how the government was intended to function during a national crisis. See the Bank of Canada vault, the Medical Centre, the CBC studio and the War Cabinet room. Reservations required.

Information and reservations:
1-800-409-1965 or 613-839-0007
tours@diefenbunker.ca
www.diefenbunker.ca



LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

Virtual Learning Centre

Our online Learning Centre offers a wide range of educational resources for students and teachers of all academic levels. It includes suggestions on books and websites, lesson plans, teaching units, classroom activities, and educational games tailored to Canadian provincial and territorial curricula. Learning is here!

education@lac-bac.gc.ca
www.collectionscanada.ca/education



Library and Archives
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Bibliothèque et Archives
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NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE

Home to the critically acclaimed National Arts Centre (NAC) Orchestra under Music Director Pinchas Zukerman, Canada's NAC is one of the country's most active producers of English theatre, French theatre and dance. Its dynamic educational programs for students and teachers are designed to develop a better understanding of the performing arts and cultivate the audience of the future. Experience first-hand the passion and artistry of music, theatre and dance! Educational resources, in four areas, are available at www.artsalive.ca.

Information and reservations:
1-866-850-ARTS or 613-947-7000
(Music, ext. 390; English theatre,
French theatre and dance, ext. 332;
Tours of the NAC, ext. 212)
www.nac-cna.ca



NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE
CENTRE NATIONAL DES ARTS

NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA AND CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY



These two museums offer exciting school programs for all grades! Complementing both Ontario and Quebec school curricula, their programs encourage participation and help to develop students' artistic potential, critical thinking, powers of observation and language skills.

Information:
1-800-319-2787 or 613-990-1985
Reservations: 613-990-4888
www.national.gallery.ca or www.cybermuse.gallery.ca



National Gallery of Canada
Musée des beaux-arts
du Canada



PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

Parliament welcomes school groups for guided tours of Centre Block (advance reservations required). Educators are invited to take part in the annual Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, a week-long, professional development experience in the Capital, which provides an insider's view on how Parliament works. A variety of educational resources for classroom use at all levels is also available at www.parl.gc.ca/education.

Information:

1-866-599-4999 or 613-992-4793

Reservations: 613-996-0896

www.parl.gc.ca/vis (visitor information)



RIDEAU HALL

What better place to learn about the role and responsibilities of the governor general than at Rideau Hall? Guides offer an educational tour that will give students insights into the central role of the governor general in our political system and society. Come visit one of Canada's most historic buildings, the official home and workplace of every governor general since Confederation.

Information and reservations:

1-866-842-4422 or 613-991-4422

www.gg.ca



ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

The Royal Canadian Mint invites school groups for guided tours of the Ottawa facility, where they can see first-hand how collector coins are manufactured. Visitors can also have the unique opportunity of holding a pure gold bar and visiting the Interactive Coin Museum. Group tours are offered seven days a week. Reservations are required.

Information and reservations:

1-800-276-7714 or 613-993-8990

www.mint.ca



ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

MONNAIE ROYALE CANADIENNE

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

Give your students the opportunity to become better acquainted with Canada's highest court. Guides will familiarize your students with the operation of the Canadian judicial system, and teach them about the legal issues of public importance that are dealt with by the Supreme Court of Canada. Your group may even participate in a mock trial!

Information and reservations:

1-866-360-1522 or 613-995-5361

www.scc-csc.gc.ca



VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF CANADA

The Virtual Museum of Canada (VMC) brings museums into your classroom. The VMC Teachers' Centre provides a unique gateway to a range of superb applications for educators. From history and geography to math, science and art, teachers can find free classroom activities, exercises and more information about educational programs happening at their favourite Canadian museum. With over 330 online exhibits and nearly 150 interactive educational games, the VMC is the perfect resource for any student!

Visit www.virtualmuseum.ca today!



VIRTUALMUSEUM.CA

RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION

Fill out this reply form to record your program choices, then call our reservation officer at 1-800-461-8020 or 613-239-5100, or simply fax this form to 613-239-5758.

Have you ever used this reservation service before? Yes No

Name of contact person: _____

School or organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Number of people: children _____ youth _____ adults _____ seniors _____

Number of buses: _____ school buses coaches

Average age of students: _____ **Grade:** _____

Arrival date: _____ **Arrival time:** _____

Departure date: _____ **Departure time:** _____

Language: English French

Special needs (please specify): _____

Program choices:

Institution	Program (if applicable)	Guided	
		Yes	No

The National Capital Commission (NCC), a Crown corporation created by Parliament, is dedicated to making the Capital accessible to all Canadians. The NCC endeavours to support learning in young Canadians about the richness of Canada's Capital, through various activities and resources.