

HISTORY CARDS CHEAT SHEET

Please note that the cultural and environmental events are meant to be hints of the period when the National Parks events took place.

Date	National Parks Event	Cultural/Environmental Event	Date
1885	Canada's first National Park is created.	Canada's transcontinental railway is completed.	1885
1904	St. Lawrence Islands National Park is established as the first National Park east of the Rockies.	Canadian Olympic athletes first wear the red maple leaf as an emblem.	1904
1906	Elk Island Park is the first federally controlled area in Canada to protect a native mammal, the elk, and the first large mammal sanctuary in Canada.	The aviation era takes off as the first airplanes are developed.	1903
1907	Jasper National Park is established. Along with Banff, Yoho and Kootenay (est. 1920), these contiguous parks form one of the world's largest and best-known protected areas.	Natural resources in Canada are thought to be inexhaustible.	1905-1920
1910	Banff National Park opens its gates to automobiles for the first time.	Henry Ford's Model "T" makes cars available to the middle class.	1909-1927
1911	J.B. Harkin heads the world's first national parks service, the Dominion Parks Branch.	The Titanic is built.	1909 - 1912
1919	The Historic Sites and Monuments Board is established to create places of national significance.	Canadian troops come home from Europe after the war ends.	1919

1930	Canada's first <i>National Parks Act</i> has phrase, "to leave unimpaired for future generations".	World economies crumble as the Great Depression sets in, leading to "make work" projects in parks.	1929 – 1939
1936	Cape Breton Highlands National Park is established as the first national park in the Atlantic provinces.	The beaver on the new nickel is used on the warden badge and thereby becomes our emblem.	1930's
1953	Wolf control is discontinued at Prince Albert National Park.	Post war Canada begins to flock to national parks.	1950's
1964	Modern approaches to planning begin as zoning is applied in national parks.	Rachael Carson's book "Silent Spring" spurs on the environmental movement.	1962
1970	Forillon National Park extends the national system into Quebec.	Apollo missions allow astronauts to see the blue planet from the moon...and how fragile it really is.	1968 - 1972
1971	The first National System Plan is approved for our national parks.	Greenpeace is founded in Vancouver, British Columbia.	1971
1978	Nahanni National Park is the first natural site to be declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.	North America catches disco fever.	1970's
1979	Parks Canada introduces the concept of ecological integrity as a principle.	The 'Three Mile Island' nuclear accident occurs in the United States.	1979
1987	Fathom Five National Marine Park is established as the first national marine conservation area in Canada.	The Brundtland Report recommends that all nations preserve 12 percent of their wilderness.	1987
1988	An amendment to the National Parks Act establishes ecological integrity as the priority.	Recycling emerges as a household practice.	Mid 1980's

1993	The Gwaii Haanas Agreement sets the terms of an unprecedented co-management agreement between the Haida Nation and the Government of Canada.	Ontario Parks, the largest parks system in Canada outside of the national parks, celebrates its 100 th anniversary.	1993
1995	An agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and the federal government commits Parks Canada to work with regional Inuit communities.	Climate change becomes a household word as the world experiences its hottest temperatures on record, and more frequent weather catastrophes.	Mid 1990's
1996	The Banff-Bow Valley Study sets a new benchmark for ecological management in Canada.	Donovan Bailey wins gold at the Atlanta Olympics.	1996
1998	The Minister of Canadian Heritage appoints a panel of experts to report on ecological integrity in Canada's National Parks.	Eastern Canada is hit by the ice storm of the century.	1998
1999	Minister signs the Inuit Impact and Benefits Agreement for Auyuittuq, Quttinerpaaq, and Sirmilik National Parks.	The Nunavut Territory and Government come into existence.	1999
2000	An amendment to the <i>Canada National Parks Act</i> is passed which states that ecological integrity must be the first priority in the management of national parks.	The world enters a new millennium.	2000