

Grasslands National Park Cultural Resource Values Statement

What is a Cultural Resource Values Statement?

- It is a forward looking document, that describes the cultural resources and values associated with Grasslands National Park, and establishes objectives to protect cultural resources and present their values
- It provides opportunities to encourage involvement by Aboriginal people, stakeholders, local communities, and interest groups in identifying values and cultural resources that are important to them;
- It is based on the integrated delivery of the Parks Canada Mandate that includes the protection of cultural resources and providing visitor experience and education opportunities related to cultural resources (including associated stories and values).

Why is a cultural resource statement important?

- It identifies the cultural resources and their values;
- It provides opportunities to engage communities, Aboriginal people and stakeholders in defining and protecting the values of the cultural resources;
- It provides opportunities to enhance visitor experience.

The following themes have been identified of interest:

- Trading Post
- Relationship with Bison
- Ranching
- Farming
- Great Depression
- Governance and Administration
- Creation of The National Park
- Paleontological and Geological Features
- Early Exploration and Surveys
- Historic Use of the Area

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Building Relationships with the Métis communities around Grasslands National Park and Fort Battleford and Fort Walsh National Historic Sites



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Fort Walsh, Grassland National Park, and Fort Battleford Questions

- 1) Could you please tell me your name and your home community?
- 2) Who were/are your parents and grandparents? Where were they from?
- 3) Did/does anyone in your family speak Michif or serve in the military? Do you speak Michif?
- 4) How were the Métis treated in your community? Did your family encounter racism from the larger community? Do you have specific examples?
- 5) What other Métis families lived in the vicinity? Were they Michif speakers?
- 6) Do you know any traditional Métis stories or songs? Would you care to share them?
- 7) What sort of resources did your family harvest? Where and when were these collected?
- 8) What sort of traditional medicines were used in your community and family? Who were the medicine people in your family and community?
- 9) Did anyone in your family live in a Métis road allowance community?
- 10) Did you have anyone in your family that made beaded or embroidered moccasins or other items? Do you know what happened to these artefacts?
- 11) How did your family celebrate special occasions and holidays such as Christmas, Easter or New Year's?
- 12) Was anybody in your family involved with the Métis society?
- 13) How are the local Métis connected to FB, FW and/or GLNP?
- 14) Who were/are your family involved with FB, FW and/or GLNP?

- 15) Are there any historically and culturally significant landscapes or historical sites within FB and FW and area which you as a Métis person consider to be important?
- 16) Was your family involved in the 1885 Resistance at or near FB, FW and/or GLNP? If not, where they involved elsewhere?
- 17) What happened to your family after the 1885 Resistance?
- 18) Has your family been in the area for a long time? How did they make a living? Do you know how your ancestors made a living in the region?
- 19) What sort of relationship did the Métis have with the Mounted Police at (FB, FW and/or GLNP)?
- 20) Did any of your ancestors work for the Mounted Police at the Mounted Police posts at FB, FW and/or Wood Mountain? If so, can you tell us anything about them?
- 21) Do you know if your ancestors took Métis scrip at FB, FW and/or Wood Mountain? Did they take it elsewhere?
- 22) How can Parks Canada make FB, FW and/or GLNP more inviting for Métis visitors? How might Parks Canada include more information on the Métis history of these areas?
- 23) Are there specific people or community groups that you would recommend Parks Canada contact to improve their interpretation of Métis history and culture at FB, FW and/or GLNP?
- 24) Did you or any of your ancestors spend time in the proposed Grasslands National Park or surrounding lands? If so, what type of cultural activities did you or they participate in? Are there any particular landscapes or historical sites within the park that you as a Métis person consider culturally and historically significant?
- 25) A Cultural Resource Values statement is being developed for Grasslands National Park. The Park has identified a number of potential cultural values which may be important to the history of the Park. Would any of these identified potential value themes be important to you as a Métis person? If so, which one(s) and what connections do you see? Are there any other cultural themes, which may have connections to Métis people that should be considered?