



Proposed Management Themes Summary

Parks Canada has drafted four management themes that build on our mandate of protection, education and enjoyment. The themes will be refined based on public input to produce a series of strategies that will focus on actions required in the next 5 years.

Theme: Building a future with the Saugeen Ojibway Nations

Working with the Saugeen Ojibway Nations is a priority for Parks Canada. An enduring partnership with SON can be the foundation for mutually beneficial projects and programs in the park. In both formal and informal ways, park staff and SON can share knowledge of the peninsula environment which will contribute positively towards the protection of ecological integrity, visitor experience and public outreach education.

What are we trying to achieve?

- a renewed sense of respect, trust and understanding between Parks Canada and Saugeen Ojibway Nations
- a mutually beneficial relationship
- the significance of the cultural resources in the park is understood and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge has guided the management of cultural resources

Theme: Thinking long term: Protecting a wild and rugged ecosystem in the heart of the Great Lakes

Parks Canada has an obligation to protect the natural resources of Bruce Peninsula National Park for present and future generations. In collaboration with our partners, we will develop knowledge necessary to better preserve the ecological integrity of the park, enrich visitor experience while contributing to the sustainability of the community.

What are we trying to achieve?

- a national park with fully assembled lands
- ecological Integrity is maintained/improved on the land and in the lakes
- SON and local knowledge are incorporated into monitoring and protection programmes
- the condition of cultural resources is maintained and protected
- partners and the local community are engaged in protection and restoration efforts
- park visitors learn about the park's natural resources and have an increased appreciation for protection





Theme: Life on the Edge: Experiencing the best of Bruce Peninsula National Park.

The park and surrounding community are a major tourism destination offering world class experiences. We must work together to provide amenities and experiences that both support and complement the national park offer. An integrated approach with the local community and partners is important for mutual success. Diversifying and enhancing visitor experience will include a focus on opportunities in all seasons.

What are we trying to achieve?

- opportunities for visitor experience and enjoyment are diversified and enhanced
- specific aspects of the trip cycle are improved
- effective collaboration with regional tourism partners
- better management of visitor activities (e.g. kayaking)
- opportunities for visitation in shoulder seasons are identified
- peak summer visitation is managed more effectively
- area plans are revised for Singing Sands and Cyprus Lake Campground / Grotto

Theme: Growing support and appreciation for Parks Canada, now and into the future.

We will feature Bruce Peninsula National Park through targeted public outreach education programs and by engaging the local and regional community in park activities. In this way, Canadians both near and far can appreciate the park through on-site opportunities or from home.

What are we trying to achieve?

- an improved appreciation of the fascinating ecosystems of the park and surrounding area
- more opportunities for local and regional community members to participate in park activities and operations
- increased appreciation and support for Parks Canada by urban residents and youth who may be disconnected from nature

