



CULTURAL EXPLORER

You seek constant opportunities to embrace, discover, and immerse yourself in the entire experience of the culture, people and settings of the places you visit. Not content to just visit historic sites and watch from the sidelines, you want to participate in the modern-day culture as well. You often attempt to converse with locals, attend local cultural festivals, or go off the beaten track to discover how people truly live.

RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK OF CANADA

Spruce branches crack under the wheels of your mountain bike as you ride along the trail leading to Grey Owl's log cabin and breathe in the sharp smell of aspen. You smile when you think that Grey Owl himself used to walk this trail to Wasagaming.

As you explore the log cabin where Grey Owl lived in 1931, you notice that the trapper-turned-conservationist shared his dwelling with his pet beavers, Jellyroll and Rawhide: the entranceways you see in the main hall were designed so that the beavers could come and go as they wished. And some walls still bear the marks left by the beavers' teeth!

The exhibit about Grey Owl reveals a surprising fact: he pretended all his life to be a member of Canada's First Nations people, but was actually from England! He nonetheless considered himself a "keeper of native animals" and helped protect beavers, which were so over-trapped at the time that they were near extinction. It's difficult to imagine that this beloved animal – a symbol of Canada - might have disappeared!

At the Kee See Sharing Lodge you spend the afternoon listening to stories told by Ojibway elders. A woman explains the significance of dreamcatchers and offers to teach you how to make one by yourself, so you roll up your sleeves and listen carefully to her instructions.

Speak to our Visitor Experience Advisor to make the most of your visit!

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FOR THE CULTURAL EXPLORER WE SUGGEST...

Grey Owl's Cabin - Discover the story of Grey Owl, one of Canada's first conservationists, who has lived and worked in Riding Mountain. He shared his cabin with his pet beavers!

Kee See Sharing Lodge - Meet the Ojibway, get to know their customs and learn about their strong connection with Riding Mountain. Discover the significance of dreamcatchers and try your hand at making one yourself.

East Gate Registration Complex - Discover the rustic architectural style of the East Gate – the last of its kind in Canada. Did you know that Scandinavian workers brought their expertise in log and stone construction to the park?

Historical Wasagaming - Take a bike or a walking tour to learn about historical Wasagaming, which was an aboriginal ancestral land before becoming a picturesque family resort. In Pinewood Museum artifacts and pictures recall an era when tennis rackets were still made out of wood.

Celebrate Riding Mountain! - Come celebrate the 75th anniversary of the park! Spend an evening at the Clear Lake campground and learn songs about Riding Mountain around the blazing campfire.