

# June is Archaeology Month!

## What is Archaeology Month?

The Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, Honourable Christine Tell, has declared June as "Archaeology Month" in Saskatchewan. Since 2003, the Cultural Minister has acknowledged June as Archaeology Month in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Archaeological Society and its nine regional Chapters and partnering organizations, are presenting a series of events to educate people about our archaeological heritage.

These events will highlight various aspects of our province's 12,000 year-old human history, to foster greater awareness, about and protection of, our remaining archaeological sites, artefacts, and landscapes, while making responsible use of the wonderful heritage resources we have inherited from the cultures of the past.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All activities and events listed in this brochure are open to the public, as noted. Modest costs, where applicable, are indicated. For information, phone the local contact person listed, or the SAS office in Saskatoon. You can also refer to the May edition of the SAS Newsletter.

### Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Event:** Guided tour in Herschel, SK highlighting a vision quest site, 22 tipi rings, three petroglyphs, bison processing site, and remnants of the Battleford-Swift Current Trail. (www.ancientechoes.ca)

**Presented by:** Northwest Archaeological Society (NWS)

**Location:** Departure from the North Battleford Co-op parking lot (north of the grocery store).

**Time:** 9:15 am sharp. Will return between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.

**Cost:** Outdoor tour is \$5.00. Participants will carpool and everyone can share gas expenses.

**Comments:** Please pack a lunch. Beverages and Saskatoon pie will be available for purchase.

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### Brian Edwards' Farm – Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Event:** Visit attractions at this farm northwest of Cochin. These attractions include a stone house and stone cairns (known as the Kalynowski petroforms). This will primarily be a working day, devoted to mapping the cairns but the rest of the day will provide opportunity to "explore".

**Presented by:** NWS

**Location:** Departure from the North Battleford Co-op parking lot (north of the grocery store).

**Time:** 9:00 am sharp. The return time will depend on the group.

**Comments:** These stone cairns are possibly the most northern stone features of their kind.

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### North Battleford Exhibit – June 1<sup>st</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>

**Event:** *Telegraph Flats – An Archaeological Tour.* View artefacts from the 1972 excavation of the Hudson's Bay store in the old Battlefords townsite.

**Presented by:** NWS

**Location:** North Battleford Library

**Time:** Mondays: 12:30 am – 9:00 pm; Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

**Comments:** Exhibit will be displayed in the main library display case.

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### Aboriginal Day Celebration – Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Event:** Collaborative event celebrating First Nations people and culture in Saskatchewan.

**Presented by:** Southwest Archaeological Society (SWAS)

**Location:** Swift Current Library

**Time:** TBA

**Contact:** Hugh Henry h.henry@swiftcurrent.ca

### Allen Sapp Gallery – June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Event:** *Digging Thru the Paperwork – Permits, SARRs, and Reports.* This weekend workshop is aimed at making participants more familiar with the paperwork involved with site surveying and visiting.

**Presented by:** Heritage Resources Branch, Saskatchewan Archaeological Society, and Northwest Archaeological Society

**Location:** Allen Sapp Gallery (Corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Railway Ave. North Battleford)

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$12.00 (includes beverages, snacks and a 1:50000 scale topographic map)

**Comments:** Please bring your own lunch or visit one of the several local restaurants. Provide a metric ruler, notebook, pen, pencil, and eraser. If you have a GPS, bring it along as well. It is essential that you pre-register for this event, as space is limited.

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### **Vallee St. Claire District – Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Event:** Field trip to view tipi rings in the Vallee St. Claire district.

**Presented by:** SWAS

**Location:** Leaving from the Swift Current Museum, and heading south of Swift Current.

**Time:** TBA

**Contact:** Swift Current Museum 778-2775

### **Wanuskewin Heritage Park – July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Event:** SAS Field School Excavation at the Dog Child site (plus tour of the park and other learning opportunities)

**Presented by:** Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

**Location:** Assemble in the main lobby of Wanuskewin Heritage Park

**Date:** Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Time:** Assemble at 9:00 am and excavate until approximately 4:00 pm daily. Evening tours and presentations to follow.

**Contact:** Talina Cyr-Steenkamp (306) 664-4124 for details and costs.

### **South Branch House – July 19<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Event:** SAS Field School excavation at South Branch House, a fur trade post which dates from 1786-1794 (plus tour of local cultural centres, festivities, and other learning opportunities)

**Presented by:** Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

**Location:** Assemble at the Archaeology Centre in Saskatoon (#1-1730 Quebec Ave.)

**Date:** Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** Leave the Centre at 8:30 am sharp and will drive to the site (near Batoche). For those interested, we will be camping near the site. Others may choose to drive daily.

**Contact:** Talina Cyr-Steenkamp 664-4124 for details and costs.



### **Other Archaeological Sites Open to the Public**

The following facilities offer self-guiding or guided opportunities for learning about archaeology. It is a good idea to consult the Saskatchewan Tourism Guide for open dates and hours, or to phone ahead.

Please note that only a few facilities have been highlighted. The province of Saskatchewan is rich in public museums and interpretive centres. Make sure to check out some of our fur trade posts, early factories, and homesteads as well!

**1. First Nations Gallery, Royal Saskatchewan Museum** – College and Albert, Regina. This large gallery is the most comprehensive display dealing with the archaeological heritage of the Aboriginal peoples of the province. Contact (306) 787-2815. [www.royalsaskmuseum.ca](http://www.royalsaskmuseum.ca)

**2. Harris and District Museum** – this small museum in Harris has excellent displays on homesteading and several displays on the precontact archaeology of the area. Open seasonally. Contact (306) 656-2002.

**3. Herschel Petroglyphs Municipal Heritage Site and Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre** – three kilometres west of Herschel (three rock carvings and a number of tipi rings); access is by pre-arranged tour with Ancient Echoes Interpretive Centre, which has

displays on the archaeology and natural history of the area. Contact (306) 377-2045.

**4. Kindersley and District Plains Museum** – the Archaeology Room presents displays on the archaeology of West Central Saskatchewan. Open seasonally. Contact (306) 463-6620.

**5. St. Victor Petroglyphs Provincial Historic Park** – three kilometres south of the village of St. Victor; Saskatchewan's largest precontact rock carvings site. Open June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact [st.victor@sasktel.net](mailto:st.victor@sasktel.net) <http://stvictor.sasktelwebsite.net/>

**6. Wanuskewin Heritage Park** – five kilometres north of Saskatoon; has a major interpretive centre, trails, audio-visual presentations, and activities relating to the archaeology and cultural history of the indigenous people of the Northern Plains. The University of Saskatchewan Field School will be operating at the Dog Child site within the park from May through June ( followed by the SAS) and visitors may view the excavation then. Contact (306) 931-6767. [www.wanuskewin.com](http://www.wanuskewin.com)

**7. Western Development Museum** – Saskatoon “1910 Boomtown”, Moose Jaw “History of Transportation”, North Battleford “Heritage Farm and Village”, and Yorkton “Story of People”. The displays are focussed on the relatively recent (18<sup>th</sup> Century) occupation of Western Canada through the immigration of (primarily) European settlers. Contact Saskatoon: (306) 931-1910; Moose Jaw: (306) 693-5989; North Battleford: (306) 445-8033; Yorkton: (306) 783-8361.

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