

Public Archaeology at Farwell's Trading Post

Cypress Hills Massacre National Historic Site of Canada (NHSC)

Come and experience history first hand working side-by-side with Parks Canada archaeologists in rediscovering Farwell's trading post. The post was constructed in the spring of 1872 and burnt down in 1873 due to the tragic events of the Cypress Hills Massacre when a group of wolfers opened fire on a nearby Assiniboine camp. The *Englishman's Boy* book and movie are based on these events. Recent discoveries at the trading post include portions of the palisade walls, a circular bastion, posts, floor boards, storage pit features and artifacts.



Reconstructed palisade and buildings at Farwell's Trading Post.

You will:

- Receive a site orientation and training.
- Spend four days excavating.
- Experience evening programming such as a tour of Fort Walsh, artifact workshop, guest speakers, viewing of the *Englishman's Boy* movie.
- Discover what life was like in the west before the arrival of the Northwest Mounted Police.
- Uncover Canada's history and share it with other Canadians.
- Camp in the Cypress Hills Dark Sky Preserve (see www.cypresshills.com).
- Work in a beautiful setting along Battle Creek in the Cypress Hills.
- Receive a certificate and photograph of yourself working at the site.
- Contribute anecdotes and photographs to the daily journal we will be keeping for the project.

Where: Farwell's trading post is located at the Cypress Hills Massacre site at Fort Walsh in southwestern Saskatchewan. See the Fort Walsh website for directions (www.pc.gc.ca/walsh or www.cypresshills.com).

When: Sign up for one of the four-day sessions in August (Aug. 8-11, 13-16 or 18-21). Space is limited.

Logistics: Camping will be available at Fort Walsh. Archaeological field equipment will be supplied. You will be responsible for your own food and camping equipment.

For further information contact:

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Spruce posts from the site were dated to 1872 using dendrochronology.

Information for Participants

Where to Meet

Participants are asked to meet at the Fort Walsh Visitor Reception Centre (VRC) at 9:00am on the first day of your session. Directions to Fort Walsh are available on the Fort Walsh website.

Itinerary

Project staff will meet you at the VRC on the first day for a welcome and orientation. We will then proceed to the site where you will learn field techniques, excavate, screen for artifacts and map your recoveries. We will be taking a 45 minute lunch break at the site and two short breaks during the day. An outhouse facility is available. We will spend four full days excavating. The project will run regardless of weather conditions (we have tarps!).

Site staff will be transporting us to and from the site each day. Those camping on site can leave their vehicles at the VRC.

To Ensure your Comfort...

The site is located in the valley along Battle Creek. Be prepared for hot sunny weather as well as rain showers.

Please bring the following items each day to the site:

- Drinking water
- Sun hat
- Sun screen
- Runners, hiking boots or work boots. Please note that NO OPEN TOED FOOTWEAR will be allowed.
- Raincoat, rain pants and rain boots
- Lunch and snacks for break time
- Knapsack or bag to conveniently transport your gear to the site each day
- You may also want to have gloves and a kneeling pad

Further information will be provided to those who register.

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Registration Form

Select one of the following 4-day sessions:

- August 8 - 11
- August 13 - 16
- August 18 - 21

Camping at Fort Walsh? yes no

Name(s): _____

For families, please list the ages of children under 18: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Cost per session:

- SAS Individual @ \$35.00
- SAS Family @ \$50.00
- Non-SAS Individual @ \$45.00
- Non-SAS Family @ \$70.00

Payment Method:

- Cheque (to "SAS")
- Visa
- M/C

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail registration form to the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society.