

# Camping in Canada

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## Pre-Reading

1. Have you ever been camping in a natural park before?
2. What outdoor activities do you enjoy doing during the Spring-Summer season?
3. How important do you think it is to disconnect from technology and connect with nature?
4. Have you ever visited Algonquin Provincial Park or any other provincial parks in Canada?

## Reading

Canada has the most beautiful natural parks in the world. There are many activities to do in Spring-Summer season like: walking, running, biking, hiking and camping.

Today I will share the great experience of camping in a beautiful place called Algonquin. This provincial park is in south-central Ontario, it was the first provincial park in Ontario. It protects a variety of natural, cultural and recreational features and values. Camping is an experience that you must live at least one time in your life, that's why my husband and I decided to live this experience and Algonquin was our first camping place.

We drove for around 5 hours from Staples area to the park. The place where we camped was Canisbay lake campground, it was beautiful. We had the lake in front of our camping site. I must tell you that having the view of the lake when you wake up is AMAZING. On our first day we biked for 25 km on a trail near our campground. The views were unreal and there were many small lakes around the trail. In the afternoon we decided to do 2.5 km of a trail where we saw many types of birds. We finished the day with the best dinner and a bonfire in the peace of the night, with the only sound of nature. This kind of thing allowed me to enjoy the moment and forget the stress of work or thinking of having my phone to check social media. I was sitting in the middle of nature enjoying the moment with my favorite people in the world. Disconnect to Connect.

Camping helps you to connect with nature. It is a unique experience where we can learn admire around and be grateful.

## Comprehension Questions

**1. Based on the article, decide if the following statements are true or false. Some statements are not mentioned in the article. Mark these statements "Unknown".**

- A. Canada has the most visited natural parks in the world.
- B. The author will not share the experience of camping in Algonquin.
- C. The author drove for approximately 5 hours from the Staples area to the park.
- D. The place where the author camped was not beautiful.
- E. The author will bike for 50 km on the second day.
- F. The author did not see any birds on the trail.
- G. The author ended the day with a great dinner and a bonfire in the peaceful night, surrounded by nature's sounds.
- H. The author was not able to enjoy the moment and was constantly stressed about work.
- I. The author will go camping alone in the future.
- J. Camping does not help you to connect with nature.

**2. Select the correct answer:**

- 1. What is the primary purpose of the passage?
  - A. To promote camping as a recreational activity
  - B. To discuss the natural features of Canada's national parks
  - C. To provide a detailed itinerary of the author's camping trip
  - D. To encourage readers to disconnect from technology
  
- 2. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?
  - A. Informative and educational
  - B. Persuasive and promotional
  - C. Reflective and personal
  - D. Factual and objective

3. According to the passage, what is the unique feature of the Algonquin provincial park?
- A. It was the first provincial park in Ontario
  - B. It offered a variety of outdoor activities
  - C. It had beautiful lakes and trails
  - D. It allowed visitors to disconnect from technology
4. What was the author's primary motivation for choosing Algonquin as their first camping destination?
- A. It was close to their hometown of Staples
  - B. It was a popular and well-known park
  - C. It offered a variety of recreational activities
  - D. It provided a peaceful and natural setting
5. Which of the following outdoor activities did the author and their husband engage in during their stay at Algonquin?
- A. Fishing and canoeing
  - B. Hiking and biking
  - C. Skiing and snowshoeing
  - D. Kayaking and rock climbing
6. What was the author's main takeaway from their camping experience at Algonquin?
- A. The importance of planning and organization
  - B. The joy of sharing experiences with loved ones
  - C. The value of disconnecting from technology
  - D. The beauty and wonder of the natural world
7. Which of the following best summarizes the overall message of the passage?
- A. Camping is a challenging but rewarding activity
  - B. Canada's natural parks offer a diverse range of activities
  - C. Algonquin provincial park is a must-visit destination
  - D. Connecting with nature can lead to personal growth and fulfillment

## Vocabulary Review

### 1. Match the right definitions:

- a. feelings of worry, tension, or pressure caused by difficult situations.
- b. a path or track through nature that people can walk or hike on.
- c. being the only one of its kind; different from anything else.
- d. an area with designated spaces for setting up tents or parking campers.
- e. activities done for enjoyment during free time, not work or obligation.
- f. a large outdoor fire used for warmth, cooking, or socializing.
- g. staying outdoors overnight in a tent or camper for leisure.
- h. the activity of walking in nature for pleasure and exercise.

1. camping
2. unique
3. stress
4. hiking
5. bonfire
6. recreational
7. trail
8. campground

### 2. Using the vocabulary finish the sentences using the correct word form.

trail, campground, bonfire, recreational, hiking , camping, unique

1. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_in the mountains on weekends with my friends.
2. Playing tennis is one of my favorite \_\_\_\_\_activities.
3. We are planning to go \_\_\_\_\_next weekend by the lake.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_we stayed at had nice facilities and friendly staff.
5. Let's explore the new \_\_\_\_\_that leads to a beautiful waterfall.
6. Last night, we roasted marshmallows over the \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach.
7. The boutique hotel had a \_\_\_\_\_design that made it stand out.

## Extension Activities

Visit the Algonquin page of the Ontario Parks website:

[www.ontarioparks.ca/park/algonquin](http://www.ontarioparks.ca/park/algonquin)

1. List 5 summer activities and 5 winter activities available at Algonquin Park:

Summer Activities	Winter Activities

2. While visiting the Algonquin page of the Ontario Parks website, identify what the following icons mean:

Icon	Meaning
	
	
	
	

	
	