

CAPE SCOTT PROVINCIAL PARK

At the rugged northern tip of Vancouver Island, this remote, logging-road-accessed park is not easy to get to, but it's (arguably) home to BC's best wilderness beaches.

UKKUSIKSALIK NATIONAL PARK

Nunavut's frontier on the frontier, this remote national park juxtaposes bleak tundra landscapes with an abundance of unusual wildlife spearheaded by polar bears.

ST JOSEPH ISLAND

This wooded island, tucked away in the northwest corner of Lake Huron flush up against the US border, holds the fascinating ruins of an erstwhile British fort.

TORNGAT MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

You'll have to fly or boat in to Labrador's chilly tip, home to polar bears and some of the highest peaks east of the Rockies. Local Inuit guides lead the way for otherworldly hiking and flightseeing.

GASPÉ PENINSULA

This is the windswept, rocky spot where Jacques Cartier landed in 1534, surrounded by steep limestone cliffs, pebble beaches, whales, seals and the ever-crashing sea.

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The Siksika (Blackfoot) First Nations have opened a superb historical center on their reservation. There's a museum, plus guided tours and trails through quintessential prairie landscapes.

VEREGIN

A small prairie village and national historic site cataloging the history and culture of the Doukhobors, a religious sect (championed by Leo Tolstoy) who settled here after their exile from Russia in 1897.

TAYLOR HEAD PROVINCIAL PARK

This beachy park on Nova Scotia's undeveloped eastern shore juts out into the Atlantic, offering trails of wildflowers and beach grass and plenty of perfect sheltered coves for kayaking.

