



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Finding Franklin: A Family Artifact Hunt

March 2 to September 30

During regular Museum hours

For more than a century, people all over the world wondered what happened to Sir John Franklin and his ships HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*. Over the years, pieces of evidence came to light: caches of supplies, a note left in a pile of stones and, most importantly, Inuit stories about the lost sailors. Pick up a self-guided pamphlet designed to help you scour the exhibition for important clues. Use your puzzle-solving skills to guide you to specific artifacts, and then put all the evidence together to reveal the final resting place of HMS *Erebus*.

Special Tour and Chat with Historian Karen Ryan

Saturday, March 3

1:15 p.m.

Discover some of the fascinating stories behind key artifacts in the exhibition. Take a guided tour with exhibition curator Dr. Karen Ryan as you explore the perilous world of 19th-century Arctic exploration, from the voyage's confident beginnings to its tragic end. Learn more about the important role played by Inuit oral history in revealing the Expedition's fate, and in helping to locate the wrecks of its two ships. Enjoy a hot drink and light refreshments following the tour, along with an opportunity to chat with Dr. Ryan.

Tickets: Non-Members \$5, Members \$4. Tickets include a guided tour of the exhibition, a hot beverage, and light refreshments. General Museum admission must be purchased in addition to tour tickets. Buy your tickets online, or by phone at 819-776-7000.

Special Tour and Chat with Underwater Archaeologist Charles Dagneau

Saturday, March 3

1 p.m.

In French

Learn how underwater archaeologists helped discover HMS *Erebus* and *Terror* in Arctic waters. Take a guided tour of the exhibition from the perspective of Parks Canada underwater archaeologist Charles Dagneau. Discover the unique challenges involved in conducting underwater archaeology in the Canadian North, as well as some of the team's exciting finds. Enjoy a hot drink and light refreshments following the tour, along with an opportunity to chat with Mr. Dagneau.

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Map Your Way to HMS *Erebus* and *Terror*: The Franklin Expedition Ships

Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grand Hall

It took more than 150 years and 60 search expeditions to find the Franklin Expedition ships. How long will it take you to solve the mystery? Visit the exhibition to learn about the 129 men lost in the Arctic in 1845, as well as various theories about their fate. Then pretend you're an underwater archaeologist using Inuit oral history, geographical tools and other evidence to locate the wrecks. Explore Canada's Arctic on a giant floor map. Work with your family to find clues in Franklin's original orders from the British Admiralty, and in handwritten notes and charts. Learn about the crucial role of traditional Inuit stories, passed down for generations, in the eventual discovery of the wrecks.

Underwater Arctic Archaeology

March 3 to 18

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grand Hall (March 3 and 4)

Haida Gwaii Mezzanine (March 5 to 18)

What is it like to be an underwater archaeologist searching for the lost ships of the Franklin Expedition? Join Parks Canada scientists to learn more, and try out the equipment and techniques they used to find the artifacts on display in the exhibition. Use gloves and other equipment to record information on the locations of replica artifacts, hidden in our simulation tank. Then compare your findings with actual data recorded by Parks Canada archaeologists during their successful quest to find the wrecks of HMS *Erebus* and *Terror* in 2014 and 2016.

What Would You Wear on an Arctic Expedition?

March 3 to 18

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grand Hall (March 3 and 4)

Haida Gwaii Mezzanine (March 5 to 18)

Would you know how to dress for an Arctic expedition? Would you rather wear a cotton shirt and a knitted coat with buttons, or sealskin and caribou-skin mittens? Try on reproductions of what the men of the Franklin Expedition were wearing when they disappeared, and compare them to traditional Inuit clothing. Handle a replica of a European-style leather shoe from the exhibition, and think about how far you would get on snow and ice wearing similar footwear. Find out how traditional Inuit knowledge influenced the equipment and clothing choices of Parks Canada archaeologists searching for the wrecks of Franklin's ships.

Awesome Arctic Explorers

Sunday, April 22

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Haida Gwaii Mezzanine

In 1845, Sir John Franklin and his crew set out to chart the famed Northwest Passage. They were well equipped and had done their research, but still met with disaster. Find out what skills you need to survive in the Arctic. Try on and compare traditional Inuit clothing to the types of clothing Franklin's crew would have worn. Modern technology and Inuit oral histories recently helped Parks Canada archaeologists find Franklin's missing ships in frigid Arctic waters. Talk to them about their techniques, and try your hand at creating 3D maps and locating artifacts in a shipwreck simulation.

Yo Ho Ho: Raise a Glass to Franklin

Saturday June 9

From 6 to 9 p.m.

Haida Gwaii Salon and Franklin Exhibition

Although it ended in tragedy, the Franklin Expedition set forth from England with high hopes and the best of intentions. Its two ships ultimately boasted 129 officers and crew, equipment, food supplies — and more than 16,000 litres of rum. Dr. Karen Ryan, curator of the exhibition, talks about why so much rum was brought along for the Expedition. Toast Sir John Franklin and his crew with special rum concoctions presented by world-renowned (and local) sommelier Véronique Rivest. Sample northern-themed foods, and find out how Inuit oral histories helped modern archaeologists locate the shipwrecks. This special evening includes a visit to the exhibition, three rum tastings and four Arctic-inspired canapés.

Tickets: Non-Members \$95, Members \$90. Buy your tickets online, or by phone at 819-776-7000. Tickets must be purchased in advance. You must be at least 18 years of age to attend.