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A fall festival on the Plains of Abraham... for courageous visitors



Québec, Friday September 23, 2011 – The month of October has returned to haunt the Plains of Abraham and those who dare venture on its grounds. The National Battlefields Commission is eager to inform the public that a clan of witches, elves and ghosts is approaching the park and will take up residence here from October 1st to 31st. These odd creatures will participate in a series of boisterous activities and challenge the bravest visitors to do the same. The menu includes decorations at the Joan of Arc Garden, visits of the park (with the family or other adults), a family day, the haunted tower and a fantastic rally.

Joan of Arc Garden Décor

Throughout October

Daytime or evening, at the Joan of Arc Garden

Free access

The heroic Joan of Arc welcomes strollers to her magnificent fall garden decked out with mysterious decors referring to the history and tales of the Plains of Abraham. The curtain rises on the white lady of Cape Diamond, the Sabbath, the widow's walk, the Corriveau, the white stone, the treasures, the tunnels and the phantoms behind bars. The latest additions are legends illustrating the duels, the German prisoners, the public punishments, the bones that resurface... In addition, several tombstones will remind visitors of the personalities that left their mark on the park.



Haunted Tower and Fantastic Rally

October 15, 16, 22, 29 and 30

From 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Martello Tower 2
(then at the Joan of Arc Garden)

Cost: \$2 / person

Young daredevils will venture on the roof of the Martello tower and into its labyrinth, which is sometimes dark but always unexpected, with lots of surprises that are sure to cause a few flutters and bursts of laughter while arousing fascination: space ship, treasure island, scarecrows and witches, mummy and cemetery... Harry Potter will even be there! A fantastic rally will then invite the cleverest visitors to the garden for a self-guided tour. Small children aged five and older will even get their mini-questions.



Family Lantern Tour: Bewitching Tour (in French only)

October 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30

At 5:00 p.m., departure from Martello Tower 2

Cost: \$8 / 5-12 years old, \$10 / adult

Reservations required: 418 649-6157



Follow Marguerite or Abraham Martin (who gave the park its name), as they guide you through the unusual decors of the Joan of Arc Garden and Martello towers. Let the shivers run through children and grownups as they travel this amusing course. Thanks to the magic spells and formulas your guide will teach you (ritual chanting, how to use a lucky charm and various incantations), you can elude the mysteries that torment the park, and you will feel cool enough to go into the haunted tower.

Park Lantern Tour: Ghoulish Walk (in French only)

October 21, 22, 28, 29 and 31

At 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.,
departure from Martello Tower 2

Cost: \$15 /person (13 years old and over)

Reservation required: 418 649-6157

In the company of the Corriveau or Officer James Murray, participate in this gloomy interactive walking tour to discover the Plains in a more ghoulish light. Formerly a remote location, the Plains were the scene of crimes, prostitution, bloody punishments and even executions, all hidden from view. This mysterious tour will hold you breathless and unveil, by lantern light, gloomy hand-picked tales of the park: the Québec jail and the hangings, Joan of Arc's voices, the widow's walk, the strange phenomena surrounding the white lady of Cape Diamond and, the enigmatic white stone, the discipline and military punishments, the wounded soldiers' surgeries and suffering, the treasure hunts, and more.



You may even encounter someone who has no shadow and must necessarily have sold his soul to the devil...

Family Day

Sunday October 23

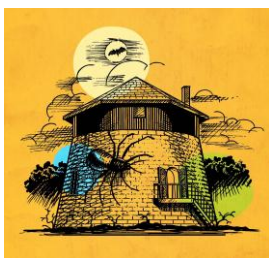
From noon to 4:30 p.m., at Martello Tower 2 and Joan of Arc Garden

Cost: \$2 /person

At Martello Tower 2, the courageous visitors will find it hard to resist walking through the dark labyrinth of the haunted tower. The most resourceful will treat themselves to a mini-train ride to catch sight of the fabulous garden decors, jump for joy in the inflatable games, rush into a fantastic rally and encounter strange characters.



Jack Rackham and his pirates will make an appearance at the family gathering to inspire the ship's boys and girls with love of the sea. The visitors' curiosity will be rewarded since these adventurers have agreed to share some of their secrets: flag interpretation, ship's speed interpretation and even a quiz on attack weapons. Arrgh!



Information and reservation

418 649-6157

www.theplainsofabraham.ca

or at the Discovery Pavilion of the Plains of Abraham

835 Wilfrid-Laurier Avenue, level 0, in Québec City (east of Drill Hall)

The Martello Tower 2 and the Joan of Arc Garden are located at the corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier streets.



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