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Celebrate Canada's Heritage Rivers!
Célébrons les rivières du patrimoine canadien!



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Come Celebrate Canada 150 at Rendez-Vous on the Red!

In 2017, Canadians are uniting for Canada 150 from coast to coast to coast by celebrating their Canadian Heritage Rivers at the heart of their communities, reminding Canadians of the importance and value of our heritage rivers.

In partnership with *La Brigade de la Rivière Rouge*, a St. Boniface based historical and cultural non-profit organization whose mission is to share and relive the era of the “voyageur” and the fur trade, Rivers West is coordinating a paddle from St. Jean-Baptiste to The Forks in Winnipeg from June 22 - 24. **Rendez-Vous on the Red** will include overnight stops in Ste. Agathe and St. Norbert where communities are invited to join in a BBQ and evening celebration with cultural and musical programming. The general public will be invited to join in the final paddle leg from St. Norbert to The Forks on the morning of June 24th. The event will culminate at 4:00 pm with our showcase historic event **150 Canoes on the Rouge** where we will attempt to gather 150 canoes on the river, recognized by a gun salute by La Compagnie de La Vérendrye and the ringing of the St. Boniface Cathedral bells.

“The 150th anniversary of Confederation provides Canadians with the wonderful opportunity to become active in their communities and celebrate the rich history of their rivers. Communities across the country will take part in events that highlight the importance of preserving our precious natural resources for future generations.”

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage

“As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, I encourage Canadians to visit and learn about the importance of Canadian Heritage Rivers. Our rivers tell the stories of our land and people. Their role was crucial in trade and transportation and in building a sense of identity and pride in communities across the country. I am pleased to see that communities across the country are celebrating Canada 150 with their heritage rivers.”

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada

The Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) is Canada’s national river conservation program. Established in 1984, the CHRS gives national recognition to Canada’s outstanding rivers and encourages their long-term management to conserve their natural, cultural and recreational values for the benefit and enjoyment of Canadians, now and in the future. There are currently 42 Canadian Heritage Rivers across the country, totalling close to 12,000 km and 38 events are expected on 35 of the rivers.

For event details, schedules and forms:



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Eau Canada! Video

See and hear river enthusiasts from across the country sing their rendition of O Canada! in honour of Canada 150.

<https://youtu.be/sV-3YkxhDIQ>



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