



## Canadian War Museum (CWM) 2010-2011 Information Sheet

For tour guides and tourism front-line staff

The architecturally stunning  
Canadian War Museum  
is our national museum of military history.  
A must-see destination!

**Why a war museum?** The Canadian War Museum serves as the voice and memory of Canadian military actions at home and on the international stage. It is a place to consider sacrifice, loss and the pursuit of peace.

**Who designed it?** The new CWM has been designed by Canadian architects Raymond Moriyama, of Moriyama & Teshima Architects, and Alex Rankin, of Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects.

**The vision:** Designed to highlight the theme of regeneration, the new Canadian War Museum emerges slowly from the landscape. Its grass-covered roof and low profile remind us of nature's ability to recover from the devastation of war and human conflict.

**What is it made of?** Concrete is the primary construction material, complemented by a wide expanse of sheer glass windows and a copper-clad roof. Angled walls give visitors a sense of the instability of war. The towering Regeneration Hall is

pierced with windows depicting the words "Lest we forget / N'oublions jamais" in Morse code.

**What's inside?** This building is designed to enable the Museum to permanently showcase its vast art collection (numbering some 13,000 pieces) and its extensive artifact collections, including military vehicles and artillery. The dramatic LeBreton Gallery (glass wall space) houses a Voodoo fighter jet, nineteenth-century artillery pieces, tanks and a wide range of vehicles. Memorial Hall is designed for rest and reflection, and contains a single lone artifact — the headstone of the Unknown Soldier — which is directly illuminated by the sun each Remembrance Day, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. The Museum's main permanent exhibition space highlights key events and defining moments in Canada's military history. The story of human conflict is presented through personal stories, art, artifacts, photographs and interactive presentations.

### Interesting Facts

The Museum is environmentally friendly: river water is used in the CWM cooling systems; recycled fly ash is used in the concrete to increase the energy efficiency; native self-seeding grasses create a low-maintenance green roof, and the interior copper was recycled from the roof of the Parliamentary Library.

The CWM measures 40,860 m<sup>2</sup> (approx. 440,000 sq. ft.). Over 65 per cent of the facility's indoor spaces are fully accessible to the public, in contrast to an average of 35 to 40 per cent for most museums.

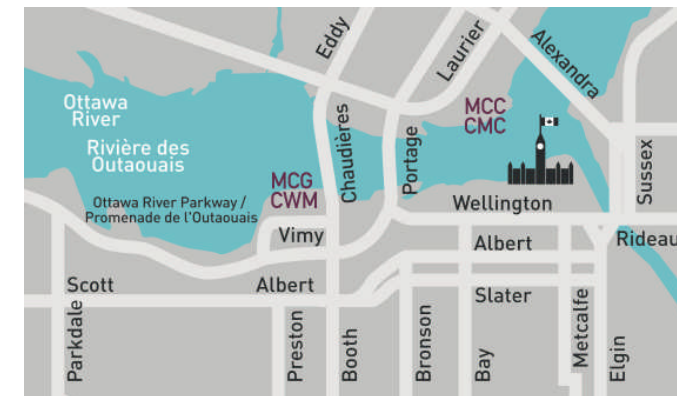
**Services:** cafeteria with a river-front terrace • boutique • cloakroom • parking • group entrance • classrooms • guided tours • call centre • bus parking (info at the group entrance)

**Hours of operation: May 1 to June 30:** Seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays to 9:00 p.m. **July 1 to September 1:** Seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays until 9:00 p.m. **September 2 to October 13:** Seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays until 9:00 p.m. **October 14 to April 30:** Tuesday to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays until 9 p.m.

### Directions:

From Parliament Hill / NCC Visitor Centre: Continue west along Wellington Street and turn right at Vimy Place.

From the Canadian Museum of Civilization: Turn left on Laurier St.; turn left on to Eddy Street; continue over the Chaudière Bridge; turn right at Vimy Place.



### Canadian War Museum

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