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Just in time for staycations, essential workers are being offered promotions and discounts at several Ontario tourist attractions



Frontline workers in hospitals, grocery stores, transit and many others are being offered promotions and discounts at tourist attractions across the province, including York Region's McMichael gallery and the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

As the province works with the tourism industry to reopen destinations, agencies and attractions, Ontario is also thanking frontline workers and welcoming back visitors by offering special promotions or discounts at several of the province's top tourist destinations.

This summer, frontline workers can enjoy special rates or discounts at the following agencies and attractions:

- [Art Gallery of Ontario \(AGO\)](#) - Until Aug. 16, 2020, frontline workers can sign up for a free annual pass providing access to all exhibitions and collection galleries for one year.
- [McMichael Canadian Art Collection \(MCM\)](#) - Free parking and access to outdoor grounds is available every day to frontline workers until March 31, 2021.
- [Niagara Parks Commission \(NPC\)](#) - Every Thursday, 2-for-1 admission to frontline workers at all Niagara Parks' attractions, heritage sites and the Falls Incline Railway, as well as 10 per cent off all culinary and retail purchases until Sept. 7, 2020.
- [Royal Ontario Museum \(ROM\)](#) - Free general admission to the museum for frontline workers and three guests until Aug. 30, 2020.
- [Royal Botanical Gardens \(RBG\)](#) - Free general admission to all essential health care and emergency workers, as well as 25 per cent off general admission to their guests. RBG is also offering 14-month memberships for the price of a 12-month membership to all essential health care and emergency workers until Sept. 7, 2020.
- [Huronian Historical Parks](#) - Complimentary admission to frontline workers on Fridays until Sept. 6, 2020. General admission as of July 24, 2020 is \$5 per person (plus tax); children under 12 are free.
- [Fort William Historical Park](#) - Free admission opportunities for frontline workers to the site and the [David Thompson Astronomical Observatory](#) on Fridays until Sept. 6, 2020.

"Frontline workers in hospitals, grocery stores, transit and many others across the province have been working tirelessly to keep Ontarians safe in the fight against COVID-19," said Lisa MacLeod, minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, in a news release. "I'm proud to support our agencies' efforts to show appreciation for the hard work and dedication demonstrated by Ontario's frontline workers during the COVID-19 outbreak."

As the province continues to gradually reopen, Ontario's agencies and attractions are implementing stringent measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Visitors are encouraged to review current COVID-19 updates before visiting attractions and are asked to respect health and safety guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.