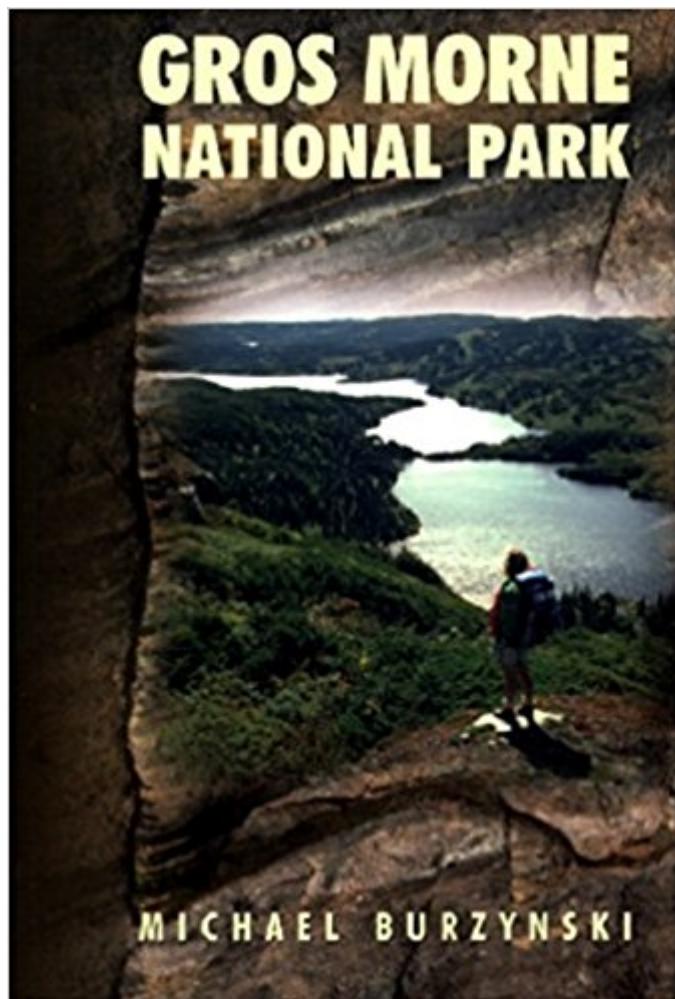


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# Gros Morne National Park



## **Synopsis**

Gros Morne is the largest and most spectacular national park in eastern Canada-one of the best known parks yet one of the least visited. It is renowned as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and for its unexpected landscapes: massive cliffs, fjords, alpine tundra, white sand beaches, and the golden Tablelands plateau. The geology, plants, and wildlife have drawn naturalists and researchers for decades, and the human story of the coast stretches back over 4,500 years. This guidebook reveals both the accessible park and its hidden treasures. It explores coast and forest, mountain and lowland, backcountry and frontcountry. An indispensable guide for planning a trip at any season, or a companion during a visit, it also describes services, campgrounds, trails, and other facilities.

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Gros Morne National Park on the west coast of Newfoundland is one of Canada and North America's greatest treasures. Yet, it is also one of the least known. Michael Burzynski's book provides an excellent overview of the Park which anyone planning a first visit would be well advised to purchase and read. It will greatly enhance a visit. The book is aimed at the first time visitor but it promises to continue to be useful on subsequent visits. Mr. Burzynski assumes the reader to be intelligent, curious, and to have a desire to go a bit beyond the basics. There are sections on the Park's animals, plants, and history and its unique, intricate geology. All of this is woven into description of the all-important weather and seasons. This includes appropriate warnings for visitors not familiar with the severity of this magnificent land's climate. Besides natural history, there are useful guides to trails, backcountry (and car) camping, and an overview of the Park's justifiably

famous and arduous unmarked backcountry routes. However, be aware that no trail maps are included. Descriptions include activities appropriate to each season. If I were to level a slight criticism, it would be that much of the material in the book can be found in a series of publications that are available at the Park or in some cases, on the Parks Canada website. Moreover, I might have hoped for more detail in a number of places (for example, in some of the trail descriptions). However, these criticisms are minor. I continue to find the book useful, as have some friends. It provides a complete overview of the Park in one convenient, portable form, it is nicely written, and it is generally very well produced. Over the years I have read many "National Park" books and this is probably the most useful and informative. If you haven't been to Gros Morne, you should go. This unique place is remote, not heavily visited, and very much worth the trip. Michael Burzynski's book will provide you with an excellent guide and the Newfoundlanders make wonderful hosts.

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Hard to see photos, pictures in black and white, obviously photocopied.

Can't wait to get there. Wonderful description and useful info. Love the geology discussions.

Lots of info. Photo quality is poor black and white. I'd rather pay more and get good color reproduction.

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