



**Parks Canada**

# 2018 Activity Guide

**Mainland Nova Scotia**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**  
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**FOR YOUTH 17  
& UNDER!**



**Kejimikujik**  
National Park and  
National Historic Site



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# Welcome to our Parks Canada sites in mainland Nova Scotia.

There's never been a better time to visit and explore our rich history, vibrant culture and spectacular scenery. Every day offers new and exciting opportunities and celebrations.

Use this guide and visit [parksCanada.gc.ca/ns](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/ns) to start planning your adventure.

Remember youth 17 and under are FREE!

***An exciting summer awaits!***



## FIND YOUR RED CHAIR MOMENT IN NOVA SCOTIA

Visit all amazing Red Chair locations [parksCanada.gc.ca/ns](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/ns)

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## PRESERVING OUR PAST

When you've been around for this long, you need a little work to stay looking your best! This year the Halifax Citadel is undergoing its most significant phase of restoration since the 1970s. Port-Royal and Kejimikujik will also undergo renovations as part of Parks Canada's largest infrastructure investment. While we're doing our best to minimize the impact to visitors, you may see scaffolding and heavy equipment at our sites. Rest assured, our treasured places will be better protected and preserved for generations to come.

Halifax Citadel, 1973



Try on our period costumes!

# Fort Anne

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



Once the epicenter of the conflict between Europe's empire builders, Fort Anne is now the cornerstone of one of Canada's prettiest towns, Annapolis Royal. Back in 1917, the proud citizens successfully petitioned the government to preserve the fort as a national historic site, the first of its kind in all of Canada.

## FORT ANNE

323 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal  
902-532-2397  
SouthWestNova.NHS@pc.gc.ca  
parksCanada.gc.ca/fortanne

**May 18–June 16:** Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–5:30pm

**June 19–Sept. 8:** Open all days: 9am–5:30pm

**Sept. 11–Oct. 6:** Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–5:30pm

**Grounds open year-round**

## NEW IMMERSIVE AND INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT IN HONOUR OF FORT ANNE'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

Step inside the Officers' Quarters Museum and into another era when Scottish, French and English settlers and soldiers took turns calling this place home. Learn how the Mi'kmaq, Acadians and African Nova Scotians also played a role in shaping one of North America's most contested areas. Their stories of struggle and survival come to life through the artifacts and new displays.

## CANDLELIGHT GRAVEYARD TOURS

Guided tour through one of Canada's oldest English graveyards. The stones reveal fascinating stories of the area and its inhabitants. Presented by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal.

For times and dates: [tourannapolisroyal.com/graveyard.html](http://tourannapolisroyal.com/graveyard.html)



## TAPESTRY TOUR

Let us guide you through 400 years of history as portrayed on a unique canvas – a 5.5 x 8.5 metre Heritage Tapestry that took over 100 volunteers some 3 million stitches to craft. *Tapestry Tours* upon request and staff availability.

## INNOVATIVE MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Discover hidden stories as you walk the grounds of the fort and uncover first-person animated accounts as you explore the new museum exhibits.

*Tablet rental fee: \$5 (Last rental 4pm)*

## GUIDED EXPLORATION OF A VAUBAN FORT

June: Wed., Fri. and Sat.

July–August: Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat.

10am and 2pm (Bilingual)

Cost: \$4.90/adult, \$1.90/youth (Duration: 45 min.)

## WHITE GLOVE TOURS

A behind the scenes tour of the archives, library and artifacts in storage.

June: Tues. and Thurs.

July–August: Tues., Thurs. and Sun.

10am and 2pm (Bilingual) (Duration: 1 hr.)

Cost: \$9.80/person, limit 10 people/tour

## GIVE YOURSELF EXTRA TIME TO PLAY

**TRY A NEW GAME** Borrow a croquet set and try your hand at this gentle sport.

**BRING YOUR KITES** It's breezy here – and perfect for letting your kite soar high.

# Halifax Citadel

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

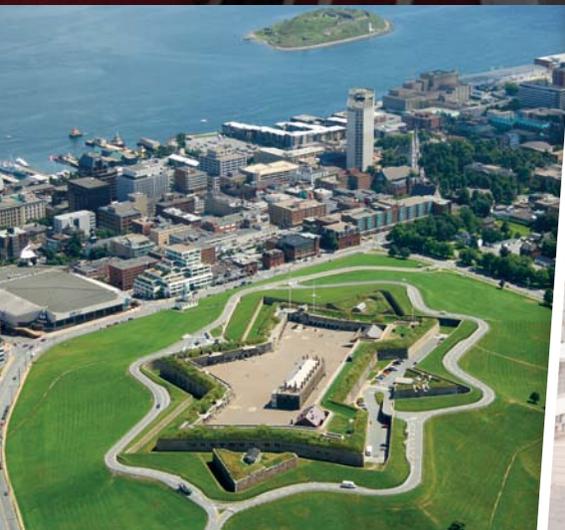
**READY, AIM, FIRE!** Experience the sound, sight and smell of black powder. Step up and fire an authentic Snider-Enfield rifle with the 78<sup>th</sup> Highlanders. 19<sup>th</sup>-century firepower at its best!

*May–October, Daily, 10am–3pm*

*Ages: 16+, Cost: \$22*

*No registration required. Walk ups welcome!*

Discover the Halifax Citadel, where the sounds of a modern, bustling port city are exchanged for the crack of rifle-fire and the skirl of bagpipes. The kilted 78<sup>th</sup> Highlanders and the Royal Artillery help visitors step back to 1869. One of Canada's most visited National Historic Sites, the Halifax Citadel helps bring a piece of Canada's early history to life.



## HALIFAX CITADEL

5425 Sackville Street, Halifax

902-426-5080

[halifax.citadel@pc.gc.ca](mailto:halifax.citadel@pc.gc.ca)

[parkscanada.gc.ca/halifaxcitadel](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/halifaxcitadel)

**May 7–June 30:** 9am–5pm

**July 1–Aug. 31:** 9am–6pm

**Sept. 1–Oct. 31:** 9am–5pm

**Nov. 1–May 6:** Grounds open 9am–5pm;  
limited visitor services

 [Halifax Citadel](#)

## Welcome to the Victorian era. Come explore the year 1869 and meet a Highlander!

Enjoy the ceremonial **CHANGING OF THE SENTRY**, be witness to the **NOON GUN** firing, take in the intricacy of **DRILL AND RIFLE FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS** and listen to the **BAGPIPERS AND DRUMMERS** perform traditional regimental tunes. Explore the essentials of the site on a **DAILY GUIDED TOUR** or investigate on your own.

**NEW!** Visit the **SHAPING OF THE HILL** interactive exhibit.

**SOLDIER FOR A DAY** Find out what life was really like for the 'redcoats'. Once you don the authentic uniform you are ready for your first lesson in foot drill. Next, learn how to handle and fire a rifle (16+) – becoming a soldier is hard work. Your private in-depth tour of the Citadel and refreshments will be your reward! (Duration: 3 hrs.)

May–October, Daily, 10am and 2pm  
Cost: \$199. Registration required



### CANADA IN THE GREAT WAR

Discover aspects of life on the Western Front in the 300-foot **Trench Experience**, chat with a uniformed interpreter, visit the **Casualty Clearing Station** and **Military Ambulance**. Visit the Army Museum's exhibit, '**Road to Vimy and Beyond**' honouring the sacrifice of the soldiers, many of them from Nova Scotia.



**GHOST TOURS** Discover the haunting secrets and fascinating history of the Halifax Citadel as you wander by candlelight along the fort's ramparts, dungeons and dimly-lit passageways.

July 5 - October 27, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights  
8:30pm, (Duration: 70 minutes)  
Cost: Adults \$14, seniors/students \$10, youth \$8,  
family (2 adults, 2 youth) \$35  
Purchase tickets at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)



## CALLING ALL KIDS!



**A SOLDIER'S LIFE** Experience life as a soldier in a 19th-century fort. Enlist, get a uniform and settle in for this role-playing adventure. Who said history can't be fun?

July–August, Daily, 1:30pm and 3:00pm (Duration: 90 min.)  
Ages: 6–12, Cost: \$7.30. Register at least 30 minutes prior at the Entry Kiosk or at the Information Centre

**CITADEL ADVENTURES!** Kids will enjoy becoming a spy with the help of a special comic book and spy kit. Find the clues and help foil the enemy's plans – you'll discover some of the darkest corners of the fort in your search.

May–October, Daily, Ages: 6–13  
FREE! Pick up your copy at the Information Centre.

## CONNECT WITH MI'KMAW CULTURE

### PETROGLYPH TOUR

Follow your guide in the footsteps of history. Tour the petroglyphs where ancient stone carvings paint a vivid picture of the Mi'kmaq way of life. (Duration: 90 min.) Offered daily. Registration required. Limit 20 people/tour.

### MI'KMAW ENCAMPMENT - WEJISQALIA'TI'K

Cultivate your connection with the teachings that nature offers while a Cultural Interpreter shares their unique skills and knowledge of this land. (Duration: 1 hr.) Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 2pm and Sunday: 7pm

### BIRCH BARK CANOE BUILDING

Craftspeople demonstrate traditional canoe building by the shores of Kejimikujik Lake. (Duration: 2 hrs.) Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2pm

### CANOE BUILDING WORKSHOP

Learn the ancient craft of canoe building with master Mi'kmaq craftsman, Todd Labrador. Hands-on workshops give you a 'behind the scenes' cultural experience. (Duration: 90 min.) Pre-booking required. Sundays 10:30am Cost: \$65/person Ages: 18+

# Kejimkujik

NATIONAL PARK  
AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Check out these amazing activities offered this summer at Keji! And there's more adventure featured online: [parksCanada.gc.ca/keji-activities](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/keji-activities)

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>. GUIDED PROGRAMS BEGIN JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.



#### KEJIMKUJIK

Highway 8, 3005 Main Parkway, Maitland Bridge  
902-682-2772 | [kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca) | [parksCanada.gc.ca/keji](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/keji)

#### Visitor Centre Hours

**May 18–June 21:** Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am–7pm  
Saturday–Sunday: 8:30am–6pm  
**June 22–Sept. 2:** Open all days 8:30am–8pm  
**Sept. 3–Oct. 8:** Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am–7pm  
Saturday: 8:30am–6 pm  
Sunday: 8:30am–4:30pm

#### KEJIMKUJIK SEASIDE

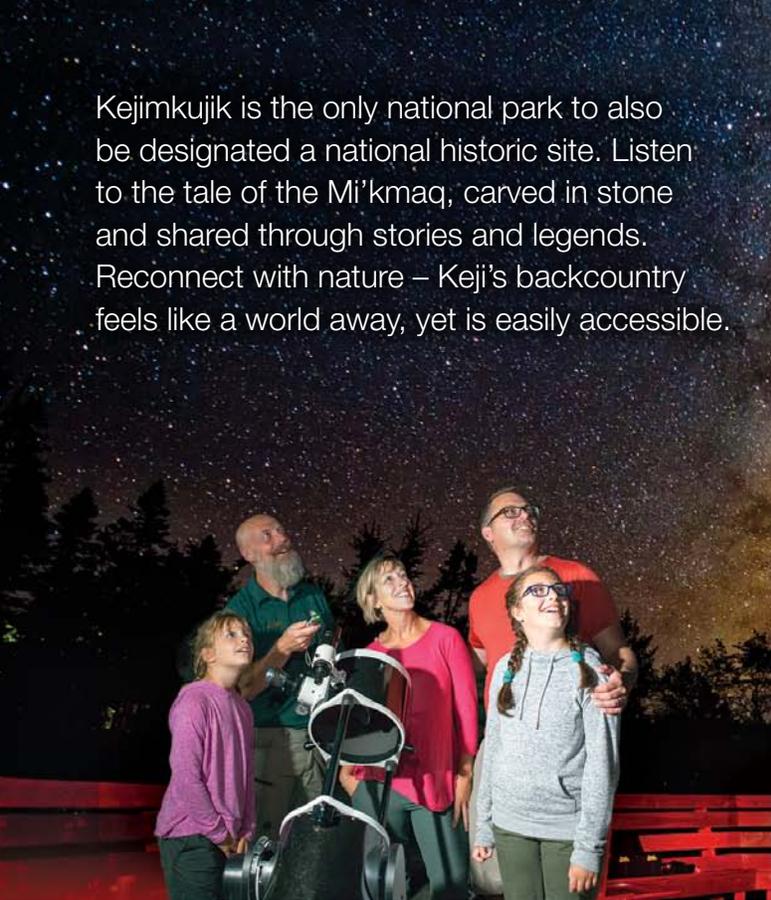
Highway 103, Exit 22, 1188 St. Catherines River Road, Port Joli  
902-682-2772 | [kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca)  
[parksCanada.gc.ca/keji](https://parksCanada.gc.ca/keji)

Open year-round; washrooms open **May 18–Oct. 8:** 8am–4pm



Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site  
Friends of Keji Cooperating Association

Kejimikujik is the only national park to also be designated a national historic site. Listen to the tale of the Mi'kmaq, carved in stone and shared through stories and legends. Reconnect with nature – Keji's backcountry feels like a world away, yet is easily accessible.



## DARK SKY EXPERIENCES

### BEAUTY AND MAGIC IN KEJI'S DARK SKY

An intimate experience exploring Keji's dark skies with Keji guides and our telescope in Nova Scotia's only Dark Sky Preserve. (Duration: 1 hr.)

Sundays. July 10:30pm, August 10:00pm

Cost: \$4.90/person Limit 30 people/tour

### YOUR GUIDES TO THE GALAXY

Join a Keji guide for stargazing at the thousands of stars that come out to play once darkness falls.

Saturdays 10pm. (Duration: 1 hr.)

### SPIRIT OF THE SETTLERS NIGHT HIKE

Take part in a journey along an ancient glacial hill to the site of an old farm. The night will reveal the story of the Rogers family, newcomers to an ancient land. (Duration: 90 min.)

Saturday 9:30pm. Cost: \$22/person, Registration required.

Limit 25 people/tour

### DARK SKY KITS

Pick up your kit at the Keji Visitor Centre.

Rental fee: \$5/day



## EXPLORE OUR GENTLE WATERWAYS

Bring your canoe, kayak or paddle board, or rent one from Kejimikujik's on-site outfitters.

902-682-2282 / [www.whynotadventure.ca](http://www.whynotadventure.ca)

### MERSEY STILLWATER PADDLE

Slow down, sip some tea and enjoy the tranquility as you dip your paddle into the still waters of the Mersey River and listen to captivating stories. (Duration: 90 min.)

Sunday 2pm, Tuesday and Thursday (Bilingual) 6pm

Cost: \$14.70/person for up to 8 paddlers

### KIDS MERSEY STILLWATER PADDLE

Climb aboard our Voyageur Canoe for a kids-only tour with two cool Keji guides. (Duration: 90 min.)

Thursday 2pm. Cost: \$10.80/child for up to 10 paddlers. Ages 8-14

### GONE CRABBIN' AT KEJIMKUJIK SEASIDE

Take part in this exclusive coastal experience and help protect native species from the invasive European Green Crab. Be prepared to get your hands wet and have fun as you weave your rowboat between the stunning granite islands pulling traps from the water. (Duration: 4 hrs.)

July and August, Thursday-Sunday 10am

Pre-booking required. Call 902-682-2772 or enquire at the Visitor Centre. Cost: \$60.65/person for up to 6 visitors.



## MAKE YOUR CAMPING RESERVATIONS

1-877-737-3783

[reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca](http://reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca)



# Port-Royal

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Samuel de Champlain once called this place “the most suitable and pleasant for a settlement that we had seen”. Port-Royal was one of the earliest French settlements in North America and lives on today as Canada’s first major historical reconstruction.

## STEP BACK IN TIME

Enter the forge, sit down at the kitchen table, lounge in the artisans’ quarters, smell the herbs in the apothecary or visit the fur room – there’s no better way to personally experience how the French colonists lived here.

## PORT-ROYAL

53 Historic Lane, Port-Royal  
902-532-2898  
SouthWestNova.NHS@pc.gc.ca  
parkscanada.gc.ca/portroyal

**May 18–June 16:** Tues–Sat: 9am–5:30pm

**June 19–Sept. 8:** 9am–5:30pm

**Sept. 11–Oct. 6:** Tues–Sat: 9am–5:30pm



## PORT-ROYAL IS UNDER RENOVATION!

The restoration of the Habitation’s aging wooden roof, palisade and gun platform will be taking place over the next two years. Visitors will have a rare opportunity to view the workers as they use modern and historical tools and techniques to restore the small French compound.

## MUSICAL THURSDAYS

Mark four special Thursday afternoons on your calendar this summer. Come and enjoy talented entertainers in a special musical series. Clap your hands, tap your feet and listen to the fine singers and musicians. *July 12, July 26, August 9 and August 23. 1pm–3pm*

## LEARN ABOUT THE MI'KMAW CULTURE

Step into a wigwam and immerse yourself in the tales, songs and legends of the Mi'kmaq. Try your hand at drumming or the traditional game of “waltes”. Hear about the crucial relationships forged with the French. *Saturday–Wednesday 2pm–4:30pm*



# Grand-Pré

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Located in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this is Grand-Pré National Historic Site—once a thriving Acadian settlement and now the most significant memorial to their tragic upheaval.

## GRAND-PRE

2205 Grand-Pré Road  
Grand-Pré  
902-542-3631  
grandpre.info@pc.gc.ca  
parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre

May 18–Oct. 8: 9am–5pm

 GrandPreNHS



## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STORY OF L'ACADIE

Embark on a fascinating journey through the history and spirit of this national historic site, which begins with a unique cinematic experience. Explore majestic weeping willows bordered by serene duck ponds, the legendary Statue of Evangeline – heroine of the Longfellow poem – and the Memorial church, where famous paintings and stained glass celebrate the culture and courage of the Acadian people.

## DISCOVER A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Take the path up the hill to the Landscape of Grand Pré View Park overlooking Grand-Pré National Historic Site, which lies at the heart of the bountiful lands that are part of the 13 square-kilometre heritage site. Witness the splendid landscape and the treasures it encompasses.

## ENJOY THE VICTORIAN GARDENS

Stroll through the magnificently kept Victorian gardens where the Statue of Evangeline and other monuments and sculptures can be found amongst flower gardens, a kitchen garden and an orchard — the absolute perfect spot for a picnic, to fly a kite or to take a bike ride on the picturesque Harvest Moon Trailway.

For more details on new enhanced interpretative programs in July and August, including an authentic Acadian culinary experience and an interactive art/history program, stay tuned to [parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre).

## CELEBRATE CANADA AT GRAND-PRÉ!

Come for cake, lemonade, and family fun.  
July 1. **FREE ENTRY**

## MI'KMAQ ACADIAN EVENT

Visit [parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre) for more details.  
August 12. **FREE ENTRY**



## MAINLAND NOVA SCOTIA

# Special Events

● Port-Royal  
National Historic Site

● Fort Anne  
National Historic Site

● Kejimikujik National Park  
and National Historic Site

● Kejimikujik  
Seaside

● Grand Pré  
National Historic Site

● Halifax Citadel  
National  
Historic Site

Fun-filled events are happening throughout the season in mainland Nova Scotia. Discover a new adventure or reconnect with an old favourite. For more information please visit [parkscanada.gc.ca/ns](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/ns).

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### APRIL 29

*MEC & HALIFAX CITADEL  
RUN WITH A HIGHLANDER*  
Halifax Citadel

### MAY 26-27

*TOUR DE KEJI OMNIUM*  
Kejimikujik

### JUNE 21

*NATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES DAY*  
Kejimikujik

### JULY 1

*CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS*  
All sites



**FREE ADMISSION**

### JULY 7

*BIOBLITZ*  
Kejimikujik

### JULY 8

*BIOBLITZ*  
Kejimikujik Seaside

### JULY 12

*TRADITIONAL MUSIC ON  
THURSDAYS*  
Port-Royal

### JULY 15

*MI'KMAW CULTURE DAY*  
Port-Royal

### JULY 21

*SAVOUR THE SEASIDE  
KEJI SEASIDE  
CELEBRATES 30 YEARS*  
Kejimikujik Seaside

### JULY 21-22

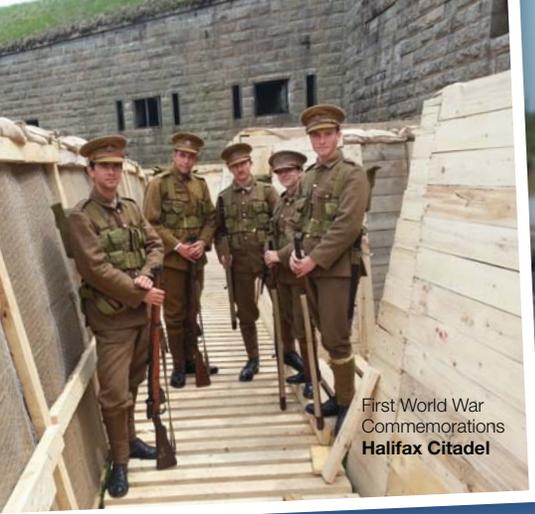
*PARKS DAY WEEKEND*  
Fort Anne

### JULY 21-22

*LEARN-TO CAMP WEEKEND*  
Kejimikujik

### JULY 22

*MASSED BAND CONCERT*  
Fort Anne



First World War  
Commemorations  
Halifax Citadel



**JULY 26**

TRADITIONAL MUSIC  
ON THURSDAYS  
Port-Royal

**JULY 28**

PRESENTATION OF  
COLOURS CEREMONY  
HALIFAX CITADEL SOCIETY  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Halifax Citadel

 **FREE ADMISSION**

**JULY 28-29**

VICTORIAN CRICKET  
MATCHES  
Fort Anne

**JULY 29**

CONSTRUCTION  
TRADITIONS  
Port-Royal

**AUGUST 3-5**

ENCAMPMENT DAYS  
Fort Anne

**AUGUST 4**

KEJI'S 49<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY PARTY  
Kejimkujik

**AUGUST 6**

COMMUNITY DAY  
Fort Anne & Port-Royal

 **FREE ADMISSION**

**AUGUST 9**

TRADITIONAL MUSIC  
ON THURSDAYS  
Port-Royal

**AUGUST 12**

MI'KMAQ ACADIAN EVENT  
Grand-Pré

 **FREE ADMISSION**

**AUGUST 17-19**

DARK SKY WEEKEND  
Kejimkujik

**AUGUST 19**

SHARING CULTURAL  
ALLIANCES & TRADITIONS  
ACADIENS-MÉTIS  
SOURIQUOIS DAY  
Port-Royal

**AUGUST 23**

TRADITIONAL MUSIC  
ON THURSDAYS  
Port-Royal

**AUGUST 24**

FREEDOM OF THE CITY  
WITH THE 78<sup>TH</sup>  
HIGHLANDERS  
Halifax Citadel

**SEPTEMBER 15**

BEST OF SUMMER  
Kejimkujik

 **FREE ADMISSION**

**SEPTEMBER 15-16**

REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
ENCAMPMENT  
Halifax Citadel

**SEPTEMBER 22**

GOURMET FALL NIGHT  
HIKE TO PETER POINT  
Kejimkujik

**SEPTEMBER 22-23**

KEJI MULTISPORT  
FESTIVAL: WOMEN'S  
TRIATHLON AND  
MIXED TEAM RELAY  
Kejimkujik

**SEPTEMBER 29**

SAVOUR THE TRAIL  
Kejimkujik

**OCTOBER 5-7**

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND  
Kejimkujik

**NOVEMBER 11**

REMEMBRANCE DAY  
COMMEMORATIONS  
Halifax Citadel

**NOVEMBER 24-25**

29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VICTORIAN  
CHRISTMAS  
Halifax Citadel



Traditional Music  
on Thursdays  
Port-Royal  
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Dark Sky Weekend  
Kejimkujik



Grand-Pré



Learn-to Camp  
Weekend  
Kejimkujik

# XPLORERS

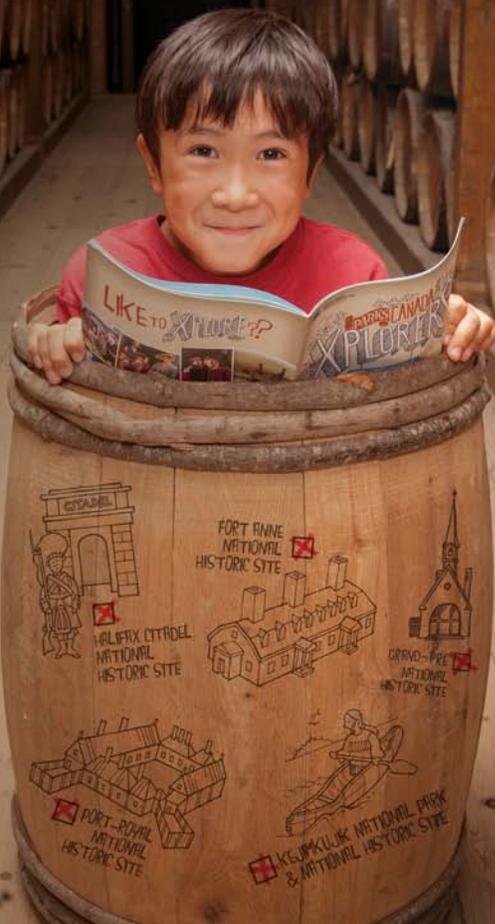
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**HEY KIDS!** Are you a curious and active child between 6 and 11? Do you like challenges? Then you're ready to become a Parks Canada Xplorer.



Just ask for your FREE Xplorers booklet when you arrive. It's filled with fun activities to guide your discovery. And when your mission's accomplished you will become a certified Xplorer and receive a collectible souvenir!

*Visit all our Mainland Nova Scotia sites and become the ultimate Xplorer.*



## DISCOVER THE PARKS CANADA APP



Your guide for a perfect visit!

- Discover Parks Canada places
- Find special events and trail maps
- Create personalised itineraries
- Unlock fun photo features



[parksCanada.gc.ca/app](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/app)

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