



Kejimikujik
National Park and
National Historic Site

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Visitor Guide



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UTM Zone 20N NAD83

Visitor Centre
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Open 7 days a week:
May 20 – June 23
8:30am – 4:30pm

June 24 – Sept 4
8:30am – 8pm

Sept 5 – Oct 9
8:30am – 4:30pm

Camping Reservations

www.reservation.parksCanada.gc.ca
or call 1-877-RESERVE

Accessibility

Inquire at the Visitor Centre for options that most suit your abilities. The following places are wheelchair accessible:

- Designated campsites and selected oTENTiks
- Amphitheatre
- Merrymakedge Beach
- Mersey Meadow Trail



Hello, Bonjour, K'we!

Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site welcomes you.

With 381 square kilometres of rolling hills and waterways, Kejimikujik is a gentle wilderness where generations of families have canoed, camped and connected with nature. It protects a collection of rare southern species and is home to the greatest diversity of reptiles and amphibians in Atlantic Canada.

Not only does the park protect a unique sample of the Acadian forest, it also preserves and presents a unique cultural landscape, celebrating the presence of the Mi'kmaq and sharing the stories of their ancestors and history in this place. The rich Mi'kmaq heritage, rock engravings known as petroglyphs, traditional encampment areas and canoe routes contributed to the designation of Kejimikujik as a National Historic Site.

With low light pollution, Kejimikujik is very proud to be one of Canada's *Dark Sky Preserves*. As the sun sets over the western shores of Kejimikujik Lake, the scenery changes to unveil a beautiful panorama of tens of thousands of stars.

In addition to these unique features, a maritime landscape awaits your visit. Kejimikujik Seaside is a 22 square kilometre protected wilderness area on the Atlantic Coast, located just 90 minutes away from the main park. You will find pristine white sand beaches, astounding turquoise waters, coastal bogs, abundant wildflowers, rich lagoon systems, and coastal wildlife. The memories collected from a day spent at Kejimikujik Seaside will last a lifetime.

We invite you to take your time as you explore the lakes and trails of Keji. Discover how special this place is. Listen to the wind as it blows through old-growth hemlock branches, whispering tales and legends about their land. Look up into the night sky as stars unveil their secrets, and let yourself be surrounded by a chorus of frogs and loons meandering along Keji's waterways. Enjoy the crackling sound of the campfire, the view of the morning mist and all the discoveries that await you. Relax, explore, breathe and enjoy every second of your experience.

The Keji Team



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Kwe! Hello! Bonjour!

Pjilita'kw Kejimkujik Kmĭtkinaq Maqamikew Anko'tasik (National Park) aq Sa'qawey Maqamikew Kennasik (National Historic Site).

Ula tet we'jitoqsĭp 381 te'sikl tetmnsĭka'tasikl kilometre-l telki'k milqamikek maqamikew aq samqwan (sipu'l aq qospeml), Kejimkujik sa'q wjksu'k eltawita'jik najjalji'ma'tinew, tliktukunultinew aq kujmuk tlkiso'ltinew. Tet ei'mu'tijik ikalujik tpĭte'snukewe'k wjamuksultijik aq ikalatasikl tpĭte'snukewe'l wjamuksikl ta'n kiskuk awije'jijik kiswa awije'jkl aq elk weskowita'jik kaqatepia'tijik milamuksultijik Mi'kma'kikewe'k jujjik aq wa'sisk etlmimajultijik samqwaniktuk aq maqamikek. Aq mu pasik kelikatasitnuk sa'qawey nipukt, elk tet kepmit'e'tasik ta'n teliaqap wejku'a'tekemkek, ta'n L'nu'k tet tĭtleiawultitij aq ukta'tukwaqannmual aq ta'n teliaqap ke's mu apaqtukewa'q pei'ta'tikwek. Ta'n telmilesik L'nu'k telo'ltimk tet ta'sik me' kismitm, kuntal elapska'sikl, ta'n tet sa'qek i'tlmawia'timkĭp aq ta'n i'tĭteskewemkĭp kuitniktuk me' tet etek, aq nekla msĭt aponqonmatmi'tij ta'n kis tĭnenasik Kejimkujik Sa'qawey Maqamikew Kennasik. Muta mu pukweltnuk milwasoqwek kiwtaw, newt oqonitpaqamukwiaq Kejimkujik mekite'tasik muta tet newte' Kanatiesuey Oqonitpa'q Kloqowejk Kisiulnmitasijik etek. Kalqwasiej na'ku'set tkĭsnukey sitm Kejimkujikey Qospem na msĭt koqwey sa'se'wa'sik aq neiasultijik me' pukwelk aq kaqi'sk pituimtl'naqannepikatunnl kloqowejk.

Ap jel me' aq ula te'sik ki's eik, kĭjĭkta'n kisimitukwatoqsĭp. Kejimkujikey Kĭjĭkta'n na 22 te'sikl tetmnsĭka'tasikl kilometre-l etek maqamikew aq samqwan kelikatasik, etek pasik 90 te'sikl minitl weja'tekemk ula meski'kewey maqamikew anko'tasik. Na'te'l we'jitoqsĭp wape'k atuomkey sitm, kesiewne'k samqwan, saqpejaqami'kl, teto'qwipukwelk wasuekl, po'kwinn, aq wa'sisk, nme'jk, sisipaq aq jujjik ta'n wikultijik kta'n niktuk kiswa kiwtaw. Mitukwatmoq iapji mikwite'toqsĭp ta'n telkiso'qontĭp Kejimkujikey Kĭjĭkta'n.

Ula'sultitesnen sankew paqamajo'tmoq qospeml aq awti'jl kulaman nmitoqsĭp mawmujkajewey etlwe'jitmk ula tet. Jĭksĭtmuk ukju'sin alsik sa'qawey ksuskawwaq'miktuk etlkimewistu'titl aknutmaqnn aq a'tukwaqnn maqamikewe'l. Peskiaq ankaptmuk musikisk ta'n kloqowejk etĭlatetesultitaq, aq newt msĭt koqwey wantaqa'sik wela'kw na nutuatoqsĭp sqoljik aq kuimu'k alo'ltijik Kejikewey sitm aq samqwan. Jĭksĭtmuk puktew etlamklek, wapniaq ulaptmuk u'n eksitpu'key aq we'jituk ta'n te'sik koqwey etlieskmaluloq tet. Mut koqwey sespete'tmnew, paqamajo'taqatĭkw, sankew kamlamultĭkw aq kiso'ltikw ta'n telĭpkĭjimitukutioq.

Ta'nik etllukutijik Kejik

Important Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance
(emergency only) 911

Patrol/Security
(902) 298-0668

**Human-Wildlife Conflict/
Wildlife Incidents/Wildfire**
1-800-565-2224

**Annapolis Community Health
Centre, Annapolis Royal, NS**
(902) 532-2381

**Queens General Hospital
Liverpool, NS**
(902) 354-3436

**South Shore Regional Hospital
Bridgewater, NS**
(902) 543-4603

What's new at Keji?

- 1 **Mersey Stillwater Paddle** - Climb aboard our 10-person Voyageur Canoe for a tour with experienced guides. 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 the captivating stories of this special place.
- 2 **oTENTiks are multiplying!** - Staying overnight in Keji just got even better! Five new oTENTiks, complete with a heat source, are now available close to Kedge Beach.
- 3 **Muin Cabin** - Welcome our newest cabin built in partnership with NSCC's Lunenburg Heritage Carpentry students. Located in a peaceful and wooded area of Jim Charles Point - it's a perfect rustic experience to add to your bucket list!
- 4 **Showers** - A new shower building will soon be built in Jim Charles Loop. Less walking and more singing!
- 5 **36** - That's the number of new electrical sites added to the grid of Jim Charles Loop.
- 6 **BARE Program** - Don't want to share your breakfast with a bear or a racoon? Follow the BARE guidelines and wild animals will be forever grateful to you!
- 7 **Hemlocks and Hardwoods** - Everyone's favourite trail has been renewed. There's no time like the present to rediscover this Keji gem!
- 8 **Dark Sky Kits** - Keji's dark skies just got a whole lot easier to interpret! Ask for yours at the Visitor Centre. Each kit includes binoculars, star finder, monthly observations, games and a handy red light. Find your spot and explore!
- 9 **Geocaching** - A new family-oriented series is now offered in the front-country portion of Keji! Use your GPS or borrow one at the Visitor Centre to locate these caches. Visit www.nsgeocaching.com to learn more.
- 10 **Gone Crabbin'** - This new paid activity will give you the opportunity to spend the day on one of the estuaries of Keji Seaside while trapping the invasive green crab and provide a chance to "sea" a universe not accessible to the public.
- 11 **Savour the Trail** - Mark your calendars now - Keji's second annual culinary hike is sure to be a hit - the 2015 event sold out within 2 weeks! This year's event takes place Saturday, October 1st.
- 12 **What's cooking?** Keji's campers cook up some of the tastiest treats around! We want to collect your recipes for a special Keji recipe booklet. Don't delay - submit your recipes now at the Visitor Centre before August 7. Booklets will be available on Thanksgiving weekend.

Ask Parks Canada staff at the Visitor Centre for more information.



Special Events 2016

Live it up at a special event! Immerse yourself and your family in unique and extraordinary celebrations, special programming, and unforgettable experiences with Parks Canada interpreters, local First Nations peoples, artisans, crafters, musicians, and experts.

Look for special event posters on Keji bulletin boards or visit Kejimikujik on the Parks Canada website to learn more:
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/keji



Chris Green

Tuesday, June 21st: National Aboriginal Day

Celebrate Mi'kmaw culture at Kejimikujik with Parks Canada interpreters and special guests. Enjoy special tours and cultural demonstrations.

Friday, July 1st: Canada Day

FREE ADMISSION and FREE CUPCAKES – Official launch of the Friends of Keji Photo Contest and the fantastic 2016 Interpretation Programs.

Saturday, July 16: Arts Day on Parks Day!

Come get creative in one of Canada's most inspiring settings with local artists, musicians and storytellers, and discover your inner artist.

July 23-24: Learn-to Camp

Never camped before but curious to learn about this truly Canadian tradition? This 2 day program will entice you to learn rudimentary basics of camping, from what to bring to what to eat. Participants will also have opportunities to attend special programs and activities offered in Keji. This event is in partnership with Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Saturday, July 30: Keji's 47th Birthday Party

Celebrate Keji's 47th birthday with FREE cupcakes and refreshments. Play the Friends of Keji Birthday Game and sign up for a chance to get famous at "Keji's Got Talent".

August 5-7: Dark Sky Weekend

Search Keji's spectacular night skies for planets, galaxies, constellations and much more! There will be stories and discovery for all ages. Presented in partnership with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

August 20-21: Canoe Fest

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of canoeing and kayaking demonstrations, clinics and activities.

Saturday, October 1st: Savour the Trail

In partnership with the NSCC Lunenburg Campus Culinary Arts Department, celebrate the fall colours by walking two of our iconic trails while enjoying local products and gourmet food along the circuit.

October 8-10: Thanksgiving Weekend

Soak up the brilliant colours of fall at Keji. Enjoy the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest, the Haunted Jaunt, and take the plunge at the annual Cold Turkey swim.



Lachlan Riehl

Madeleine Kendall



Chris Green

Water Activities

Dip your paddles in and explore Kejimikujik by canoe or kayak! Follow the ancient canoe routes and portages that were forged by the Mi'kmaq.

Whether you're taking an afternoon paddle or a multi-day trip, make sure you find out about paddling routes, portages and weather conditions. You can get a Kejimikujik Lake buoy map and weather forecast from Visitor Centre staff or from Whynot Adventure - The Keji Outfitters at Jake's Landing. Don't forget a compass or GPS to accompany your map, as well as drinking water, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and insect repellent.

Guided canoe events with Kejimikujik interpreters are another excellent way to experience Keji by water! Ask for your copy of the schedule at the Visitor Centre.

Lachlan Riehl / Friends of Keji

SUGGESTED DESTINATIONS FOR A DAY PADDLE

From Jake's Landing

1. Mersey River

(1-2 hours) Head upstream on this culturally significant waterway into a peaceful red maple floodplain. Marsh birds, beaver activity, water lilies, and easy paddling make this trip ideal for families or beginners.

2. Kejimikujik Lake - Islands

(2-3 hours) Paddle among the coves and points of the lake's islands. These islands tell stories of the rich cultural history of Kejimikujik and of the Mi'kmaw people who paddled through and lived here.

3. Kejimikujik Lake - Jeremy's Bay

(1-3 hours) Paddle past Jim Charles Point and explore spectacular sunsets and sandy shores. For a longer trip, take portage W across Indian Point - an area of cultural significance. There are picnic areas for day-use paddlers in Luxie Cove and Nancy Cove.

4. Kejimikujik Lake - Fairy Bay

(1-2 hours) Look for waterbirds in this quiet cove where Mi'kmaw legends say that "fairies abound". Towards Merrymakedge, paddle by culturally significant slate outcrops (respect the restricted petroglyph area).

Big Dam Lake

(2-3 hours) A 400-metre portage brings you to a sheltered wilderness lake surrounded by impressive forests. Explore two halves of this lake: one spring-fed with clear water; one bog-fed with dark water.

Backcountry campsites are for registered campers only. Please respect the privacy of campers.

When paddling at Keji, your canoe or kayak must be equipped with the following safety items:

- A PFD or life jacket for each person
- A bailer or water pump
- At least one extra paddle or oar
- A whistle or other sound-signaling device
- A throw rope no less than 15 m long
- A waterproof flashlight if going out after dark or in periods of reduced visibility



**WHYNOT
ADVENTURE**

Whynot Adventure The Keji Outfitters

Located at Jake's Landing, Whynot Adventure rents bikes, canoes, single kayaks and double kayaks to visitors at hourly, daily, and weekly rates. They also provide guided backcountry adventures, camping equipment and cooking gear.
www.whynotadventure.ca

To make reservations, phone: (902) 682-2282. All rentals include 2 paddles, 2 personal flotation devices, bailer, and whistle. Shuttles are available upon request and must be booked prior the trip.

For each reservation made, credit card information is required as well as waivers signed by all parties.

Parks Canada partners with **AdventureSmart** Get Informed + Go Outdoors
www.adventuresmart.ca



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Susan Reint / Friends of Keji

Beaches for Everyone

Keji's warm, dark waters are refreshing, relaxing, and good for your hair and skin! Jeremy's Bay Campground has two non-supervised swimming areas: Meadow Beach and Slapfoot Beach. One supervised swimming area is located at Kedge Beach.

Merrymakedge Beach is unsupervised and dog-friendly. Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times.

- Never dive in lakes and rivers; rocks may be completely hidden in the dark water.

Fishing

A National Park Fishing Permit is required. Familiarize yourself with catch-and-release zones and read the *Fish Management and Protection* brochure, available at the Visitor Centre or visit www.parksCanada.ca/keji

Visit page 16 for more info on fish management in Kejimikujik. Season: April 1 - August 31 Children under 16 may fish without a permit when accompanied by a licensed angler.

Some Brook Trout have research tags. If you catch one, note the number on the tag, return the fish to the water, and advise Keji staff.



Antoine Bergeron-Richer

Fun Times at Keji!

Spending time in Keji is all about fun and discoveries! Through guided adventures or self-guided activities, let the inner kid in you enjoy what Keji has to offer!



Photo Missions (6 years old and younger): Parka now has her own Photo Missions App! Help Parka and her friend Chirp find and photograph specific items during your visit at Keji. Ask your parents to download the "Home Mission" to help you explore the park, share your findings with your friends and get a reward! (This free app for smart phones is available in Apple Store and Google Play.)

Club Parka (6 years old and younger): Get your booklet at the Visitor Centre. It includes self-guided activities and Parka's story! Complete the booklet and obtain a reward!

Keji Xplorer Booklet (6 to 11 years old): Are you curious, bright, and active? Do you like challenges? Are you a budding artist, dreamer, or promising journalist? Then you are a perfect candidate to become a Parks Canada Xplorer. Once you have completed the requested number of activities you will be recognized as an official Xplorer with a certificate and a special collectible souvenir!

Club Keji (6 to 16 years old): Attend Interpretive Programs and get rewards! The schedule is available at the Visitor Centre and at the Campground bulletin boards.

More family oriented activities

Learn-to Camp (July 23-24): Camping is all about fun! Join us for two days of activities, from canoeing to eating s'mores around a fire!

Geocaching: This is our version of a scavenger hunt. Get your passport and rewards at the Visitor Centre.

Guided paddles: What's better than a big canoe to spend time on the calm waters of Mersey River? Join our team on the water and explore! Inquire within the Visitor Centre for dates and times.



Choose **YOUR ACCOMMODATION**

Relax by a crackling fire. Sleep comforted by the sounds of frogs and waves lapping on the shores of Keji Lake. Wonder at the millions of stars in the sky. Savour a meal under the curious and jealous watch of a red squirrel. Camping at Keji is all this, and more. All that you need to do is choose how you want to spend the night!



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Ashley Moffat



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Jessi Ellmore / Friends of Keji

Walk-in Sites
Drive-in Sites
Fire-pit / picnic table
Kitchen Shelter
Pit Privies
Flush Toilets
Dumping Station
Beach
Showers
Heat Source

Jeremy's Bay Campground - Located on the shores of Kejimikujik Lake and in the dappled shade of mysterious hemlocks and whispering pines

Traditional Camping (tent, trailer, or RV) Electric and unserviced sites	345	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
oTENTiks (1 wheelchair accessible and 2 pet-friendly) Part tent, part cabin. Bunk beds, mattresses, table and chairs are included.	7	3	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Jake's Landing - Right on the Mersey River where beautiful sunsets, ducks and turtles make your stay one of wonders and endless discoveries

Rogers Cabin Bunk beds (no mattress), table, chairs and woodstove are included.	1		✓		✓				✓
Yurt Bunk beds (no mattress), futon, table, chairs and woodstove are included.	1		✓		✓	✓			✓

Jim Charles Point - Peaceful point of land surrounded by Keji Lake

Jim Charles Group Campground For family gatherings or organized groups – tenting only. Showers are located in Jeremy's Bay Campground.	4		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
oTENTiks Our newest addition with propane heating. Comes with bunk beds, mattresses, table and chairs. Showers are located in Jeremy's Bay Campground.		5	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Muin Cabin Bunk beds (no mattress), table, chairs and woodstove are included.	1		✓		✓				✓

Backcountry Cabins - located near the shores of Peskawa and Peskawesk Lakes

Wil-Bo-Wil Cabin Bunk beds (no mattress), table, chairs and a woodstove are included.	1		✓		✓				✓
Mason Cabin Bunk beds (no mattress), table, chairs and a woodstove are included.	1		✓		✓				✓

Backcountry Camping

47 campsites are accessible by canoe and/or hiking

-  Each site includes at least 2 tent pads, a fire box, a picnic table, a pit privy, firewood and food storage device.
-  All campers need to obtain a camping permit at the Visitor Centre.
-  To prevent wildlife conflicts, always use the food storage device to secure your food.
-  The *Backcountry Guide* is available for purchase at the Visitor Centre.
-  Please pack it in and pack it out and follow Leave No Trace principles: www.leavenotrace.ca

100% of Keji camping sites, cabins and oTENTiks can be reserved!
www.reservation.parksCanada.gc.ca or call 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)

Pete Hinton / Friends of Keji



Jeremy's Bay Campground awaits YOU!

Welcome to Jeremy's Bay Campground!

Jeremy's Bay offers oTENTiks as well as electric and unserviced sites where you can enjoy clean washrooms, hot showers, outdoor sinks, playgrounds, rural internet service, trails and beaches, all within a lush Acadian forest near the shoreline of Kejimikujik Lake. Campground staff, campground hosts, and campground security are all available to ensure you have a pleasant stay.

Help maintain a safe and enjoyable camping experience for everyone and a healthy campground forest by respecting these regulations:

General

- Each campsite is limited to 1 family (2 adults and dependent children) or 4 people.
- One parking permit per site. Park all other vehicles in visitor parking areas P1 or P2. Meadow Beach parking lot is designated for day-use vehicles only.
- Make fires only in designated fire boxes. Fires must not be left unattended.
- Firewood is for sale at the campground kiosk. To take care of forest soil, do not gather wood from the forest.
- To protect the forest floor, keep all camping equipment on gravelled areas.
- Remove trailer-towing mirrors from your vehicle.
- To avoid visits from unwanted critters, please store all unattended food items (including coolers) in your vehicle.
- For your safety, Parks Canada staff may seize unattended animal attractants.
- Use exterior sinks at the service buildings for dishwashing and grey water disposal.
- Use recycling, compost, and waste containers at waste sorting stations.
- Bike only on designated trails and roads. No off-trail biking.
- Alcohol may be consumed on your site only.

Campground Hours

- Visiting hours end at 11pm.
- Quiet hours are 11pm to 7am.
- Generators may be used daily from 9am to 11am and from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
- Check-out time is 11am.
- Showers are closed for one hour each day for cleaning.
- Campers must register by 9pm.

Pets

- Pets are to be on a leash at all times and never left unattended.
- Pets are not allowed in designated swimming areas.
- Please clean up after your pet.

All sites can be reserved up until 2pm local time on the day of the arrival
www.reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca
 or call 1-877-RESERVE (737-3783)



A single piece
of firewood
can **DESTROY**
millions of trees

Moving firewood, even just a few kilometres away,
can spread invasive insects and disease to our forests.

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

Buy it locally. Burn it on site. Never bring it back home.

For more information call 1-800-442-2342 or visit www.inspection.gc.ca



Campground Hosts
Site M31

Police, Fire, Ambulance
911 (*emergency only*)

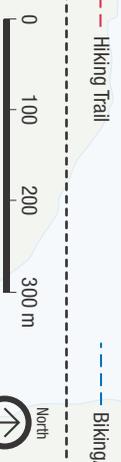
Patrol/ Security
(902) 298-0668

Electrical sites:
2, 4-60, 155-199, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224-237, 265-299, 310

Tent Dwellers Library and Tuck Shoppe:
(ice cream)
Jun 30 - Sep 5: 1pm - 8pm

Services and Facilities

- | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Washroom | Parking | Outhouse | Cabin |
| Group Camping | Dumping Station | Sorting Station | Sky Circle |
| Firewood | Shower | Picnic Shelter | Campfire Circle |
| Telephone | Amphitheatre | Wi-Fi | Lifeguard On Duty |
| No Dogs | Playground | Snacks | Swimming |
| | | OTENTIK | |



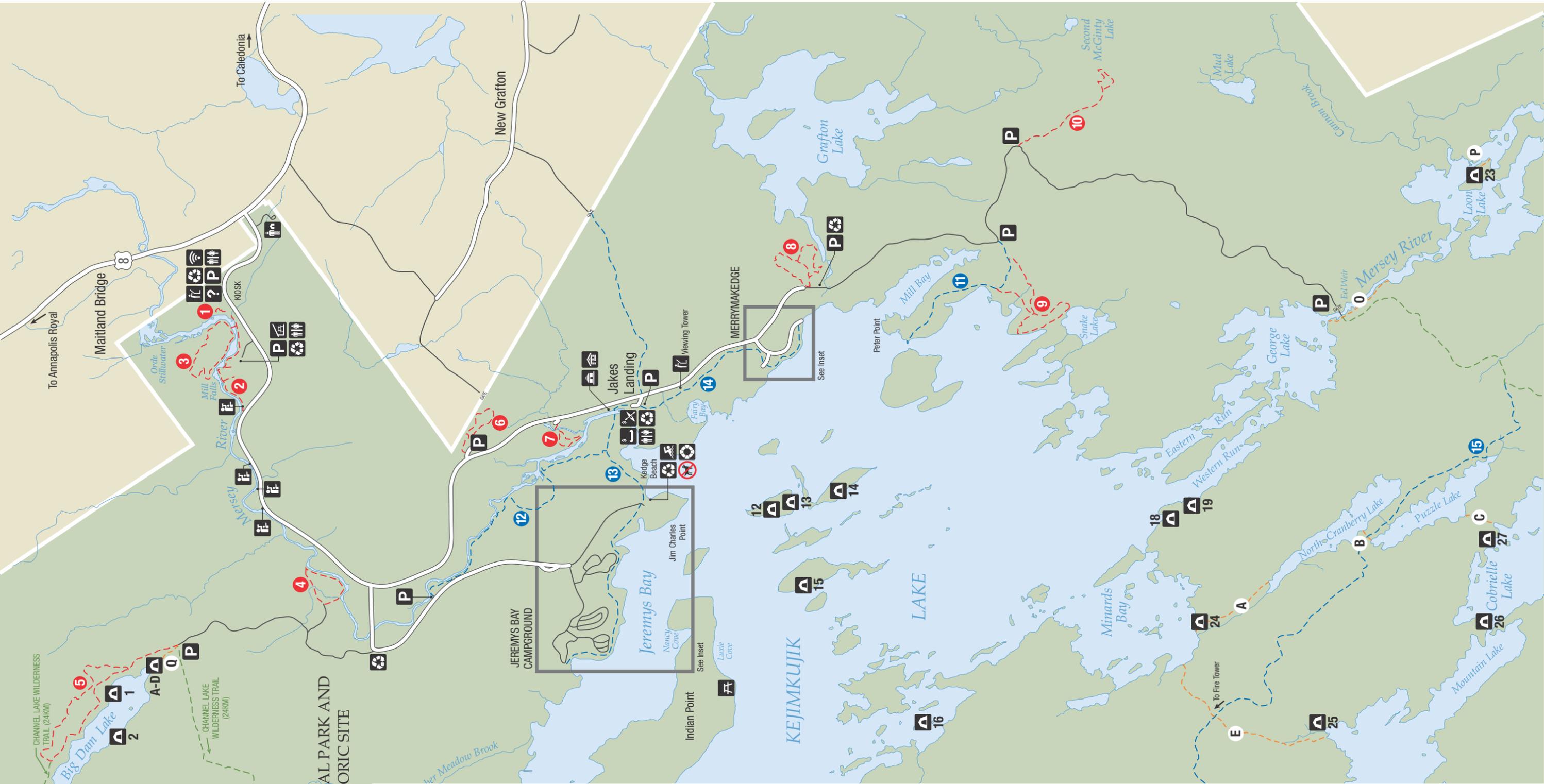
--- Hiking Trail
--- Biking/Hiking Trail

Safety – A Shared Responsibility

We are seeking your assistance to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit.

Did you know? Provincial Motor Vehicle legislation is applicable and enforced in Keji.

- It is unsafe and illegal to ride in the back of trucks.
- Speeding and failure to stop at the entrance kiosk poses a safety hazard and is against the law.



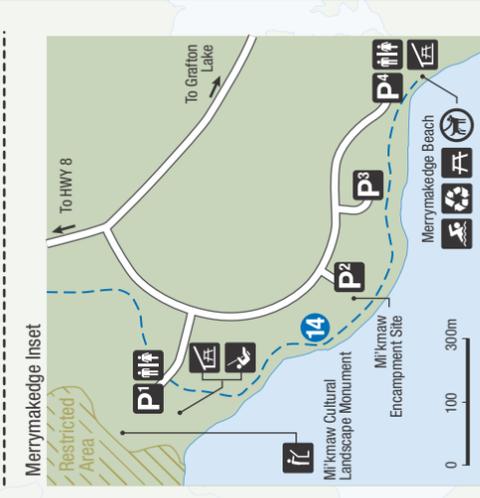
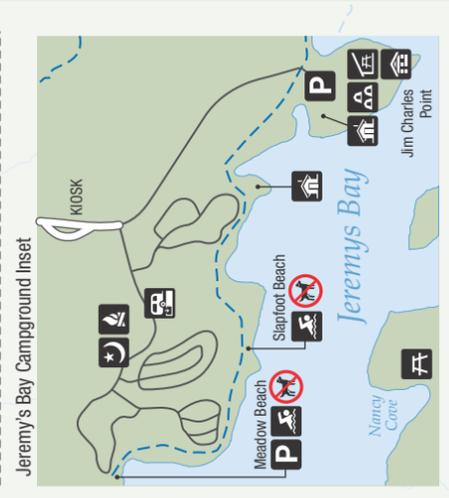
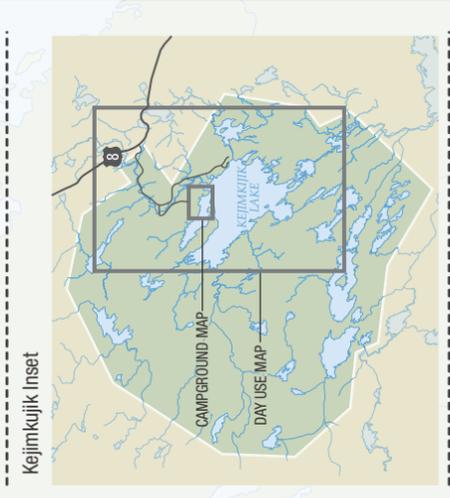
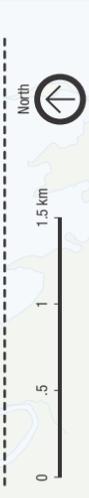
KEJIMIKUJIK NATIONAL PARK AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

- Services and Facilities**
- Group Camping
 - Warden Office
 - Picnic Area
 - Picnic Shelter
 - Visitor Centre
 - Wi-Fi
 - Playground
 - Sky Circle
 - Campfire Circle
 - Backcountry Camping
 - Cabin
 - Yurt
 - OTENTIKS
 - Washrooms
 - Canoe Rental
 - Kayak Rental
 - Lookout
 - Dumping Station
 - Parking
 - Swimming
 - Lifeguard On Duty
 - Exhibit
 - Sorting Station
 - No Dogs
 - On-Leash Dogs Allowed

- Hiking Trail
- Biking/Hiking Trail
- Wilderness Trail
- Hiking Trails
- Hiking/Biking Trails

- Portage
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road

Trail descriptions on reverse.



Trail Guide

Keji's trails take you through an incredible variety of habitats and scenery. They also take you to places of cultural and natural significance. Ask Visitor Centre staff for recommendations.

Hiking Trails	Length	Type	Description	 Outhouse at the beginning or end of trail	 Wheelchair accessible
1 Mersey Meadow 	200 metres	Loop	A meadow boardwalk will lead you to stunning views of a Mersey River stillwater.		
2 Mill Falls 	2 km return	Linear	Big hemlocks calm the mind. Mill Falls uplifts the spirit.		
3 Beech Grove	2.2 km	Loop	Hike uphill through a beech forest and down hemlock slopes to Mill Falls, passing rare and medicinal plants along the way.		
4 Flowing Waters	1 km	Loop	Listen to the Mersey River gurgling and splashing as you meander through a wetland and along a riverbank.		
5 Hemlocks and Hardwoods 	5 km	Loop	Experience majestic old-growth hemlocks. When the oldest of these trees were sprouting, the Mi'kmaq were the only humans to inhabit the Kejimikujik landscape.		
6 Farmlands 	1.1 km	Loop	A white pine forest reclaims a 19th-century farm built on a drumlin.		
7 Rogers Brook	1 km	Loop	Meander through a red-maple floodplain.		
8 Grafton Woods	1.6 km	Loop	These two loops offer you a stroll among towering pines and gnarled beech trees.		
9 Snake Lake	3 km	Loop	Discoveries await you: birds, lakes, bogs, diverse forests and marshes.		
10 Gold Mines 	3 km	Linear	Follow the story told on the interpretive signs along a prospector's road to abandoned goldmines.		
Hiking / Biking Trails	Length	Type	Description		
11 Peter Point 	3 km	Linear	Hike or bike past maples, hemlocks, bogs and shorelines, as you reach the trail's destination – a slate outcrop and a sandy beach.		
12 Mersey River 	3.5 km one way	Linear	Travel along forested riverbanks that offer many perspectives of the Mersey, an ancient waterway referred to as "Ogomkikiaq" by the Mi'kmaq.		
13 Slapfoot	3.2 km one way	Linear	This popular forested trail skirts along the shoreline of Jeremy's Bay and offers breathtaking views of some of Kejimikujik's iconic islands and points that are named after local legends.		
14 Jake's Landing to Merrymakedge Beach 	3 km one way	Linear	A day of discovery awaits: take a guided tour of the petroglyphs, join a program at the Mi'kmaw encampment, and enjoy the warm waters of Kejimikujik Lake at Merrymakedge Beach!		
15 Eel Weir to Fire Tower 	19.5 km return	Linear	Start off from the original site of a Mi'kmaw fishing weir for your adventure on this backcountry road that crosses ancient portage routes and promises big challenge, big hardwoods and big returns.		
Backcountry Trails	Over 80% of Kejimikujik is only accessible by canoe or hiking! Many itineraries are possible, but these trails are the most challenging. It is strongly recommended that hikers purchase a backcountry map. All campsite reservations must be booked before starting your hike.				
Channel Lake	24 km	Loop	This overnight loop trail begins and ends at the Big Dam Lake parking lot. The trail from Big Dam to Channel Lake is dry and rocky. The section from Campsite 17 to Campsite 5 goes inland to avoid the bog around the lake. Just before Campsite 5, you must wade across Still Brook (about two metres wide). During spring flood and other high water conditions, the brook is impassable.		
Liberty Lake	56 km one way	Linear	This hike is truly a wilderness hiking experience. The terrain has low, rolling hills, drumlins and eskers. There are two boggy areas and one river bed area where you can get wet and muddy during wet weather. The trail is best done over four days and three nights.		



Dean Clurfo



Dean Clurfo

Looking for a challenge while hiking? Why not try **GEOCACHING!** It's fun and you can get rewards! Four series of caches are hidden in the park. Go to nsgeocaching.com or to the Visitor Centre to learn more about it!

PLEASE BE AWARE

- Do not approach or feed wildlife.
- Staying on the trail protects trailside vegetation.
- Do not enter restricted areas.
- Bike only on designated biking trails.
- Bikers yield to hikers.
- Please keep your pets on a leash. Pets off-leash may disturb and harm wild animals and other park visitors.

Lend a Hand Build a Legacy

Volunteer and contribute your time to monitoring species and protecting ecosystems in Kejimikujik. Join the team and work hand-in-hand with researchers and other volunteers on fun, meaningful, hands-on research and restoration.



Megan Crowley / Parks Canada

Volunteer Opportunities at Kejimikujik

Blanding's Turtle Nest Protection and Monitoring

Join researchers and scour turtle nesting beaches at night to project turtle nests in June; help check these nests in September and October and release the tiny hatchlings.

Friends of Keji and Campground Host

Volunteer at special events or help out in the campground with the Friends of Keji Cooperating Association.

Brook Trout Management

If you like to fly fish, you can join the trout management team and help assess the Brook Trout population in Keji.

Loon Watch

A Keji classic. Volunteers paddle Keji's lakes looking for loons and chicks in the park. Offered once in May and once in August.

Salamanders

Come for a walk in Keji's spectacular fall forests and count the salamanders hidden where only those in the know can find them.

Water Quality

Hop in a canoe to paddle one of our beautiful lakes and contribute to research on freshwater health at the same time.

Piping Plover Surveys and Habitat Restoration

At Kejimikujik Seaside, you can help monitor plover nests and chicks in June and July and help restore important nesting habitat in August. The beach is calling!

Water Pennywort Surveys

In August you can discover the amazing world of rare shoreline plants, as you help monitor one of Canada's rarest – found on Kejimikujik Lake.

Get involved! Call us at (902) 298-0486 or email us at volunteer.keji@pc.gc.ca
Visit us at: www.parkscanada.gc.ca/keji-volunteer

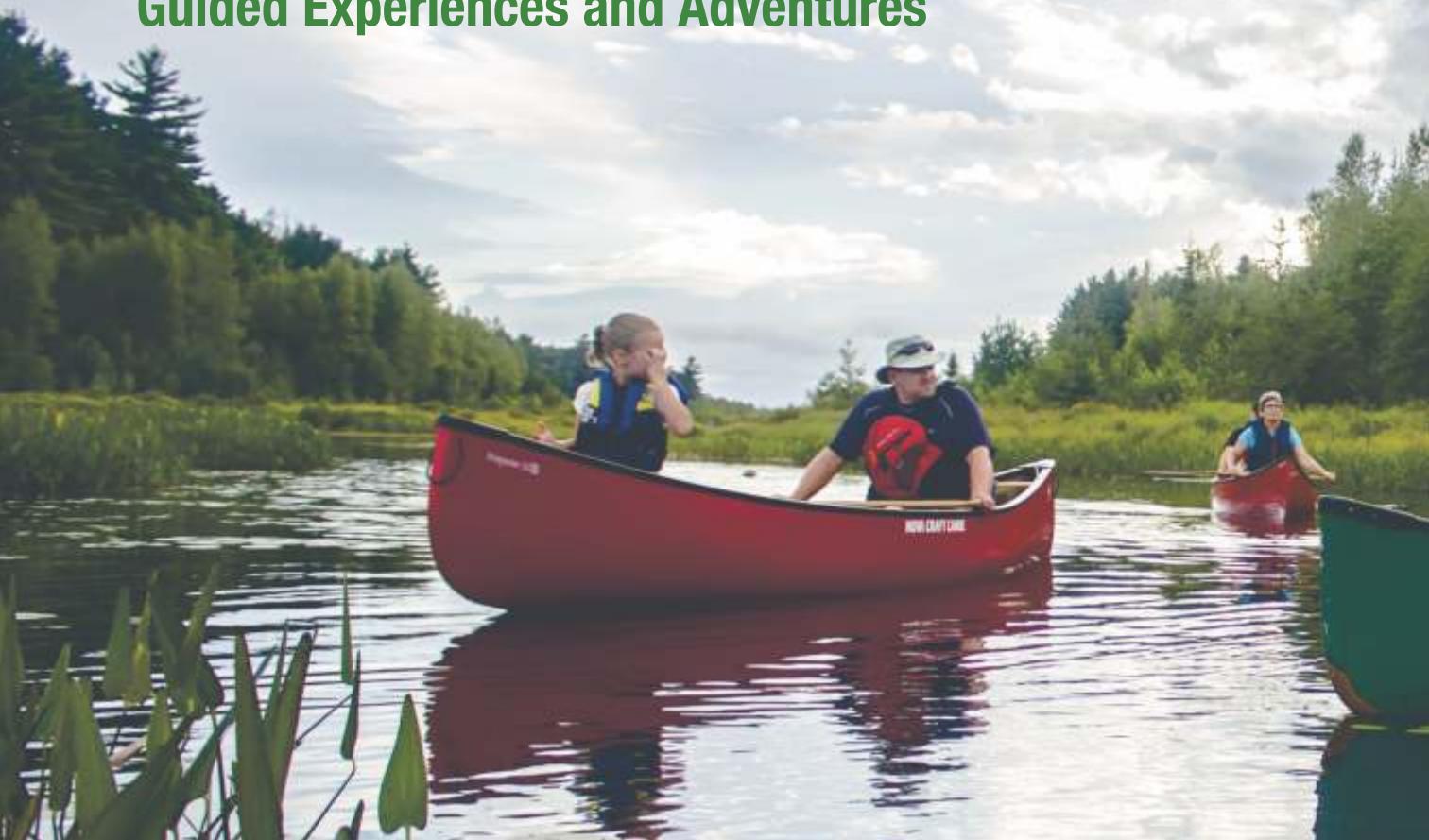


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Guided Experiences and Adventures



Four millennia of Mi'kmaw history awaits.

Cultural Guides deliver engaging petroglyph tours that reveal ancient stories etched in stone. Authentic Mi'kmaw demonstrations, stories, crafts, and songs offer first-hand immersive and unforgettable cultural experiences.

Guided Hikes

Let a Keji Guide lead you by foot or bicycle through a variety of habitats revealing fascinating stories and secrets about Kejimikujik.

Drop-in Experiences

Are you pressed for time? Stop in and meet a Keji Guide at a select time and location. Learn about fascinating topics and species, sip on a warm beverage, and share a story or two.



Club Keji – Join Today!

Club Keji members get awesome stickers for going to interpretive programs and getting stamps from guides. Ask for your free passport at the Visitor Centre.

Kejimikujik Guides are passionate about sharing their knowledge and love for this spectacular place. Get swept away on one of the many adventures they have prepared for you. Check bulletin boards for program descriptions, locations, and times.



Guided Paddles
With experienced Keji Guides at the helm, experience deep paddling traditions along ancient Mi'kmaw waterways. Occasional night-time canoe excursions offer a truly magical night-sky perspective.

Lachlan Riehl

Guided Night Adventures

In the darkness of the night, Keji Guides will lead you down trails that you thought you knew and show you the Keji that exists when the lights go out.

An Evening at the Amphitheatre

Finish your day with an entertaining and educational visit to the amphitheatre. From costumed characters to musicians, you never know who will take the stage...it could be you!

Group Campfires

Join Keji Guides around the warmth and the glow of fire at the Campfire Circle or the Mi'kmaw Encampment. Campfire programs can include drumming, storytelling, singing, and crafting.



John McPhee

Delve into distant celestial bodies in Nova Scotia's only **Dark Sky Preserve**. Weaving together Mi'kmaw lore, Celtic tales, and modern discoveries, Keji Guides blend science and storytelling as unique as a shooting star.

Conservation at Work

Staff and volunteers work hard to keep our forests, wetlands and waters healthy.



Kejimikujik has a well-developed research, monitoring and restoration program that helps us to understand and respond to changes in our ecosystems.

(Clockwise from top left: Lake water quality monitoring, Blanding's Turtle volunteers, Stream health monitoring, Volunteers helping with tree plots, Wetland vegetation monitoring, Observing Piping Plovers at Kejimikujik Seaside)

If you are interested in getting involved see page 13.



Fish On! Get your Angler Diary and keep an eye out for invasive species.

Fishing has been part of the local area's earliest traditions and is a great way to explore Kejimikujik's lakes and rivers. Join in this legacy and take the family out for a day of fishing and experience the thrill of hooking a Big One!

The **Angler Diary** and updated information package is included with each fishing licence. The diary provides anglers a way to record their fishing effort and species caught. When returned, this valuable information assists Parks Canada in determining fish population health and you receive a **commemorative patch!**



Ted Dolan / Parks Canada

Chain Pickerel and *Smallmouth Bass* are on the doorstep of Kejimikujik and threaten many aquatic species including Brook Trout and Eastern Ribbonsnake.

Parks Canada is proactively developing innovative tools and methods to keep invasive fish out and protect freshwater habitat. The Visitor Centre has Angler Licence info packs and posters with more information and identification tips.

Wildlife Safety

Observing wild animals is one of the most captivating experiences at Kejimikujik. However care must be taken as every wild animal you encounter is potentially dangerous if cornered or approached too closely.



You are in Bear Country!

Problem bears are created by people. Black Bears are intelligent, opportunistic animals and will learn to search for improperly stored food or garbage around campsites. Once a bear associates humans with food, their natural fear of people fades and they can become unpredictable and aggressive.

Unfortunately there is little that can be done once a bear has become habituated and they usually pay with their lives for human mistakes.

Be Alert - Never surprise a bear! A surprised bear may feel threatened and defend itself, its cubs or food. If you encounter a bear: stay calm, back away slowly, give the bear lots of space, and report the sighting to Parks Canada staff immediately.

Wily coyote stays wild!

Coyote-human conflicts occur when coyotes become used to non-threatening human encounters, or they associate people with food. Please ensure coyotes do not have access to any unnatural food, as it may encourage them to linger and become habituated to humans.

Be 'coyote smart'! If you see a coyote or a coyote approaches you: don't run, back away slowly, act big and make noise.

In the unlikely event that a coyote attacks:

- Fight back! Shout, throw stones and use whatever is available to defend yourself.
- If there is a medical emergency, phone 911.
- Please report any coyote sightings or incidents to Parks Canada at the Visitor Centre.



Tick Prevention – Cover up, spray and self-check!

Blacklegged Ticks are present in Kejimikujik and are known carriers of the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease. These are the smallest tick species found in Nova Scotia, similar in size to a sesame seed, and are found in most vegetated habitats.

Protect Yourself

- *Cover up* - wear long sleeves and tuck pants into socks to prevent tick bites.
- *Spray* - spray feet, ankles and legs with insect repellent.
- *Self-check* - daily self-checks of yourself, your family and your pets can reduce the risk infection. If you find an attached tick, follow the Public Health Agency of Canada's guidelines for prompt removal of the insect.

(Top left adult male Blacklegged Tick, top right adult female Blacklegged Tick, bottom left adult male Dog Tick, bottom right adult female Dog Tick)

Our Friends

The Friends of Keji Cooperating Association

Our mission is to support Parks Canada's mandate for the protection, preservation, and interpretation of all the resources in Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site.

BECOME A MEMBER

You will receive an income tax receipt for your annual membership dues as well as our newsletter. You can even direct your United Way contributions to the Friends of Keji.

CAMPGROUND HOSTS

Campground Hosts are knowledgeable volunteers who can answer your questions about what to do, where to go, how to get assistance, and anything else you need to know. Visit us at campsite M31 by Meadow Beach. Daily May 20 - Oct 30

BY THE MERSEY GIFT SHOP

While you are at the Visitor Centre, drop by the gift shop. You'll find Parks Canada-branded merchandise as well as field guides, children's books, giftware, and much more.

May 20 - Jun 30	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Jul 1 - Sep 5	9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sep 6 - Oct 10	10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Lauryn LeBlanc / Friends of Keji

Darlène Bowers / Friends of Keji

KEJI PHOTO CONTEST

Enter your favourite digital image of Keji in our annual photo contest. Many of the images in this guide are from previous contests. Visit the Friends of Keji website to find out how to enter and to view all the entries. Winning photos will be posted on our web site and some entries will be used in next year's visitor guide!

TENT DWELLERS LIBRARY AND TUCK SHOPPE:

No need to miss out on Ice Cream and Slushies! Located beside the shower building. Free Wi-Fi! Jun 30 - Sep 5: 1pm - 8 pm



Megan Crowley / Parks Canada

Volunteer banquet hosted by the Friends of Keji

Did you know?

The firewood for sale at the campground is *Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)* and *Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)* certified, sourced entirely from southern Annapolis County, within 15 km of the Park entrance. The harvest areas where the wood is sourced have been carefully laid-out to consider ecologically sensitive areas and harvested with the restoration of the Acadian Forest as a primary objective. The mission of the *Medway Community Forest Cooperative* is to facilitate rural economic development through sustainable forest management. By purchasing firewood at the campground, you show your support for sustainable forestry practices and help provide members of adjacent communities with meaningful employment.

Contact

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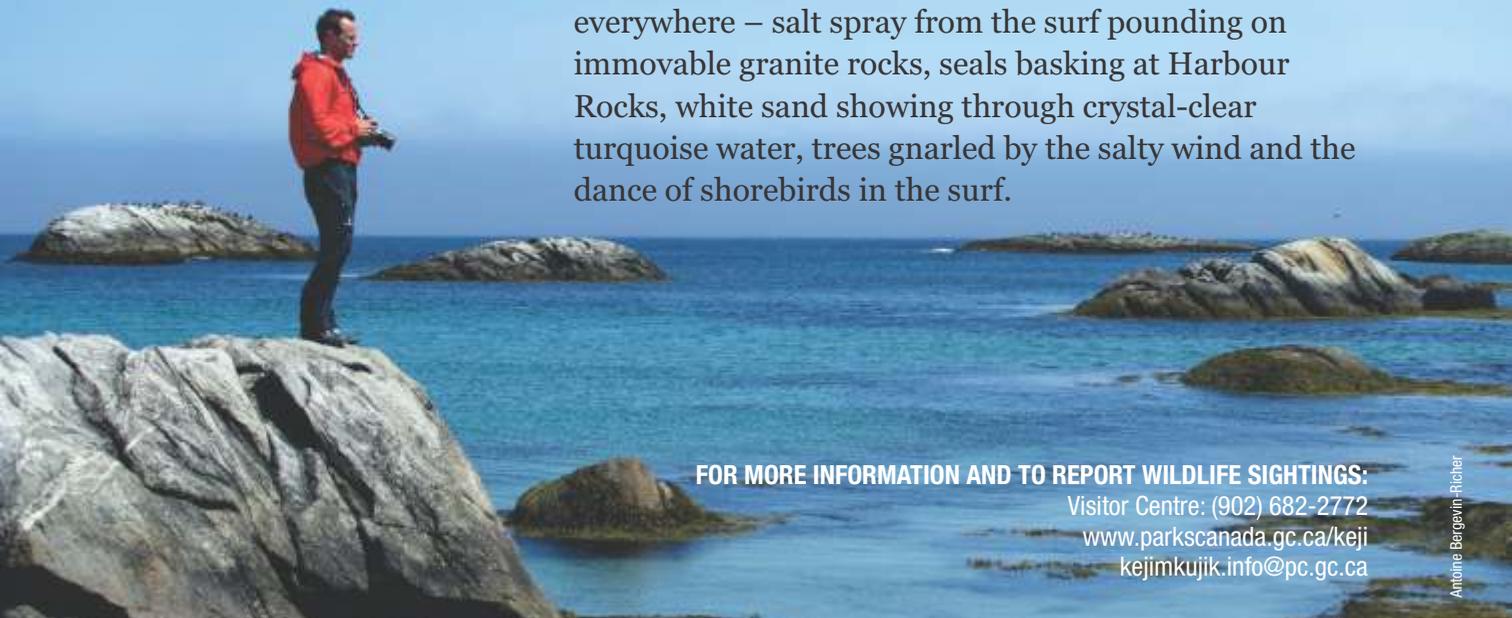
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Your Seaside Visit

Let yourself be mesmerized by the sights and sounds of the Atlantic Coast as you wind your way along our hiking trails through coastal forest and along rocky headlands to discover one of Canada's natural treasures. At **Kejimikujik Seaside**, you feel the ocean everywhere – salt spray from the surf pounding on immovable granite rocks, seals basking at Harbour Rocks, white sand showing through crystal-clear turquoise water, trees gnarled by the salty wind and the dance of shorebirds in the surf.



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REPORT WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS:

Visitor Centre: (902) 682-2772
www.parkscanada.gc.ca/keji
kejimikujik.info@pc.gc.ca

Antoine Bergévin-Richer

Did you know?

The invasive European green crab has had major impacts on eelgrass and soft shell clam beds in the estuaries at Kejimikujik Seaside. Since 2009, Parks Canada staff and project partners have removed nearly 2 million green crabs from Little Port Joli and St. Catherine's River Estuary using specialized traps and rowboats.

Gone Crabbin'! YOUR coastal experience

Here is something new for the adventure seeker in you! A unique coastal experience is now offered at St. Catherine's River Estuary where you will find out how to row a boat and pull a crab trap or two filled with marine organisms that each have a story of their own. Discover a sector of the park where very few people have had the chance to go, and be part of the success in restoring a one-of-a-kind ecosystem!

This package includes transportation from the main parking lot to the estuary, safety equipment, a hands-on training on how to row and pull out traps out of the water, everything you want to know on the invasive green crab and many discoveries within the lagoon! Cost per participant: \$29.30 (tax included). Book your spot by calling the Visitor Information Centre: (902) 682-2772



Ted Dolan

Respect the Seaside! To ensure you have a safe and enjoyable visit, please remember the following points:

- Swimming is not recommended due to cold waters, dangerous currents and strong undertows.
- Dogs are required to be on a leash at all times.
- Cleaning up after your dog is required.
- Stay on designated trails and view wildlife from a distance.
- Do not enter closed areas.
- Bicycles are not allowed on Seaside trails.
- Hikers should use caution on rocky headlands.
- Do not approach seals on the beach.

Seaside Day-Use Map

How to get there

Allow 90 minutes to drive from the inland part of Kejimikujik

- Follow Hwy 8 to Liverpool
- Drive west on Hwy 103 for 24 km
- Take Exit 22 and follow Hwy 3 for 2 km to St. Catherine's River Road
- Follow St. Catherine's River Road 6.5 km to the park entrance

Harbour Rocks Trail

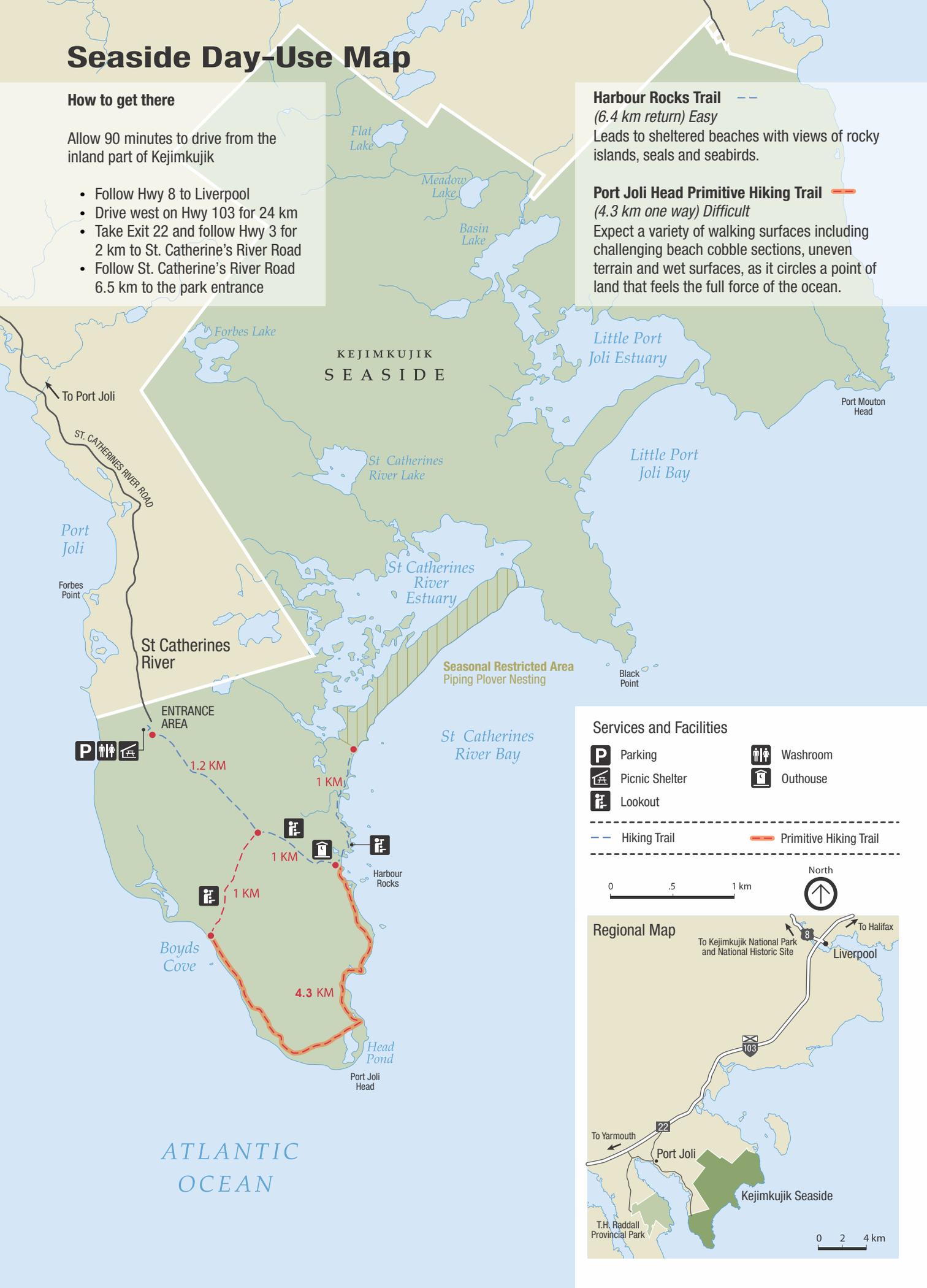
(6.4 km return) Easy

Leads to sheltered beaches with views of rocky islands, seals and seabirds.

Port Joli Head Primitive Hiking Trail

(4.3 km one way) Difficult

Expect a variety of walking surfaces including challenging beach cobble sections, uneven terrain and wet surfaces, as it circles a point of land that feels the full force of the ocean.



Services and Facilities

- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Lookout
- Washroom
- Outhouse

- Hiking Trail
- Primitive Hiking Trail



Regional Map



Parks Canada in Mainland Nova Scotia

We hope you are enjoying your visit in Keji! We invite you to visit other Parks Canada locations in Mainland Nova Scotia for more unforgettable experiences!

For information on nearby National Historic Sites visit:
www.parksCanada.gc.ca/ns

Other National Historic Sites in Mainland Nova Scotia

- 1 Halifax Citadel, York Redoubt, Fort McNab, Georges Island, Prince of Wales Tower
- 2 Fort Edward
- 3 Grand-Pré
- 4 Fort Anne
- 5 Melanson Settlement
- 6 Port-Royal



Halifax Citadel National Historic Site

Connect with the past and discover the events that shaped our nation!

5425 Sackville St., Halifax
 Tel: (902) 426-5080

parksCanada.gc.ca/halifaxcitadel



Fort Anne National Historic Site

Where history and culture collide - let your imagination soar!
 323 St. George Street,
 Annapolis Royal
 Tel: (902) 532-2397
parksCanada.gc.ca/fortanne

Port Royal National Historic Site

Come celebrate 75 years with us and step back in time!
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 Port Royal
 Tel: (902) 532-2898
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FIND YOUR RED CHAIR MOMENT

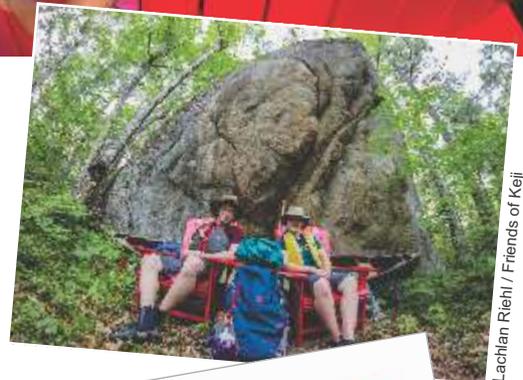


Katy Cox / Friends of Keji

It's more than a **chair!**

Take time to connect with nature, history and with those who really matter. It's your chance to slow down, relax and truly discover the best that Parks Canada has to offer. Enjoy the spectacular views and share your experiences using **#sharethechair**

Seven chairs are waiting to be discovered at Keji and Keji Seaside. Get your map at the Visitor Centre to find them all!



Lachlan Riehl / Friends of Keji



Sherry MacGinnis / Friends of Keji