Welcome
Signal Hill is one of St. John’s most popular landmarks due both to its compelling history and spectacular views of the city, Atlantic Ocean and the rugged coastline.

Originally known as the “Lookout” because of its strategic placement overlooking St. John’s harbour, Signal Hill was advantageously used in defence, observation and signalling from the early 1700s to the Second World War. This site was also the reception point of the first transatlantic wireless signal by Guglielmo Marconi in 1901.

Exhibits throughout the site and visitor centre bring its communications, military and medical history to life.

Time to Connect
- Meet our guides at the visitor centre for new programs, guided tours and special event updates. Explore the centre and discover the site’s rich military and communications history.
- Take a tour with our passionate and knowledgeable guides. Offered daily (Jul. & Aug.)
- Hike the North Head Trail! Take a break in our famous red chairs and enjoy the view.
- Visit the Queen’s Battery Barracks to learn about how soldiers lived and worked in the 19th century.
- Watch for whales, icebergs and seabirds from Ladies Lookout.

Experience
The Signal Hill Tattoo
Join us on the performance field for a re-enactment that celebrates Signal Hill’s long military history as the award-winning Signal Hill Tattoo present a showcase of historical music, manoeuvres and pageantry.

Drumsticks whirl as a series of drum calls—commands to men—are made. The rhythmic tones from the fife and drum corps electrify spectators. The crack of the muskets and boom of the cannon mimic battles of long ago. Almost unconsciously spectators and performers sense that they have been transported to times gone by as they come to understand the contributions of those who once served, and those who continue to serve today.

When: Every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from early July to mid-August at 11 am and 3 pm (weather permitting).
Cost: $10/adult, $5/ages 6 to 16, Free/children under 6, $25/Family

Hours
Visitor Centre
Mid-May to June
Wednesday to Sunday
10 am to 6 pm
June to September
Daily, 10 am to 6 pm
September to October
Saturday to Wednesday
10 am to 6 pm

Newfoundland Chocolate Café
Located in the visitor centre
May to September
10 am - 8 pm

Admission Fee
Adult $3.90  Family/Group $9.80
Senior $3.40  Commercial $3.40
Youth $1.90  group
School group $1.90
*Some special events and programs include an additional fee

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Explore Signal Hill

1. Visitor Centre & Café
Be greeted by one of our Parks Canada guides who will introduce you to the visitor centre exhibits and let you know of any daily tours, programs, or special events taking place at Signal Hill. While you’re there, enjoy a light snack or lunch in the Newfoundland Chocolate Company café! Enjoy the outdoors and take your lunch to one of the many places on Signal Hill to enjoy a picnic!

2. Queen’s Battery Barracks
One of the many military structures built on Signal Hill during its history, the barracks sits near the Queen’s Battery and was put in place to prevent enemy vessels from entering the Narrows. Meet our interpreters and learn about life in the barracks during the 1860s and ask about special programming held here, such as Ghosts of Signal Hill.

3. Duke of York Battery & Noon Day Gun
The Duke of York Battery was part of the fortifications built on top of Signal Hill during the 1800s to act as a point of last retreat if the town was ever captured. The Noon Day Gun stands beside the battery and is fired on a regular basis during the summer seasons. Book your chance to fire the gun at the visitor centre.

4. Cabot Tower
This iconic structure was built in 1897 to commemorate both the 400th anniversary of John Cabot’s discovery of Newfoundland and Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee.
Explore the communications history of the site at our second floor Marconi exhibit and learn about wireless technology with the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs. While inside, visit the Historic Sites Association gift shop.
If it’s not too windy, climb the stairs to the top floor and take in the stunning 360 degree view!