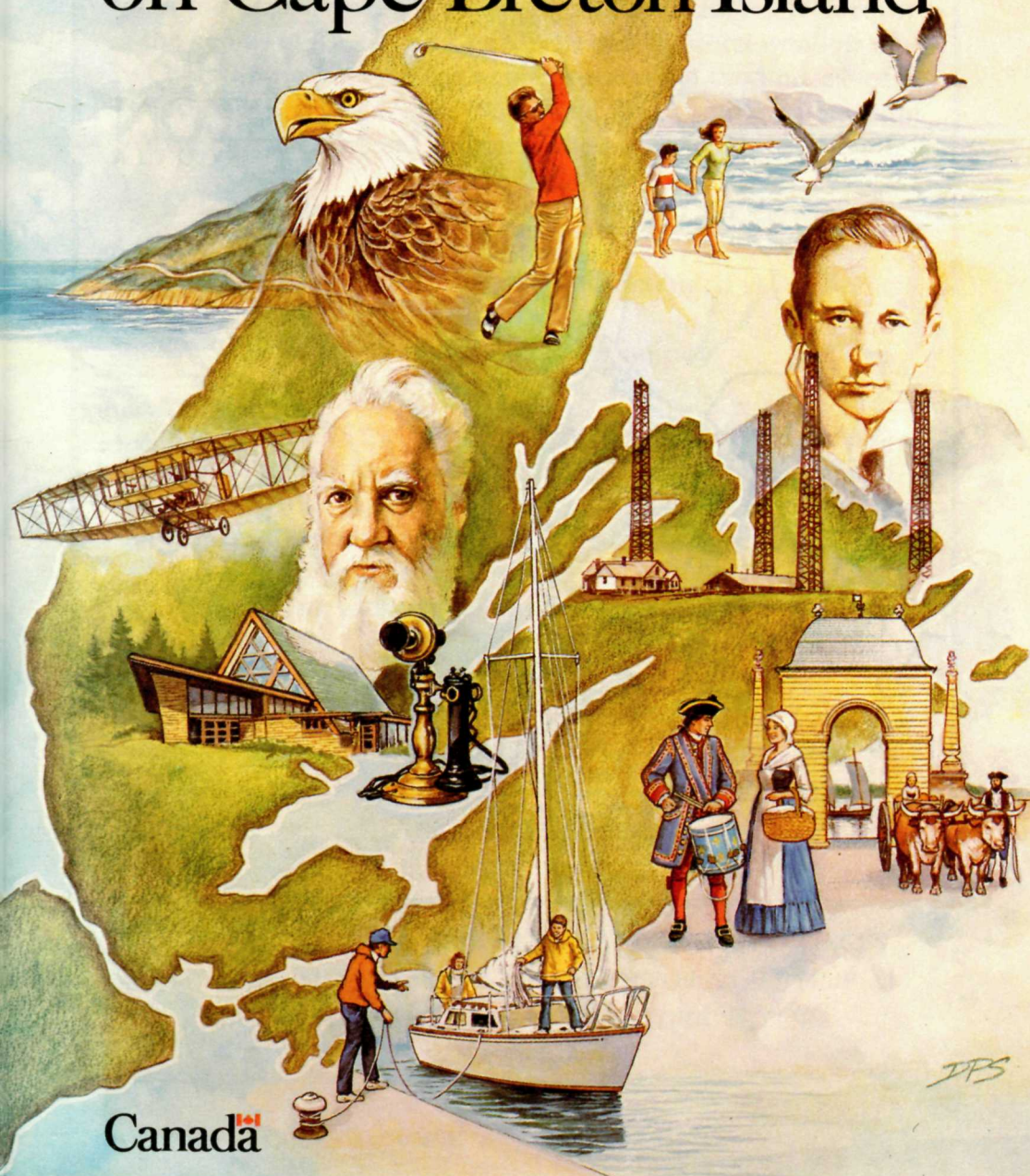
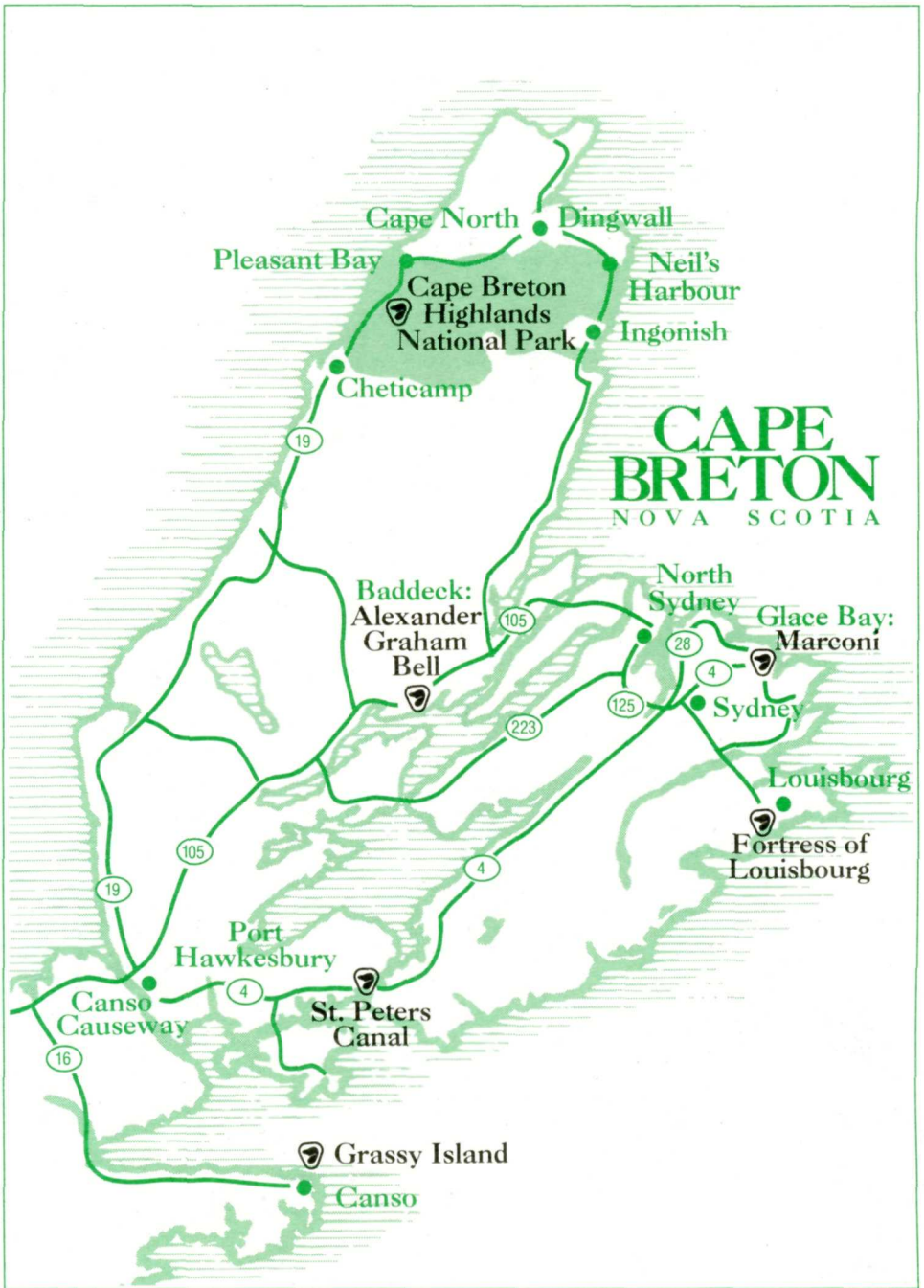


Vacation Planner to National Parks & Historic Sites on Cape Breton Island



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Unforgettable

Acclaimed for its natural beauty and splendour, Cape Breton Island abounds with enchanting vacation destinations. Among the most unforgettable are the Island's world-class national parks and historic sites—truly Cape Breton's most treasured masterpieces.

This vacation planner gives you the information you'll need to plan and enjoy a vacation to these heritage areas. You'll discover the genius of Alexander Graham Bell, the natural wonders of Cape Breton Highlands, the enchantment of the Fortress of Louisbourg, the wizardry of Guglielmo Marconi, the quiet charm of St. Peters Canal and, en route, the history of Grassy Island.

VACATION PLANNER CHECK LIST

- Directions to the parks and sites
- Hours of operation, fees and recommended visiting times
- Sights and activities not to miss
- Available services in nearby communities
- Festivals and events in the area

From the largest to the smallest, each of these national parks and historic sites will surprise you with its own special charm and range of activities. The following pages describe the many sights, programs and indoor and outdoor activities in store for you. Use this handbook to help you plan a visit to one of the most rewarding vacation destinations in North America.



PLAN TO VISIT CAPE BRETON ISLAND'S MASTERPIECES
THIS YEAR—SHARE SPECIAL MOMENTS FOR A LIFETIME AT
OUR NATIONAL PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES.

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Watch for this logo for tips on how you can help preserve and protect Canada's natural and cultural heritage.

National Parks and Historic Sites on Cape Breton Island

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

This is the most comprehensive collection of Bell's artifacts, written materials and personal mementos in the world. It inspires a sense of wonder and curiosity in visitors of all ages. Three exhibit halls tell the story of Bell's incredible life of experimenting and inventing. See equipment and tools Bell used as well as his actual inventions. From the rooftop garden, see Beinn Bhreagh, Bell's beloved summer retreat and workplace.

The Site is an outstanding tribute to the genius and compassion of Alexander Graham Bell—an entertaining and educational experience for the whole family.

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

This Park stretches across the northern tip of beautiful Cape Breton Island between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean. Sightsee along the world-famous Cabot Trail that runs through the Park. Explore some of the last remaining protected wilderness in Nova Scotia.

See a moose feeding at dawn or dusk. Listen for hermit thrushes, watch bald eagles soar or observe more than 200 other species of birds. Choose from six campgrounds, hike 28 diverse trails, swim, sunbathe, bicycle, boat, play tennis or golf. Fall is a relaxing and spectacular time of year to visit. During the winter months, snowshoe, toboggan, cross-country ski, skate or spend a star-filled night by the sea. You'll cherish the moments you spend in this amazing wonderland.

FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Step back in time to 1744, just 30 minutes south of Sydney! Experience Louisbourg, a thriving seaport and capital of Île Royale (Cape Breton Island). Visit more than 50 faithfully reconstructed buildings—one-quarter of the original town! Explore homes, exhibits and theme centres. Each summer enter a living, working community. Costumed animators re-create the daily lives and activities of the 18th-century residents. Watch a military drill. Hear muskets firing and the sound of drums. See lace making and nail making. Listen to a harpsichord. Have meals based on 18th-century recipes. You'll be amazed at how much there is to see and do.

And there's more! The Site covers an area of 50 sq. km (20 sq. mi.). Picnic at Lighthouse Point or Kennington Cove. Angle for trout in the lakes and streams. Hike or, during the winter months, cross-country ski the Site's trails.

The Fortress of Louisbourg was once one of the busiest harbours in North America and one of France's key centres of trade and military strength in the New World. Today the Site is an exciting and entertaining lesson in history. Discover its many secrets!

MARCONI NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Explore a model of the first station to send a transatlantic wireless message. Activate an electronic light display that demonstrates the beginning of advanced signal technology. Listen to ham operators talk to people around the world. Here you'll learn about the life and work of Guglielmo Marconi and other great pioneers of telecommunications technology. After you see the exhibits inside, visit the remains of the Table Head station aerial towers on the promontory cliffs above the Atlantic Ocean.

ST. PETERS CANAL

Have a picnic! Watch as canoes, schooners and power cruisers pass between the Atlantic Ocean and Bras d'Or Lake. See the double-gate tidal locks that control the water balance. Discover the 140-year history of this famous Nova Scotian canal. Long before the first fortified settlement of Saint Pierre was established in the 1630s, the Micmac people carried their canoes across this narrow isthmus. Canal construction began in 1854.

Visit the Nicolas Denys Museum, a short walk from the Canal. Learn the story of this adventurous pioneer, and see a photographic history of the Canal's construction. If you have more time, climb Mount Granville to see the ruins of Fort Dorchester, and camp overnight at nearby Battery Provincial Park.

GRASSY ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Get to know Grassy Island, the economic centre of Nova Scotia more than 200 years ago. At the Site's Visitor Reception Centre in Canso, watch a video and explore models, maps, photographic displays and exhibits that re-create the Island's commercial and military history. See life-size dioramas that introduce you to some of the Island's colourful characters, and discover one of Atlantic Canada's best 18th-century artifact collections.

After your visit, take a boat ride to Grassy Island. Hike along the self-guiding trail and experience for yourself the windswept remains of Grassy Island: the forgotten settlement.

Services and Facilities in the National Parks and Historic Sites and in Nearby Communities

Park or Site
Community

Services and Facilities

Winter Activities

	Accommodations	Restaurants/Take-out	Drug/Variety Store	Grocery Store	Convenience Store	Laundromat	Gas Station	Lounge	Churches	Craft/Gift Shop	Post Office	Liquor Store	Hospital/Medical Clinic	Ambulance	RCMP/Police	Bank	Kennels	Tennis	Golf
Alexander Graham Bell									•										
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Grassy Island																			
Canso	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				

	Groomed Trails	Ungroomed Trails	Guided Tours	Downhill Skiing	Camping	Skating
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Baddeck	•	•				•
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Throughout the summer picnicking, cycling, hiking, camping, fishing, swimming, boating and boat tours are available.

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site is located at the east end of the village of Baddeck on Route 205. Driving time from Canso Causeway is one hour. Driving time from Sydney is one hour.

SEASON

Open year-round.

HOURS OF OPERATION

July to September:	9 a.m.-9 p.m. Full services available.
June & Early October:	9 a.m.-5 p.m. Full services available.
Mid-October to Late May:	9 a.m.-5 p.m. Reduced services. No interpretive talks or audio/visual presentations.

ADMISSION

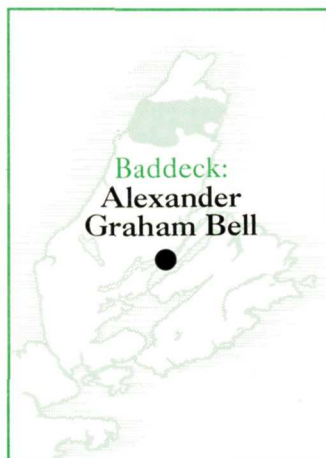
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RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

Plan to spend a minimum of two hours to enjoy all the exhibits and surrounding grounds.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

As you walk from the parking lot to the main entrance of the Site's complex, you'll see Kidston Lighthouse and sparkling Bras d'Or Lake. A guide will greet you at the entrance in English and French. Find out when the next 5-10 minute introductory talk will be given. It's guaranteed to pique your curiosity.



If your time is limited, leave the large photographic exhibit in the first hall (Bell the Man) for last. If you have more time, ask about the 10-20 minute talk on Bell's life and work. Held a few times every hour, this talk also gives an excellent overview of the Site.

Guides are available throughout the Site's three exhibit halls and Theatre I, off Experimenter Hall. They know a great deal about Bell and his family and want to help you enjoy your visit. Ask them all your questions!

- Pick up our activity sheets for kids!
- Ask about special events for the day, such as the Kite Program, the Experiments Program and evening presentations.
- Visit the three main exhibits: Teacher and Inventor, Experimenter and Hydrofoil.
- Enjoy our audiovisual programs on Bell's life and work. All of our regular films have captions and most are visitor-activated, so just push a button, grab a seat and relax while you learn about the many facets of Bell's life and work.
- "Relaxing" visiting times are 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- The Site's complex is wheelchair accessible.

EXHIBIT HALLS AND GROUNDS

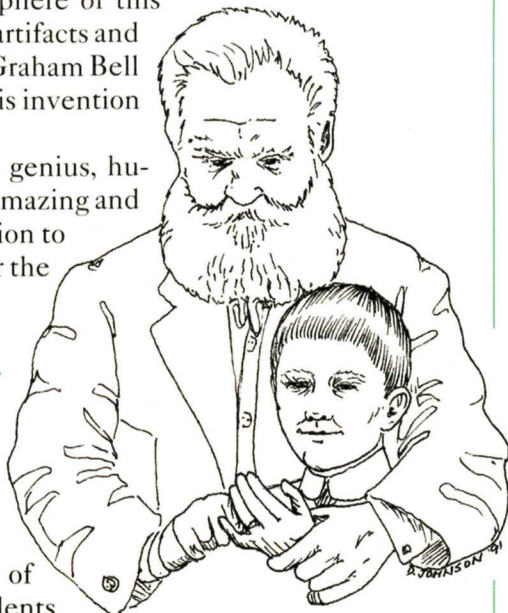
TEACHER AND INVENTOR

Enjoy the light and serene atmosphere of this large A-frame exhibit hall. Photos, artifacts and replicas tell the story of Alexander Graham Bell from his days as a young boy until his invention of the telephone at age 29.

The exhibit brings to life Bell's genius, humour and warmth. Discover Bell's amazing and unceasing curiosity and his dedication to improving the world around him for the betterment of all people.

Recognition of my work for and interest in the education of the deaf has always been more pleasing to me than even recognition of my work with the telephone.

Alexander Graham Bell

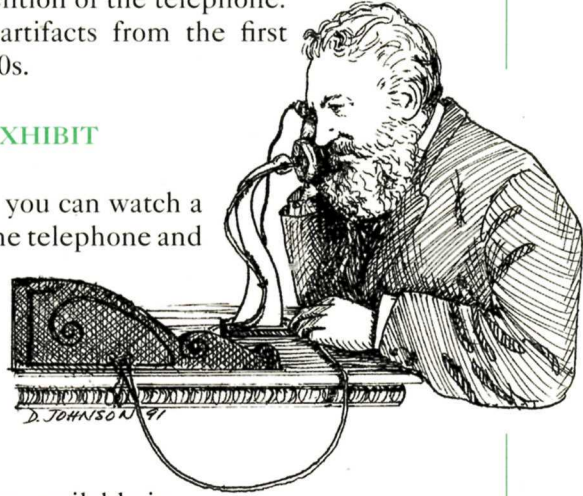


- Find out how Bell's knowledge of sound and work with deaf students influenced his life and career.

- Experience the countless questions and experiments on the multiple telegraph that led to Bell's invention of the telephone.
- View telephone replicas and artifacts from the first model to those of the early 1900s.

TEACHER AND INVENTOR EXHIBIT AUDIO/ VISUAL PROGRAMS

- With just the push of a button, you can watch a video about the beginnings of the telephone and the transmission of sound.
- Listen to Thomas Watson recall the first time speech was transmitted over a wire.
- Enter a 1900s' phone booth and have a conversation on a box telephone!
- All audio/visual presentations are available in English and French.



Are you the inventor of the telephone, sir? asked the conductor of a train in North Carolina in 1880. *Yes,* replied Bell. *Do you happen to have a telephone about you? The engine has broken down and we are twelve miles from the nearest station.*

EXPERIMENTER

You'll notice a distinct change of pace as you enter this exhibit hall built into the surrounding hillside. Numerous displays, inventions, artifacts, reproductions and working models will surround you, showing Bell's extensive contributions to aviation, medicine, marine engineering, genetics and eugenics.

- See the graphophone that looks like a sewing machine.
- Learn how Bell made fresh water from salt water using solar stills.
- Discover "water ears" and the "bullet seeker."
- See the vacuum jacket, an early device for artificial respiration.
- Follow the story of the tetrahedron.
- Explore x-rays, solar telephones, sound recording and toys.
- Find out about Bell's interest in sheep breeding and human heredity.

And there's more! See the enormous contributions Bell and his associates made to the fledgling fields of aerodynamics and aviation. Their 20 years of research and development led to the first controlled powered flight in



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the British Empire in the *Silver Dart*. You'll discover everything from early wooden propellers and kites to advanced ideas for rocket propulsion.

One might dream dreams and see visions, but the wildest stretch of human imagination cannot conceive of what the future will bring forth.

Alexander Graham Bell

You'll learn the story of Bell's wife, Mabel. Deaf from age five, she became one of Bell's students. Mrs. Bell managed Beinn Bhreagh (pronounced ben vree-ah), the family's summer home and farm and the site of Bell's intensive work. She also initiated and funded the Aerial Experiment Association and was an active community organizer.

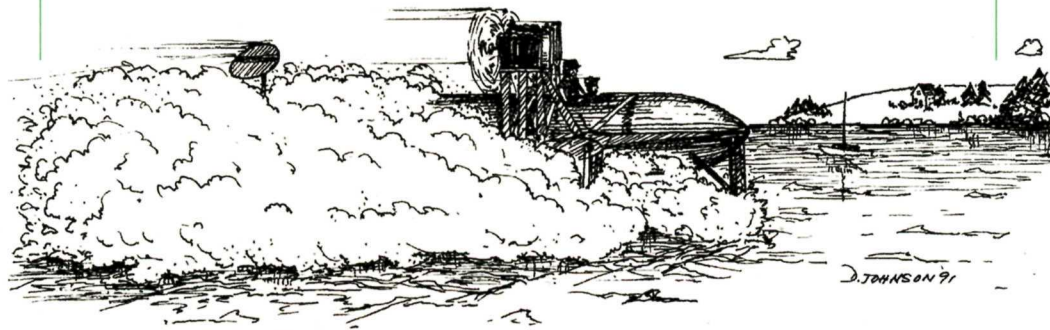
EXPERIMENTER HALL AUDIO/VISUAL PROGRAMS

- Watch the photophone demonstration.
- Discover Baddeck and Beinn Bhreagh.
- Explore the tetrahedral cell and its use in Bell's kites.
- Learn about early flight experiments, and hear the story of the Aerial Experiment Association.
- Watch *For You, Mr. Bell*, an excellent film describing Bell's life and work, with an emphasis on communication. A guide introduces the film and is available afterward to answer your questions. (Three presentations each hour in Theatre I.)
- Theatre I is also used for special exhibits, children's programs and evening programs.

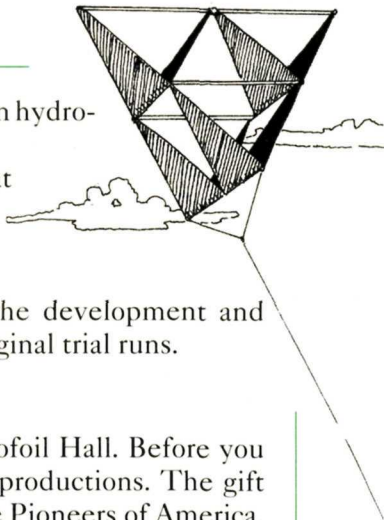
HYDROFOIL

Enter the expansive Hydrofoil Hall, the last of the Site's three main exhibits, by way of a rising ramp. The ramp ends on a mezzanine platform some 3 m (10 ft.) above the floor of the hydrofoil.

Descend another ramp to explore the 18-m (60-ft.) hull of the original HD-4 and the full-sized reconstruction of the hydrofoil craft. By the time you leave, we guarantee you'll even know which end of this fantastic cigar-shaped object is the front!



- Ask the guide to introduce you to the Bell-Baldwin hydrofoil story.
- Explore the display of original models built at Beinn Bhreagh to test theories about foil and hull shapes.
- Discover the HD-4.
- Watch a 10-minute video presentation about the development and success of the hydrofoil, including footage of original trial runs.



GIFT SHOP AND ROOFTOP GARDEN

The exit from the Site's complex is through Hydrofoil Hall. Before you leave, visit the gift shop for mementos and fine reproductions. The gift shop is operated by the Acadia Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America.

From here, be sure to visit the rooftop garden. Rest and enjoy the spectacular view of Baddeck Bay and the boats on Bras d'Or Lake. See the Beinn Bhreagh estate to the east, still privately owned by Alexander Graham Bell's descendants.

PICNIC AREA

Many visitors find themselves spending a long and pleasant day at the Site. Relax and have a picnic lunch on the Site's exquisite landscaped grounds. Feast while overlooking the shore of Bras d'Or Lake.

The picnic area has 12 tables and an ample supply of cold water. One site is specially adapted for easy wheelchair access.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

During July and August, the Site offers a number of special programs for the whole family. These programs show Alexander Graham Bell's love of children and his wonder at the world around him.

EVENING PRESENTATIONS

A series of film and slide presentations.

Films: *Bell at Baddeck; To Sense the Wonder; Scoggie;*
and *Eagles of Bras d'Or.*

Slide shows: *Alexander Graham Bell; Mabel Bell;* and *Beinn Bhreagh.*

Occasional evenings are dedicated to other related topics, such as flight and kites. Regularly in Theatre I at 7:15 p.m. Contact the Site for dates.



After picnicking at the Site, be sure to put your litter in one of our garbage cans or recycling bins. We recycle glass, aluminum cans and newsprint.

THE KITE PROGRAM

A popular adventure for children six years old and up. The children construct, decorate and fly their own kites! All materials are supplied by the Site. And the children keep their kites after testing them.

Wednesdays at 2 p.m., starting in Theatre I. Presentations are in English and French.

FAMILY KITE-FLYING PROGRAM

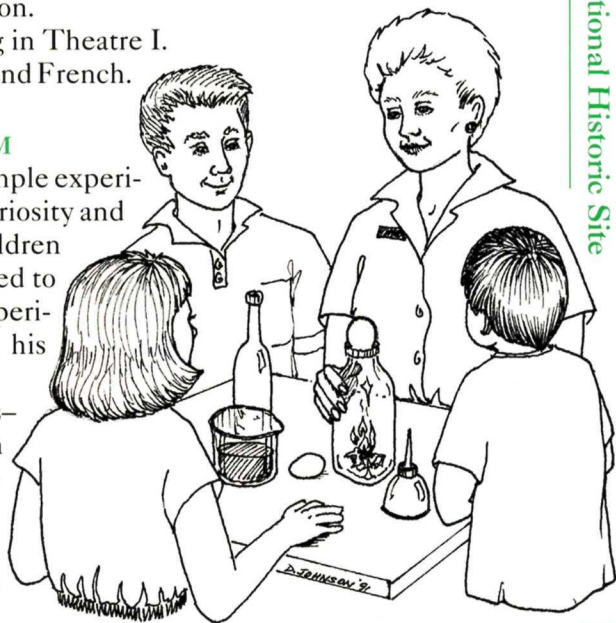
Join with other kite-flying enthusiasts! After a delightful slide presentation on kites, everyone goes outside for kite flying. Bring your own kite or try some from the Site's collection.

Sundays at 2 p.m., starting in Theatre I. Presentations are in English and French.

EXPERIMENTS PROGRAM

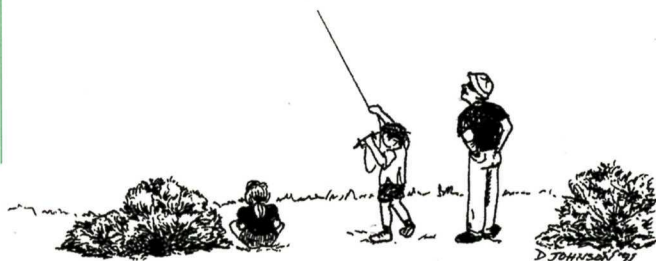
Bell delighted in devising simple experiments to arouse children's curiosity and interest them in science. Children six years old and up are invited to participate in some of the experiments Bell conducted with his grandchildren.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. on the Hydrofoil Hall mezzanine. This hands-on program lasts about 30 minutes. Presentations are in English and French.



Children should be made familiar with facts from which generalizations may be made long before their minds are ready to receive the generalizations themselves.

Alexander Graham Bell



ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Parks Day. Held annually to recognize the contribution of national, provincial and municipal parks and sites to our way of life. Check the insert for this year's date.

Harvest Home. Late September. An event reminiscent of the fall picnic the Bells hosted each year. Bring the family for a day of fun. Activities begin at noon and go on into the evening. Call the Site for this year's date or check the insert.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ORGANIZED GROUPS

Children's Festival. Held in June, this three-week program (Monday-Friday each week) gives school children a chance to participate in guided tours of the complex, hands-on experiments, films, Big Book stories and more! This is an increasingly popular event, and attendance is limited. Contact the Site well in advance to pre-register your class.

Elderhostel Program. A one-week program held in the spring and fall of each year. If you're 60 years or better, join the fun in Baddeck and learn more about Alexander Graham Bell. Pre-registration is required.

Archival materials are available to special interest groups with advance arrangements.

For more information about any of the above special programs, contact the Site at (902) 295-2069.

RESOURCES AND SIGHTS TO SEE IN BADDECK

Baddeck has been a popular summer vacation destination for many families since the time of Alexander and Mabel Bell. The village offers a full range of visitor services, including accommodations, restaurants, gift shops and a host of recreational facilities. Centrally located, Baddeck marks the beginning and end of the Cabot Trail.

Attend a live stage performance during the Centre Bras d'Or Festival of the Arts, held each summer. In July and August, see a full-scale reproduction of the *Silver Dart*, on display at the Masonic Hall at the corner of Queen and Grant streets. And don't miss the Bras d'Or Yacht Club Regatta, held annually in August.

Wealth and fame are coveted by all men; but the hope of wealth or the desire for fame will never make an inventor:—You may give him wealth or you may take away from him all that he has; and he will go on inventing. He can no more help inventing than he can help thinking or breathing. Inventors are born not made.

Alexander Graham Bell

GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

The Site consists of a complex of three major exhibit halls on 10 hectares (25 acres) of beautifully landscaped grounds next to Bras d'Or Lake and across the bay from Beinn Bhreagh.

How To Reach the Site

The Site is located at the east end of the village of Baddeck on Chebucto Street (Route 205). It's a short walk to the middle of town.

By Car from Canso Causeway

Driving Time: One hour

- Follow Trans Canada Highway 105 to Baddeck (86 km or 53 mi.).
- Take Exit 9 to Baddeck.

By Car from Sydney

Driving Time: One hour

- Take Route 125 to Trans Canada Highway 105 (73 km or 47 mi.).
- Take Exit 9 to Baddeck.

By Plane

- Fly into Sydney Airport on Air Nova (Air Canada) or Air Atlantic (Canadian) airlines. Rental cars are available.

Parking Facilities

Ample free parking is available for cars, buses and recreational vehicles.

Off-season Services

Site services are reduced from mid-October to late May. During these months, the Site does not offer any talks or audio/visual programs. With advance notice, however, these activities can be arranged for groups.



Public Washrooms

The main washroom facility is at the parking lot. Others are located just off the main lobby and at the exit area next to Hydrofoil Hall. Parking lot and lobby washrooms are wheelchair accessible.



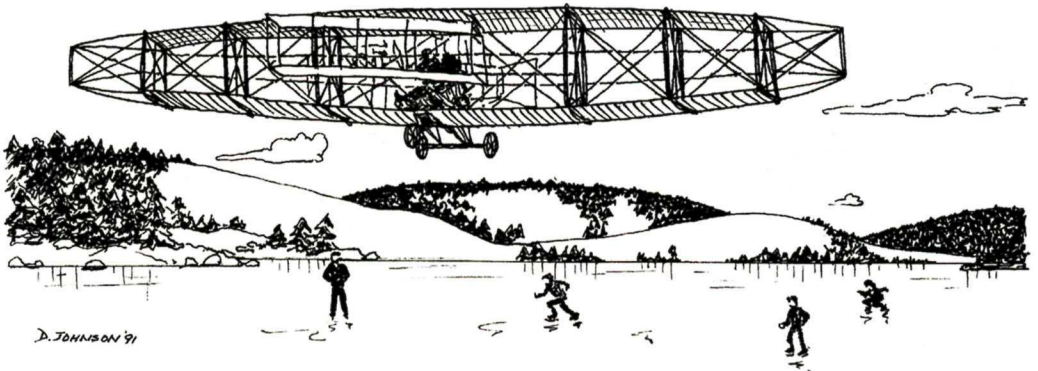
Public Telephones

Public telephones are available in the parking lot, near the Site entrance and near the exit.



Services for Disabled Visitors

The Site complex is well-equipped to accommodate those with disabilities. Ramped and alternative approaches to areas usually entered by stairway are available. Railings are accessible throughout the complex.



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Regular audiovisual programs are captioned, and the main theatre has an audio loop system, installed by Acadia Chapter, Telephone Pioneers of America, that enables those with hearing aids to hear clearly.

Weather

Summer temperatures are in the low 20s (68-75° F.). Evenings tend to be mild and calm.

Air conditioning

Experimenter Hall and Hydrofoil Hall are air conditioned.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside the complex.

Photographs

No flash photos are allowed.

Pets

Pets are not allowed inside the complex, but are allowed on the surrounding grounds with a leash.

Cheque Cashing

The gift shop does not accept personal cheques. Mastercard or VISA credit cards are accepted.

For more information, write or call:

Alexander Graham Bell
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 159
Baddeck, Nova Scotia
BOE 1B0

Year-round:
(902) 295-2069



Cape Breton Highlands National Park

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

Entrances to Cape Breton Highlands National Park are located on the Cabot Trail, 4.8 km (3 mi.) north of Cheticamp on the west side of the Island and at Ingonish Beach on the east. Driving time to the Park from Baddeck is one hour. Driving time from Sydney is two hours.

SEASON

Open year-round.
Services and facilities vary with the season of the year.

INFORMATION CENTRES' HOURS OF OPERATION

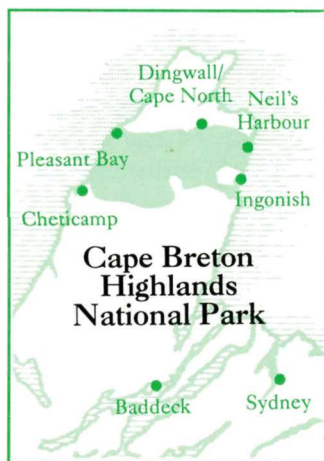
Mid-May to Late June	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Late June to Labour Day	8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Early September to Late October	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Late October to Mid-May*	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

**Telephone inquiries only*

RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

You could spend weeks exploring rugged northern Cape Breton, filled with fascinating discoveries. We recommend four days and nights. See whales, bald eagles and moose. Stroll along picturesque valleys and coves, or enjoy the rich Acadian, Scottish and Irish heritage. If you plan to camp, purchase the Park's special weekly or four-day camping permit (see camping section for more information). Minimum recommended visit: two full days with one overnight.

It's impossible to stay in the Park and surrounding area for too long!



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

Cape Breton Highlands National Park is Nova Scotia's largest remaining tract of protected wilderness. The Park is a treasury of wildlife and plants and has a magnificent range of landscapes. It offers those who visit the rare opportunity to relax in an environment of protected natural beauty.

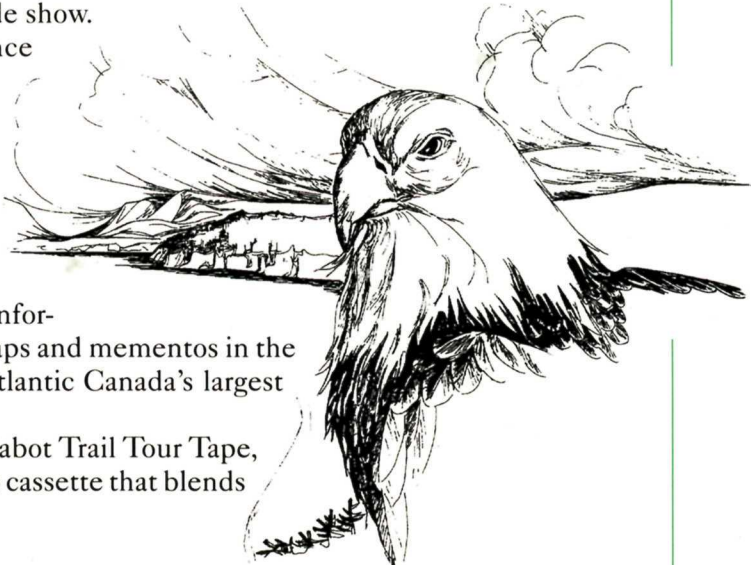
We recommend you tour Cape Breton Highlands National Park in a clockwise direction (entering the Park from Cheticamp) to make full use of the Cheticamp Information Centre's extensive information and visitor services. Plan to spend at least 20 minutes in the centre. However, if you're coming from the Newfoundland ferries or Sydney, you'll find it shorter to visit the Park in a counterclockwise direction, entering at Ingonish. Plan to spend at least 10 minutes in the Ingonish Information Centre. There's ample free parking for all vehicles at both centres.

Very friendly and knowledgeable Cape Bretoners staff the information centres. They're ready to answer your questions, advise you about campgrounds and trails, tell you the latest schedule of events and, generally, help you make the most of your visit.

Don't miss the spectacular Cape Breton Highlands fall! Plan your trip for late September or early October when the weather is splendid and the Park is aflame with dazzling fall colours.

WHILE YOU'RE AT THE CHETICAMP INFORMATION CENTRE—

- Pick up your copy of the latest weekly schedule of daytime and evening activities, interpretive programs and special events.
- Acquire permits for camping, fishing and backpacking.
- Visit the exhibit room to see a bald eagle and coyote close up.
- View the Park slide show.
- See the difference between bear and rabbit tracks in the centre's family corner.
- Browse through the excellent selection of nature books, trail information guides, maps and mementos in the main branch of Atlantic Canada's largest nature bookstore.
- Rent or buy the Cabot Trail Tour Tape, an excellent audio cassette that blends



music, stories and songs to guide you through the Park's history and highlights. Available in English and French.

SIGHTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



CAMPING

The Park offers a variety of camping opportunities, with a range of services that vary according to the season. All campgrounds stay open until mid-October. Campgrounds in Ingonish and Cheticamp are open year-round; however, the services offered vary with the time of year.

Campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis only. For the most relaxed environment, the greatest privacy and the best choice of sites, plan your vacation so you can camp mid-week. A variety of camping fees are available depending on the services provided. With our specially reduced four-day permit, you can stay four nights for the price of three. And our weekly permit—seven nights for the price of five—will encourage you to stay even longer to more fully explore northern Cape Breton.



HIKING

The Park has 28 hiking trails, ranging from 20-minute family strolls to challenging wilderness treks. Whatever your interest and physical ability, you're sure to find a trail to suit your tastes.

- Feel the power of the sea.
- Hike the highlands.
- Discover an Acadian forest.
- Explore a river canyon cut deep into the mountains.

The French Mountain Bog Trail is a popular trail into a world that often defies exploration. Bog life is guaranteed to amaze you! And this boardwalk trail is wheelchair accessible.

On the Lone Shieling Trail, you'll find 300-year-old sugar maple trees surrounding a replica of a sheep crofter's hut.

- What is a sheep crofter, and why is this hut found in northern Cape Breton?
- How large are 300-year-old sugar maple trees?

Discover the answers to these and other questions on this short but enchanting dry trail.

If you prefer to put the world behind you, go backpacking. The Park has 12 wilderness campsites on the Fishing Cove and Lake of



Islands hiking trails. We recommend using backpacking stoves for cooking. All backpackers must have a backcountry use permit, available at the information centres.

For detailed information on hiking and backpacking opportunities, contact the Park for a copy of *Walking in the Highlands* or order *Hiking Trails of Cape Breton Highlands National Park* from Les Amis du Plein Air, P.O. Box 472, Cheticamp, NS, B0E 1H0, or call (902) 224-3814.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Throughout the summer months, the Park presents entertaining and educational programs daily. Talks, displays and slide presentations reveal all aspects of the Park's natural and human history.

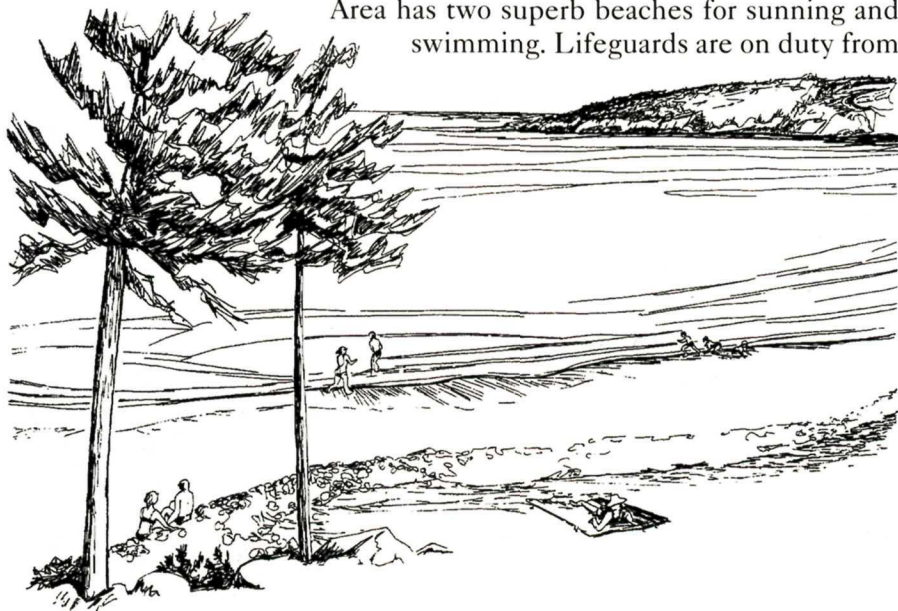
Programs are presented at the easily accessible Cheticamp and Broad Cove campgrounds' outdoor theatres. Interpretive events are held occasionally at the Cheticamp Information Centre indoor theatre and the Broad Cove campground activity building.

- Take an armchair hike into the night. Owls, bats, frogs, toads...and a haunted campground.
- Listen to a fishing story about lobster traps and cod jigging.
- Enjoy Acadian and Scottish folk singers, fiddlers, bagpipers and dancers.

Check the information centres, campground bulletin boards and kiosks for scheduled programs and other events.

SWIMMING & SUNBATHING

Fresh water or salt water? Take your pick. Ingonish Beach Day Use Area has two superb beaches for sunning and swimming. Lifeguards are on duty from



late June to early September. Black Brook Beach Day Use Area and Warren Lake are also popular swimming spots.

Swimming Areas	Super-vised	Change Rooms	Flush Toilets	Picnic Area	Play-ground	Fresh/Salt water
Ingonish Beach	•	•	•	•	•	F&S
North Bay		•	•†	•		S
Black Brook		•	•†	•†	•	F&S
Warren Lake			Pit Privies	•		F

†Wheelchair accessible



GOLFING

Tee off at Ben Franey, and prepare to enjoy a 10.5-km (6.5-mi.) nature hike through some of the world's most spectacular scenery. Moose frequently visit the Links. And you may even catch a red fox observing your swing!

Highlands Golf Links is one of the world's 33 best courses and winner of several international awards. Located in Ingonish, the Links is a public course owned and operated by Cape Breton Highlands National Park. For tee-off times, green fee information, reservations and tournament play, call the Golf Pro Shop at (902) 285-2600. Mid-October to mid-May, call (902) 285-2691.



TENNIS

Game. Set. Match! Listen to the waves breaking along the shore while you improve your backhand. Ingonish Beach Day Use Area offers three paved tennis courts, free of charge, from late April to mid-October.

Rental equipment is available at the Golf Pro Shop. To arrange tournament play, call (902) 285-2691.



CYCLING

See Cape Breton Highlands at a relaxed pace. Bicycle the magnificent Cabot Trail. Experience the wind in your hair, the sun on your skin and the invigorating salt sea air. But expect a workout. The highlands rise steeply along the trail from sea level to 538 m (1,750 ft.) and then gradually decline to climb yet again. Some rental equipment is available at the Cheticamp Information Centre. For more information, contact Les Amis du Plein Air, P.O. Box 472, Cheticamp, NS, B0E 1H0, (902) 224-3814.

Cycle in a clockwise direction so you can take full advantage of the predominantly westerly winds!

A Park Cyclist



Hike on established trails. Cutting your own path tramples vegetation and leads to soil erosion.

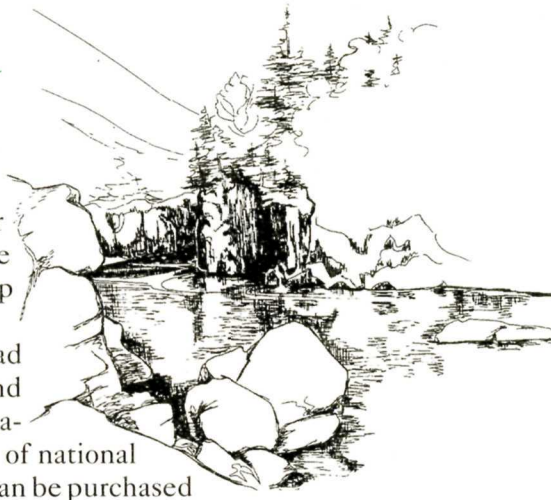


FISHING

Fly cast in the North Aspy River or the swift-running Clyburn for some of Nova Scotia's largest sea trout. Or cast for a grilse salmon at the Terre Rouge Pool of the wild Cheticamp River.

Information centre staff will be glad to give you the latest regulations and information about available fishing waters. If you don't have one, a variety of national park fishing licenses is available and can be purchased at the information centres, campground kiosks or from a park warden.

Deep-sea fishing is an exciting and popular sport for the whole family. Likely catches are cod and mackerel, but you may reel in hake, flounder, herring or pollock. Check nearby communities for available deep-sea fishing services.



WINTER ACTIVITIES

Share the quiet of winter with a deer, snowshoe hare, fox or rare pine marten. From January to early April, you'll find winter activities at Cape Breton Highlands National Park and nearby communities.

- Cross-country ski the Park's highland trails and wilderness areas.
- Downhill ski at Cape Smokey Ski Hill.
- Ice fish for trout or smelt at Freshwater Lake.
- Skate in Cheticamp, Cape North or Ingonish.
- Toboggan on the steep 5th fairway of Highlands Golf Links.
- Camp at Cheticamp or Ingonish campgrounds. Each campground has a shelter with a woodstove, water supply and toilet facilities.

For more information about winter activities, contact the Park.



TOURING THE CABOT TRAIL

If you're caught in a time crunch, visit the Park by touring the Cabot Trail. Plan six to seven hours, with a one-hour lunch stop.

The Cabot Trail is a modern highway that winds along the mountainous edge of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The highway within the Park is maintained by the Canadian Parks Service and offers a safe, but spectacular, driving experience. The magnificent sights of the seacoast and river valleys will constantly turn your head. Even from your car, you'll sense



Protect freshwater fish: observe catch limits and fishing seasons, and use barbless hooks.

the remoteness and ruggedness of Nova Scotia's largest remaining tract of protected wilderness.

Plan to stop at some of the Park's numerous lookoffs, many of which are wheelchair accessible. The views are breathtaking, and signs at most lookoffs will tell you more about the Park's natural and cultural heritage. You won't have time to visit them all, but don't miss:

- Bog Trail
- MacKenzie Mountain Lookoff
- Lone Shieling Trail
- Green Cove Trail
- Lakie's Head Lookoff

While touring, enjoy one of the many scenic picnic areas. All picnic areas have drinking water, tables and toilet facilities.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ORGANIZED GROUPS

Special camping facilities and presentations on the natural and cultural history of the Park are available for organized groups year-round, with advance arrangements. Park staff are available and would be happy to help you plan programs or events that meet your group's needs. For more information, call (902) 285-2691.

PROPOSED ITINERARY: FOUR-DAY CAMPING TRIP

Take full advantage of Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Plan a four-day camping trip, and discover some of the Park's wonderful camping areas, hiking trails and programs.

DAY ONE

P.M.–

- Your first stop is the Cheticamp Information Centre. Obtain the schedules, information brochures and permits you'll need.
- For your first two nights, choose the large and full service Cheticamp Campground or the more intimate Corney Brook Campground near the shore.
- Explore Cheticamp. Visit local craft shops.
- After dinner, attend the Cheticamp outdoor theatre program.



Use a stove, rather than a wood fire, to cook your food. It's cleaner, safer and more convenient.

DAY TWO

A.M. After breakfast—

- From Cheticamp Campground, hike L'Acadien Trail. Explore an acadian forest and enjoy panoramic views of the coast. Lookoffs at the top of the trail offer ideal spots for a picnic and are usually insect-free. Don't forget to carry drinking water.
- From Corney Brook Campground, hike the Corney Brook Trail through a box canyon to a bubbling waterfall. Pause at the bridge, and listen for northern waterthrush and ruby-crowned kinglets.

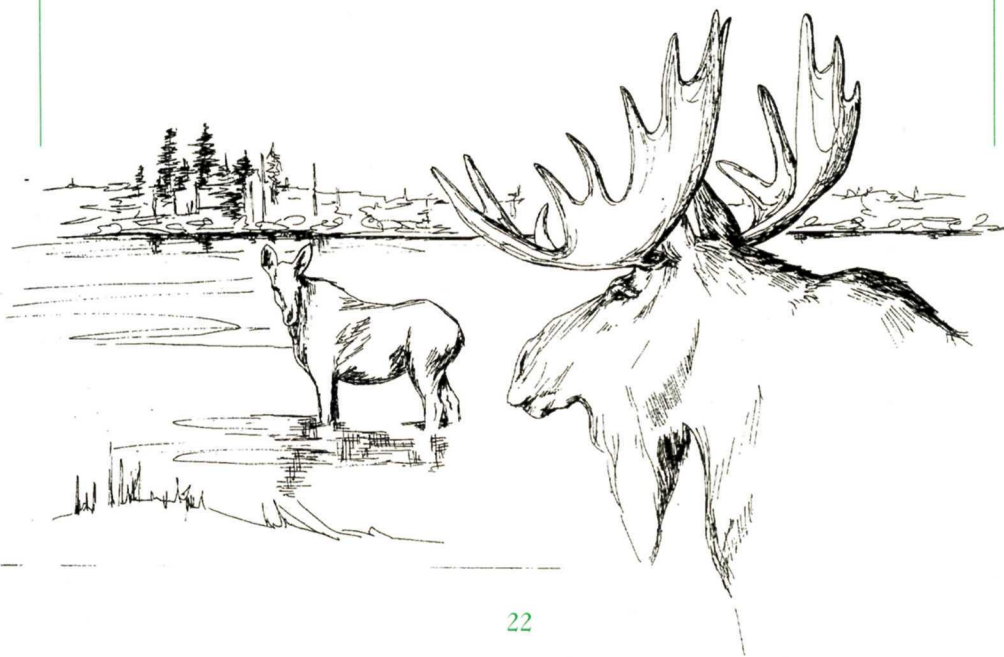
P.M. After lunch—

- Take a whale-watching cruise from Cheticamp or Pleasant Bay
- Or, from Corney Brook Campground, hike the Skyline Trail. You'll see the Cabot Trail far below. Then visit French Mountain Lake, 2 km (1.2 mi.) north along the Cabot Trail, and watch for moose
- Or, from Cheticamp Campground, stroll along La Bloque Beach or visit Plage St. Pierre, a supervised beach just south of the park.
- After dinner, enjoy an evening sunset from Le Buttereau and plan to attend the Cheticamp outdoor theatre program.

DAY THREE

A.M. After breakfast—

- Break camp and travel toward Ingonish. Walk the French Mountain Bog Trail on the plateau just before Benjies Lake.
- Stop at MacKenzie Mountain Lookoff for excellent photo opportunities.
- Discover the Lone Shieling Trail, 8 km (5 mi.) east of Pleasant Bay. This 20-minute walk through an old sugar maple forest is not to be missed!



- Rising 457 m (1,500 ft.) above sea level, North Mountain offers several lookoffs with good photo opportunities and displays telling you more about the Park's heritage.
- Explore the North Highlands Museum in Cape North.

Lunch–

- Eat lunch in Cape North, South Harbour or Neil's Harbour, and visit local craft shops, or have a picnic at Cabot's Landing Provincial Park, which commemorates John Cabot's landing in Cape Breton.

P.M.–

- Enjoy a leisurely afternoon on the beach at Cabot's Landing
- Or visit Bay St. Lawrence and Meat Cove at the northern tip of Cape Breton Island.
- You'll want to arrive at Broad Cove Campground before 4 p.m. to have a choice of campsites.
- Explore Ingonish. Shop for crafts and mementos
- Or visit Lakie's Head Lookoff to watch for whales and take photos.
- After dinner, attend the program at Broad Cove Campground outdoor theatre.

DAY FOUR

A.M. After breakfast–

For the whole family:

- Pack a picnic lunch and spend the entire day at Ingonish Beach
- Or arrange a boat tour out of a local community
- Or hike Middle Head Trail and be captivated by a world of seabirds, whales and coastal headlands.

For golfers:

- Golf the superb 18-hole Highlands Golf Links.

P.M. After lunch–

- Relax at Ingonish Beach
- Or explore more of the Park's protected wilderness. Try the Clyburn Valley Trail through a rich hardwood forest and an abandoned gold mine or the Warren Lake Trail, highly recommended for family excursions. Both trails are excellent for viewing wildlife.
- After dinner, attend the program at Broad Cove Campground outdoor theatre.



Help protect the Park's rare beauty. Before you leave, drop your trash into one of our garbage cans or recycling bins. You can make a difference.

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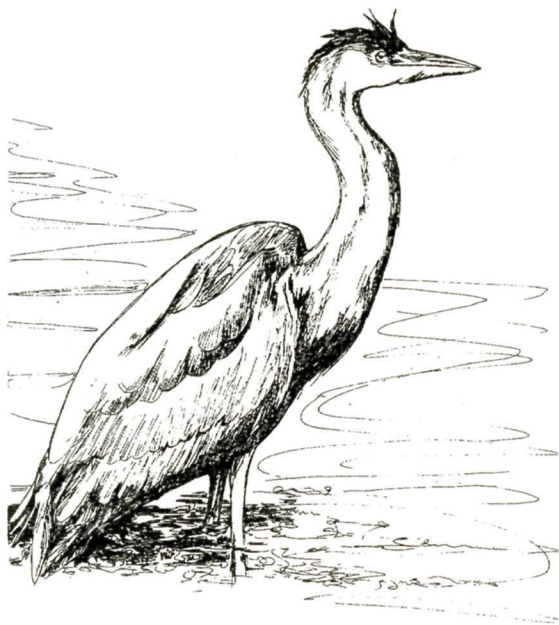
Les Amis du Plein Air is a non-profit organization whose goals include promoting outdoor recreation and education in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Les Amis operates the Park's information centre bookshops and sponsors selected cultural and recreational events. Revenues generated from Les Amis' services and programs are used to produce books and materials about the Park and to encourage the conservation and wise use of the outdoors. Les Amis welcomes donations to promote its many activities.

Les Amis staff are friendly and well-informed. They'll be glad to help you become more familiar with the Park.

To find out how to become a member of Les Amis, give a donation or receive a mail order catalogue, write or phone: Les Amis du Plein Air, P.O. Box 472, Cheticamp, NS, B0E 1H0, (902) 224-3814 or 224-3403.

KEEP THE PARK A WONDERFUL PLACE.

Pack out garbage or dispose of it in marked garbage receptacles. Don't pick wildflowers, deface rocks or damage the trees. And remember, no collecting of any kind is permitted.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

Cape Breton Highlands National Park protects 950 sq. km (366 sq. mi.) of magnificent highlands and ocean wilderness. It was created in 1936 as the first national park in the Atlantic Provinces.

How To Reach the Park

The Park is accessible via the picturesque Cabot Trail, a 300-km (184-mi.) long loop, which exits the Trans Canada Highway at Baddeck.

By Car from Canso Causeway

Driving time: Two hours

- Take Trans Canada Highway 105 to just outside Baddeck.
- Follow the Cabot Trail north to Margaree Forks and Cheticamp.
- The Park entrance is 4.8 km (3 mi.) north of Cheticamp.

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

- Follow Route 19 (the Ceilidh Trail) along the west coast of Cape Breton Island to Margaree Forks. Then follow the Cabot Trail to Cheticamp.
- The Park entrance is 4.8 km (3 mi.) north of Cheticamp.

By Car from Sydney

Driving Time: Two hours

- Take Route 125 to Trans Canada Highway 105.
- Take the Cabot Trail at the Englishtown ferry or at South Gut St. Ann's to Ingonish Beach.

By Plane

- The Park is a 2.5-hour drive from Sydney Airport and a five-hour

drive from Halifax Airport. Rental cars are available at both airports.

Fees

Fee schedules vary according to the services provided, the length of stay and the season. Check at the information centres for current fees.



Services for Disabled Visitors

Wheelchair-accessible washrooms are available at the Cheticamp Information Centre, North Bay Beach and Black Brook Beach Areas. Toilet facilities on the French Mountain Bog Trail are wheelchair accessible. Broad Cove Campground has a wheelchair-accessible washroom, shower facilities and campsites.

Weather

Invigorating summer sea breezes near the coast can be best appreciated by wearing a sweater or light jacket. Inland air is warmer by 5° C. (10° F).

Average Temperatures

Summer: 20°-25° C. (72°-82° F.)

Fall: 10°-15° C. (52°-62° F.)

Winter: -10°- 5° C. (12°-22° F.)



Public Washrooms

Available at the Cheticamp and Ingonish information centres. All picnic areas have washroom facilities, usually pit privies. Lone Shieling Trail has a serviced washroom open from mid-May to mid-October.



Public and Emergency Telephones

Available at the Cheticamp and Ingonish information centres, the



Pass this planner on to a friend or drop it into one of our brochure return bins.

entrances to Cheticamp, Ingonish and Broad Cove Campgrounds, the Grande Anse Warden Station, some roadside emergency shelters and all nearby communities.

Vehicles

During the summer and fall months, all vehicles operating in the Park (except through-traffic) are required to have a national park motor vehicle license. A variety of licenses is available for purchase at both Park entrances. Check the insert or call the Park for more details, (902) 285-2691.

Licensed motorcycles, mini-bikes, mopeds and all-terrain vehicles are permitted on roads only. Driving off-road in fields, bogs, beaches or along hiking trails is not permitted. Motorized vehicles can cause damage to the natural environment that can take decades to restore.

Pets

Pets are allowed in the Park, but must be kept on a leash at all times. Pets must not interfere with the wildlife or with the enjoyment and safety of other visitors.

Campfires

Campfires may only be set in fireplaces provided. Camp stoves are highly recommended.

Cheque Cashing

Major credit cards and traveller's cheques are accepted. Personal cheques are accepted with two pieces of identification.

For more information, write or call:

Cape Breton Highlands
National Park
Ingonish Beach, Nova Scotia
B0C 1L0

Cheticamp Information Centre:
Year-round: (902) 224-2306

Ingonish Information Centre:
Mid-May to Mid-October:
(902) 285-2535

Ingonish Operations Office:
Mid-October to Mid-May:
(902) 285-2691



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

ADMISSION

Free

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

1992

May 24-30	Elderhostel
June 1-19	Children's Festival
July 18	Parks Day
Sept. 19	Harvest Home
Oct. 11-17	Elderhostel

1993

Feb. 15 Heritage Day

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Fees are subject to change. All fees include the Goods and Services Tax.

ADMISSION

National Park Motor Vehicle Licenses are required by all motorists travelling in the Park from June to September.*

One Day:	\$ 5.00	Chartered Bus (daily):	\$ 50.00
Four Day:	\$ 10.00	Chartered Bus (annual):	\$ 500.00
Annual:	\$ 30.00 (valid in all Canadian National Parks)		
Park Annual	\$ 20.00 (valid only in Cape Breton Highlands)		

*There is no charge for seniors over sixty-five.

CAMPING FEES*

		Daily	Four Day**
Cheticamp	Tent (with fireplace)	\$ 11.25	33.75
	Tent (without fireplace)	\$ 10.00	30.00
	RV (with 3-way hookups)	\$ 15.50	46.50
Corney Brook	Tent	\$ 10.00	30.00
MacIntosh Brook	Tent	\$ 7.75	23.25
Big Intervale	Tent	\$ 8.75	26.25
Broad Cove	Tent	\$ 10.00	30.00
	RV (with 3-way hookups)	\$ 15.50	46.50
Ingonish	Tent	\$ 10.00	30.00

*Weekly permits also available

**Pay for three days, camp for four

HIGHLANDS GOLF LINKS FEES*

Daily:	\$ 22.25	Four Day:	\$ 64.75	Weekly:	\$ 107.75
Ten Hole:	\$ 15.25	Twilight:	\$ 12.75		

*Season and bulk permits also available

FISHING

Daily fishing permit:	\$ 4.00	Seasonal fishing permit:	\$ 13.00
Weekly fishing permit:	\$ 6.00	Salmon fishing permit:	\$ 13.00

BACKPACKING

All backpackers must obtain a backcountry use permit, available at the information centres in Cheticamp and Ingonish.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

1992

July 18 Parks Day

1993

Feb. 13 Heritage Day

1992 marks the 60th anniversary of the Cabot Trail. Check at one of the Park information centres for more details.

FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Fees are subject to change. All fees include the Goods and Services Tax.

ADMISSION*

June 1 to Sept. 30 Family \$ 16.00
 Adult \$ 6.50
 Child \$ 3.25

**Free admission for children under five years old and seniors over sixty-five*

NON-PROFIT GROUP ADMISSION RATES

\$1.00 per person

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

1992

Aug. 25 Feast of St. Louis

1993

Feb. 14 Heritage Day

MARCONI NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

ADMISSION

Free

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

April 25, 1992 International Marconi Day

ST. PETERS CANAL

ADMISSION

Free

GRASSY ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

ADMISSION

Free

BOAT SERVICE TO GRASSY ISLAND

Free

Departs wharf at Visitor Reception Centre each day (conditions permitting) at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The following chart of 1992 festivals and events is offered to help you plan your vacation around activities of possible interest. The activities listed are those occurring in towns and cities near the national parks and historic sites on Cape Breton Island. While travelling, inquire about Canada Day activities, held in most communities on or around July 1.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

July 18-Aug. 15	Centre Bras d'Or Festival of the Arts, Baddeck
July 25-26	Shriners Field of Dreams, Big Baddeck
July 30-Aug. 2	Canadian National Hobie Cat Sailing Championships, Baddeck
Aug. 2-8	Annual Bras d'Or Yacht Club Regatta, Baddeck
Aug. 21-Sept. 13	Victoria County Cycling Festival, Baddeck
Sept. 22-26	Exhibition of Crafts – Fall Event, Baddeck
Aug. 6-9	Nova Scotia Gaelic Mod, St. Ann's
July 18	Traditional Codfish Supper, Iona
Aug. 1	Highland Village Day, Iona
Aug. 23	Traditional Codfish Supper, Iona
July 13-19	Whycocomagh Summer Festival, Whycocomagh
July 9-12	Lake Ainslie Heritage Festival, East Lake Ainslie
July 15-18	Firemen's Ceilidh Days, Scotsville

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

July and Aug.	Scottish Outdoor Concerts (Tuesdays), Ingonish
June 27	The Re-enactment of John Cabot's Landing in Cape Breton, Cape North
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Craft Fair, Cape North
Oct. 11	Craft Fair and Flea Market, Cape North
July and Aug.	Acadian/Scottish Outdoor Concerts (Sundays), Cheticamp
July 19-26	Cheticamp Fire Week
July 31-Aug. 2	Le Festival de l'Escaouette, Cheticamp
Aug. 30	Musique Royale, Cheticamp
Aug. 9	Scottish Concert, St. Joseph du Moine
May 22-24	Cabot Trail Relay Race
Sept. 4-7	Cabot Trail Bicycle Tour

MARCONI NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

July 9-18	Bay Days, Glace Bay
June 29-Aug. 31	Festival on the Bay (live theatre), Glace Bay
July 12-19	New Waterford Coal Dust Days, New Waterford
July 17-26	Dominion Seaside Days, Dominion

FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

July 18-26	Summer Festival (parade, outdoor entertainment), Louisbourg
Aug. 9	Musique Royale, Louisbourg
Aug. 23	Musique Royale, Louisbourg
Sept. 13	Annual S&L Railway Reunion, Louisbourg
June 29-July 7	Mira Gala Festival, Marion Bridge
June 29-Aug. 31	Festival on the Bay, Sydney
July 16-18	Festival of Light (fireworks festival), Sydney
Aug. 1-8	Action Week, Sydney
June 27-Sept. 3	Dockside Ceilidh (daily), North Sydney
July 1	Canada Day Music Festival, North Sydney
July 16	25th Annual Rose and Flower Show, North Sydney
Aug. 18-23	Cape Breton County Exhibition, North Sydney
Aug. 16	Ben Eoin Fiddle and Folk Festival, Ben Eoin

ST. PETERS CANAL

Mid-July	Down Home Fun Days, Samsonville/French Cove
Sept. 3-7	Festival Days, River Bourgeois
July 24-26	21st Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Festival, L'Ardoise
July 28-Aug. 1	Festival acadien de L'Ardoise
Aug. 8	Grand River Festivities, Grand River
June 28	5th Annual Louisdale Lion's Extravaganza Evening
July 3-5	Arichat Ocean View Festival, Arichat
July 4	The Arichat Cup (yacht race), Arichat
Aug. 12-16	Festival acadien de Petit-de-Grat
Aug. 21-23	Janvrin's Fest '92, Janvrin's Island
July 12	Strawberry Festival, Big Pond
July 19	28th Annual Big Pond Concert, Big Pond
July 1-5	Festival of the Strait, Port Hawkesbury
Aug. 16	Musique Royale, River Denys

GRASSY ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

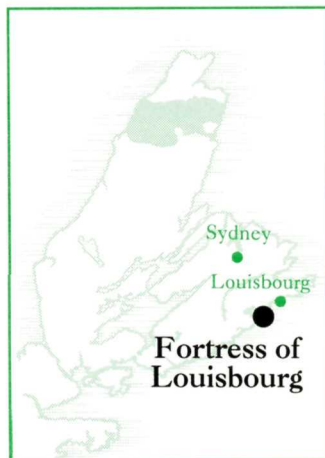
Aug. 9	Provincial Seamen's Memorial, Canso
Aug. 13-16	Canso Regatta, Canso
July 18-26	Guysborough Come Home Week, Guysborough

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site is located south of Sydney on Route 22, just beyond the modern town of Louisbourg. Driving time from Sydney is 30 minutes. An alternate route is the scenic and coastal Marconi Trail, Route 255, from Glace Bay. Driving time is one hour.



SEASON

Park is accessible year-round.
Seasonal services.

HOURS OF OPERATION

June and September: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Full services available.

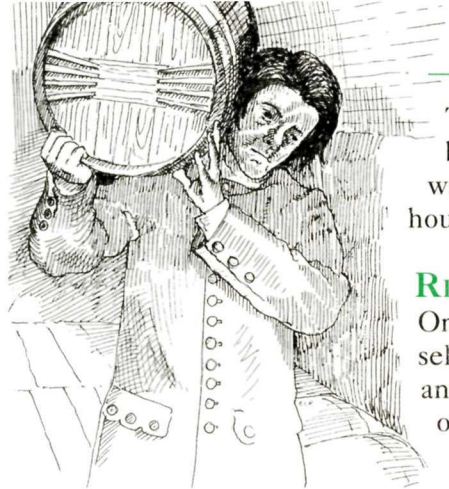
July and August: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Full services available.
Enhanced animation.

May and October: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Reduced services. No animators.
Unescorted visits to the Site are not permitted, however guided outside walking tours are available in English and French.

November to April: Brief, guided outside walking tours available only with advance arrangements.
Winter activities, including cross-country skiing, are available at no charge.

ADMISSION

June 1 to Sept. 30: Family, adult and children admission charges apply. Annual permits are also available. See the insert for fees or call the Site at (902) 733-2280.
Children under five years old and seniors over 65 visit free.



The cost of admission covers your transit bus ride, entrance to all buildings and guided walking tours. If you purchase your ticket two hours before closing, it's good for the next day.

RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

One full day. Plan a minimum of four hours to see selected buildings and exhibits at the Fortress and some of the remaining 50 sq. km (20 sq. mi.) of the Site.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

Your first stop is the Visitor Reception Centre, a few minutes beyond the modern town of Louisbourg. Ample free parking for all vehicles is available. You'll take a 10-minute bus ride from the centre to the Fortress. Remember to bring your camera, film, warm clothing and whatever else you'll need during the day. (It's time consuming to return for something you forget.) And be sure to prepare for plenty of walking by wearing comfortable footwear.

WHILE YOU'RE AT THE VISITOR RECEPTION CENTRE—

- Ask for available materials about the Fortress and other Site activities.
- Pick up your map of the Site.
- Purchase your admission ticket.
- Buy the *Fortress of Louisbourg Guide* for detailed information on each of the properties at the Site.
- Discover the boutique.
- Visit the interpretation area, and view exhibits on the lower level.
- Watch the audio/visual presentation on the Site's three themes: Seaport, Fortress and Community.
- Board the bus. Enjoy the audio tape of the Site's history, and get ready to step back into the 18th century!

While visiting the reconstruction, allow plenty of time to stop and talk with the "residents" of Louisbourg. They are knowledgeable and friendly. Staff at the Visitor Reception Centre and throughout the Site want to help you make the most of your visit. If you need help or have any questions, just ask.



Our heritage is precious and has taken years to restore. Help us to preserve it. Do not touch or handle artifacts or reproductions.

TOURS, SIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

VISITING THE FORTRESS

The bus ride from the Visitor Reception Centre ends at a fishing property. The fishing industry was the mainstay of Louisbourg and of extreme importance to France. This humble dwelling belonged to 75-year-old Jeanne Galbaret, who lived here with her third husband, 34-year-old Georges Des Roches.

An interpretive guide will give you a short, informative orientation after you disembark. Listen for special daily events and activities.

At the Dauphin Gate, you'll be stopped by the sentry on duty. Most likely, he'll let you pass! When you do, you'll enter 18th-century Louisbourg, capital of Île Royale (Cape Breton Island).

GUIDED WALKING TOURS

From June to September the Site offers entertaining and informative guided walking tours of the Fortress. These tours are an excellent way to become familiar with the Site and some of its historical secrets before you explore on your own.

Special interest group tours can be arranged, but require advance booking. For more information, call (902) 733-2280.

Tours are available daily on a regular basis. All tours are outside walking tours and start at the De la Plagne House. Arrive 30 minutes before the start of the tour to travel to the Fortress from the Visitor Reception Centre. The tours take about 90 minutes and set the mood for the rest of your visit.

June: *English* 1 p.m., 3 p.m. *French* 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

July and August: *English* 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
French 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

September: *English* 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
French 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

May and October: *English* 10 a.m., 2 p.m. *French* 1 p.m.
Tours start at the Visitor Reception Centre.

Louisbourg was the richest American jewel that had ever adorned the French crown.

Victor Hugo Paltsits, 1867-1952



ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

Periodically, specific archaeological excavations are carried out within the Site. These “digs” uncover remains of family homes, commercial properties and other buildings and are an important link to understanding our past as well as providing direction on how we portray life in 1744.

Enquire at the Visitor Reception Centre about opportunities to visit a “dig.”

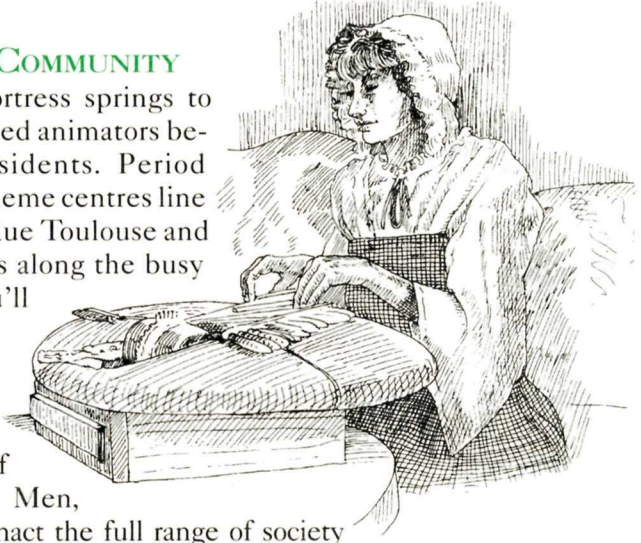
LIVING WORKING COMMUNITY

Each summer the Fortress springs to life. Dozens of costumed animators become the town’s residents. Period homes, exhibits and theme centres line the central streets of Rue Toulouse and Rue Royale, as well as along the busy waterfront (quay). You’ll see similar facilities at the King’s Bastion.

Costumed animators re-create the living, working community of the summer of 1744. Men, women and children enact the full range of society from the leisurely activities of the rich to the hard physical labour of the poor. These animators become engineers, musicians, soldiers, merchants, street vendors, breadmakers and servants.

The “residents” will surprise and delight you with stories, strolls, dances, music, arrests, guard duty, nail making, cooking and sewing, gardening, animal care and many more activities.

- At the elegant home of Étienne Verrier, the king’s engineer, meet Claude Verrier. Find out about the layout of the town, its fortifications and the engineer’s activities at the time of the siege.
- Enter a life of navigation and shipping at the Rodrigue Property.
- Talk with the “old salt” sea captain. Listen to his tales of adventure about shipping, swashbuckling privateers and sly traders.
- Experience the family life of a military officer of the Compagnies Franches de la Marine. Visit the home of Captain and Madame De Gannes. Discover some tricks of open-hearth cooking and the skill of lace making.
- At the Artillery Forge, watch blacksmiths at work. Animators craft nails, ironwork and chains.



KING'S BASTION

Surrounded by ramparts, the King's Bastion is a fort within a fortress. The King's Bastion Barracks is the largest building on site and in its day was one of the largest buildings in North America.

Governor's Apartment and Stables

At the entrance to the elegant governor's wing, listen to soldiers talking about the difference between upper-class Louisbourg and lower-class soldiers.

Chapelle St. Louis

Discover the chapel that served as Louisbourg's parish church. Find soldiers right outside talking about religion and punishment (the prison is nearby!).

Barracks

One or more "off-duty" soldiers are often preparing food and ready for conversation.

"Two Decades" Exhibit

A fascinating look at the reconstruction of Louisbourg during the 1960s and 1970s.

Artifacts Display

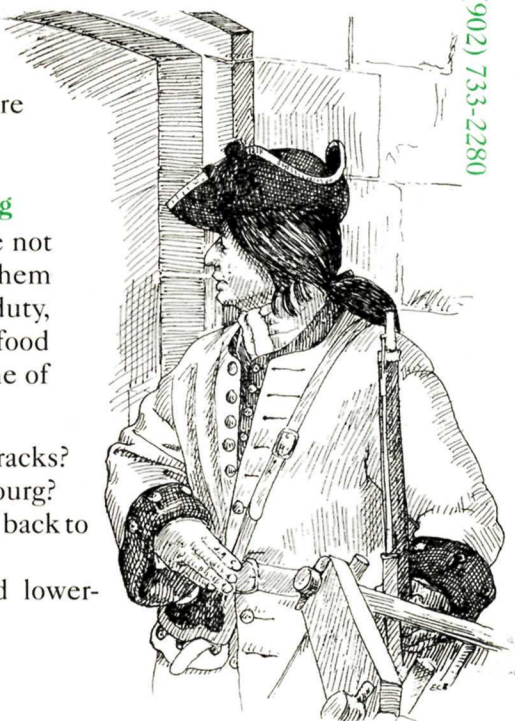
See actual artifacts found during 20 years of archaeological excavation.

Wheelchair-accessible washrooms are available next door.

A Soldier's Life in 1744 Louisbourg

The soldiers of 1744 Louisbourg were not happy with their lives, but you'll find them happy to talk with you about guard duty, living conditions, armaments, security, food and a soldier's life in general. Ask some of these questions or some of your own:

- How many soldiers lived in the barracks?
- What was it like to serve at Louisbourg?
- Why did the British give Louisbourg back to the French in 1748?
- Why were the soldiers considered lower-class citizens?



THEME CENTRES

Theme centres are modern areas within period buildings that offer a variety of activities relating to specific elements of the Louisbourg story. In some cases period animation and comfort stations are located in the same building. Theme centres are housed in the following buildings:



De la Plagne House

- Guided tours start here.
- Watch a film about Louisbourg as the capital of Île Royale.
- See an exhibit of famous quotes and impressions of Louisbourg.
- Visit the gardens in the back yard.

Ordonnateur's Residence

Home of François Bigot, the colony's financial administrator. Witness daily life of the upper class.

- See magnificent costumes.
- Watch impromptu minuets.
- Listen to discussions about dance, music, gambling and finances.
- Talk with 18th-century civil servants.
- Visit the gallery of Lewis Parker paintings.
- Hear harpsichord music.
- See an exhibit of 18th-century objects.
- Visit the gardens in the back yard.

DuHaget House

- Watch *Compagnies Franches de la Marine* (15-minute video about a Louisbourg soldier's life).
- See an exhibit on how the Fortress was built and operated.
- Visit the gardens in the back yard.

De la Perelle Property

- See the *Then & Now* exhibit. Compare 18th- and 20th-century concepts on religion, death and marriage. Exhibit panels and pictures create the story.



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EXHIBITS

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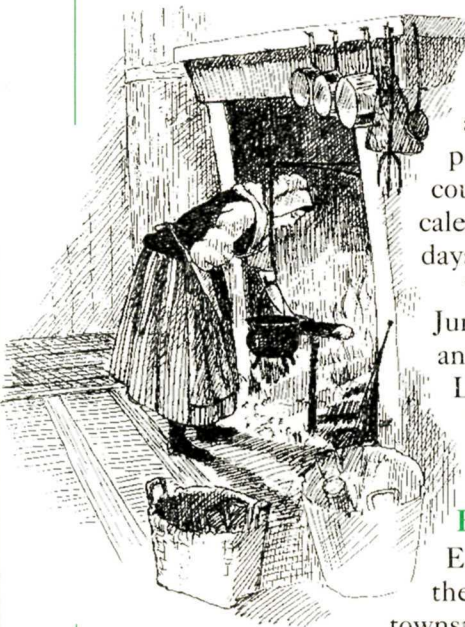
Discover period building techniques, especially those that were used to reconstruct Louisbourg.

Ruins Walk

From June to September, walk through the 18th-century ruins of buildings and fortifications. A self-guiding brochure will direct you. Exhibit panels and photos describe the ruins.

Museum

Constructed in 1935, the museum has been restored to its original appearance. It contains a scale model of the Fortress and some of the Site's earliest excavated artifacts.



DINING IN THE FORTRESS

Costumed staff in three period restaurants prepare and serve delicious food and beverages based on 18th-century tradition and recipes. You can enjoy a light lunch or a filling full-course meal. The restaurants observe the church calendar. So don't plan on eating meat dishes on days of abstinence (Fridays and Saturdays)!

The restaurants and bakery are open from June 1 to September 30. For more information and group reservations, contact the Fortress of Louisbourg Volunteers, P.O. Box 418, Louisbourg, NS, B0A 1M0. From June to September, you can also call (902) 733-3230.

Hôtel de la Marine

Enjoy a full meal or a light lunch while you join the fun at this waterfront tavern. Here the townspeople and off-duty soldiers would have eaten, drank, gambled and gossiped. In keeping with the period and type of establishment, you'll get one large spoon as your eating utensil. Plan on sharing a knife!

L'Épée Royale

Next door, experience fine dining and a charming New World ambience. L'Épée Royale serves meals fit for a prosperous 18th-century clientele. Here you can show off your proper breeding and eat with a full set of cutlery.

Destouches House

Have a light lunch or a snack at the Maison Destouches, the residence of baker Nicolas Pugnant dit Destouches and his family.

King's Bakery

Buy a soldier's daily ration of bread! Choose your loaf as it comes fresh from the ovens.

SHOPPING

Gifts, souvenirs and fine reproductions are available from the boutique at the Visitor Reception Centre. This is the only shopping opportunity at the Fortress, other than buying meals or bread from the restaurants and bakery. Explore the boutique when you arrive or on your return trip to the Visitor Reception Centre.



HIKING TRAILS

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the coast or down one of the Site's trails. Most of these trails are not maintained, so be sure to wear appropriate footwear. You'll discover freshwater brooks and lakes near many of the trails. It's not surprising to hear chickadees, woodpeckers, blue jays, owls and ducks. You may even see a whitetail deer, fox, mink or coyote. Overnight camping is not allowed.



FISHING

For rod and reel enthusiasts, choose from a number of streams, brooks and lakes. You'll find speckled trout in accessible waters. Relax by one of three brooks: Kennington Cove, Landing Cove or Gerratt. Or hike the Old French Road walking trail to enjoy angling at one of the more remote lakes.

Some fishing areas are not clearly marked, so plan to check at the Visitor Reception Centre for more specific directions and trail conditions.

Bring your valid national park or provincial fishing license with you. Neither is available for sale at the Site.



Protect freshwater fish: observe catch limits and fishing seasons, and use barbless hooks.

PICNIC AREAS

Picnic near the site of the oldest lighthouse in Canada or at landing areas of siege forces. Experience the jagged coastline of massive boulders. Watch for harbour seals, pothead whales and boats.

- Walk through the field near the Royal Battery parking lot and see visible ruins with descriptive panels.
- At the Marconi picnic area, choose outside cooking shelters and a view of Louisbourg Harbour and the Fortress.
- Invigorating oceanside picnicking is available at Kennington Cove.

BEACHES

There are two beautiful ocean beaches offering supervised and non-supervised swimming at Kennington Cove and Anson's Cove. Take a walk and feel the spray from ocean waves. Or have a picnic. Kennington Cove is 5.1 km (3.2 mi.) from the Fortress.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

In winter, you can enjoy 9 km (5.5 mi.) of groomed and 16 km (10 mi.) of ungroomed ski trails—an exhilarating experience for every level of skier. The 5 km (3 mi.) Kennington Cove Road, an excellent trail for the novice skier, is well-groomed and offers a shelter at the halfway point. A beautiful ocean view awaits you at the end of the trail, serviced with pit toilets.

Intermediate skiers will be challenged by the Old French Road. This trail is groomed to Cavanagh Lake (4 km/2.5 mi.) and runs through mixed hardwoods and balsam fir with a few steep sections and no facilities. The skilled skier can continue on to the west boundary of the park on either the Kennington Cove Road, an additional 6.5 km (4 mi.), or on the Old French Road, an extra 8 km (5 mi.). But be prepared. There are no facilities and the trail is ungroomed.

Wardens regularly patrol groomed sections of the trails during the ski season and are available at all times to answer your questions on the Site's natural resources.

SPECIAL ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Feast of St. Louis. August 25. Rated as one of the top 100 festivals in North America, the Feast of St. Louis is celebrated each year on August 25. This feast day commemorates King Louis IX (1214-1270), once patron saint of France.

Enjoy the re-creation of this grand celebration of the 18th-century with cannon salutes, musket firings, dancing, gambling, children's games,

make-up demonstrations, wandering musicians and a Te Deum sung in the chapel. Fortress hours are extended and festivities conclude with a bonfire.

Heritage Day. As part of a national celebration, Heritage Day is held annually on the third Sunday in February and offers Canadians a chance to explore and commemorate their natural and cultural heritage. Check the insert for the date, and plan to participate in the many activities available at the Site. Visitors are invited to photograph the Site and chat with costumed interpreters in several period buildings. Light meals, coffee and hot chocolate are available. Skiing and skating are also available on site, and the modern town of Louisbourg hosts a number of special events (conditions permitting). This is an ideal opportunity to capture on film the magic of Louisbourg and the surrounding area in mid-winter.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ORGANIZED GROUPS

Special presentations and tours are available for school groups, bus tours and other special interest groups, such as senior citizens, garden clubs and scout groups. By booking in advance, presentations can be tailored to meet specific needs.

Separate fees are in effect for groups, adults and students. See the insert for details or call (902) 733-2280.

For off-site use, schools can reserve an education kit, available for two weeks at no charge. Each kit includes video cassettes and filmstrips on Louisbourg and the lives of people who lived there; as well as manuals, brochures and reproductions of artifacts. These kits are very popular, so be sure to reserve well in advance. Resource people are also available to make presentations to classes within a reasonable driving distance.

For more information about Louisbourg's special services, contact the Site at (902) 733-2280.



THE FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG VOLUNTEERS

This non-profit organization contributes to costumed animation; supports special events and research projects; assists in publishing books and articles; and undertakes new projects and initiatives that mutually benefit the Volunteers and the Site. The organization's membership totals more than 350 individuals. Nearly one-quarter of the members are children active in the Fortress' animation program. The Volunteers members contribute more than 9,000 hours of service each year.

The Volunteers operate the Fortress' food services and the boutique at the Visitor Reception Centre. The organization also sponsors the drumming program, Youth Work Experience Program and 18th-century costume shows.

RESOURCES AND SIGHTS TO SEE IN THE MODERN TOWN OF LOUISBOURG

Just 2 km (1 mi.) from the Fortress is the modern town of Louisbourg. Nestled around a scenic harbour, you'll find a busy fishing community that was once an important port for the shipment of Cape Breton coal. While in Louisbourg, visit the Louisbourg Market Square, the Atlantic Statiquarium Marine Museum, the Louisbourg House of Dolls and the Sydney and Louisbourg Railway Station (now a museum and visitor information centre). Inquire at the information centre about deep-sea fishing, diving tours and guided walking tours of the town's waterfront.

A full range of dining, accommodations, camping and other visitor services is available in the modern town of Louisbourg.

TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION

The Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site is a faithful reproduction of an 18th-century town. As such, many areas require caution when visiting. Some cobblestone walking areas are uneven and dim lighting inside buildings may cause you to stumble. Ramparts and walls are unprotected by guard rails or barricades. While at the Site, you may see both domestic and wild animals. Their actions are unpredictable; do not try to pet or feed them. To ensure a safe and enjoyable visit, be sure children know about these dangers.

Areas outside the townsite are also subject to the normal hazards associated with outdoor recreation areas. Beaches, hiking trails, wilderness-viewing areas and backcountry roads are all there to be enjoyed, but in a safe and cautious manner.



Be sure to remove aluminum or plastic rings and tops from glass bottles before dropping them into our recycling bins.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

The Fortress of Louisbourg consists of 6,700 hectares (16,549 acres) on the magnificent and historically significant Louisbourg Harbour. The Fortress is located 2 km (1 mi.) from the town of Louisbourg.

How To Reach the Site

By Car from Glace Bay

Driving time: One hour

- Take scenic Route 255, the Marconi Trail, from Glace Bay (51 km or 32 mi.).

By Car From Canso Causeway

Driving time: 2.5 hours

- Take Route 4, the Fleur-de-Lis Trail, or Trans Canada Highway 104 to Sydney (180 km or 111 mi.)
- Or follow Trans Canada Highway 105 through Baddeck to North Sydney. Take Highway 125 to Sydney.

- Take Exit 8 near Sydney to Route 22. Fortress of Louisbourg is 34 km (21 mi.).

By Plane

- Fly into the Sydney Airport on Air Nova (Air Canada) or Air Atlantic (Canadian) airlines. Rental cars are available.

Parking Facilities

Ample parking is available for cars, buses and recreational vehicles at the Visitor Reception Centre.

Off-season Services

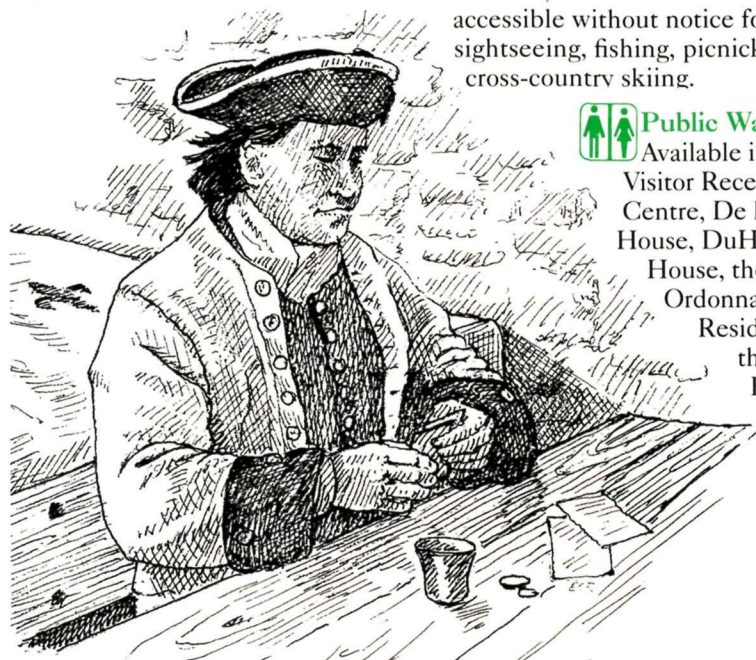
Visitors are welcome to see the Fortress free of charge during May and October, the Fortress' "off-season" months. However, it is important to note that services and staff are greatly reduced and most Site buildings are closed.

From November to April, advance arrangements are required to visit the Fortress, but recreation areas are accessible without notice for hiking, sightseeing, fishing, picnicking and cross-country skiing.



Public Washrooms

Available in the Visitor Reception Centre, De la Plagne House, DuHaget House, the Museum, Ordonnateur's Residence and the King's Bastion.



Wheelchair-accessible washrooms are available at the Visitor Reception Centre, De la Plagne House and the King's Bastion.



Public Telephones

Available in the Visitor Reception Centre, DuHaget House and the King's Bastion. These are equipped with volume control for visitors who are hard of hearing. The Visitor Reception Centre and King's Bastion telephones are placed low for wheelchair use.



Services for Disabled Visitors

If you have a disability, you can arrange for a special pass at the Visitor Reception Centre to drive your own vehicle to the Fortress. Wheelchairs are available upon request. The Fortress' streets are accessible to wheelchairs, with assistance. Portable ramps are available to provide wheelchair access to most buildings. If you need special assistance, just ask at the Visitor Reception Centre.

Weather

Prepare for an ocean climate with changing temperatures and conditions. Bring a jacket (preferably wind and water resistant). Summer temperatures range from 10-25° C. (57-77°F).

Animals

Please do not feed the animals while visiting the Fortress or the surrounding areas. It creates undue hardship for them and could be dangerous for other visitors.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in buildings.

Photographs

No flash photos are allowed in period buildings.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the Fortress. You may want to consider kennelling your pet in Sydney, since there are no kennels nearby. Otherwise, pets must be kept in vehicles. *Seeing-eye dogs are permitted in the Fortress.*

Cheque Cashing

The Site only accepts traveller's cheques and cash.

For more information, write or call:

Fortress of Louisbourg
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 160
Louisbourg, Nova Scotia
B0A 1M0

Taped information:
(902) 733-3100

Specific information:
(902) 733-2280



Marconi National Historic Site

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

The Marconi National Historic Site is located in Glace Bay at Table Head on Timmerman Street. Driving time from Ingonish is 2.5 hours. Driving time from Sydney is 30 minutes.

SEASON

June 1 to Sept. 15
No access remainder of year.

HOURS OF OPERATION

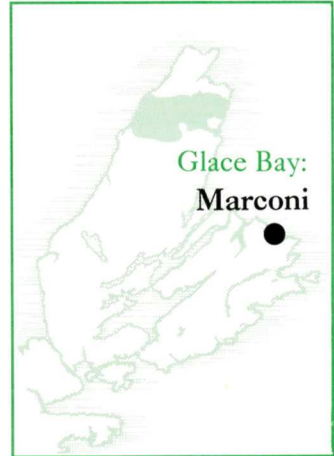
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ADMISSION

Free

RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

Plan to spend 30 minutes to see the exhibits at the Visitor Centre and the remains of the Table Head station.



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

The Marconi National Historic Site consists of the Visitor Centre and the site of the original Table Head station. All text is in English, French and Italian.

A guide will greet you at the entrance to the Visitor Centre and introduce you to the story of Guglielmo Marconi. Find out the best way to view the centre's exhibits and display area. And be sure to get a descriptive brochure.

Guides are available to help you enjoy your visit. Let them know if you need special assistance. And ask them all your questions!



We'd be happy to give you more information on how you can help the environment. For some tips, ask a guide for a copy of What Canadians Can Do For Their Environment.

SITE EXHIBITS

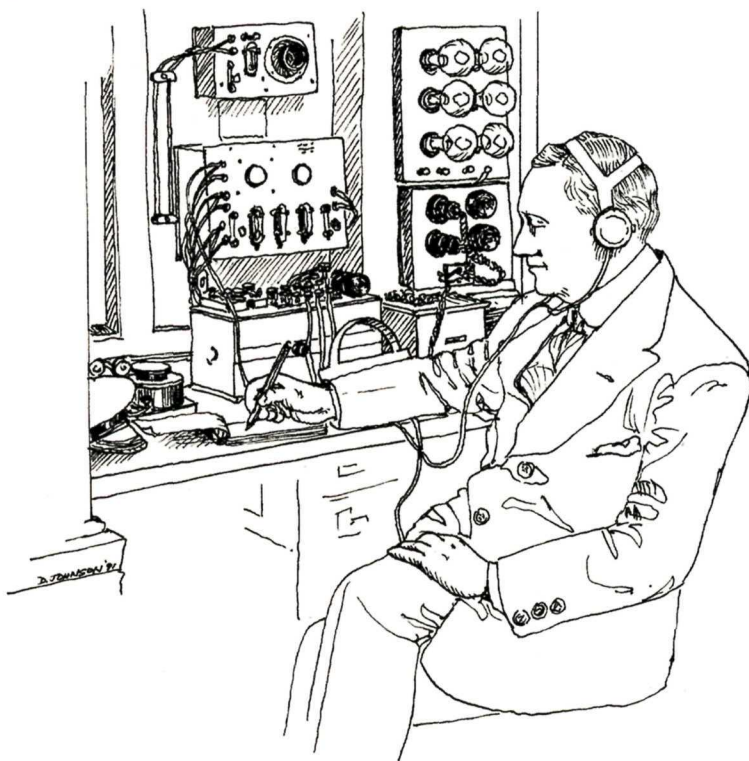
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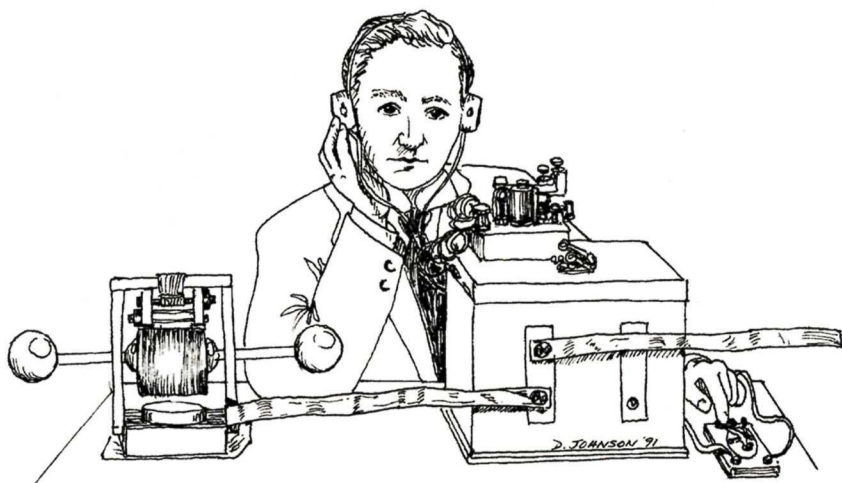
As you enter the Visitor Centre, you'll see a large, detailed model of the original Table Head station. Surrounding the model is a stimulating exhibit that re-creates the chronological events of Guglielmo Marconi's life and work.

Photographs, artifacts and models detail the outstanding events, dreams and successes of Marconi's life up to the time of his death in 1937. The exhibit reveals Marconi as a brilliant young inventor, a tireless physicist and a man more comfortable in the solitude of his yacht's seagoing laboratory than as an international celebrity.

- See equipment like that used by Marconi in his original wireless transmissions.
- Discover the difference between long-wave and short-wave technology.
- Learn about the "duplex system."
- Find out about Marconi's role in the dawn of ground-to-air transmission.

After viewing the exhibit, activate an electronic light display that illustrates three landmark stages in the development of Marconi's signal technology.





VAS EXHIBIT

While at the Site, you may even see Station VA1 VAS, an amateur radio station operated by members of the Sydney Amateur Radio Club. The call letters “VAS” stand for “Voice of the Atlantic Seaboard,” the original code letters of Guglielmo Marconi’s commercial ship-to-shore wireless service.

- Watch these volunteer operators send and receive messages from all over the world.
- Find out about ham radio operations on Cape Breton Island.
- Look through the printed materials for attractions and activities scheduled in Glace Bay.

WIRELESS HALL OF FAME

Discover the accomplishments of ten great pioneers of telecommunications (some of them Marconi’s rivals) in this photographic display area.

You’ll learn about Heinrich Hertz’s work with electromagnetic waves; Reginald Fessenden and the radiotelephone; Nikola Tesla’s invention of the induction motor; and Russia’s wireless pioneer, Aleksandr Popov.

What is wireless? The transmission of sound through the medium of the ionosphere rather than wires.

INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

On 15 December 1902, Guglielmo Marconi transmitted the first wireless message across the Atlantic from the station at Table Head to Poldhu, England.

The Table Head site is an extensive, barren promontory jutting out into

the Atlantic Ocean. Take a short walk along the interpretive trail on the site of the original station. Or relax and view the site from the sitting area near the window wall.

See the remains of the concrete foundations where the station's four 64-m (210-ft.) aerial towers and transmitter buildings stood. Interpretive signs use photos and text to describe the physical layout of this historic station.

Enjoy the rugged sea air and the spectacular views. But stay well back from the high and craggy cliffs. They can be dangerous.

SPECIAL ANNUAL PROGRAMS

International Marconi Day. Celebrated annually in late April. Major historic events connected to wireless radio communication have occurred in 15 locations around the world. Each year, amateur radio operators celebrate this little known fact by trying to contact as many of the 15 stations as possible. Operators raising ten or more contacts receive special recognition.

ADDITIONAL SIGHTS TO SEE IN GLACE BAY

Historically Glace Bay was the heart of coal mining in Eastern Canada. Today the town is known for a range of live performances and is the home of the annual Festival on the Bay, a summer-long theatre festival held at the Savoy Theatre and other nearby locations. Plan to visit some of the other historic sites, and enjoy the town's full range of services.

- Miners' Museum. Take a tour of the Ocean Deeps Mine and exhibits on the evolution of coal mining.
- Miners' Village. Visit the company store and homes that depict life in a mining community.
- Miners' Museum Little Theatre.
- Savoy Theatre. See live stage performances.
- Farm Market. Visit midday on Thursdays throughout the summer.

THE MARCONI TRAIL

From the Marconi National Historic Site, visit the Fortress of Louisbourg. Travel along the scenic and coastal Route 255. See wilderness coast with outcroppings of coal. Visit small, picturesque fishing ports, and see two other sites related to Marconi's life and work.



After picnicking at the Site, be sure to put your litter in one of our garbage cans or recycling bins. We recycle glass, aluminum cans and newsprint.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

The Site is located on five acres of the spectacular and rugged eastern coastline of Cape Breton Island. The Visitor Centre looks out over the Atlantic Ocean. The grounds are bound by 18-m (60-ft.) cliffs. From the Site, you can see the town of Glace Bay.

How To Reach the Site

By Car From Louisbourg

Driving time: One hour

- Take scenic Route 255, the Marconi Trail, from Louisbourg (51 km or 32 mi.).

By Car From Sydney

Driving time: 30 minutes

- Take Route 4 to Glace Bay (23 km or 15 mi.).

By Plane

- Fly into the Sydney Airport on Air Nova (Air Canada) or Air Atlantic (Canadian) airlines. Rental cars are available.

Parking Facilities

Ample free parking is available for cars, buses and recreational vehicles.



Public Washrooms

Available in the Visitor Centre. Washrooms are wheelchair accessible.



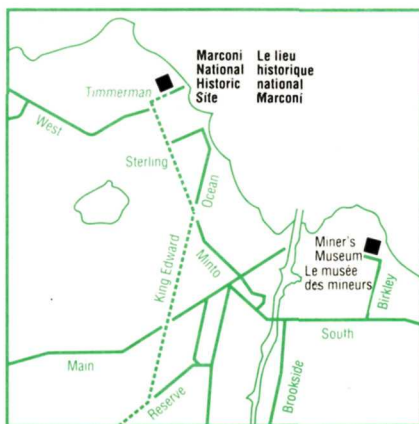
Public Telephones

There are no public telephones on site.



Services for Disabled Visitors

The Visitor Centre is wheelchair accessible. The walkway to the tower base is of fine gravel and is wheelchair accessible under most conditions.



Weather

Prepare for a windy, ocean climate. Summer temperatures range from 10-25° C. (57-77° F.).

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in the Visitor Centre.

Photographs

No flash photos are allowed.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the Visitor Centre.

For more information, write or call:

Marconi National Historic Site
c/o Alexander Graham Bell
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 159
Baddeck, Nova Scotia BOE 1B0

Year-round:
(902) 295-2069



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St. Peters Canal

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

St. Peters Canal is located 80 km (50 mi.) west of Sydney on Route 4. Driving time from Sydney is one hour. Driving time from Canso Causeway is one hour.

SEASON

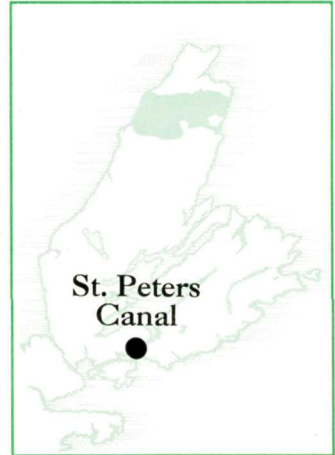
Accessible year-round.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Visit anytime.

ADMISSION

Free



FOR CANAL PASSAGE

Mid-May to Mid-June:	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mid-June to Early August:	8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Early August to Labour Day:	8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Early September to Mid-October:	8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

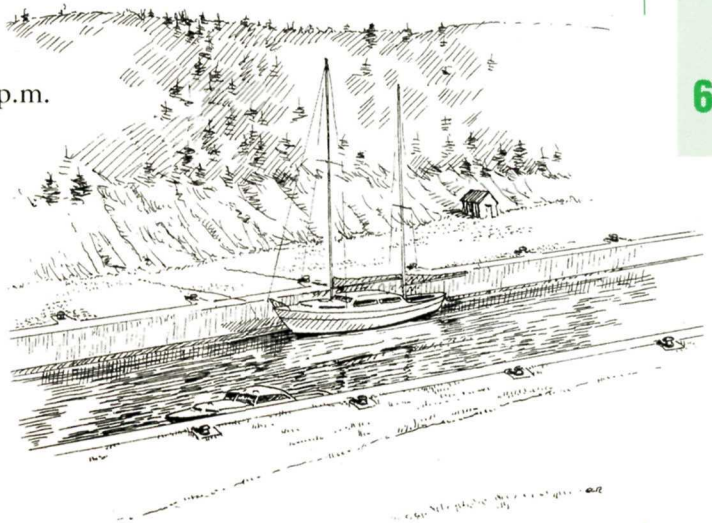
OFF-SEASON

Mid-October to
Mid-May: 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Twelve-hour advance notice is required for passage off-season.

RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

One hour to relax by the Canal, learn about locks and visit the nearby museum.



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

Visit our outdoor exhibit, which describes the functioning of the tidal-lock system between Bras d'Or Lake and the Atlantic Ocean. The staff will be glad to answer your questions. Or ask some of these:

- What are double-gate tidal locks?
- How do the locks work?
- How many boats travel through the Canal in a season?
- How high are the tides?
- What kinds of fish can you catch in the waters?
- How deep is the Canal?

CANAL SIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

PICNIC AREA

Plan to relax by the Canal, have lunch and watch for boats. Picnic tables are available. And you can see the tidal-lock system work from the shore.

NICOLAS DENYS MUSEUM

A short walk from the Canal office on the west bank. The museum is named after an entrepreneur who took possession of the small settlement of Fort Saint Pierre in 1650 and established an important fishing and fur-trading post. The museum contains a photographic exhibit of the Canal's construction and a display on the life of Nicolas Denys. A number of artifacts from the local area are also on display. Nicolas Denys Museum is owned and operated by the community of St. Peters.

Museum Season: June 1 to Sept. 30

Hours of operation: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission: Nominal fees are in effect for adults and children.
School groups are free.

BATTERY PROVINCIAL PARK

This park is adjacent to the Canal. It offers open and wooded campsites with ocean frontage on the locks. From here you can climb Mount Granville, the highest point in the region, to see the ruins of Fort Dorchester. From the top, you'll see the Canal and the village of St. Peters.

ADDITIONAL SIGHTS TO SEE IN ST. PETERS

The town of St. Peters is a service centre for Richmond County. Visit the Wallace MacAskill Museum, which features prints and original photographs by this famed marine photographer. Local craftspeople occasionally demonstrate model boatmaking, weaving and woodcarving, among other crafts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

The lock is 91.44 m (300 ft.) long by 14.45 m (47.4 ft.) wide and can handle vessels with a 4.88 m (16 ft.) draught.

How to Reach the Canal

By Car From Sydney

Driving Time: One hour

- Take Route 4, the Fleur-de-Lis Trail, from Sydney to St. Peters.

By Car From Canso Causeway

Driving Time: One hour

- Take Route 4 to St. Peters
- Or take Trans Canada Highway 104 to St. Peters.

Parking Facilities

Ample free parking is available for cars, buses and recreational vehicles.

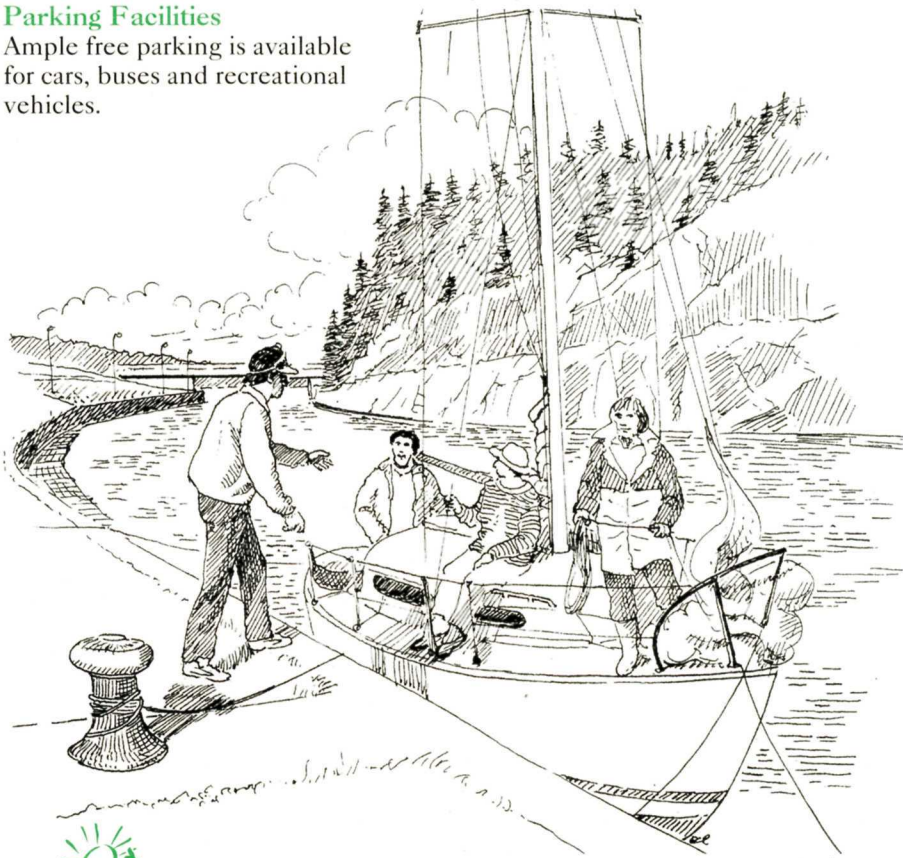
For more information, write or call:

St. Peters Canal
P.O. Box 8
St. Peters, Nova Scotia
B0E 3B0

Year-round:
(902) 535-2118

Fortress of Louisbourg
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 160
Louisbourg, Nova Scotia
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Grassy Island National Historic Site

SUMMARY INFORMATION

LOCATION

Grassy Island lies in the Atlantic Ocean, 0.5 km (0.3 mi.) off the Canso waterfront. The Visitor Reception Centre is located in Canso on the waterfront off Union Street. Driving time from Antigonish is 90 minutes. Driving time from Sherbrooke is two hours. Watch for the glass tower!

SEASON

June 1 to Sept. 15
Closed the remainder of the year.

VISITOR CENTRE

HOURS OF OPERATION

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

ADMISSION

Free

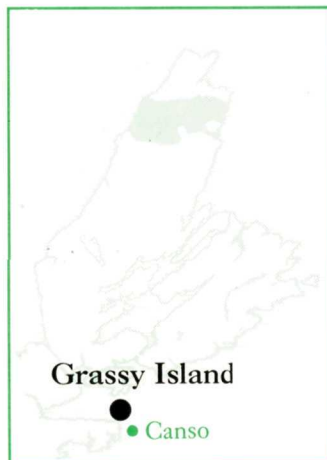
RECOMMENDED VISITING TIME

Allow 30 minutes to explore the Visitor Reception Centre. Plan slightly more than one hour to visit Grassy Island: 15 minutes each way by boat and about half an hour to hike the self-guiding trail.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT

The Site's Visitor Reception Centre is housed in a charming, blue and grey wooden building on the Canso waterfront. Across the harbour to your right, you'll see Grassy Island.

A guide will help you enjoy your visit. Ask for useful materials and brochures, including the *Island Tour Guide*. Let the guide know if you need special assistance.



Then enter the exhibit area and explore! See a video, models, maps, illustrations, photographic displays and exhibits that tell the story of Grassy Island and of the people who lived and worked there. Large murals set the tone. Stunning life-size dioramas use reproductions of excavated artifacts to depict island life in 1743. Nearby cases display related items and hold one of Atlantic Canada's best collections of 18th-century artifacts. All text is in English and French. Be sure to ask the guide all your questions!

To complement your waterfront visit, take a boat ride to the Island. See firsthand the remains of 18th-century Canso—a time when dried fish was plentiful, merchants ruled the seas and soldiers waged losing battles. Stay for a picnic near the Island's wharf. Then hike the interpretive trail.

SITE EXHIBITS

GRASSY ISLAND: THE FORGOTTEN SETTLEMENT

As you enter the exhibit hall, relax and watch this informative, nine-minute video on the history of Grassy Island—how it grew and prospered as a fishing colony more than 200 years ago and how it fell to ruin.

Watch Grassy Island attain economic influence, becoming the commercial heart of Nova Scotia and of vital importance to New England's fishermen and merchants. In the 1730s, fishermen in the area caught eight million cod a season! Trade was crucial to survival. Discover the disputes Grassy Island caused between New Englanders and the French. Learn about the Island's vulnerability to military attack. And see what prompted Grassy Island's sudden destruction in the spring of 1744.

- Who was Colonel Richard Philipps?
- What role did Grassy Island play in Fortress of Louisbourg smuggling?
- Where did the trade ships sail, and what goods did they bring back?
- Why did so many people want dried fish?

THE GRASSY ISLAND COMMUNITY

The location of homes and dwellings on Grassy Island reflect the rigid social structure of the 18th century. This scale model shows the Island's structures just before the attack of 1744. Centrally located are the fort and



blockhouse, built to protect the Island's inhabitants from French forces at Louisbourg. Dwellings of wealthy merchants are found in the sheltered north; gentlemen officers lived in the more exposed south. Rotting barracks housed common soldiers on the low-lying spit to the west. Shorehands, considered the "dregs of society," did not even live on the Island. The model also depicts John Elliot's fish flakes and the most popular place to escape from the day-to-day drudgery—the tavern.

- Who was John Elliot?
- What is a fish flake?

DIORAMAS

Get to know a few of Grassy Island's colourful characters. Three life-size dioramas depict scenes from daily life in 1743. The figures use reproductions of items from excavated sites on the Island.

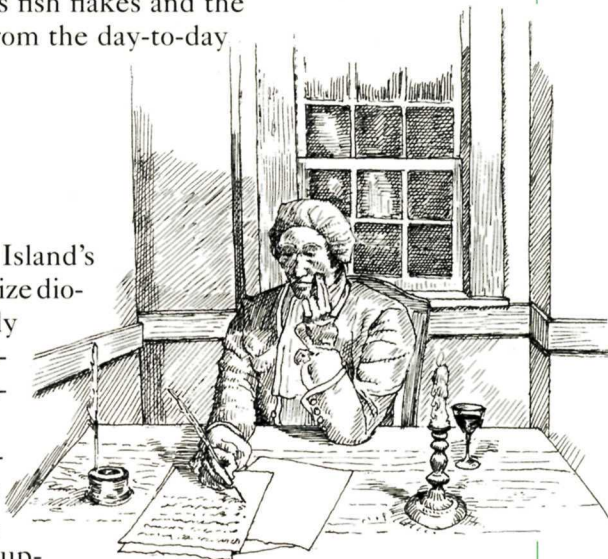
As you approach the dioramas, gentleman and English officer Captain Patrick Heron, on the right, has just finished supper and set his delFTWARE plate on the floor. Heron is the acting commander of the Canso garrison and is worried about the growing tension between Britain and France. He's writing to request more equipment and troops from his commanding officer in Annapolis Royal. See artifacts

from Heron's study—his plate, wineglass stem, musket trigger guard, candle snuffer—and several personal items in the nearby case.

Straight ahead, a shorehand and a soldier are relaxing in the "tavern" on widow Anne Cosby's land. Rags and seaweed insulate the small shed; the room is furnished with a simple pine table. Drinking and smoking are favorite pastimes, while backgammon eases the

boredom. Gaming pieces are made from ceramic shards. See fragments of clay smoking pipes, gaming pieces and tankards in nearby cases.

In the far corner, the Edward How family is sipping afternoon tea from a Chinese porcelain service—an indication of their wealth and status as



a merchant family. How's business is eroding due to increasing hostility between Britain and France. See items from their home—pieces from the tea service, a Rhenish tankard, Turkish teabowl and wig curler—in the nearby case.

Ask the attendant if you want to know more about the lives of these people or the displayed artifacts.

- What is a candle snuffer?
- Who were the shorehands, and what did they do?

GRASSY ISLAND INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

The Grassy Island settlement never recovered from its destruction in 1744. The Island is now much as it was before it prospered, with windswept grassy hills, an expansive sky and sparse remains of forgotten dwellings.

For adventure, take a short boat ride through the cool grey waters and visit Grassy Island. You'll be on your own as you follow the interpretive trail around the island to eight designated sites. Read the self-guiding trail pamphlet, *Island Tour Guide*, for descriptions that correspond to the numbers posted along the trail.

You'll see the remains of the How, Elliot, Cosby and Heron properties; discover Captain Aldridge's secret; and visit the ruins of earthen Fort William Augustus. The dirt trail is clearly marked; plan to wear hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes. For your own safety, stay on the trail. The island terrain is uneven and embankments are unstable.

RESOURCES AND SIGHTS TO SEE IN CANSO

Canso is a traditional, Nova Scotia fishing town. As you enter town, stop by the Seamen's Memorial. Framed by the ribs of a boat, it is dedicated to all local residents lost at sea. A memorial service is held each year in August.

Visit the Canso Museum—Whitman House, which also contains a seasonal tourist information centre. Ask for information about the town's services and visitor resources. Then get a birds-eye view from the widow's walk, see period furniture and photographs, and enjoy panoramas of Canso folk artist Mel Schrader. Also visit the commemorative cairn and tablet on School Street.

For a special annual event, join the Canso Regatta—a week of boating and on-shore festivities held in August.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Size and Description

Grassy Island is a kidney-shaped piece of land joined at one end by a sand beach to the larger George Island. The Visitor Reception Centre is a 550-sq.-m (1,800-sq.-ft.) building with a central lobby and rest area and one exhibit hall.

How to Reach the Centre

By Car From Antigonish

Driving time: 90 minutes

- Take Trans Canada Highway 104 to Exit 37 (Monastery).
- Follow Route 16 along Chedabucto Bay to Canso.

Driving time: Two hours

- Take Trans Canada Highway 104 to Exit 40 (Aulds Cove).
- Follow scenic Route 344 past the Strait of Canso to Route 16.

By Car From Sherbrooke

Driving time: Two hours

- Take Route 211 to coastal Route 316.
- Follow Route 16 to Canso.

By Plane

- Fly into the Sydney Airport on Air Nova (Air Canada) or Air Atlantic (Canadian) airlines.
- Fly into Halifax International Airport. Rental cars are available at both airports.

Parking Facilities

Ample free parking is available in front of the Visitor Reception Centre.



Public Washrooms

Available in the Visitor Reception Centre. Washrooms are wheelchair accessible. Two pit privies are available on Grassy Island.



Public Telephone

There is a public telephone in the Visitor Reception Centre.



Services for Disabled Visitors

The Visitor Reception Centre is wheelchair accessible. The video presentation is captioned. The interpretive trail is wheelchair accessible under most conditions, but assistance is necessary.

Weather

Summer temperatures range from 19-23° C. (68-76° F.), slightly cooler in the mornings and evenings. Prepare for an ocean climate. Shelter on the Island is limited, and the weather is changeable. Bring a jacket (preferably wind and water resistant).

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside the complex.

Photographs

Flash photos are not allowed in the exhibit hall.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the Visitor Reception Centre. Pets are allowed on Grassy Island, but must be kept on a leash at all times. Pets must not interfere with the enjoyment and safety of other visitors. *Seeing-eye dogs are permitted.*

Camping

Camping is not permitted on Grassy Island.

Campfires

Campfires are not permitted on Grassy Island.

For more information, write or call:

Grassy Island National Historic Site
c/o Alexander Graham Bell
National Historic Site
P.O. Box 159
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Ingonish Beach, Nova Scotia
B0C 1L0
Summer/Fall: (902) 285-2535
Winter/Spring: (902) 285-2691
Cheticamp Information Centre:
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**Nova Scotia Department of
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