



Fortress of
Louisbourg
National Historic Site

2023 Visitor Guide



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Welcome to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

A bustling community once called Louisbourg home. Explore the remnants of a short but eventful period of history, including a reconstructed section of the French colonial town featuring costumed guides and richly furnished exhibits.

Hours of Operation

Shoulder Season

May 22 to June 30
September 16 to October 9
Open 7 days per week
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Peak Season

July 1 to September 15
Open 7 days per week
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

***Please note:** Only registered service animals are permitted within the reconstructed site. A permit is required for drone operation and photography.*

It is important to note that the reconstructed 18th century buildings within the fortified town are not fully accessible. You will encounter some rough terrain, loose gravel and steep inclines. During times when the visitor centre is open, upon request, a bus is available that accommodates manual wheelchairs. We also can arrange for you to access the site in your personal vehicle via Entrance 2. Please feel free to speak with our staff about your options.





Food Services and Boutique



Storehouse Tavern

June 18 to Oct 13

11:00 am to 4:30 pm

A selection of local craft beers, ciders, and Nova Scotia wine, as well as a small selection of finger foods. You may even find some live music!



L'Épée Royale Café

May 23 to Oct 13

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

A selection of espresso drinks and a tempting array of French pastries and Cape Breton sweets.



Grandchamp Restaurant

June 25 to Sept 23

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

A blend of local Cape Breton Island ingredients and 18th century French cuisine.



Hotel de la Marine

June 18 to Oct 13

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Takeaway menu featuring delicious sandwiches, fresh salads, and tempting sides as part of our Perfect Picnic Program.



Benoist House

June 5 to Oct 13

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

A charming gift shop with locally made souvenirs, Fortress-inspired treasures, and Parks Canada items.



King's Bakery

June 25 to Sept 23

10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Experience the authentic taste of bread baked fresh daily in wood-fired ovens.



Our restaurants, bakery, and boutiques are operated by

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Spring and Fall Shoulder Season Activities



***from June 1**

Purchase your tickets at the 'yellow house'! (De la Plagne)



Guided Tour

Daily at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm

45 minutes \$5.25 per person

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A walking tour through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.



Motorized Guided Tour

Daily at 1:00pm and 3:30pm

45 minutes \$10.95 per person

Limit of 7 participants

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A tour on wheels in an electric cart through the streets of the reconstructed town.



Time Travel

Daily at 11:30am and 1:30pm

45 minutes \$14.34 per person

Limit of 25 participants

Rub shoulders with “authentic” Louisbourg residents as you explore what life was like and taste Heritage™ hot chocolate.



Peak Season

Free daily Activities

Life of a Soldier

Daily at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm

15 minutes **Guardhouse, Building 18**

Listen to his story and watch a musket firing

Children's Dance

Monday to Friday at 11:15 am *until Aug. 25

30 minutes **Quay near building 33**

Join in the circle and enjoy 18th century folk music!



Canon Firing

Daily at 11:45 am

15 minutes **At the King's Bastion**

Be amazed by the fifes, drums and canon firing!



Public Punishment

Daily at 2:15 pm

15 minutes **From the Bastion to the Quay**

Follow the crowd to the iron collar

Mi'kmaw Program

Daily at 2:30 pm

15- 30 minutes **De la Vallière, Building 24**

Discover Mi'kmaw culture and history.

Military Drill

Daily at 3:10pm

10 minutes **At the King's Bastion**

Watch a French military demonstration with fife and drum.



Secure the Fortress

Daily at 4:45pm

10 minutes **At the Quay, near building 6**

Finish your visit with a bang -- the last blast of the day!

Peak Season Special Activities

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Fire a Musket: Have a Ball

Daily at 10:50 am and 1:50 pm

30 minutes \$39.46 per person

Limit of 2 participants, age 16+

Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket.

Fire a Canon: Have a Blast

Daily at 11:00 am

45 minutes \$63.13 per person

Limit of 1 participant, age 17+

Become a canoneer and fire a real canon.



Rookie Tour: Children's Program

Daily at 1:30pm

45 minutes \$12.21 per person

Recommended for ages 5 to 10

Max 8 participants

Delve into the life of an 18th-century child.

Camping and Accommodations

Shoulder and Peak Seasons



Did you know you can spend the night at the Fortress?

Reservations can be made for overnight stays at the **Lartigue House** between **May 22 and October 9, 2023.**

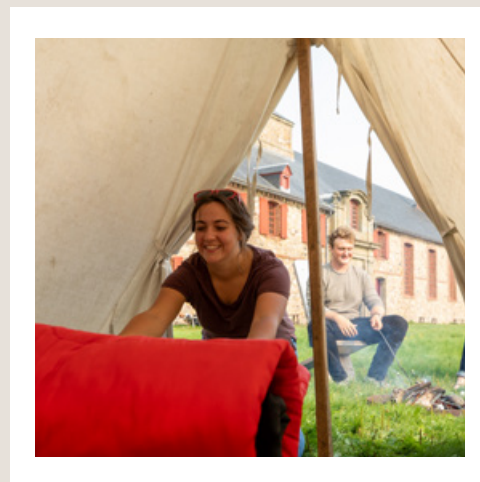
To book the Lartigue house or any other accommodations, call us at (902) 919-8392.

Peak Season Only

Equipped Camping

Enjoy the outdoors while being surrounded by history! We make this equipped camping experience easy by providing each group with a period tent already set up.

1 to 4 people per tent \$74.75 per night



The Guardhouse

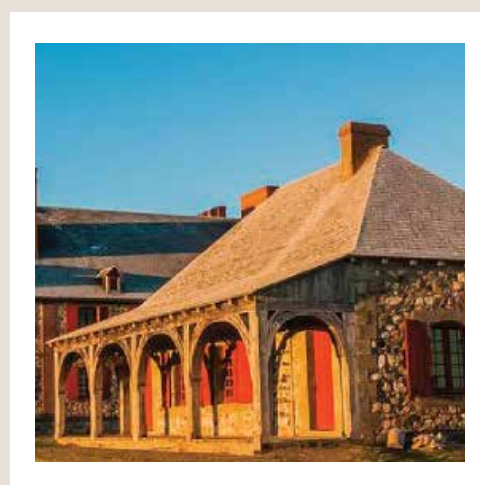
Stand guard at your own private fortress for the night! Sleep in the Place d'Armes guardhouse, in the room that would have once been designated for the officer on-duty.

1 to 2 people \$96.00 per night

The Prison

Experience the fortress in a completely new way! Spend the night as a 'voluntary inmate' in the fortress prison, located just inside the King's Bastion.

1 to 6 people \$96.00 per night



For more information on accommodations or any of our programs and services, visit our website at:

<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/ns/louisbourg>

or contact us at **louisbourg.info@pc.gc.ca**



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Fun for Kids

Activities at the Fortress



Become a

Parks Canada Xplorer!

Ask for your free discovery booklet at the **Visitor Reception Centre** or

De la Plagne House (#23)

*** Ages 6 - 11**

Join Club Parka!

Try fun activities on site or online

Ages 3-6

Find the hidden

Children's Room

in the **King's Bastion**

Children's Dance

Have fun playing street games and singing along.

July 1 to September 15

Monday to Friday at 11:15 am

On the Quay near building 33

Rookie Tour

Jump into the life of an 18th century child!

July 1 to August 31

De la Plagne House (#23)

Recommended for ages 5 - 10

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The Messenger - Virtual Reality

Navigate Louisbourg Harbour like it's 1744 in this virtual reality experience.

July 1 to September 2nd

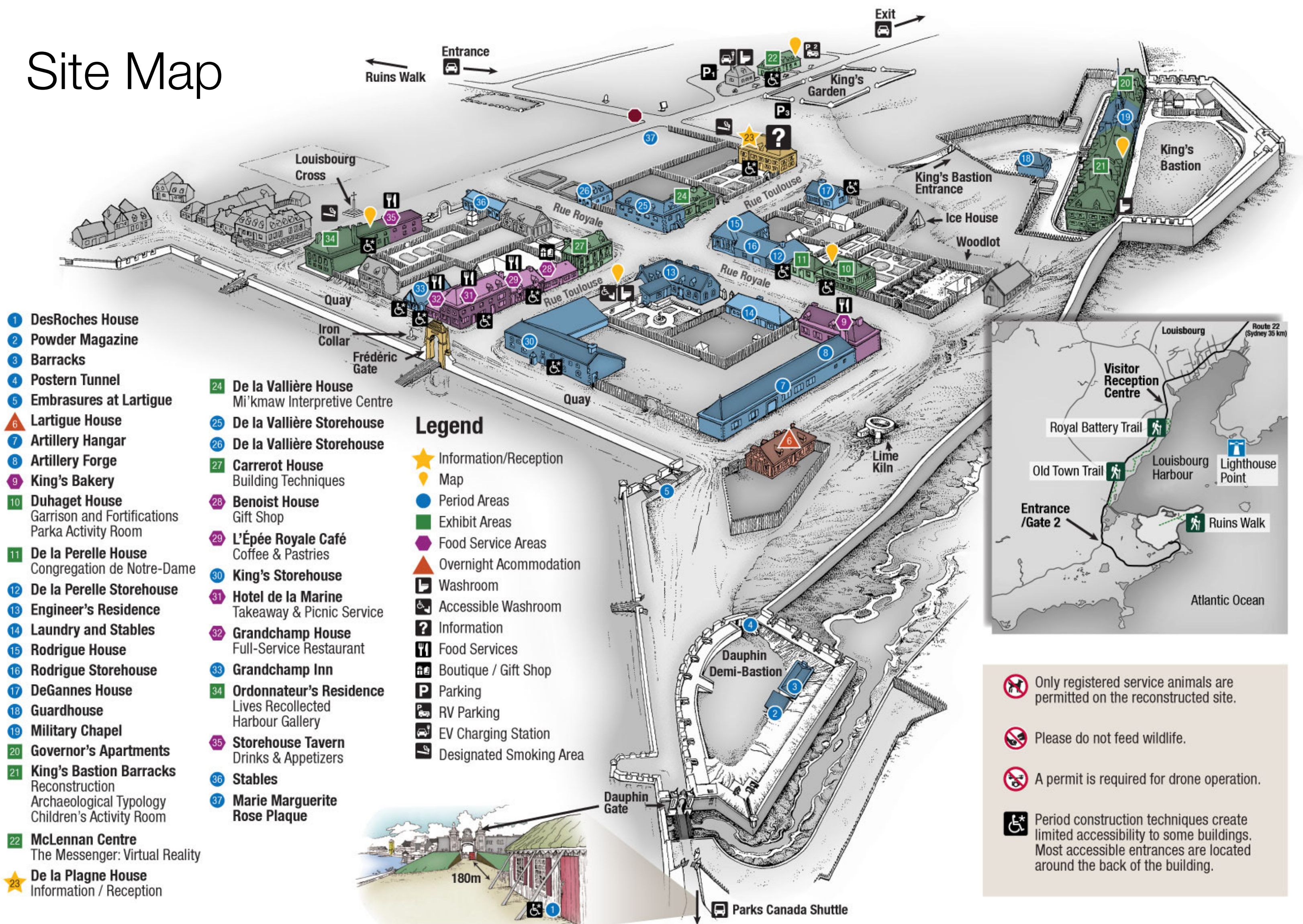
12:00 pm- 4:00 pm

\$8 per person, \$5 screen only

McLennan Centre (#22)

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Site Map



- 1 DesRoches House
- 2 Powder Magazine
- 3 Barracks
- 4 Postern Tunnel
- 5 Embrasures at Lartigue
- 6 Lartigue House
- 7 Artillery Hangar
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- 🛍️ Boutique / Gift Shop
- P Parking
- 🚐 RV Parking
- 🔌 EV Charging Station
- 🚭 Designated Smoking Area



- 🚫 Only registered service animals are permitted on the reconstructed site.
- 🚫 Please do not feed wildlife.
- 🚫 A permit is required for drone operation.
- ♿ Period construction techniques create limited accessibility to some buildings. Most accessible entrances are located around the back of the building.