



Fortress of
Louisbourg
National Historic Site

2024 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 20 to June 30
September 14 to October 31
Open 7 days per week
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Peak Season

July 1 to September 13
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

Menus

**external link*

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Benoist House



May 20 to Oct 13

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

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

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King's Bakery

June 16 to Sept 28

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

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L'Épée Royale Café

May 20 to Oct 13

10:00 am to 4:30 pm

A selection of espresso drinks, a tempting array of French pastries and other light fare.

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Storehouse Tavern

June 23 to Oct 13

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

A selection of local craft beers, ciders, and Nova Scotia wine, as well as a small selection of finger foods.

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Hotel de la Marine

June 16 to Oct 13

10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.

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Grandchamp Restaurant

June 30 to Aug 31

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.



Our restaurants, bakery, and boutiques are operated by

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Shoulder Season



Special Activities

June 1 - October 14

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



Guided Tour

Daily at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm

45 minutes \$5.75 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 \$12.00 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.

..or enjoy a self-guided tour!

Download the



Peak Season

Free daily Activities

July 1 - September 14

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

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 1:30 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 military demonstration with musket firing

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!



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Fire a Musket: Have a Ball

Daily at 10:50 am and 1:50 pm

30 minutes \$42.75 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 \$68.75 per person

Limit of 1 participant, age 17+

Become a canoneer and fire a real canon.

Upcoming Special Events

Tickets

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As these events are presented by our partners, some activities may only be available in English.

Historic Places Days

July 15 - 20, 2024

***Included with entry fee**

Celebrate Canada's historic places and learn about eighteenth century camp life and crafts as reenactors descend on Louisbourg to share their knowledge and skills.



Parka Sleepover

August 24, 2024

\$50 - 4 person tent

\$60 - 6 person tent

Bring your own tent (or call us to rent one), and spend an evening under the stars. Kids can enjoy a scavenger hunt, a nighttime dance party and marshmallow roasting around the campfire!



Fête du Chocolat

September 21, 2024

***Fees may apply for enhanced programs**

Taste your way through delectable living history presentations at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site.



Soirée Sinistre

October 26, 2024

\$65 / person

This 19+ event includes a haunted walk, tarot card readings, live music, street performers, and more! Wear your best Halloween costume -- prizes for the best dressed!



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Wake up in the Past

Overnight 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 20 and October 14, 2023.**

1 to 4 people \$133.25 per night

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

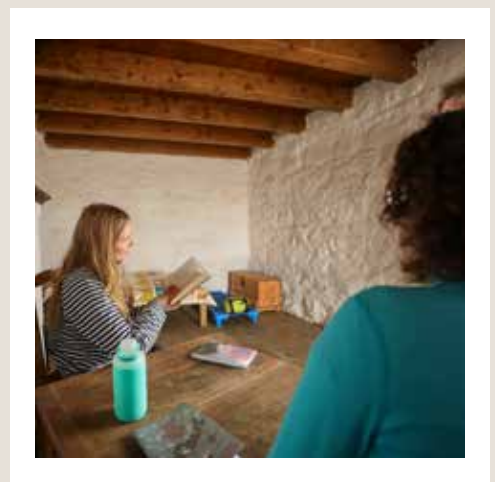
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The Guardhouse

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

\$100.00 per night

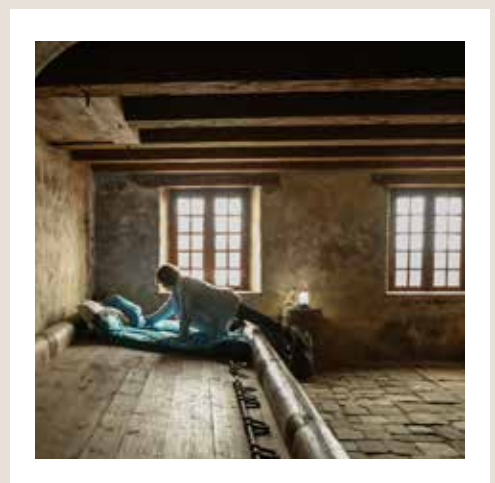


The Prison

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

\$100.00 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

Children's Dance

Have fun playing street games and singing along.

Peak Season

Monday to Friday at 11:15 am

On the Quay near building 33

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!**



The Messenger - Virtual Reality

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

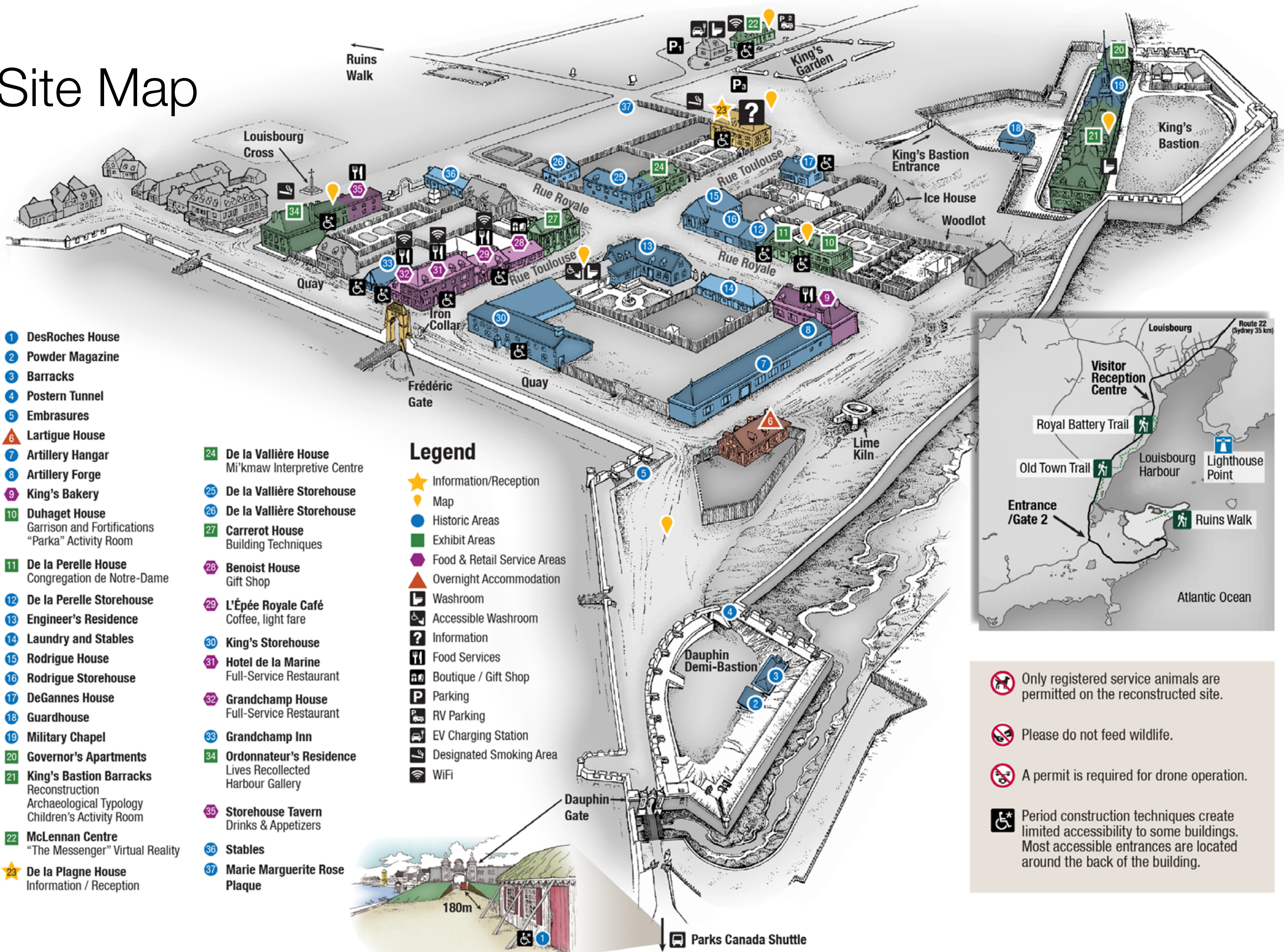
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\$8 per person, \$5 screen only

McLennan Centre (#22)

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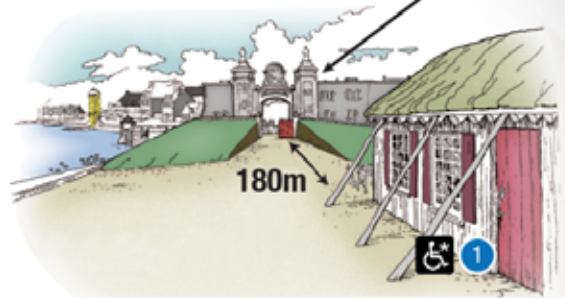
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- Please do not feed wildlife.
- A permit is required for drone operation.
- Period construction techniques create limited accessibility to some buildings. Most accessible entrances are located around the back of the building.



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