



Prince Edward Island
National Park

Visitor Guide

2017

Canada 150 Celebrations live here!
Enjoy free admission to Parks Canada places in 2017



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Welcome *Pjila'si Epekwithk*

You're here! You've been waiting for this moment ever since you first decided to make Prince Edward Island your destination and it is finally here. Whether this landscape before you is all new to you or refreshingly familiar, we offer you our warmest "Island" welcome and invite you to jump into the Island way of life with both feet!

We are proud to be your hosts. As those fortunate enough to share in this beautiful land - one treasured since time immemorial by the Mi'kmaw People - we work hard to ensure that these rolling sandscapes, pristine beaches and colourful vistas remain as storybook perfect as you see them today.

This is a landmark year for us and for Canada. In 2017, we are pleased to be part of Canada 150, marking 150 years since the creation of this great nation we call home. In honour of this special anniversary, there is free admission to all Parks Canada administered national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas. It's truly THE year to discover what our beautiful country is all about. Come, join in the celebration and add your voice to the chorus!



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Discover Parks Canada!

Get curious about Canada's unique natural treasures, hear stories about Indigenous cultures, learn to camp and paddle and celebrate the centennial of Canada's national historic sites with us. Find adventure, fun for the whole family or a short break from the everyday in more than 200 special places across the country.

Choose Your Own *Park Adventure!*

There are tons of ways to enjoy PEI National Park whether you are on your own or with others. Here are a few ideas to get you started on the path to your very own park adventure!



If you're traveling solo...



Take in a site tour at Green Gables (see pages 21-22)



Discover the Greenwich Dunelands & take a selfie at the beach (see Trail Guide page 12)



Center yourself with some beachside yoga (see pages 21-22)



Get your history on at The Story of Confederation (see page 19)



If you're hanging with your besties...



Sing along at the Campground Ceilich (see pages 21-22)



Have a beach day at Brackley (see page 10)



Go camping under the stars at Cavendish Campground (see pages 7-8)



Explore the Homestead Trail (see Trail Guide page 12)





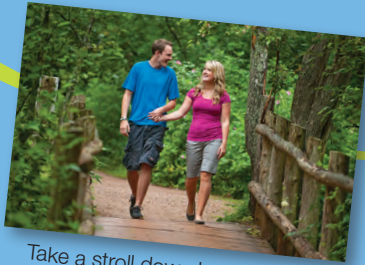
If you're escaping with your favourite person...



Hit Cavendish Beach at sunset
(see Cavendish-North Rustico Map, page 11)



Camp under the stars at Cavendish Campground
(see pages 7-8)



Take a stroll down Lovers' Lane at Green Gables Heritage Place
(see Trail Guide page 12)



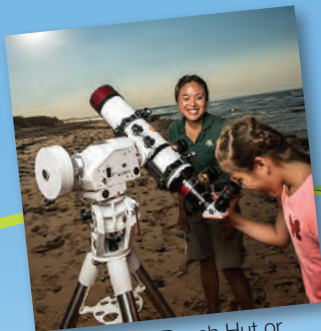
Bring a lunch and have a picnic overlooking Charlottetown at Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site (see page 20)



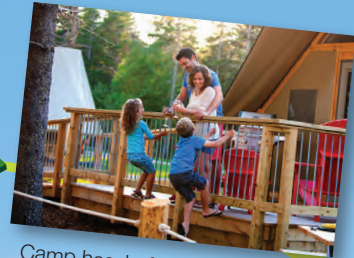
If you're out and about with the fam...



Taste homemade ice cream at Green Gables' Sunday Picnic
(see pages 21-22)



Visit the Beach Hut or "sun gaze" at Eyes to the Skies
(see pages 21-22)



Camp hassle-free in an oTENTik at Stanhope Campground
(see pages 7-8)



Sculpt a seaside masterpiece at Sensational Sandcastles
(see pages 21-22)



Test your skills on the mountain biking spurs at the R.I.T.S.
(see Trail Guide page 12)



CANADA 150

Bucket List

How many will you check off?

“Imagine a Country”

Share your ideas and vision for your dream country using our interactive photobooth on the plaza outside Confederation Centre of the Arts.

Get the “Red Chair” View

Take a selfie at one – or all – of our Red Chairs placed just right for some of the most spectacular views of PEI National Park.

Count the Stars

Discover just how sparkly the night sky really is when you escape the city lights at Cavendish Campground.

Get Your Yoga On...the Beach!

Take a deep breath and center yourself with the soothing sound of the waves.

Explore the trails at Port-la-Joye— Fort Amherst National Historic Site

Step into this spectacular network of trails with the best views of Charlottetown around.



Green Gables Heritage Place

Discover our flora and fauna

Snap pics of your finds and share them on iNaturalist (free app at inaturalist.com).

Get a glimpse of the Parabolic Dunes

Hike the trail to get a view of the highest dunes on PEI at Greenwich.

Stretch your legs on the Homestead Trail

Feast your eyes on views of forest and farmland along the shores of New London Bay.

Meet a Canadian literary icon

Take a selfie with Anne at Green Gables, PEI’s most famous fictional resident.

End the day in full colour

Head to Cavendish Beach at sundown for incomparable sunsets you’ll never forget.

Park Adventure Planning 101

In honour of Canada 150, admission is free at all Parks Canada administered national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas with your Discovery Pass. Discovery passes can be ordered online www.commandesparcs-parksorders.ca/ or picked up at any Parks Canada site or entry point. There has been an enormous response to this amazing offer and so we are planning to see lots of people this year!

Aim for Off-Season

PEI National Park, Green Gables Heritage Place and national historic sites in PEI are busiest during the peak season of July and August. If you can, you may wish to plan your visit for the shoulder season. June and September are often excellent times to visit, especially if you like a quieter atmosphere.

Avoid Peak Hours

During the summer, the days are busiest between 11:00am and 3:00pm. If you prefer to avoid the biggest crowds, your best bet is to come before or after those hours. If you do come on a busy day, please be patient – we will do our very best to make sure your visit is wonderful even if there is a line!

Parking

In some areas of PEI National Park and at Green Gables Heritage Place, we anticipate an increase in visitors which may result in limited parking availability. We will do our best to manage this issue on site.

For the latest updates on parking, please visit our website at parkscanada.gc.ca/pei

Stay connected!!

To stay “in the loop” when it comes to what’s happening at PEI National Park, sign up for Bamtext notices about special events, activities, updates and more. Text “**OPT IN**” to **902-200-4499** and we’ll make sure you’re the first to know when there’s news! If you ever wish to stop receiving alerts, simply text “**OPT OUT.**”



Camping at PEI National Park

Over 419 campsites at 2 campgrounds



Cavendish Campground

CAVENDISH CAMPGROUND

357 Grahams Lane, Cavendish
June 16 – Sept 29

Welcome Kiosk Hours:

June 16 – Sept 4: Daily, 8am – 10pm
Sept 5 – 28 (self-registration): Daily, 10am – 6pm

Large, fully-serviced campground located just steps from the ocean in the heart of Cavendish. Enjoy the on-site supervised beach, spectacular cycling and walking trails, fascinating learning activities and family-friendly sandcastle art programs on the beach. When the sun sets, immerse yourself in Island culture through music and stories at our evening campfire programs. All facilities and selected sites are accessible.

STANHOPE CAMPGROUND

983 Gulf Shore Parkway, Stanhope
June 16 – Sept 4

Welcome Kiosk Hours:

June 16 – Sept 4: Daily, 8am – 10pm

Large, scenic campground surrounded by open dunescapes and minutes away from bustling Covehead Harbour. Just 20 minutes from the capital city of Charlottetown, Stanhope Campground is only 1 km away from a supervised, wheelchair accessible beach and seaside trails. All facilities and selected sites are accessible.

For reservations, call 1-877-737-3783
or visit reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca

Services

	Showers	Laundry	Supervised Beach	Ice available	Playground	Fire Pits
Cavendish Campground	✓	✓	✓ June 30 – Aug 27, 11am – 5pm	✓	✓	All sites
Stanhope Campground	✓	✓	1 km June 29 – Aug 27, 11am – 6pm	✓	✓	All sites

Pricing per night

Unserviced	Serviced		oTENTik
	water & electricity	water, electricity and sewer	
\$27.40	\$32.30	\$35.30	\$120

Opt for **oTENTik!**

A structure that blends the fun of a tent with the convenience of a cabin, oTENTik is an appealing option for those that want a camping experience without all the hassle. Take away the need for piles of supplies and you've got a fuss-free vacation in the making!

The 6 oTENTiks at Cavendish Campground and 8 oTENTiks at Stanhope Campground showcase the very best that PEI National Park has to offer. Each oTENTik is equipped with its own parking area, picnic table, BBQ, fire pit with four campchairs and more. Two oTENTiks in each campground are also accessible. Exclusive to Parks Canada, oTENTiks have become incredibly popular with visitors so those interested are encouraged to book early. Ditch the gear – opt for an oTENTik!

What to bring:

- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and toiletries
- Food, drinks and a water container
- Slippers or indoor shoes – the first rule of keeping a tent clean is to remove outdoor footwear
- Matches or lighter to light the campfire



oTENTik, Cavendish Campground

Investing today for a *Better Tomorrow*

There is often a lot going on in PEI National Park but, over the past few years, there has been a special focus on improving visitor infrastructure.

In fact, over \$3 billion dollars will be spent over 5 years on infrastructure work in Parks Canada sites all across Canada – the largest federal infrastructure investment plan in our history! While that may not seem very exciting on the surface, it is very exciting for PEI National Park as it means some big things for our visitors.

To date, some remarkable improvements have been completed, including:

- Upgrades to Stanhope and Cavendish Campgrounds, including larger camp sites, updated washrooms, improved registration areas and the addition of the ever-popular oTENTiks.
- Renovations to the Greenwich Dunes trail - including our iconic floating boardwalk - featuring materials that are eco-friendly and recyclable.
- Updates to the Stanhope Beach facilities, including a new playground, renovated washrooms and improved accessibility.

This year, the focus has shifted to other Parks Canada sites on PEI, such as Province House National Historic Site and Green Gables Heritage Place where significant changes are in the works. In addition to these bigger undertakings, there will also be some small improvement projects taking place within PEI National Park this summer, such as work on our trails or roadways.

We appreciate your patience as we work hard to improve our sites and services for visitors and we promise to do our best to ensure things unfold as smoothly as possible. Be sure to visit our website for up-to-date information on this work parksCanada.gc.ca/pei-infrastructure or feel free to call us at **902-672-6350** if you have concerns.

These investments will ensure the quality and reliability of our facilities and allow visitors to connect with nature for many years to come!



Cavendish Beach

2017 Beach Services *Schedule*

Surfguard Services

LOCATIONS	START DATE	END DATE	DAYS	DAILY TIMES
Stanhope Main Beach	June 29	August 27	7 days / week	11am-6pm
Ross Lane Beach	June 30	August 20	7 days / week	11am-5pm
Brackley Beach Beach	June 29	September 4	7 days / week	10am-6pm
North Rustico Beach	June 30	August 20	7 days / week	11am-5pm
Cavendish Main Beach	June 29	September 4	7 days / week	10am-6pm
Cavendish Campground Beach	June 30	August 27	7 days / week	11am-5pm
Greenwich Beach	June 29	August 20	7 days / week	11am-6pm



Cavendish-North Rustico

This region is your destination for sandy beaches, rugged sandstone cliffs and all things “Anne of Green Gables”!



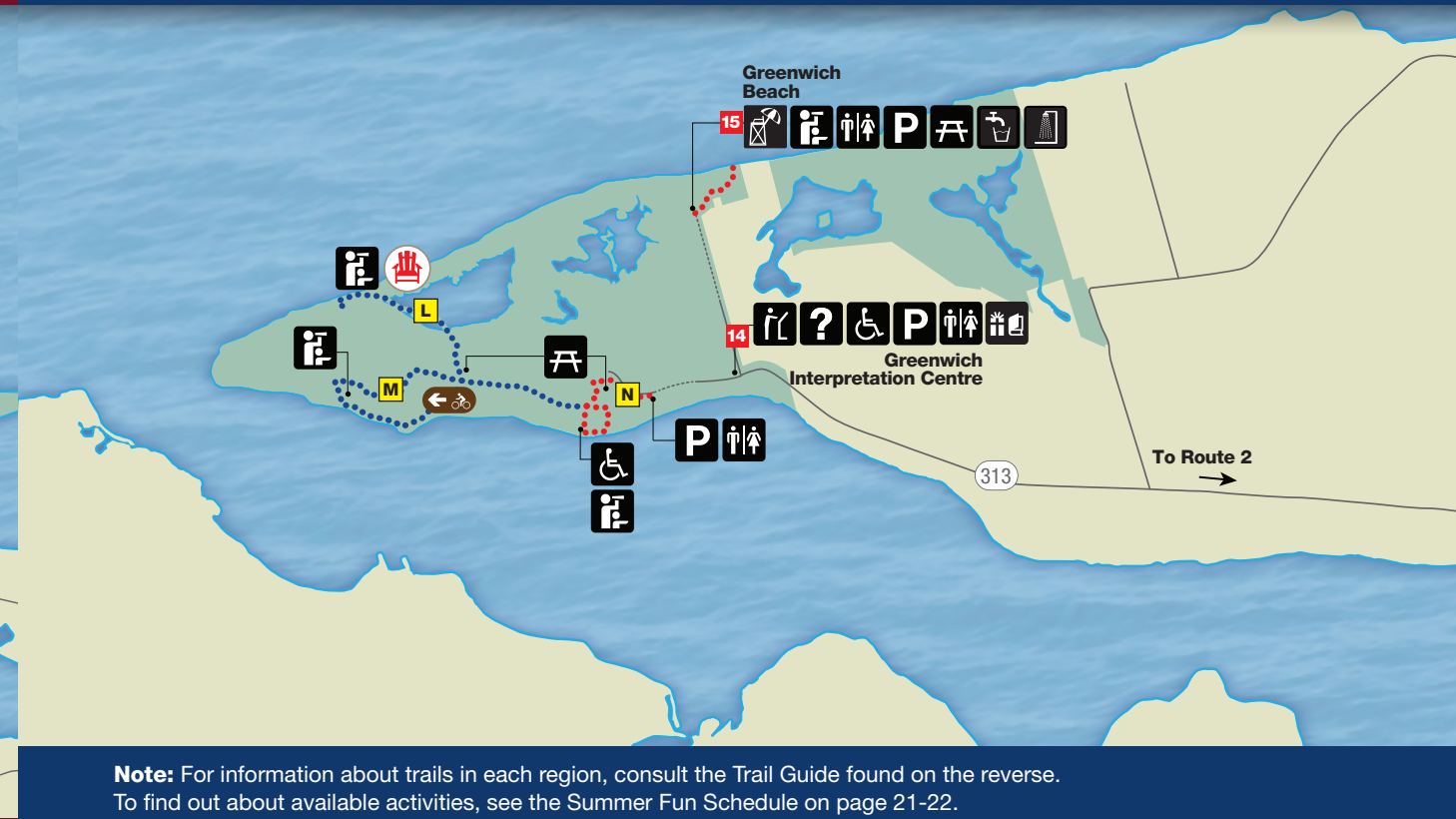
Brackley-Dalvay

This region is your destination for sandy beaches, Covehead Lighthouse, birdwatching at the marsh, Dalvay-By-The-Sea and even mountain biking!



Greenwich

This region is your destination for incredible dunescapes, Mi'kmaw & Acadian heritage and beautiful paths less traveled!



Note: For information about trails in each region, consult the Trail Guide found on the reverse. To find out about available activities, see the Summer Fun Schedule on page 21-22.

Legend

- Campground
- Unsupervised Beach
- Lookout/Birdwatching
- Exhibit
- Parking
- Golf
- Canteen
- Lighthouse
- Gift Shop
- Playground
- Wind Surfing
- Water
- Biking Trail
- Unpaved Road
- Highway
- Easy Trail
- Picnic Area
- Supervised Beach
- Wheelchair Access
- Washrooms
- Information
- Red Chair
- Dining
- Tennis
- Bike Rentals
- Accommodations
- Hiking/Biking Trail
- Shower
- Paved Road
- Moderate Trail

1 Cavendish Campground [Icons]

Full service campground with unserviced, 2 & 3 way sites, as well as oTENTiks (see p. 7-8). Accessible sites available. Playground, kitchen shelters, supervised beach (June 30-Aug. 27) and family programming (July 2-Sept. 4).

2 Cavendish Beach Complex [Icons]

Open May 15 - September 30. Washrooms, showers and canteen services. Beach supervised from June 29 - September 4. Trailhead for the Cavendish Dunelands & Cavendish Beach Trails.

3 Oceanview Lookoff [Icons]

The name says it all! Bring your camera and capture some breathtaking views with your lens. Parking, picnic area, observation platform and access to Cavendish Dunelands & Gulf Shore Way West Trails.

4 Cavendish Grove [Icons]

Beautiful picnic area suitable for groups of all sizes. Trailheads for Cavendish Beach Trail, Clarks Lane & Cavendish Dunelands Trails. Signage along the trails highlights natural & cultural heritage of the area.

5 Green Gables Heritage Place [Icons]

See p. 17 - 18. Part of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Features the original farmhouse that inspired the setting of *Anne of Green Gables*, exhibits, a short film about the author's life and more! Gift shop & snack bar available May - October. Family-friendly programming in July/August. For more information, see page 21.

6 Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home [Icons]

Part of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Features the restored foundation of the author's homestead, bookshop and walking trail with signage detailing site history. **(Privately operated) 2017 Discovery Pass not accepted - separate admission pass available for purchase at Green Gables and on-site.**

7 Green Gables Golf Course [Icons]

Privately operated 18-hole golf course. Dining services available.

8 North Rustico Beach [Icons]

Open June 12 - September 15. Supervised from June 30 - August 20. Washroom facilities and parking area.

9 Stanhope Campground [Icons]

Full service campground with unserviced, 2 & 3 way sites, as well as oTENTiks (see p. 7-8). Accessible sites available. Playground, kitchen shelters, and family programming (July 2-Sept. 4).

10 Brackley Beach Complex [Icons]

Open May 15 - October 18, Brackley Beach Complex has wheelchair beach access, picnic area, washrooms, large parking area and canteen services throughout July & August. Beach supervised from June 29 - September 4.

11 Stanhope Beach Complex [Icons]

Open May 15 - September 15, Stanhope Beach Complex has wheelchair beach access, washrooms, playground, picnic area, and parking. Beach supervised from June 29 - August 27.

12 Ross Lane Beach [Icons]

Open May 15 - September 30, Ross Lane Beach has parking and picnic areas. Beach supervised from June 30 - August 20.



13 Dalvay-by-the-Sea National Historic Site [Icons]

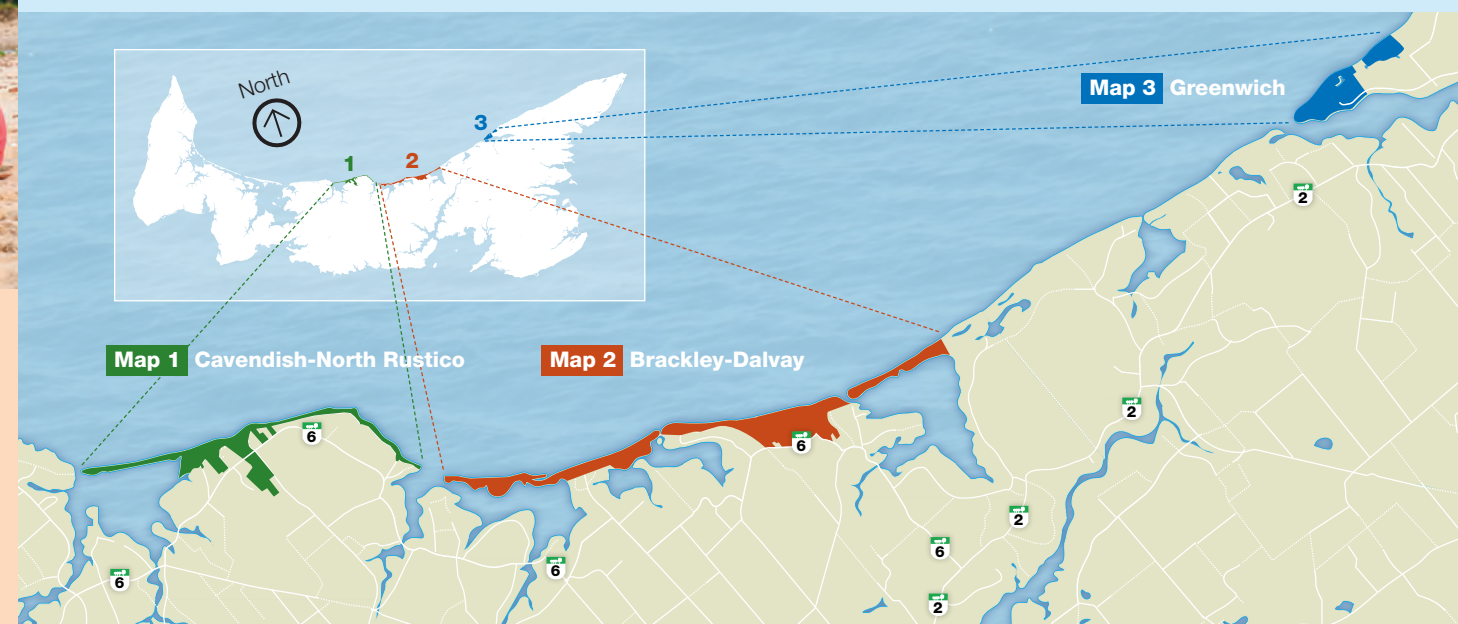
Once a summer home, this beautiful heritage property is now a 25-room hotel with eight 3-bedroom cottages. A popular wedding destination with dining and event facilities and other guest services, including bicycle rentals. Visitors are welcome to take a peek inside and to stay for lunch or dinner in their popular restaurant.

14 Greenwich Interpretation Centre [Icons]

Open June 14 - September 15. This accessible building has washrooms, parking, visitor information, interactive displays and a fascinating film about the history of the area.

15 Greenwich Beach [Icons]

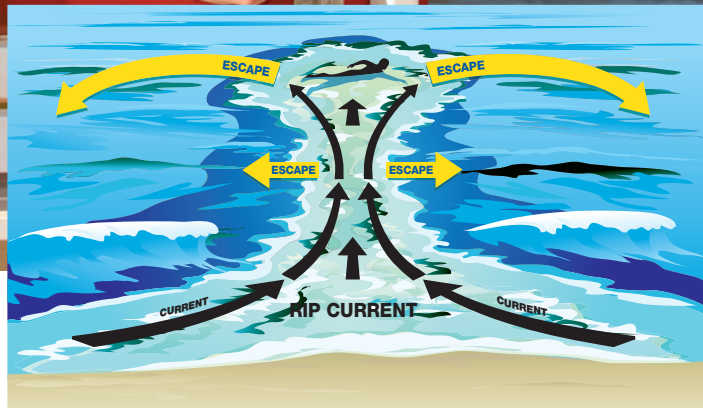
Open June 12 - September 15. Supervised from June 30 - August 20. Parking, picnic area, kitchen shelter and lots of beautiful views!



Trail Guide

Hiking Only	Rating	Address	Length	Type	Description
Balsam Hollow	E Easy	8619 Cavendish Road, Route 6	0.8km	Loop	This trail begins with the famous Lovers' Lane, a treasured place mentioned frequently in author L.M. Montgomery's writings. Main trail passes through peaceful woodlands and follows a brook.
Haunted Wood	F Easy	8619 Cavendish Road, Route 6	0.9km	Loop	This wooded area served as the inspiration for the Haunted Wood that appeared in <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> . Passes near the Cavendish Cemetery, resting place of L.M. Montgomery, and connects to the Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home (separate entry required).
Hiking/Biking	Rating	Address	Length	Type	Description
Homestead Trail	A Moderate	355 Grahams Lane, Cavendish	6.3km/ 8.4km	Stacked Loop	Passes through forest and farmland along the shores of New London Bay. Best for hybrid or mountain bikes.
Cavendish Beach Trail	B Easy	8780 Cavendish Road, Route 6	1.1km	Linear	Passes through a sugar maple stand before reaching Cavendish Beach and connecting to Cavendish Dunelands trail. Suitable for most bikes.
Clarks Lane	C Easy	8780 Cavendish Road, Route 6	1.2km	Linear	Starts at Cavendish Grove and connects to Cavendish Dunelands and Cavendish Beach trails. Suitable for most bikes.
Cavendish Dunelands	D Easy	590 Grahams Lane, Cavendish	2.3km	Linear	Stunning views of sand dunes and freshwater ponds. Links to the Homestead Trail and Gulf Shore Way West. Suitable for most bikes. Please walk your bike across the boardwalk.
Gulf Shore Way West Trail	G Easy	Oceanview Lookoff trailhead: 100 Terre Rouge Lane, Cavendish / North Rustico Gate trailhead: 216 Church Road, North Rustico	8.5km	Linear	Trailheads at Oceanview Lookoff and North Rustico park entry gate. Paved, multi-use trail skirting the top of the red sandstone cliffs with magnificent views of Gulf of St. Lawrence. This trail is a perfect conduit from Cavendish Campground to North Rustico, or anywhere in between. Suitable for all bikes and for walking, jogging, cycling or rollerblading. Accessible.
R.I.T.S. (Robinsons Island Trail System)	H Easy	740 Robinsons Island Road, Brackley Beach	5km	Stacked Loop	12 optional technical features. Suitable for beginner to intermediate mountain bikers. Picnic area, observation stations and beach access. Hybrid or mountain bikes recommended.
Gulf Shore Way East Trail	I Easy	Brackley Beach Complex trailhead: 4021 Brackley Pt. Road, Route 15 / Dalvay Gate trailhead: 48 Gulf Shore Parkway, Dalvay	12km	Linear	Stretching from Brackley to Dalvay, this paved, multi-use trail runs along the coast from Dalvay Gate all the way to Brackley Beach! Take in the beautiful views of sand dunes, salt marshes and forests from a whole new point-of-view! Suitable for all bikes and walking, jogging, cycling or rollerblading. Accessible.
Farmlands	J Easy	735 Gulf Shore Parkway, Stanhope	2.7km	Loop	A path taking you along old fields and mixed woodlands that is also home to a fascinating archaeological site. Hybrid or mountain bikes recommended.
Bubbling Springs	K Easy	735 Gulf Shore Parkway, Stanhope	2.2km	Loop	A favourite among birdwatchers, this path has lookouts that offer great views of waterfowl at Long Pond. Hybrid or mountain bikes recommended.
Greenwich Dunes	L Moderate	61 Greenwich Road, Greenwich	4.8km	Loop	Travel across homestead fields, through a forest stand, and over Bowley Pond on a floating boardwalk, as you journey toward your first sight of the majestic Greenwich Dunes. Only part of this trail can be explored by bike. You can travel as far as the junction with the Tlaqatik Trail and then continue on foot. Bike locks are available to borrow at the Greenwich Interpretation Centre. If you choose to cycle, then hybrid or mountain bikes are recommended.
Tlaqatik	M Moderate	61 Greenwich Road, Greenwich	4.8km	Loop	Experience the history of the area, and the story of human interaction with the land over time, as you journey along the edges of St. Peters Bay. If you choose to cycle, then hybrid or mountain bikes are recommended. Note: Please dismount at boardwalk.
Havre Saint Pierre	N Easy	61 Greenwich Road, Greenwich	1.1km	Loop	This short trail takes you along the shores of beautiful St. Peters Bay. The flat, natural surface trail is partially wheelchair accessible.

Safety & Accessibility



Rip Current Safety

Learn how to break the grip of the rip

Rip currents are powerful, fast-moving seaward currents that can pull even the strongest swimmers out to sea.

Be safe: Know how to swim, never swim alone, and when in doubt, don't go out.

If you become caught in a rip current:

- Don't fight the current
- Swim out of the current, then to shore
- If you can't escape, float or tread water
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance

Parks Canada and its service providers make every reasonable effort to mark areas that are known to have rip currents; however, there may be other such areas that are not marked.

Accessibility

Beach Wheelchairs

Brackley Beach complex, Stanhope Beach complex, and Cavendish Campground Beach all offer supervised swimming, accessible beach access and designated parking for those with limited mobility. Special beach wheelchairs are available at each location. To reserve, please call **902-672-6350**.

Following rehabilitation work over the winter, Stanhope Beach will reopen in 2017 with a fresh new look and an enhanced accessibility offer. To learn more about Parks Canada's efforts to make our beaches more user-friendly for all audiences, please call **902-672-6350**.

Accessible Camping

All facilities at both Cavendish Campground and Stanhope Campground are accessible and both locations have selected sites designed for those with limited mobility.

Accessible Trails

Both Gulf Shore Way East (see Brackley-Dalvay Map) and Gulf Shore Way West (see Cavendish-North Rustico Map) trails have smooth, even surfaces allowing for easy use by those with wheelchairs.



Cavendish Beach

Canada 150 EVENTS

Parks Canada PEI is pleased to be celebrating Canada's 150th birthday with some great special events this summer. Here's a peek at some of the upcoming Canada 150 celebrations...

June 9-10 – BioBlitz 2017

Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature and the joy of scientific discovery. Join us for BioBlitz 2017 in the PEI National Park, part of Parks Canada's national Bioblitz initiative. This is your chance to become a citizen scientist and work alongside Parks Canada specialists and partners as we take note of existing species and participate in guided nature walks. Come be part of Canada's nature selfie. This event will be held in the Brackley-Dalvey region of PEI National Park from noon, Friday, June 9 till noon, Saturday, June 10, and will be delivered in collaboration with partners from local watershed and environmental groups. Volunteers are welcome.



July 1 – August 31 – Imagine a Country

One of Parks Canada's signature Canada 150 programs is "Imagine a Country". A new Parks Canada initiative to engage audiences in the Story of Canada and the Story of Confederation in a dynamic and immersive manner while encouraging a sense of connection in particular to Province House National Historic Site. Located on the plaza of Confederation Centre of the Arts, just outside the Story of Confederation. Come celebrate with us and let us know what your ideal country looks like.

July 2 – ParticipACTION!

It's time to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and ParticipACTION has the ultimate playlist. Join the ParticipACTION host and Parks Canada staff for a special event July 2nd at Cavendish Beach between 10am to 3pm and get your "Yoga on the Beach." You can try your hand at the other activities taking place in the ParticipACTION tents such as field hockey, cycling activation or surfing challenge. Don't forget to track your activities online for chances to win great prizes.

www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/participaction-150-play-list



July 8 – National Historic Sites Day at Green Gables

Anne Shirley and friends will host visitors on site to celebrate National Historic Sites Day at Green Gables Heritage Place. Heritage demonstrations, traditional ice cream and butter making as well as games and races for kids.



Add a little extra to your trip...

In addition to regular programming, Parks Canada offers some personalized, guided tours and interactive activities for groups and individuals for a very reasonable cost. If this sounds like just the thing for you, please contact us – we'll be happy to set it all up!

For **PEI National Park activities**,
contact: pnipe.peinp@pc.gc.ca or
call **902-672-6381**

For **Green Gables Heritage Place activities**,
contact: greengables.info@pc.gc.ca or
call **902-963-7874**

Weddings & Events

To inquire about hosting your wedding, event or photography session please send your request to our events coordinator at pnipe.peinp@pc.gc.ca

Discover Our *Wild Side*

PEI National Park is home to some pretty fantastic creatures and if you're lucky, you may just spot a few during your visit. Here are a few interesting ones to keep in mind!



Red Fox

One of our most commonly seen PEI National Park residents, the red fox can range in colour from red to black. PEI foxes live in dens dug into the ground and breeding pairs produce between 4 and 9 kits in the springtime (March). Playful and curious, red foxes can be seen in all areas of the park throughout the year. As tempting as it may be to attempt to attract them, we remind visitors that **feeding wildlife, including foxes, is against the law in Canada's National Parks.** While they may seem kind, hand-outs are harmful and our foxes don't need them – they can hunt very successfully on their own!

Keep the “wild” in “wildlife” – don't feed our park's animals!

Osprey

If you happen to be near a large pond or one of the many bays in PEI National Park, look to the skies for this handsome, predatory bird. With a wingspan of 1.5 to 1.8 metres, these birds are smaller than eagles but impressive nonetheless. Osprey return yearly to large nests built near bodies of water where they can be seen diving from high above, feet first, on the hunt for unsuspecting fish. Found on PEI from spring to fall, these birds are also occasionally seen in the winter months as well.



Osprey



Bald Eagle

This magnificent bird is a year-round resident of PEI. Often seen soaring the skies over PEI National Park, bald eagles can also be spotted perched together on dune tops, around the Long and Campbell ponds in Dalvay, Schooner Pond at Greenwich and around the Cavendish area. Pairs mate for life, produce two eggs each year returning always to the same very large nest built of sticks.

Great Blue Heron

One of the official symbols of our park, the stately Great Blue Heron is a common sight around the shorelines of PEI National Park from late March till their departure in late fall. Approximately 1.2 metres in height, blue herons have long, narrow legs for wading in the water and are very patient fishermen, standing motionless in the shallow salt and fresh waters around the Island. Brackley and Covehead Bays are top spots to watch this bird. Isn't it great the way they pose so nicely for photos?



Birdwatchers

Please note!



Orby Head in Cavendish and the marsh found alongside Gulf Shore Way East Trail between Covehead Lighthouse and Brackley are perfect spots to watch for feathered friends. Keep your binoculars close!

Keep our Park *Healthy*

Parks Canada works hard to ensure that our beautiful national parks stay healthy through all kinds of restoration and conservation projects, through species monitoring and by educating others as to the ways that they can assist in protecting these special places for the future.

Restoring the Acadian Forest

Prince Edward Island was, at one time, almost entirely covered by Acadian forests. A mixture of hardwood and softwood trees, healthy Acadian forests include species like sugar maple, yellow birch, American beech, eastern hemlock, eastern white pine, and red spruce of all different ages and sizes. The forests that now exist in Prince Edward Island National Park occupy lands that were at one time cleared for farmland. When the park was established in 1937, the hardy white spruce eventually came to dominate much of the park's forested landscape. By taking an active role in forest restoration, Parks Canada and its partners are returning species to the park's forested areas to re-establish a healthy Acadian forest to the landscape.



UPEI student volunteers assisting with tree planting at Robinsons Island.



Giving our dunes a helping hand by transplanting marram grass.

Protecting the Dunes

The majestic sand dunes you see along areas of PEI's North Shore are actually incredibly fragile. The "hair-like" green spikes of marram grass covering the surface of a healthy dune have long, intertwining root systems that act like nets holding the shifting sands in place. This amazing grass has a sensitive side, however; surprisingly very few steps can kill the plant. The loss of dune grass and its ability to hold sand in place allows sand to blow away; dunes begin to break up and can disappear. Make your next step a smart one - keep our dunes safe by using the paths provided when walking to and from the beaches!

Protecting Species at Risk

There are a number of species at risk that call PEI National Park home. Our park provides critical habitat for the Gulf of St Lawrence aster, Northern Myotis and little brown bat, as well as the endangered Piping Plover. Probably our most well-known species at risk, the Piping Plover is a shorebird that lays its eggs in very well-camouflaged indentations in the sand within the parks beaches. One of the ways Parks Canada assists the breeding pairs is by closing off nesting areas to limit disturbances by people to these delightful but shy, little birds.

To help us ensure our nesting plovers are as successful as possible, please respect any area closures and keep dogs off the beaches between April 1 - Oct. 15.

Our Piping Plover parents thank you!

Piping plover



**Domestic animals
are prohibited from
all beaches from
April 1 to October 15
for reasons of public health,
safety and conservation.**



Green Gables *Heritage Place*

Take a walk through the setting of Canada's bestselling novel of all time, *Anne of Green Gables*!

Written by Island author L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables* has found its way into the hearts of millions of readers. It tells the tale of Anne Shirley, a spunky, redheaded orphan who comes to live with an elderly brother and sister at their family home called "Green Gables". Today, visitors from around the world flock to Green Gables Heritage Place to immerse themselves in the storybook landscape, find the source of Montgomery's inspiration, and fulfill a lifelong dream of seeing the places they read about first-hand.

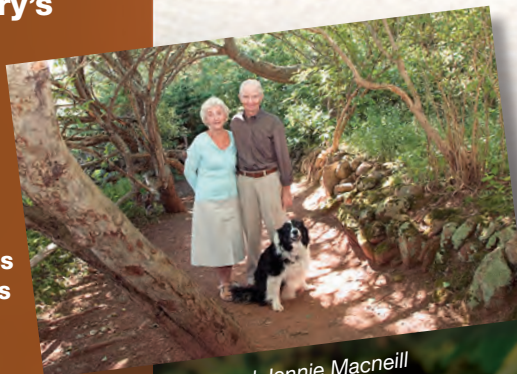
The house and grounds at Green Gables Heritage Place have been lovingly restored and decorated in exquisite detail to match the world Montgomery described in the story. Journey through the restored house and barns and take a walk along Lovers' Lane and the Haunted Wood trail. Don't forget to take in one of the fun family activities (see pages 21-22) and keep an eye out for Anne strolling around the barnyard. Cap it all off with a delicious raspberry cordial or an ice cream at the Butter Churn Café.



The Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home

To learn even more about L.M. Montgomery, don't miss a visit to "The Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home," part of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site and operated privately by the Macneill family.

Please note: The 2017 Discovery Pass is valid for admission to Green Gables Heritage Place but it is not accepted at The Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home. You are welcome to purchase your admission at their on-site bookstore or at our Green Gables Welcome Kiosk.



John and Jennie Macneill



HOURS OF OPERATION

Dec. 1, 2016 – April 14, 2017	CLOSED
April 15 – April 30, 2017	Bookings by appointment only. Special fees apply.
May 1 – October 31, 2017	Daily; 9:00am-5:00pm
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2017	Bookings by appointment only. Special fees apply.
Dec. 1, 2017 – April 14, 2018	CLOSED

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

We would like to advise visitors that Green Gables Heritage Place will be undergoing some construction this summer. Keep your eyes open for signage! We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. We're working hard to make Green Gables even more delightful!

INSIDER TIP!

Green Gables is busiest between 11am and 3pm in July and August. If you prefer a quieter time for your visit, consider coming to see us outside of those hours.

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National *Historic Sites*

Province House National Historic Site Conserving our past for tomorrow

Stroll around Charlottetown and you can't miss it: Province House National Historic Site is under construction. Wondering what's going on? Parks Canada is investing more than \$41 million over the next 3 years to conserve this celebrated structure and to ensure it is around to welcome generations to come!

Province House was the location of the Charlottetown Conference of 1864, where the Fathers of Confederation held the first meetings to discuss the creation of Canada.

Even though the building may be closed, Parks Canada is telling the story of Province House and celebrating Canada 150 in some big ways! Here are activities to catch in 2017:

- Tour *The Story of Confederation* at the Confederation Centre of the Arts, which includes an impressive replica of the Confederation Chamber, the award-winning film, "A Building of Destiny" about the 1864 Charlottetown Conference and historic vignettes by the Confederation Players.
- Visit *The Story of Confederation* kiosk to find out all about Province House and maybe pose for a photo wearing period costumes at the popular "Green Screen." (*Weather permitting.*)
- Download the free official Parks Canada Province House app: parkscanada.gc.ca/explora-app-ph
- Participate in Parks Canada's **Imagine a Country** experience: share your ideas and vision for a dream country.



Photo - Louise Vessey



*Imagine
Ja Country*

*Rêver
un pays*



Province House National Historic Site

For more information, go to parkscanada.gc.ca/provincehouse

Visit us while we work to give our past a future!

Meet the *Past* in the *Present*



Port-La-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site

Undoubtedly one of the best hidden gems on Prince Edward Island, Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site is located across the harbour from Charlottetown on the Island's south shore. A place filled with history, Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst was the site of the first permanent European settlement on the Island in 1720. After falling to British forces in 1758, it became the site of a major deportation of French and Acadian settlers. Now, only grassy hills remind us of the former fort and this beautiful place is home to an extensive network of trails just ripe for exploration. Pack a lunch and your favourite walking shoes and spend a day walking the paths to the past!



For more information, go to
parks.canada.gc.ca/fortamherst

The *Red Chair* Experience

PEI National Park and historic sites are located in some of the prettiest spots on Prince Edward Island. While there are no shortage of spectacular vistas, we have chosen a few of our best for our Red Chairs. Seek out these pairs of comfortable, red Adirondack chairs to see these views for yourself.



Oceanview Lookoff

Red Chair Challenge

If you check out the maps located in the centre of this guide, you'll see that we've marked some of the locations of our iconic Red Chairs. But here's the secret: we didn't mark them all! There are 6 sets of chairs at Parks Canada sites on PEI; can you find them all?

Don't forget to **#sharethechair** when you do!

Come Play with Us!

Make your visit extra memorable by spending some

Summer Fun Schedule

Programs and activities offered from July 2 to September 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MORNING	EYES TO THE SKIES <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Stanhope Campground 9:30am-11:30am FIELD DAY WITH MISS STACY Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30am <i>(English)</i>		GET YOUR YOGA ON... THE BEACH <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Cavendish Campground 8:30am-9:30am EYES TO THE SKIES <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Stanhope Campground 9:30am-11:30am
AFTERNOON	GREENWICH TRAILS <i>(English)</i> – Trail Head 10:30am-12:00pm SENSATIONAL SANDCASTLES <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Cavendish Beach 1:00pm-4:00pm STORY TIME Green Gables 3:00pm <i>(English)</i> 3:30pm <i>(French)</i>	ALONG THE CAVENDISH ROAD Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30pm <i>(English)</i> BEACH HUT <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Cavendish Beach 12:00pm-4:00pm TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Green Gables 3:00pm-4:00pm	ARTS & CRAFTS <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Green Gables 11:00am-12:00pm SENSATIONAL SANDCASTLES <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Brackley Beach 1:00pm-4:00pm WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Green Gables 3:00pm-4:00pm
EVENING	A'TUKEN / TELL STORIES / RACONTER DES HISTOIRES <i>(English)</i> – **Selected dates & locations – see below. 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August) **July 10 & August 14 (Cavendish Campground) and July 26 & August TBD (Greenwich Interpretation Centre)	A'TUKEN / TELL STORIES / RACONTER DES HISTOIRES <i>(English)</i> – Stanhope Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)	TOP HAT TIME MACHINE <i>(English)</i> – Cavendish Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)
DAILY	GREEN GABLES SITE TOURS – Green Gables Heritage Place July 2- September 4 <i>(English)</i> – 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm <i>(French)</i> – 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm MEET ANNE SHIRLEY – Green Gables Heritage Place July 2- September 4 <i>(Bilingual)</i> – 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm HERITAGE DEMONSTRATIONS & VIGNETTES – Green Gables Heritage Place July 2- September 4 <i>(Bilingual)</i> – throughout the day IMAGINE A COUNTRY – Confederation Centre of the Arts (Charlottetown) – Outdoor Plaza July 1 – August 31 <i>(Bilingual)</i> – 9:00am-5:00pm THE STORY OF CONFEDERATION – Confederation Centre of the Arts (Charlottetown) – Upper Foyer July 1 – August 31 <i>(Bilingual)</i> – 9:00am-5:00pm		

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

For location, see schedule.

Along the Cavendish Road: Sing along with some “local characters” as you learn about Cavendish’s colourful past through story and song.

Arts & Crafts: Join staff for “crafty” fun at Green Gables!

Beach Hut: Drop by for interactive activities, including touch tank & nature demonstrations.

Campground Ceilidh: Join us fireside for some East Coast entertainment with local storytellers & musicians.

Discovery Zone: Get your hands on some fun, interactive activities that explore the treasures of PEI National Park.

Eyes to the Skies: Take a peek through our special solar telescope at our closest star!

Games & Races: Join us for old fashioned fun with Anne and her friends!

Get Your Yoga On...the Beach! Centre yourself and stretch your mind and body to the sound of the surf with beachside yoga.

Green Gables Site Tours: Get the facts and the fiction about this famous place from one of our knowledgeable guides.

Field Day with Miss Stacy: Follow along with Anne’s favourite teacher on one of her famous field days.

Fun Friday: Get your imagination going with the day’s fun activity. Ask Green Gables staff for details!

Heritage Demonstrations & Vignettes: See some activities & chores from days gone by and even try them out yourself!

Imagine a Country: Share your ideas and vision for your dream country at our interactive photobooth.

Meet Anne Shirley: Don’t miss your chance to meet the most famous fictional resident of PEI!

Stay connected and text “**OPT IN**” to **902-200-4499** for Bamtext alerts about activities, events and more at Parks Canada sites in PEI! *(If you ever wish to discontinue these alerts, simply text “**OPT OUT**” to the same number.)*

Note: Weather conditions can affect schedules and special events may pop up too!

quality time with our friendly and knowledgeable guides!

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
GET YOUR YOGA ON... THE BEACH <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Stanhope Campground 8:30am-9:30am		MORNINGS WITH PARKA <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Cavendish Campground 10:00am-11:00am	MORNINGS WITH PARKA <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Stanhope Campground 10:00am-11:00am
SHANTIES & SHIPWRECKS Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30am <i>(English)</i>	STORY TIME Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30am <i>(English)</i>	STORY TIME Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30am <i>(English)</i>	FIELD DAY WITH MISS STACY Green Gables 10:00am <i>(French)</i> 10:30am <i>(English)</i>
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HAUT-DE-FORME À REMONTER LE TEMPS <i>(French)</i> – Cavendish Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)	TOP HAT TIME MACHINE <i>(English)</i> – Stanhope Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)	HAUT-DE-FORME À REMONTER LE TEMPS <i>(French)</i> – Stanhope Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)	CAMPGROUND CEILIDH <i>(Bilingual)</i> – Stanhope Campground 8:30pm-9:30pm (July) 8:00pm-9:00pm (August)



Greenwich Trails: Uncover the secrets of PEI’s highest dunes with one of our guides extraordinaire!

A’tuken / Tell Stories / Raconter des histoires: Discover the rich culture of the Mi’kmaq people through story, song and dance.

Mornings with Parka: Meet our favourite furry friend, Parka, the Parks Canada mascot, for fun & learning.

Sensational Sandcastles: Learn tricks of the trade from a local artist and sculpt your own seaside masterpiece.

Shanties & Shipwrecks: Think you can handle a few PEI ghost stories? Let’s see! Join us for some spine-tingling tales and shanties.

Story Time: Sit alongside an old time Cavendish resident as they share stories from L.M. Montgomery’s famous Anne of Green Gables.

Sunday Picnic: Help Anne Shirley make ice cream, take part in an old fashioned race or two and take in some great music!

The Story of Confederation: Take a seat in the replica of the historical Confederation Chamber and take in the film ‘A Building of Destiny’ about the Charlottetown Conference of 1864.

Top Hat Time Machine/Haut-de forme à remonter le temps: Get a different view on how Canada came to be and help show a “Father” some good, old fashioned East Coast hospitality.

Tremendous Tuesdays: Get your imagination going with the day’s fun activity. Ask Green Gables staff for details!

Wonderful Wednesdays: Get your imagination going with the day’s fun activity. Ask Green Gables staff for details!



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