



Cumberland County's Fundy Shore

WORLD CLASS ATTRACTIONS

Cumberland County's Fundy Shore offers a vacation experience like no other where you can hike a rugged backcountry trail, kayak the coastal waters, or simply relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. This spectacular coastal route winds along the Upper Bay of Fundy between Amherst and Parrsboro on highway routes 302, 242 and 209. An award-winning provincial park, world class fossil site, cultural and historical attractions, rocky beaches and awe-inspiring cliffs chiselled by the world's highest tides are all a part of this hidden gem.

Your first stop should be the entry point into Nova Scotia at the province's Visitor Information Centre. It is located on the site where Canada's early history was shaped with the British fort "Fort Lawrence" and the Acadian village of "Beaubassin". Situated at the geographic centre of the Maritime Provinces, the Town of Amherst is a modern community with a rich heritage evidenced by its many Victorian-era homes and depicted in many of its colourful murals.

The village of River Hebert features the Heritage Models Centre, with over 30 scale models of local historic buildings and artifacts. The Tidal Bore Park is the perfect venue for viewing the incoming tide colliding with the outward flow of the river. The nearby historic community of Minudie was first settled by the Acadians in 1672. The famous Joggins Fossil Cliffs, which received UNESCO World Heritage Site designation in July of 2008, is a key destination area. This former coal mining community is situated atop dramatic cliffs overlooking the Bay of Fundy. These cliffs are internationally recognized for extensive deposits of 300-million year old fossils.

Further down the coast is Advocate Harbour. It is one of the oldest settled communities in the country named and chartered in 1607 by French explorer Samuel de Champlain. Popular local attractions include the award-

winning Cape Chignecto Provincial Park, which offers unparalleled scenery along one of the best coastal hiking trail systems in Eastern North America, and the breathtaking and spectacular scenery of Cape d'Or.

Once a thriving shipbuilding centre, Spencer's Island is home to a cairn that recounts the legend of the famous ghost ship Mary Celeste, which was built there in 1861. An historic lighthouse interpretation centre tells the story of the community's proud shipbuilding heritage.

A visit to the Age of Sail Heritage Centre in Port Greville is a "must-see" with its depictions of the shore's rich shipbuilding and lumbering heritage through photos, videos, story telling, models, artifacts, and hands-on exhibits.

Minas Basin's largest town is Parrsboro with its major family attraction the Fundy Geological Museum. You can also visit the historic Ottawa House Museum; take in a play at Ship's Company Theatre; or enjoy a stroll along the miles of unspoiled beaches.



Cobequid Shore BECKONS FOR ADVENTURE

Scenic views awaits those driving the Gloscap Trail along Route 2 to Parrsboro but plenty of activities can extend this trip over several days.

A hiker's paradise awaits exploration in Chignecto Park, with 42 km of prime hiking trails, some running along the coast of the Bay of Fundy, with designated camp sites available.

Kenomee hiking and walking trails weave throughout the Cobequid Hills with picturesque views of waterfalls and sculpted cliffs.

Economy Falls Trail,

Thomas's Cove and Five Islands Provincial Park feature well-developed coastal and wilderness hiking trails.

Sea kayaking and canoeing are popular along the shore, as well as on the multiple lakes and rivers in the area.

Moose River is a special place to explore the remains of the Moose River Lumber Company's dam and saw mill, walk along the tidal river, dig a bucket of clams or look for fossils.

View some of the oldest dinosaur bones on earth at the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro. Visitors

will experience beautiful amethyst and agate collections and become familiar with the area's ancient land and sea creatures.

While in Parrsboro, stop by one of the many restaurants and unique shops or play a round of golf on the nine hole course.

The drive down Route 209 toward the village of Advocate will take you past Joggins Fossil Find, a treat for geological enthusiasts. The Age of Sail Heritage Museum in Port Greville brings to life the history of shipbuilding and lumbering.

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