

Port Greville Harbour at High Tide showing the Boat launching ramp. (Shaw Photo)



Joggins Fossil Centre & UNESCO DESIGNATION

ore than 10 years of collaboration partnership between all levels of government and the local community, under the auspices of CREDA, culmi nated with the opening on April 22, 2008 (Earth Day) of the new multi-million dollar Joggins Fossil Centre. This was followed on July 7th by the designation of the Joggins Fossil Cliffs as Nova Scotia's second, and Canada's 15th. UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site continues to be an icon for the area and attendance continues to increase at a rapid rate.

With its inscription onto the World Heritage List the site is quickly becoming one of the most outstanding Natural Heritage Tourism Sites

in the world. Referred to as the 'Coal-Age Galapagos' the Joggins Fossil Cliffs contain an unrivalled fossil record pre-served in its environmental context, which represents the finest example in the world of the terrestrial tropical envi-ronment and ecosystems of the Pennsylvanian 'Coal Age' of the Earth's history. The opening of the new Joggins Fossil Centre allows

the story of the fossil cliffs to be shared with the rest of the world in an environmentally responsible way. Operated by the not-for-profit Joggins Fossil Institute, the award winning Centre has many innova-tive green building features that help keep energy and resource use to a minimum. It is situated on a reclaimed

brown field site, (former co mine) overlooking the Fossil Cliffs. "Green Technology"

features include a 50 kilowatt wind turbine generator, a solar heating system to pre-heat the hot water, electronic, self-closing faucets, waterless urinals which together reduce water consumption by approximately 30%, and a living vegetation roof that helps reduce extremes in heating and cooling of the building; prevent storm water run off and help filter pollutants and CO2 out of the air.

The Centre also provides educational and interpretive programming that includes information on global change and highlights the relationship between the coal age and modern times. The 14.7

kilometre expanse of cliffs and beach is protected under numerous provincial and federal acts and regulations including the Special Places Protection Act, the Beaches Act and the Environment Act, as well as municipal land use planning by-laws.

The Centre provides an exceptional learning experience, featuring an extensive fossil specimen collection, exhibits, and displays depict-

ing:
• the rich geological history of the Joggins Cliffs • the history of scientific discovery at Joggins • the history of coal mining that shaped the local community

Over 19,500 paid visitors were welcomed through the

centre in 2008. It's been estimated that another 5,500 headed straight for the beach without visiting the centre for a minimum number of 25,000 visitors between April and November.

Cape Chignecto Park **NOVA SCOTIA'S LARGEST** ape Chignecto Provincial Park- Located on a dramatic coastal peninsula on the Bay of Fundy at Advocate Harbour, Cape Chignecto is Nova Scotia's largest Provincial Park The 4200 hectare natural

logical features.

The Park offers 60-kms of predominately coastal hiking trails, 50 plus backcountry hike-in wilderness campsites 28 walk-in campsites, a wilderness cabin and an allseason bunkhouse, a visitor information/ interpretation centre and gift shop.
Because Cape Chignecto is

environment park features 29

kilometres of pristine coast-

line, old growth forests, rare plants and outstanding geo-

a wilderness hiking and camping park, there are no drive-up camping sites although group camping is available, along with a cabin and a bunkhouse.

Visitors must register at the Red Rocks Visitor Centre on West Advocate Road prior to entering the Park. The Centre also offers interpretation, a gift shop, washrooms and a warm fire on a cool, wet

The Eatonville Day-Use area opened last summer. Located in the once thriving settlement of Eatonville Harbour, Cape Chignecto's Day-Use area provides visitors with over 5-kilometres of

accessible walking trails suitable for everyone including families and the physically challenged. Visitors to the day use area arrive via the West Apple River Road. While it seems like a long drive, the experience waiting at the top of the cliffs is well worth the adventure. The Three Sisters Interpretive Centre, a renew-able energy building powered by solar panels, provides access to the trail system as well as information on the historical and geological signifi-

cance of the area.

Two user-friendly trail systems offer an entire day of entertainment for park visitors. One trail takes visitors to the famous Three Sisters three magnificent sea-stacks, engulfed in local folklore.

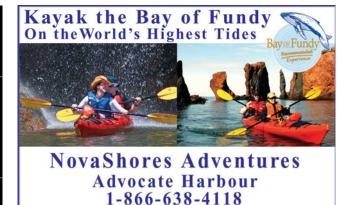
The second trail leads to

Squally Point, an actual raised beach that was created thousands of years ago when gla-ciers covered much of this area. There are rest and picnic areas along the trail systems and seven professionally engineered viewing platforms offering spectacular views of the upper Bay of Fundy as well as interpretive informa-

For more information on Cape Chignecto, visit the website at www.capechignecto.net or call 392-2085. For reservations call

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