



## ACCOMMODATION AWARD 2010

### Tidal Bore Rafting Park & Cottages

The oldest rafting establishment in Nova Scotia offers fully equipped air-conditioned, housekeeping cottages conveniently located in central Nova Scotia, overlooking the outstanding Shubenacadie River. Established as one of the top five rivers by Lonely Planet, the Shubenacadie River and Tidal Bore Rafting Park offer the best rafting experience for all guests and visitors in the Central Nova region. Not only do they offer 1, 2 and 5 bedroom units, they are also home to one of Nova Scotia's newest eating establishments, The Sandbar Restaurant. Tidal Bore

Rafting Park & Cottages features an incredible 5-bedroom 2-storey chalet that can accommodate up to 16 people, which includes 4 balconies, 2 powder rooms, 3 bathrooms and a spacious TV room. From their in-ground swimming pool and meeting lodge, to their many hiking trails, their 27 years

of tourism experience ensures that visitors are more than satisfied with this remarkable facility and memorable experience. Tidal Bore Rafting Park & Cottages is a distinguished accommodation establishment, and certainly draws visitors into staying in our region.



## ATTRACTION AWARD 2010

### Victoria Park & Victoria Park Pool

Whether you're looking for a place to relax or a place to play, Victoria Park and Victoria Park Pool have so much to offer. The Victoria Park Pool has had a huge impact on the tourism industry and is a centre-piece of this stunning recreational area.

This 1,000-acre, very special and unique place in Truro came into being in 1887 and attracts countless visitors each year to its wooded trails, swimming pool, picnic areas, waterfalls, ball field, playground, outdoor stage and more. During winter months, visitors enjoy walking, snowshoeing, skating and cross-country skiing in The Park. It's truly a year-round facility.

Victoria Park is home to

a number of annual events hosted by the Department of

Parks, Recreation and Culture. They include: Truro Winter Long John Festival held each February, an Easter Egg Hunt, Canada's Parks Day in July, and YouthStock in September. These events draw people from throughout the region and beyond.

In 2010, the public voted

Victoria Park as the "Best in Colchester" attraction during a contest put on by the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, which oversees public usage of Victoria Park, is already getting numerous calls from people looking to book facilities within The Park for personal and public functions.



## Festival & Event Award 2010

### Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival

Launched for the first time in 2008, the Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival has become the primary fall event in the Town of Amherst. In 2010 the festival attracted between 2,000 and 3,000 fibre enthusiasts from all over Canada, as well as Virginia, Ohio, California and even England. Sponsored by the Downtown Amherst Revitalization Society (DARS), the festival is a 5-day celebration of all things fibre: knitting, quilting, rug hooking and much more. Featuring many creative workshops, exhibits, and hands-on demonstrations, the festival offers something for everyone. The festival has been a resounding success and has grown each year. The 2010 Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival took

place from October 12th to 16th at various locations throughout downtown Amherst and featured approximately 40 events. Many of the workshops sold out well in advance and the economic impact on the town was significant. Accommodations were full for the week and restaurants were busy during what would normally be a quiet time of the year.

The festival committee has had nothing but posi-

tive feedback and many visitors have already booked accommodations for this year's festival, which will be held from October 11th to 15th. The 2011 Nova Scotia Fibre Arts Festival will feature a minimum of 50 events and is expected to attract a crowd of 3,000.

This year, the committee is working with Events Nova Scotia to help spread the word and the sky is the limit for this unique arts and cultural event.



## Cobequid Shore - Beckons For Adventure

Scenic views awaits those driving the Glooscap 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.

## Mo's, worth every minute in Five Islands

By Linda Harrington

Stop by for a coffee, curl up with a good book, admire the newest art display, chat with neighbours and sample one of the delicious menu choices for lunch. You can do all this and more at Mo's on the Glooscap Trail in Five Islands.

People familiar with the area will recall the former Mel's ("Some Good Food") which closed several years ago. The building has undergone major renovations and the doors are open to welcome friends and neighbours.

"I hope that people along the shore will get in the habit of stopping by once a day," says Dick Lemon. "They will take a break from their busy day and come to Mo's for a cup of coffee and a chance to sit down and catch up on the news with others in the community."

Guests at Mo's will notice big comfy chairs and as they enter through the front door with hundreds of books available for sale, rent or borrow and a selection of art on display from the Argyle Gallery of Halifax. A wood fired pizza oven will be glowing near by and the aroma of freshly baked breads, biscuits and homemade soups will fill the air.

"I hope it gives people the feeling of a living room with lots of things going on," says Dick Lemon.

The building has wireless internet throughout and the back section includes a ten bed hostel with clean, comfortable,

colorful rooms available for travelers.

For more information on

Mo's or to reserve a room at the hostel phone: 902-254-8088.

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