

# Join in the excitement of the Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival – July 21-22



Come, gather with us for a wonderful celebration of our heritage, culture and a tribute to our military; past, present and future. You can look forward to another memorable weekend in Tatamagouche at the Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival – July 21 and July 22, 2012. The events will start on Saturday, July 21 at 9:30 a.m. with the Tattoo Kickoff at the Creamery Square. At 10:00 a.m. a tribute to the life of Donald MacKay, a veteran of the Battle of Orleans during the War of 1812-14, will be presented. Free Admission.

On Saturday, July 21 at 7:00 pm you are in for a treat at the main event, the Tatamagouche Tattoo 2012 performance, at the North Shore Recreation Centre. Rod Deviller of Cat Country Radio, Truro and Jonathan Wilson, Amherst, return to provide MC duties in both official languages. This is the fourth annual Tatamagouche Tattoo. It is a different show every year and is an exciting celebration of our heritage and tribute to our military through marching bands, dancing and singing. You might ask why it is called tattoo. In the 17th century Dutch villages, drummers marched through the streets

summoning British soldiers to return to their quarters from taverns and inns. A drumbeat signaling innkeepers to “doe den tap tow” or “turn off the taps” was later anglicized and shortened to “tattoo”. The pageantry will leave you feeling “very moved”, “entertained”, and “proud of our community and the talent we have in the area”.

The Tattoo Festival continues on Sunday, July 22 at 1 p.m. with a Youth Kitchen Party featuring local artists and artisans (arranged by Fables) and local food vendors – this event will take place at the Creamery Square, rain or shine; free admission.

The Tatamagouche Tattoo Festival has something for everyone. Tickets for the evening event are \$15.00 each, general admission and are available at CG Fulton Pharmacy, Tatamagouche; and MacQuarries on the Esplanade, Truro; or by calling 657-2214, 657-0408 or 257-1835. Remember, the main event is held at the North Shore Recreation Centre (bleacher seating); if you require seating assistance, please contact 257-1835 by July 18. Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

**See you at the Tata Tattoo Festival!**

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## Something Entirely Delicious “THAT DUTCHMAN'S CHEESE FARM”

By Linda Harrington

Allow a few hours to visit That Dutchman's Cheese Farm in Upper Economy, you will want to take your time and enjoy the total experience.

Famous for their delicious Gouda cheese, That Dutchman's Cheese Farm consists of over 50 acres of farm fields and over 70 acres of woodland. A babbling brook flows through a deep ravine and this scenic property on the hillside presents a picturesque network of walking trails that crisscross the lands.

An 18 ft windmill is prominent along the trail but one must not miss visiting the variety of

interesting creatures ready to greet you on your travels. Miniature goats, emus and pot-belly pigs to name a few. Children, and those young at heart, will enjoy finding the forest faerie and gnomes hidden along the trails. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the beautiful herb, flower and water gardens.

A delightful gift shop offers a large selection of antiques and collectibles.

Once you have worked up an appetite, stop by the café for a Dutch Lunch and make sure you save room to sample Maja's delicious ‘Appeltaart’, topped with real whipped cream.

The Dutchman's Farm is a winner of the 2009 Canadian Cheese Grand Prix for their Gouda and Old Growler Gouda.

The name Dragon's Breath Blue is a unique as the cheese for which it describes. After several years of fine tuning, Willem is very pleased with this small black bell of blue cheese. “The Dragon's Breath Blue is making us famous among the cheese lovers across Canada. We regularly have calls from cheese shops all over the country, who customers keep requesting this delicious, buttery blue cheese,” says Maja.

Willem and Maja van den Hoek, along with their family, have been making cheese at their Upper Economy farm for almost thirty years. They welcome visitors to stop by 112 Brown Road

any day from 9AM to 6PM. The café will open on Father's Day, 11AM - 4PM daily. For more information call 902-647-2751 or visit their website at <http://www.that-dutchmansfarm.com>.



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## Sea Kayak Adventures ON WORLD'S HIGHEST TIDES

By Linda

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Imagine a kayaking experience like no other. Water lifts your boat from the sand beach at sea level, as the tides begin to rise, and before the tour is complete you will have ridden on up to twelve metres of Atlantic Ocean, as it makes its twice daily run up the Bay of Fundy.

Sea kayaking is one of the best ways to explore the rock spires and sea caves of Cape Chignecto Park, including the famous Three Sisters. Kayakers enjoying the beauty of the landscape and thrill of tidal paddling are often rewarded with the sighting of wildlife along the coastline, including seals, a wide variety of sea birds, bald eagles and on the shores, white tailed deer.

Kayakers are advised to join one of the local tour groups, who provide experienced guides. “We really pamper our

guests with gourmet lunches on all our tours, with lots of people returning for the food” says Else Marie of Novashores Adventures “We have been selected this year as a “Adventures in Taste” participant in the “Taste of Nova Scotia” program”. Two sea kayaking tour operators offer varied kayaking experiences on the Nova Scotia side of the Upper Bay of Fundy. Novashores Adventures, which is the only “Bay of Fundy Recommended Experience” certified sea kayaking business operating in Nova Scotia offers daily tours, as well as two-day tours. Coastal Adventures offers multi-day trips in the summer months.

The day tours from Novashores Adventures have a minimum of 2 and maximum of 12 guests. Beginners of all ages are welcome, with basic paddling and safety instruction provided. The tours are arranged

around tide times and include a relaxing home baked lunch, featuring local produce, on one of the pristine beaches.

The two-day Novashores Adventures' kayaking tours being at Spicer's Cove, at the northern entrance to Cape Chignecto Provincial Park, and includes an overnight campsite at Seal Cove. Guests are often able to hear the grey seals bellowing from the rocks and observe them sunning themselves on the rocks. Delicious meals are provided throughout the tour. All equipment and camping gear is provided, just bring your own sleeping bag. They even provide a dry bag for your camera, which you will want to bring along to record all the spectacular scenery.

The four day kayaking tour by Coastal Adventure (July 15-18; August 26-29) leaves from Advocate Harbour and follows the coastline where kayakers will “weave among rock gar-

dens, poke into sea caves and glide under towering spires draped with seaweed.” A new tour of the Five Islands area has been added for Sept. 4-6th. All kayaking equipment, cooking gear and food is provided (they specialize in seafood). Participants provide tents, sleeping bags and personal items as needed.

So if you are looking for a ‘high seas’ adventure close to shore, a sea kayaking tour of the Bay of Fundy should be high on your list of summer activities this year.

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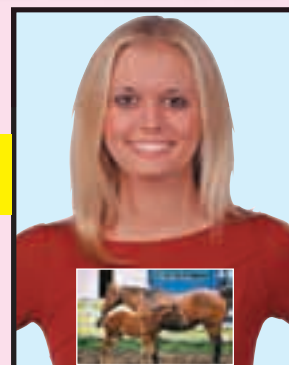
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