

Cumberland County's Fundy Shore

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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 destina-

tion 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.

The Best Along the Shore

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of Pegasus Paragliding School, built this magical place some years ago, and now entertain gliders from around the world. Krista designs her own jewelry.

Visit their web site: www.pegasusparagliding.com and possibly entertain the idea of a tremendous tandem flight with Mike. I have done it, and it cannot be described.

Fox River & Fox Point

The next area you will come upon is Fox River and Fox Point. Follow the signs to the Fox Point Look Off at Fox Point Road and you will experience a photographic opportunity of Cape Split and Cape Blomidon. Fox Point Beach is home to the famous dulse rocks and world famous dulse tides.

Back to the highway and you approach Fox River, home of The Beach House on Hatfield Road, The Old School on Hatfield Road (now an Inn), and The Coach House Bed and Breakfast. Thinking of spending a day or two, just contact any of these three operators and hopefully, if they are not booked, you can unwind right in the area.

The Coach House is named after its namesake, having been the stop for the coaches from Advocate to Parrsboro prior to the automobile days. In Fox River, you will find the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, again 100+ years of history are housed in its beautiful walls.

Another historic cemetery. This church was a home church

for one of Port Greville's famous residents, Bishop Leonard Hatfield, who even after he became well known and famous, adored coming "home" and holding services at this lovely little church.

Port Greville

Before you blink an eye, you are in Port Greville. Up until 1976 the Wagstaff and Hatfield Shipyards were nestled at the bottom of Merriam Road. Hurricane Andrew ended their days, taking with the tides of time, all of the buildings, the wharf and all other structures.

Make your way down to the shore line and if you listen very carefully, you can hear the ghosts of the crews working on the ships. I know I certainly can, as I used to go there with my sisters with our grampa Graham who worked there for many years.

Can you imagine in this day and age, little girls going out on a "ship launching"? Workman's Compensation would turn in their graves, but, we did and it was glorious. On the beach of Port Greville, all that remains is nature, miles of it.

Test your skill and guessing how fast the tide rises or falls. You will not win. Listen carefully, and you can hear the shoreline changing, as it does every single day. Port Greville Beach is proof for those studying the effects of the erosion of the shorelines of Nova Scotia.

One day as we walked, heard a crash, and low and behold a whole tree came crumbling down

the bank above us. You can walk along the beach as far as Fox River and Fox Point or westward to Brookville, if tide is out.

Port Greville welcomes you with a large sign of welcome to Port Greville, as well as the wonderful banners that are continuing westward. Shaw's Country Antique Market, The Ebb Tide Bed and Breakfast, The Studio Gallery on Albert's Corner, Port Greville Look Off.

A stop at the historic building of Shaw's Market will take you back in time, once you view the wonderful historic second floor, which use to be the home of the Knights of Pythais. The curved ceiling and beautiful woodwork is the perfect setting for the grand antique furniture, and discontinued china selections.

Quilts by famous quilter, Dayle Finlay and other local quilters, afghans by Linda Manheim, art work by Arlene Collins and other artists adorn the wall of the two storey building. On the main floor try one of the delicious ice cream flavors, or old fashioned sundaes or banana splits, or just go out to the common area and take in the deafening quiet and peaceful sounds of the Bay.

This building is over 100 years old, and has been through the ownership eras of Bentley, Fletcher, Hatfield and Allen and now its future lays in the hands of the Shaw's. The friendly staff always makes time for travelers and customers.

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July 1: Canada Day Celebrations at Recreation Park, Bible Hill, NS. Call municipal office for times and details.

July 1: Canada Day Celebrations throughout the village in Brookfield, NS. For details and times visit: www.brookfieldnovascotia.com

July 1: Canada Day Fireworks, behind the Colchester Legion Stadium, Truro, NS. Admission FREE. For information: 902-895-9259, grace@downtowntruro.ca www.downtowntruro.ca

July 4: Movie Night at the band hall in Parrsboro 8 pm. Showing "Red Sun".

July 7: Strawberry & Salad Supper, ham, salad and strawberry shortcake at Economy Recreation Centre, 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Adults, \$10; Children 12 & under, \$5. Take outs available. Sponsored by the Board of Stewards, Economy United Church.

July 7: Weekly Open Market at the Great Village Community Centre, 9 am til Close. All vendors are welcome yard sale items, home made crafts, baking, preserves & pickles. Tables will be \$10 each. Call to book your table. Heather 668-2501.

July 8: Dino Daze in Parrsboro. For more information contact the Fundy Geological Museum, Parrsboro, NS at 902-254-3814.

July 8: Parrsboro Citizen's Band Concert, 7 pm, at the Bandstand, Parrsboro. Donations appreciated.

July 13-14: Stewiacke Newfie / Country Music Festival, Stewiacke River Park Road, Stewiacke East, NS. For information: 902-639-2556, lloydmacphee@gmail.com

July 14: Musical Concert at Grace United Church, Port Greville. 7:00 P.M. Freewill offering.

July 14: Vonetta Lily Gardens, Millvale, NS. For information call: 902-686-3876

July 14: Salad and strawberry shortcake supper, Port Greville Fire Hall 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

July 14: Shore Drive Community Development Association Community yard sale on Highway 209 from Wharton to Brookville. Look for the balloons.

July 15: Parrsboro Citizen's Band Concert, 7 pm, at the Bandstand, Parrsboro. Donations appreciated.



Great Village panorama, circa 1940

July 18: Movie Night "the band hall", Parrsboro at 8 pm. Showing "Death Hunt".

July 19: NS Agricultural College Open House, Bible Hill, NS. For information call 902-893-7247.

July 20-22: Age of Sail Museum Annual Heritage Festival, Port Greville. Friday Guest Speaker (7pm), Age of sail Museum, 8334 Hwy 209 Port Greville; Saturday, Dinner Theatre (6pm) FPW Firehall; Sunday Strawberry Brunch, 11am-2pm, Port Hole Cafe 8334 Hwy 209 Port Greville. For Theater tickets or more information call 348-2030.

July 21: 3rd Annual VP Challenge at Victoria Park, Truro, NS. For information: 902-893-6093, crudolph@corda.ca www.vpchallenge.ca

July 21: Canada's Parks Day celebrations, Victoria Park, Truro, NS. Information 902-893-6078 piahall@truro.ca

July 21: Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, FPW firehall, Port Greville, NS 902-348-2030 gbsmsageofsail@yahoo.com www.ageofsailmuseum.ca

July 21: Paint the Park, Victoria Park, Truro, NS. Information 902-893-6078 piahall@truro.ca

July 22: Not Since Moses Run, Five Islands Provincial Park, Five Islands, NS. Information: 707-363-6464, dick.lemon@gmail.com www.notsincemoses.com

July 22: Parrsboro Citizen's Band Concert, 7 pm, at the Bandstand, Parrsboro. Donations appreciated.

July 22-29: Atlantic Grand Circuit Week, Truro Raceway, Bible Hill, NS. Information 902-893-9222 www.truroraceway.ca

July 26-29: Annual Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Old Time Music, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill, NS. Information: 902-662-2896, charlesmac@eastlink.ca www.downtowngrass.com

July 28: Grand Opening Wind and Wave Building and Birthday Celebrations & Volunteer Appreciation Day 8334 hwy 209 Port Greville.

July 28: Lighthouse Day at Five Islands Lighthouse Park. Lots of fun, beautiful park open all year. Picnic tables, playground, walking trail, beach access.

July 28: Tribute To Wilf Carter, Bible Hill Fire Hall, Bible Hill, NS. 902-686-3876

July 29: Band Day at the Bandstand in Parrsboro 1-5 pm. Lots of great music, sausage, hot dogs, strawberry shortcake and tickets on 25 lbs lobster. **July 29:** Parrsboro Annual Band Day, Parrsboro.

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Aug 1: Movie Night at "the band hall", Parrsboro at 8 pm. Showing "The Artist".

Aug 2-5: Stewiacke Town Days, Stewiacke, NS. Information 902-639-2231, town@stewiacke.net

Aug 4: F.P.W. Field Day, Port Greville Fire Hall. Events include: Parade, bingo, ticket draws, musical entertainment and BBQ chicken. Come and enjoy!

Aug 5: Entertainment at the bandstand, Parrsboro, 7 pm. Donations to charity.

Aug 10-12: Dutch Mason Blues Festival, Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds, Bible Hill, NS. Information: 866-993-8824, dmb bluesfestival@eastlink.ca www.dutchmason.com

Aug 10-12: Mill brook Pow Wow, Millbrook Pow Wow Grounds, Millbrook, NS Admission: Free. Information 902-956-1622, www.millbrookpowwow.wordpress.com

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