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An Inverness County Welcome

Inverness County comprises the entire western coastline of Cape Breton Island, and reaches inland as far as the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes. Between these shorelines, cultures and arts, languages and landscapes complement each other, extending an open invitation for visitors to experience any or all of western Cape Breton's offerings.

Those offerings are myriad, lunch with live fiddle music in Judique, where you can also learn a fiddle tunes or a few basic square dance steps. You can swim at the sandy life-guarded beach at Port Hood, go square dancing in West Mabou or Glencoe, golfing, swimming or watching harness racing in Inverness, salmon fishing or hiking along the Margaree River, golfing at Cabot Links in Inverness or La Portage course in Cheticamp. Receive a warm invitation to join in the vibrant Acadian culture of LeMoine and Cheticamp. Pleasant Bay has a marvellous whale museum or nearby whale watching in that village. Camping and hiking at the tiny, tenacious and wonderful village of Meat Cove is a visitors' favourite.

These are only a few of the choices to be made and enjoyed along the coast.

Going inland there is Lake Ainslie, Nova Scotia's largest fresh water lake, with camp sites, hiking trails and the popular Scotsville School of Crafts where traditional weaving and or heritage skills are practiced daily, and for which workshops are available for visitors.

Beyond Lake Ainslie is Whycocomagh which

every summer celebrates a multicultural festival. At any time of the season Whycocomagh invites you to hike Salt Mountain or camp in the Whycocomagh Provincial Park, or to visit Waycobah, the Mi'qmaq village just across the Skye River which this year will host the Mi'qmaq Summer Games. Both villages border on the shores of the Bras d'Or.

Inverness County: The Sunset Side of Cape Breton Island, is your guide to the activities and inter-activities, culinary choices, places to rest, and events.

Inverness County is a place rich in history, and a wealth of museums in each community tells that town or village's story of centuries of settlement, the survival of cultures and languages, the industrial and agricultural past and present.

Many villages offer weekly "ceilidhs" or gatherings featuring musicians, Gaelic singers, dancers and even storytellers.

For those who want to experience Inverness County first hand through bicycling, canoeing, hiking, whale watching, square dancing, or any other personal involvement, the options are many, the excitement, thrilling.

The highly acclaimed 92-kilometre Celtic Shores Coastal Trail is one of Inverness County's latest gems in a rich geographic and cultural landscape.

We are pleased to share these wonders of our place with you. Welcome!



Port Hastings Museum celebrates 60 years of Canso Causeway

This season (June 15 - Oct 17), the Port Hastings Museum, directly across from the Port Hastings Visitors Centre, is highlighting the 60 years that have passed since the opening of the Canso Causeway, which most visitors crossed on their way onto Cape Breton Island.

A Week of Causeway Tales

The deepest causeway in the world at 217 feet (66.1416M), the Canso Causeway is a storied part of the history and culture of Cape Breton Island, and the Port Hastings Museum has collected an impressive portfolio of information and photographs concerning the construction of the 'Road to the Isle.'

August 13th marks the 60th anniversary of the Causeway's opening, and the museum will mark the occasion with an Open House and a BBQ. Each day of that anniversary week (August 9-15), the Port Hastings Museum will celebrate *Causeway Days*, with each

day including a social, a chat, an open house, and trivia questions and answers. These events will be conducted in partnership with historical organizations in Point Tupper and Mulgrave.

CANADA DAY (July 1) will be a celebration of Canada's birthday with a cake and flags distributed by the museum staff.

Festival of the Strait

From July 1-5, Port Hastings' neighbouring town, Port Hawksbury, celebrated its 50th Anniversary Festival of the Strait, and the Port Hastings Museum has set aside the period of the festival to promote the town's successful string of wonderful festivals, featuring a *Display: Festival*



of the Strait (Programs/Pictures/Video/Power Point).

Museum will also participate in the Festival of the Strait parade.

Celtic Colours

The annual Celtic Colours International Music Festival held each October, will be marked by the Port Hastings Museum on Friday, October

9th, with a tea and Ceilidh in the museum, prior to a supper at the Port Hastings Fire Hall put on by St. David's United Church.

Artisans Collective and Gift Shop

If original handcrafted works by gifted Cape Bretoners is of interest, we encourage you to visit to the Artisans Collective craft shop at the Port Hastings Museum. This seasonal gift shop has become a destination of choice for visitors looking to purchase quality handcrafted items. Some of the artisans are juried members of the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design.

The gift shop is fully stocked with an assortment of top quality handcrafted goods made by the members which are quilters, knitters, weavers, and wood crafters.

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Author Linden MacIntyre



Linden MacIntyre, award-winning investigative reporter for CBC's *the fifth estate*, and Giller Award-winning fiction writer for his best-selling novel, *The Bishop's Man*, has also won critical acclaim for his boyhood reminisces of growing up in Port Hastings during the construction phase of the Canso Causeway in his book, *Causeway: A Passage from Innocence*. Visitors will find within the Port Hastings Museum many of the documents and artifacts that informed that fine piece of writing.

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Rod the Piper refuses to cross the Canso Causeway

Roderick Cameron Colin MacPherson, Big Rod the Piper, was asked to join the select one hundred on the Opening Day of the Canso Causeway. Seven months prior to Opening Day, Big Rod accepted. During the next seven months, one thought persisted in the mind of Big Rod: "Was this Canso Causeway really something that a true Scot should play his pipes to rejoice over?" He kept silent until the night before the Opening.

On Friday, August 12, 1955, Big Rod drove to the house of Dougald MacNeil to tell him that he would not play. MacNeil called an emergency meeting of the Pipers' Committee. Speaker after speaker tried to persuade Big Rod to change his mind, to no avail.

The minister, the priest and politicians also spoke with no result.

Big Rod objected to the speed this causeway would bring to Cape Breton Island; the speed of the tourists who would rush around, bringing business only to the gas stations, and the speed that people would reach and leave the island. Big Rod considered that coming to the Island was an experience, and that no one should want to leave any faster than necessary.

Over 20,000 people walked across the Causeway on Saturday, August 13, 1955, but Big Rod the Piper was not one of them.

(Source: The Port Hastings Historical Museum)
(Reprinted from Legends of Inverness County, Volume 1)



Back: Alfred Poirier, Jim Mustard, Dwayne MacDonald. Front: Gloria LeBlanc, Duart MacAulay, Betty Ann MacQuarrie

The Municipality of the County of Inverness is pleased to welcome you to the sunset side of Cape Breton Island. Savour our rousing ceilidhs, the steady cadence of massed fiddlers, the fun and camaraderie of a square dance. Share our enthusiasm for the county and sizzling sunsets over placid water and dancing bonfires.

As you travel throughout our County become familiar with who we are and where we hope to be in the future. Enjoy our presence and then make western Cape Breton your vacation destination for fun, frolic and laughter amid the fluke of the whales and flight of the eagles.

To learn more about our history, or to travel through time from the beginning of our incorporation to the present, to meet our present day council, CAO and various departments who manage the affairs of our illustrious Inverness County visit us at www.invernesscounty.ca.

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Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park a place to reflect, relax

For a touch of solemn solitude, and an opportunity to simply sit and relax, visit the Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park. While there are benches upon which to rest, the atmosphere is one where a person feels the weight of great sacrifice and the fullness of one's own gratitude.

Unveiled in 2013, the Veterans Memorial Park is the culmination of a community's dream of honouring its war heroes, living and dead.

The memorial itself is a stunning tribute to the courage of so many Canadians, particularly those who served from the town and surrounding counties.

Its centrepiece is a large

bronze Canadian maple

leaf which enfolds several

Armed Forces

figures wearing the

various uni-

forms from the

wars in which

A number of

leaf which enfolds several

figures wearing the

forms from the

Canada took part.

life-size statues



represent soldiers, sailors, Air Force personnel and merchant marines. A military nurse holding a helmet from the First World War kneels by a grave in memory of the Unknown Soldier. It was created by Timothy B. Schmalz, a sculptor widely known for his memorial pieces.

This unveiling of this memorial was a moving experience for those in attendance, with none more moved than those veterans who were able to attend and take part in the ceremony.

If you decide to visit Veterans Memorial Park, to sit among the iconic images and more than 2000 names inscribed there, it will tell you something about the people among whom you are currently visiting, and may well remind you of those from your own home or homeland who have been equally selfless in their sacrifices.

FARMERS' MARKET on alternate Thursdays offer fresh choices

A farmers' market is always a good way for travellers to replenish their menus with fresh produce and that's what is available at the Port Hawkesbury & Area Community Market beginning June 18th in Port Hawkesbury.



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This year, at press time, the location of this popular market was still to be decided (Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre or the Port Hawkesbury Mall.) At the chosen location (the market location will have helpful signage, an average of 30 and 40 vendors will be

offering tables of products and produce ranging from annuals, baked goods, manure, preserves, meat, pickles confection and eggs, to artisan products.

Held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. the Community Market will take place on alternate Thursdays beginning

June 18th, then on the following Thursdays: July 2nd, July 16th, July 30th, August 13th, August 27th, September 10th, September 24th, October 8th, and October 22nd.

Entertainment is provided each market day.



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We greet every visitor to Cape Breton – that's our job as the first town after the causeway. We'll immerse you in Cape Breton's warmth, hospitality and musical culture as you visit our shops or explore our beautiful community on the coast.

Let the warm waters of our local beaches beckon, or perhaps you'd enjoy a challenging round at one of our many nearby golf courses. If nature's more your thing enjoy the breathtaking views from one of our hiking trails.

Let us caress your soul with the music and culture that has made our tiny island famous at one of our many Cellidhs. Our Granville Green free outdoor concert series, Sunday evenings throughout the summer, are sure to please every musical taste.

Come find out what kind of first-*and lasting* – impression we'll make.

For more information visit us online at TownOfPortHawkesbury.ca or call 902 625 2591

50th Festival of the Strait features Mardi Gras theme

The 2015 summer season kicks off on Canada Day (July 1st), with Port Hawkesbury, Cape Breton Island's only town, celebrating its 50th consecutive year of the Festival of the Strait.

Port Hawkesbury has had something to celebrate in each of those years, and this year the Festival of the Strait pays homage to its Acadian roots and *the Mi-carême traditions* by featuring a Mardi Gras theme.

"We are celebrating this year in fine Mardi Gras style, just like our Acadian ancestors of old," explains one organizer.

Running from July 1st through July 5th, the Festival of the Strait offers an open arms welcome to all visitors who come to the town to enjoy its spirited sense of joy expressed through music, song, dance, parades, bonfires and fireworks.



50TH FESTIVAL OF THE STRAIT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST

12-2pm - The Port Hawkesbury **Canada Day Celebrations**, take place annually on July 1st from 12-2 p.m. at the Granville Green Grounds. Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon, featuring free musical entertainment, refreshments, games, bounce-a-ramas, face-painting & more!

THURSDAY JULY 2ND

6:30 p.m. - **Festival Princess**

Pageant. Civic Center. The show will feature girls from the Strait area who will showcase their talents individually and as a group.

8:00 pm - **Free Movie** at the Port Hawkesbury Cinema. Located in SAERC auditorium.

FRIDAY JULY 3RD

6:00 p.m. - **Venture Downs Raceway** will feature a five-dash card of harness racing. Crandall Road. BBQ and refreshments available.

8:00 p.m. - **Family Bonfire.** Port Hawkesbury Waterfront. People attending are asked to bring instruments and/or voices for a wonderful family-and-friends singalong. Marshmallows will be available for roasting!

8:00 p.m. - **Parade of Sails** - this stirring event begins at dusk, with boats from Port Hawkesbury's SCYC marina and other Strait area ports taking part in moving reminder

of the town's and Cape Breton's earliest means of livelihood and transportation.

SATURDAY JULY 4TH

8:00 a.m. - **Mardi Gras 5K Fun Run.** Dress for the part, and enjoy a healthy walk, jog, run or sprint along the route. Registration is \$15. Civic Center departure.

10:00 a.m. - **Kids' Fun Run.** Registration is \$10. Civic Center departure.

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11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - It's Family Fun Day at the Community Park with games, horse rides, prizes, treats and fun. Bring your bathing suits and towel to enjoy the splash pad! Adults can enjoy a Washer Toss tournament at the Curling Club nearby!

3:00 pm - Community Trails "Capture the Flags" Race. Teams of two can register for cash prizes for

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! Meet at the Community Park for departure.

4:00 pm - Afternoon Pub with live music. Strait of Canso Yacht Club, Port Hawkesbury Waterfront. BBQ and refreshments available.

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Pub by the Sea - live music from The Fourth Well under an outside tent venue at the Port Hawkesbury waterfront. (adult event) \$10 admission.

SUNDAY JULY 5TH

1:00 p.m. - Mardi Gras Parade. Line up begins at 12 noon in the Provincial Building parking lot below the Veterans Memorial Park. Route will follow MacQuarrie Extension Drive, Reeves Street, Old Sydney Road, and Granville Street (ending at the waterfront).

2:00 p.m. (or following the street parade) **Free Summer Ceilidh**

by the Sea. Port Hawkesbury waterfront. A wonderful collection of local singers, musicians and dancers. A true Cape Breton experience! BBQ and refreshments available.

7:00 p.m. - Free Granville Green Concert.

10:00 p.m. - Fireworks by the Sea. Port Hawkesbury Waterfront.

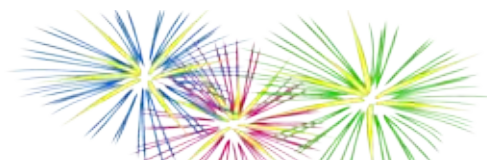
Shannon Studio Ceilidhs every Tuesday

A *ceilidh*, Gaelic for a social gathering, takes place every Tuesday evening at the Shannon Studio in Port Hawkesbury's Civic Centre, starting June 30th and carrying on through to October 6th.

The weekly ceilidhs, emceed by radio personality Bob MacEachern, have an interesting line-up each week, one that brings to the stage members of the same family, or relatives, or friends who have influenced, or been influenced by, the family.

The Shannon Studio ceilidhs, a co-op presentation by the Port Hastings Museum and the Civic Centre, will run from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Admission to the ceilidh includes a cup of tea and oatcakes which you can enjoy along with the music.

That's every Tuesday June 30th - October 6th. Adm: \$8.



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Granville Green free concerts offer exceptional talent

Port Hawkesbury's Granville Green Free Concert Series is going into its 21st year of bringing to the town some of the finest music talent in Atlantic Canada, and this summer's lineup sustains the Green's reputation for offering both top performers, as well as proving up-and-coming singer-songwriters and groups who showcase for most of the featured musicians. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for comfort.

Granville Green Lineup

JULY 5 - BREABACH

The haunting strains of twin bagpipes have become a defining signature of Breabach – a chimingherald of Scottish folk being embraced by a new generation. The energetic five-piece deliver a thrilling and unique brand of contemporary folk music, and have been called the new faces of Scottish Traditional music. Breabach has been voted 'Best Group' and 'Best Live Act' at the Scots Trad Music Awards as well as being nominated twice as 'Best Band' at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Port Hawkesbury singer-songwriter, Jeremy White, opens for this Scottish group.

JULY 12 - SARAH HARMER

A Canadian folk singer with a large following and several albums recorded, including Weeping Tile, named Best Debut Album by Time Magazine the year it was released. Harmer has

appeared as guest vocalist on albums by Blue Rodeo, Neko Case, Bruce Cockburn, and Great Big Sea.

Whitney Rose: Whitney Rose describes her music as "vintage-pop-infused-neo-traditional-country" and her recently released album, Heartbreaker of the Year, is just that, as are her captivating performances.

JULY 19: HEY ROSETTA!

Hey Rosetta is a Canadian seven-piece indie rock band from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador and led by singer/songwriter Tim Baker. Known for its energized live shows, the band creates a large, layered sound by incorporating piano, violin and cello into the traditional four-piece rock setup. Hey Rosetta! offers audience a wide-ranging compilation of songs and music certain to win you over.

JULY 26: KIM HARRIS

Kim Harris's oceanic voice is vast, and ever changing. The Newfoundland born singer emits rich colours, and textures

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with her full-length debut album, *Only The Mighty*, a shoreline of metallic moods and airy effervescence. Inspired by love, darkness, and particles of light, *Only The Mighty* is a testament to resilience, and an invitation to become a fan.

The Fortunate Ones, opening for Kim Harris, is a Canadian pop-folk duo made up of singer/guitarist Andrew James O'Brien and singer/pianist/accordion player Catherine Allan – endearing audiences with wide-eyed energy, pragmatic optimism, and an earnest mission for connection.

AUGUST 02: TIM CHAISSON

Where to begin? Three knockout showcases at Austin's famed South by Southwest Festival last spring and subsequent dates supporting alt-rock legends the Goo Goo Dolls. That spot at the Mariposa Folk Festival covering Gordon Lightfoot under the approving gaze of Lightfoot himself. The SiriusXM INDIE Award nomination for Collaboration of the Year for "Beat This Heart" with Serena Ryder. Chaisson's 2014 *Lost in Light*, his third nationally distributed album and easily his most confident and ambitious. All there at Granville Green to entertain you, at no cost.

RIA MAE:

With raw lyrics, a bluesy voice, and provocative melodies, it is no surprise that Mae has been making waves in the Canadian music scene since releasing her debut album "Under Your Skin" in 2011. She has since garnered several awards and nominations including a 2012 East Coast Music Award for Pop Album of the Year, and was voted Best Pop Artist by The Coast in 2013.



AUGUST 09: PORT CITIES

Stellar songs, dynamic vocals, and superior musicianship marks the emergence of Port Cities onto the Canadian music scene. An exciting new group from the east coast, Port Cities brings together the award winning talents of Carleton Stone, Breagh MacKinnon, and Dylan Guthro.

GORDIE SAMPSON:

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Gordie Sampson presents the closing show for this year's Granville Green Concert Series. One of Cape Breton's and Canada's most celebrated musicians, he is a brilliant writer and dynamic performer whose musical genius is applauded by audiences everywhere. Among his writing credits are "Paris," recorded by Faith Hill; Keith Urban covering "The Hard Way;" and Kerry Underwood's recording of Grammy winning "Jesus Take The Wheel". But what his voice and arrangements does with his own songs are why he is headlining at Granville Green.

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J. Franklin Wright Gallery to feature artist Joy Laking

This summer from July 16-August 24, the J. Franklin Wright Gallery in Port Hawkesbury's Civic Centre will feature an exhibition of artist Joy Laking who, for more than forty years has painted Nova Scotia and captured her view of the world on watercolour paper and in oil and acrylics. She is inspired by all of the beauty that is Nova Scotia.

Joy's studio paintings are developed from on location paintings, photos, objects and flowers. Her watercolours make full use of the white of the paper and her oils and acrylics are full of rich colours. All of Joy's paintings "sing".



In addition to her studio paintings, whenever possible Joy paints on location, enjoying the exhilarating challenge to set out, find a subject and complete an

entire painting in four to seven hours. These paintings are loose, spontaneous and depict the tides, the lighting and the moment.

Besides painting on

location throughout the Maritimes, Joy loves the landscape and history of England, Italy Spain, France, Greece, Japan and all of South America.

Enjoy strolling through the Community Woodland Trails

The Community Woodland Trails are on land formerly part of an original grant to John Reeves in 1819. The woodlot is typical of Cape Breton.

The better drained land on the upper hillside was used for pasture 70 years ago. It was later abandoned and grew up as spruce and fir. The remaining land was more suited to growing trees and was kept as woodland. In the late 1970s, most of the softwood trees were killed by the spruce budworm.

Reforestation of the area was brush-raked and planted with more than 10,000 softwood seedlings. Spacing of natural regeneration occurred along Crandall Road. The area contains trees from the Maritimes and Western Canada – native red, white, and black spruce; red, white, and jack pines, and Western Lodgepole pine; European species such as Norway spruce, Siberian larch, and Scotch pine were also planted.

Naturally regenerated native spruce, fir, pine, tamarack, hemlock, maple, birch, poplar, white ash, and red oak occupy 90% of the property. The trails are comprised of the following types of terrain:

- (A) hilly, uneven terrain,
- (B) relatively smooth, easy hiking,
- (C) hardwood stands, softwood stands and open areas,
- (D) bridges and walkways built into the sides of hills,
- (E) brooks and ravines, very picturesque.





GLENDALE

Cultural Centre, annual concert make a visit worthwhile



Glendale Ceilidh Days

The annual Glendale Ceilidh Days Festival will be held July 10th - 12th.

The Glendale Ceilidh Days culminates on Sunday with a popular outdoor concert from 2:00-5:00 p.m., that draws some of Cape Breton's finest fiddlers, dancers, pipers, and Gaelic singers.

Also during the Ceilidh Days, Saturday offers a special event, the hosting of the popular Gaelic sessions, *Féis a' Bhràigh*, on Saturday, July 11th. Glendale is one of Cape Breton's strongest advocate communities for the use and teaching of the Gaelic language.



Fr. Francis Cameron performing at the Glendale outdoor concert

Kitchen Ceilidhs

Through June to September, the Father John Angus Rankin Centre in Glendale will be hosting Kitchen Ceilidhs every second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (June 10th; June 24th; July 8th, 22nd; Aug. 5th; 19th; Sept. 2nd; 16th; and 30th. The musicians will vary with each Kitchen Ceilidh. Admission is by donation, and includes a light lunch to follow.

Fr. John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre



In the Fr. John Angus Cultural Centre (Centre, 4248 Hwy 105, Glendale) there is much to interest the historian and the general visitor.

In the Archive Room, one can browse through articles, photos, maps, and genealogy histories of Glendale and area. Anyone searching their ties to Glendale area can be assisted by one of our members or inquires can be made by contacting culturalcentre@yahoo.com.

The Glendale C@P Site is also located in the Father John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre, giving visitors an opportunity to connect with friends and family during their travels. The C@P site offers workshops and cyber camps throughout the summer, as well as tutoring. You may also make contact for one-on-one assistance sessions on technology questions or help on program usage. Printing, photo-coping and scanning are other formats offered.

In addition to technical access, traditional crafts workshops are held at the Centre, particularly weaving, with looms available for those tempted to try their hand at this ancient skill.

Photos, artifacts, and history displays can be seen throughout the building, and a gift shop offers locally made crafts, hats, booklets, CD's, Wally Ellison photos, and Cape Breton Books. Second hand books are for sale at reasonable prices.

Celtic jam sessions popular in Creignish



Creignish Celtic biweekly jams continue through the summer

From April through to the end of August the weekly Celtic Jams will continue at the Creignish Community Hall. The popular sessions are held Thursday evening with an invitation extended to residents and visitors to join in if they have an instrument or song to contribute, or to just sit back and enjoy the music. Average attendance has been roughly 10 musicians including fiddlers, guitarists, pianists, pipers, as well as large, appreciative audiences. The tunes usually end at 10:00 p.m.

The popular Celtic Jams will be held May 14th & 28th, June 11th & 25th, July 9th & 23rd, August 6th & 20th, September 3rd & 17th, October 1st & 15th & 29th, November 12th & 26th.

Super Friday square dances to be held in Creignish

During the three Fridays of the Holiday Weekends in Creignish, square dances will be held. These provide a great opportunity for visitors to take part in a Cape Breton square dance, learning to step to the music of some of the finest island fiddlers and accompanists.

Dance Dates:

July 31st 8:30-11:30 - Kinnon & Betty Beaton
 Sept 4th - 8:30-11:30 - Howie MacDonald & Mac Morin
 Oct. 9th - 10:00 -1:00 - Andrea Beaton & Troy MacGillivray

(*NOTE: The October 9th square dance begins at 10:00 p.m. to accommodate any attendees from the Celtic Colours Opening Concert in Port Hawkesbury.) Creignish Recreation Centre, 2123-Hwy19 (10km north of the Tourist Information Centre)

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JUDIQUE



The village's annual summer festival, Judique on the Floor Days evokes something of the reputation that Judique has enjoyed for generations for the strength and courage of its men. At dances in various community halls, the cry would often be heard, Judique on the floor. Who's going to put her off? It was a boast and a challenge, and in most cases (according to Judiquers anyway) nobody could put them off the dance floor.

While today's dances are of a kinder, gentler nature, the people of Judique enjoy evoking the past by naming their annual festival, and its associated dances, with that proud motto, Judique on the Floor.

JUDIQUE ON THE FLOOR DAYS

MONDAY AUGUST 3RD

8:00 p.m. - Bingo at the Judique Community Centre

THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH

7:00 p.m. - Minute to Win it (Pre-register teams of 2, call 902-787-2374)
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Pub & Entertainment - Judique Fire Hall

FRIDAY AUGUST 7TH

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Family Square Dance under the stars, JRA Grounds

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH

8:00 a.m. - Cedric MacDonald Memorial Race registration
9:00 a.m. - Cedric MacDonald Memorial

Race (5m & 5k) Judique Fire Hall

12:00 Noon - Judique on the Floor Annual Parade

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Canteen, BBQ, Concert, Inflatables for Children, Children's Games, Children's Amazing Race (all held on JRA Grounds)

3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Steak BBQ, Judique Fire Hall

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Adult Dance, JRA Grounds

SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - KOC Brunch, Judique Community Centre

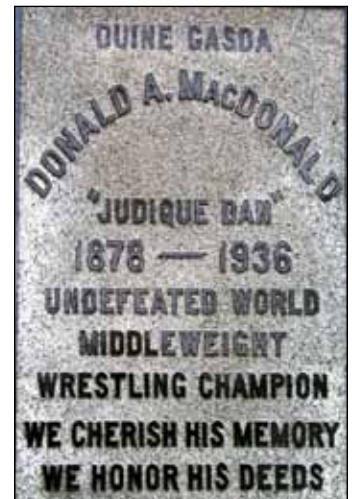
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Kintyre Farm Outdoor Concert, Kintyre Farm

JUDIQUE DAN was world champion wrestler

Judique's claim to fame isn't wholly ingrained in its music. It is also the birthplace to a once famous wrestler, Donald Judique Dan MacDonald. A strong, likeable man, Judique Dan fought in 945 professional matches during his colourful wrestling career and became the undefeated world middleweight champion on New Year's Eve, 1912.

The story of Judique Dan's first unofficial fight is a tale of evening the score. His younger brother returned home from a New Brunswick lumber camp with a couple of black eyes and a battered nose and a variety of other injuries. When he heard that a bully from Bathurst had beaten his brother up, Dan left his supper of herring and potatoes and headed for New Brunswick.

In the spring he returned home happy and victorious, and soon began his professional career. A cairn is dedicated to Donald Judique Dan MacDonald outside one of the buildings in Judique.



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On Sunday afternoon, July 9th, Judique is the location of one of Inverness County's finest outdoor concerts, the Kintyre Farm Concert.



Kintyre Farm, set in a farm field that feels almost enchanted, offers a lineup of fiddlers, dancers, singers, guitarists and usually a Gaelic choir, all of whom will share their talents to make this afternoon a memorable one. The Kintyre Farm Concert closes out a weekend of activities that comprise Judique on the Floor Days.

Besides showcasing Cape Breton talent, the Kintyre Farm Concert is a fund-raising effort for the Judique Community Centre which has its own cultural purpose. A multi-purpose community centre constructed with professional grade kitchen facilities and ample parking, the large building hosts local events such as wedding receptions, dinners and gala events on the western side of Cape Breton Island.

Celtic Colours venue

Each October, the Judique Community Centre hosts two popular events on behalf of the Celtic Colors International Celtic Music Festival. It is the location of a special gathering of fiddlers during the festival, as well as presenting the extremely popular Guitar Summit, featuring during each festival a showcase of some of the finest Celtic guitarists in the world.

The Judique Community Centre, located on the Ceilidh Trail, also offers entry points to the stunning Celtic Shores Coastal Trails, which are perfect for walking, biking, and accessing a beach area.



Judique Community Centre is a multi-purpose community centre serving Judique and the surrounding communities in Inverness County, Nova Scotia, Canada. We are the most popular facility for wedding receptions, dinners and gala events on the western side of Cape Breton Island. We feature a fully equipped professional-grade kitchen facility, ample parking. Judique Community Centre has been the host to Celtic Colors Fiddle night as well as the Guitar Summit. We host Mom and Tot's weekly, Senior's exercise group, summer bingos, guitar summit, KOC brunches, just to name a few. We have a fabulous mezzanine room used for various group meetings, as well as corporate meetings. Catering can be provided.

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Sun: 11:00am-6:30pm

Music Demonstrations (\$8) June 22-October 16
Mon-Fri : 10:00am-4:00pm

Restaurant & live music June 22-October 18
Mon-Sat: 11:30am-3:00pm (Live music until 1pm on Sat)
Sun: 3:00pm-6:00pm (during the Sunday Ceilidh)

Videos on the big screen June 22-October 16
Mon-Fri: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Wednesday Pub Nights (\$6) July-August
6:00-9:00pm (Restaurant open until 8:00pm)

The Masters Concert October 8
Opening concert of the Buddy MacMaster Fiddle Camp featuring 10 of the best fiddlers on stage together!
7:30pm at CMIC. Doors & bar open at 6:30pm.
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Celtic Colours Community Dinners at CMIC with Live Music
Mon. Oct. 12 (4:30-7:00pm). No reservations. Haddock dinner \$15 + other items at menu prices.
Thu. Oct. 15 (4:30-7:00pm). No reservations. Pork Chop dinner \$15 + other items at menu prices.

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Music Centre features Sunday ceilidhs all year round!



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Featuring marquee names from Cape Breton its ceilidhs and gatherings increase during the summer months, step-dancing their way all the way into October, bouncing with the energy of its offerings, all musical in nature, always entertaining, and as educational as each individual desires.





PORT HOOD

Port Hood was first settled by United Empire Loyalists in the 1780s

The Scottish migration of the early 1800s brought more settlers, and by 1818 there were 170 people living in the village, one-half of whom were Scottish, the rest Irish or Loyalist.



The community experienced a boom period from 1880 to 1910 as coal mining, fishing and marine trade flourished. An explosion in 1908 closed one of the mines, and the other was flooded and closed in 1911. A devastating fire in July of 1942 wiped out much of the town's business district.

Port Hood (pop. 710) is the fourth-largest community and county seat of Inverness County. The village has stores, restaurants, accommodations, post office, bank, liquor store, service stations and public wharf. There's a beach in town with a picnic area and supervised swimming. Today Port Hood is a service centre for the surrounding farming and fishing communities and is a popular stop for visitors touring the Ceilidh Trail.

A cairn in the village honours native son Sidney Earle Smith (1897-1959) who distinguished himself in the fields of law, education and politics and who was one-time Minister of External Affairs for Canada.

Port Hood Harbour

Site of historic confrontation over US, British flags

Port Hood, shire town of Inverness County, is located along the shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and that ocean atmosphere permeates the small village. Throughout the summer the sandy shorelines, with five stunning beaches, one of which offers lifeguard services through July and August, give residents and visitors alike a refreshing swim.

But Port Hood's beaches are just the beginning of a memorable discovery of this historic village where, during the mid-1800s, hundreds of ships plied their trade in and out of the harbour. Historian John L. MacDougall in his 1921 *History of Inverness County* tells readers that "fifty-five years ago, this writer remembers counting two hundred sail of the fine American and Maritime fishing fleet, riding restfully at anchor in the harbour at Port Hood..."

It may be of interest to American visitors to learn that during this period so many American ships were trading at Port Hood that one merchant violated the protocol regarding national flags, running the Stars and Stripes above that of the then governing nation's flag, the British Union Jack. The British Navy needed to send a warship in to enforce the proper protocol. That once vibrant harbour vanished with the erosion of a neck of land that linked the mainland village to what is now Port Hood Island, just offshore.



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**St. Peter's Church
Present Day**

Celebrate Our Journey of Faith

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD

8:30pm- Pre Anniversary Celebration Video
Presentation on Rev. Fr. Donald MacPherson

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH - Official Opening

6 pm- Mass for Deceased Parishioners -
Blessing of Graveyards
7-9pm - Meet and Greet at the Arena

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

10-11am-Tour of graveyard(Cemetery Committee)
10 - 12 pm-Video Presentation (Parish Hall)
11am-1pm - Lunch/Musical Entertainment

1-2pm -Tour of Graveyard

2-4pm - Skits depicting past parish events

5pm - Mass

6-7pm - Happy Hour (Arena)

7pm - Banquet/Entertainment (Arena)

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

11am - Mass Concelebrated by Bishop
Brian Dunn and other priests who are in attendance
- Dedication Ceremony in front of the Church
12 (Noon)- Brunch (Parish Hall)

*** (Children's activities are also being planned.)

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CHESTICO DAYS SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 a.m.- Chestico Days Golf Tournament (Golf Course TBA).

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Youth Dance (Grades 6, 7, & 8) Doors close at 9:00 Admission \$5.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

12:00 p.m. - Sand Sculpture Competition at the Court House Beach. Registration begins at noon. Judging will take place at 4:00 p.m. BBQ & Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

7:00 p.m. - Family Ceilidh at the Al MacInnis Sports Centre. Introduction of the Chestico Days princes and princesses. Also introduction of Chestico Couple. Admission \$5. Under 12 free. Lunch provided.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

4:00 p.m. - Lobster Supper (Market Lobsters) at Al MacInnis Sports Centre. Lobster in shell along with homemade salads, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. \$25.00 for a lobster meal. Hot dogs available for children (free for children when adult meal is purchased).

7:30 p.m. - Ceilidh at the Chestico Museum. Tea & light lunch will be served. Admission \$5.00. Children 12 & under are admitted free.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

2:00 p.m. - Children's Events – Teddy Bear Picnic at the Arena.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Entertainment & Hot Dog BBQ at the Port Hood Co-op Parking Lot. Sponsored by Port Hood Co-op & Chestico Museum

6:00 p.m. - Harness Racing at the Port Hood Race Track, Glencoe Station Road. Beer Garden, Entertainment & BBQ. Bounce for Cash B \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10. Tickets available at DF Beaton Service Centre, Ceilidh Coop or any member of the KOC. \$500 prize for each race.

10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. - Adult Dance with **NO FILTER** Band at Al MacInnis Sports Centre. Admission

\$20.00. 19 plus. IDs will be requested.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 a.m. - Alfred Reynolds Road Race & Family Fun Run/Walk (All Ages) Registration from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. @ Port Hood Fire Hall. Fee is \$10.00 for Road Race (8K) & \$3.00 per individual or \$10.00 per family for Family Fun Run/Walk (2KM)

9:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast hosted by the St. Stephen's United Church.

11:00 a.m. - Street Parade - Starting at Bayview Education Centre to High Road to Main St. to Al MacInnis Sports Centre Grounds.

12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. - Al MacInnis Sports Centre Grounds. Family Entertainment: Bounce-A-Ramas, Bungee Jump, Chocolate Wheel, , Fish Pond, BBQ, & much more.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Chicken BBQ Dinner at the Port Hood Fire Hall. Hot Dogs available for children.

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Food & Craft Showcase at the Al MacInnis Sports Centre

12:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. - 29th Annual Stepdancing Festival and Concert on Al MacInnis Sports Centre Grounds, featuring step dancers, fiddlers. **Beer Gardens**

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10:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. - Adult Dance with The Eddie Cummings Band at Al MacInnis Sports Centre. Admission \$20. IDs will be requested.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

1:00 p.m. - Chestico Boat Parade. Come watch the parade of boats from the Old Government Wharf/ Wharf Beach. (Not an official Chestico event)

9:30 p.m. (Dusk) - Fireworks Show at the Old Government Wharf. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

THE ANNUAL LOBSTER PICNIC JULY 11TH

The annual Port Hood Lobster Picnic is a family affair that offers more than delicious lobster or a feed of fishcakes and beans. There will be entertainment on the outdoor stage at the Al MacInnis Sports Centre throughout the day. There will be children's games from 1:00- 3:00, a horseshoe tournament, and a clown on the grounds from 3:00-5:00 p.m. For adults, there will be a beer garden.

Port Hood Day Park offers rest, recreation



The park borders and offers easy access to a sandy beach.

The Port Hood Day Park may be a welcome opportunity to relax or to explore the bordering shore. Located just as you arrive at Port Hood, the day park gives visitors a chance to rest while taking in the beauty of the setting which includes a fine view of Port Hood

Island across the natural harbour between the park and island.

The day park is furnished with covered picnic tables for eating, studying maps or just staring around. From the edge of the day park, too, a long, interesting boardwalk spreads across the sensitive dunes, providing a chance to stretch one's legs or use one's camera (or cell phone or Blackberry or other recording devices).

PORT HOOD TRIATHLON

On Saturday, July 11th- Port Hood Kids Triathlon where youngsters age 4 to 16 take part in the swim-bike-run event. The start time is 9:00 a.m.

On Sunday, July 12th, the TD Wealth Port Hood Triathlon gets underway at 8:00 a.m.

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Port Hood Village - On Monday evenings through July (6, 13, 20, 27) and August (3 and 10), John and Cathy Gillies will conduct tours through the village of Port Hood itself, the shire town of Inverness County, and a place steeped in historic roles from providing stone for the building of Fortress Louisbourg to a British naval confrontation with local merchants for flying the US flag above the Union Jack.

The Port Hood tour will include alternating visits to one of the village's cemeteries, St. Peter's or the Union Protestant Cemetery. The Port Hood village tour can accommodate 15-20 people per tour. The tours will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings.

To learn more about the tours or to book your choice of either tour, contact the Chestico Museum at 902-787-2244.

Chestico Museum hosts Downton Abbey Tea

On the afternoon of Sunday, July 5th, the Chestico Museum will host its annual Downton Abbey Tea. At the event held at the museum, the Chestico Tea Ladies will host a Downton Abbey fashion show, along with Music from Yesteryear. Guests are encouraged to wear period costumes – tea dresses and hats – prizes for the best dressed! Come out and enjoy an old-fashioned High Tea and some good company. Contact the Chestico Museum at 902 787-2244 for tickets which will go on sale June 15.



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MABOU



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of rural communities rich in the Gaelic tradition.

For generations names such as Beaton, Rankin or MacDonald have been

The village of Mabou is at the heart of a network

synonymous with a music tradition that echos back to its roots in the Highlands of Scotland while shaping itself through the generations into a distinct and celebrated sound now identified around the world as Cape Breton music.

It is not only the sound of the fiddle and the feet dancing to that fiddle that

pays homage to the ancient tradition of the Gaels. The Gaelic tongue, too, thrives in Mabou where for the past thirty years the language has been on the school curriculum, and local organization, *Féis Mhàbu*, has mounted a heroic effort to salvage the language and the tradition with increasingly successful results.

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West Mabou Beach Provincial Park

- Colindale Road, West Mabou, is a natural environment park with public access to a beautiful sandy beach and dune system at the mouth of Mabou Harbour. The park also consists of old farm fields and marshes, with several walking and hiking trails and a picnic

area. The West Mabou Beach is the only public access beach in the Mabou area with ample parking. Change houses and pit toilets and a small interpretive site can be found at the beach head.

Cape Mabou Trails

"Using old roads and trails in this area, the Cape Mabou Trail Club has built a well-maintained and well-marked trail system that offers tremendous views and a considerable variety of terrain from easy walks to very strenuous hikes, along coastal trails, up and down the many mountains, and through the forest.

" - Victor Maurice Faubert

MacFarlane Woods Nature Reserve

MacFarlane Woods Nature Reserve protects an excellent example of a rich, old-growth Sugar Maple-Yellow Birch-Beech forest. It also hosts rare plants. It is located in Mabou Ridge above the Mull



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Strathspey Place launching summer youth series

Strathspey Place Theatre is a beautiful venue with a seating capacity of just under 500 located in Dalbrae Academy in Mabou.

This summer Strathspey Place will be home to a Gaelic Youth concert series.

“Brìgh” (pronounced Bree, with a “rolled r”) is a Gaelic cultural night of humble talents, performed by several of Mabou and area’s up and coming young Gaels. A Gaelic word literally meaning “essence” or “substance,” Brìgh invites you to come and experience the traditional Gaelic culture of Cape Breton Island in all of its forms.

Every Monday night beginning July 6th through to August 31st, at 7:00 p.m., Strathspey Place Theatre will come alive with an experience you have not had to date. You’ll see Gaelic stories of

old brought to life, hear some traditional tunes played on the fiddle and likely a Puirt a Beul or two! Try your hand at some milling, listen to and perhaps learn the chorus on a Gaelic song. The traditional step-dancing component to this well rounded show will make you shake your head in awe! And to top it off, this concert performance features an audio visual component filled with incredible scenic images of Inverness County woven in with historic sound clips of some of our island’s native Gaelic speakers that have gone before us. The cost of admission is \$20.00 – thigibh a choimhead air Brìgh!

“Strathspey Place has faced many financial challenges over the years. This year is no different, however, we continue to work very hard to provide quality programming



year round. The creation of the summer series, Brìgh, is a celebration of youth and also a celebration of Gaelic language and culture in our community theatre. Please come out to support these youth and Strathspey Place. Help us to remain a part of the arts and

culture world of Cape Breton Island for years to come,” says Strathspey Place executive director Tracey MacNeil.

There is a full slate of fine entertainment slated for Strathspey Place this summer and fall so be sure to check out the schedule of events.

Brìgh
the “essence” of Cape Breton
At Strathspey Place

New show!

Brìgh (pronounced Bree, with a rolled r) is a Gaelic cultural night of music, dance and laughter, performed for you by some of Mabou’s up and coming young Gaels. A Gaelic word meaning “essence” or “energy,” Brìgh invites you to come experience the traditional Gaelic culture of Cape Breton Island. You’ll see Gaelic stories of old brought to life. You’ll hear traditional tunes played on the fiddle and even sung! Try your hand at the milling table and learn the chorus to a Gaelic song. Our stepdancers will make you shake your head in awe. To top it off, this show features an audio-visual component filled with incredible Inverness County scenic images woven in with historic sound clips of some of our island’s native Gaelic speakers and tradition bearers. Admission: \$20.00

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Award-winning Mabou Farmers Market held every Sunday, 11-2 P.m.

This year, the Mabou Farmers Market was presented with the Agricultural Sector Award of the Year, underscoring the success of this village's remarkable Sunday market place.

Each Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through the summer and autumn, vendors gather at the Mabou Farmers Market to offer customers a broad choice of fresh produce, breads, baked goods, crafts and company over a quality cup of tea or coffee.

The Mabou Farmers Market is an

eclectic collection of local food growers, producers, fishers, artisans and crafters whose regular season runs from early June to October 12th at the Mabou Athletic Centre, 186 Mabou Harbour Road, just past St. Mary's Parish Church.

Situated about midpoint on Cape Breton's world famous Ceilidh Trail, the picturesque village of Mabou, the market offers a variety of options to visitors once the market itself closes. After visiting the market, check out beautiful West Mabou Beach Provincial

Park, or the famous Red Shoe Pub. Perhaps take a hike on the rail trail that cuts through Mabou, a portion of the Cross Canada Trail, and spot some bald eagles. There's something for everyone in Mabou.

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On Sunday, August 9th, a ceilidh happens on the Mabou Coal Mines wharf from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. While the ceilidh itself is a music-filled attraction, it is also one of the most beautiful side drives visitors can take into a stunningly beautiful landscape/seascape.



To Get There: Take the Mabou Harbour Road off Route 19 (beside the Mabou museum) and follow the signs. Fun and food and fine music await you at the end.



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MABOU CEILIDH DAYS JULY 10-12

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

6:00 p.m. - **Boat Parade** from Mabou Harbour to the bridge in Mabou

7:00 p.m. - **Ecumenical Service** to be held at the Mabou Marina

Teen Dance - Mabou Arena (times to be announced)

Games, a Craft Market, a Milling Frolic, Beer Gardens, Bingo, and BBQ held on the Mabou Arena grounds.

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - **Ceilidh Adult Dance** at the Mabou Arena.

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

11:00 a.m. **Pioneer Mass** held in St. Mary's Cemetery

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Farmers Market** at the Mabou Arena

12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m.: **Roast Beef Dinner** at the Community Hall.

1:30 p.m. - **Lucky Duck Race:** Starts at David MacMillan's Farm in Glendyer to the Mabou bridge

7:30 p.m. - **Mabou Ceilidh Concert:** Held in the Community/Parish Hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

8:00 a.m. - **Hugh Arnold Campbell Road Race:** Registration

9:00 a.m. - **Hugh Arnold Campbell Road Race:** start (10K, 5K & Fun Run)

12:00 Noon - **Ceilidh Days Parade**

1:00 p.m. - **Outdoor Gala Concert and Games:** This event will feature Children's

MOTHER OF SORROWS SHRINE; A QUIET REFLECTION



Near Mabou, on the road to Rankin Ridge (ask anyone) is the *Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine*. Tourists come from near and far to visit this tiny shrine that was originally built as a church at Indian Point, three miles from its present location. Through time, the church fell into disuse, and in 1967 it was moved to the present site where it became a shrine operated by the Brothers of Our Lady, a Catholic order from Holland. The Mother of Sorrows Shrine is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During business hours, there is also an adjacent gift shop.

Tuesday Night Ceilidhs

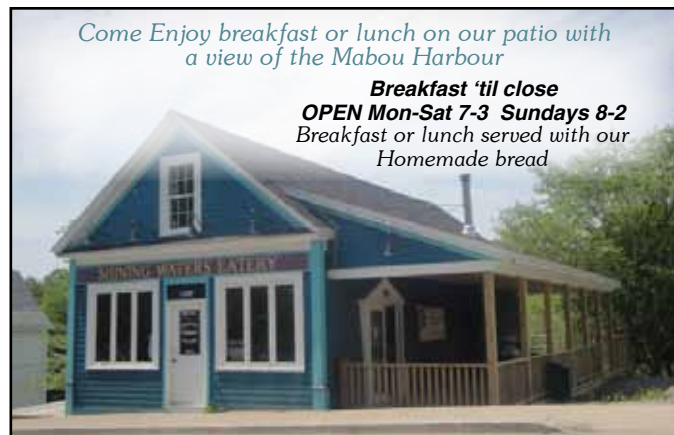


A weekly summer ceilidh is held each Tuesday evening in the Mabou Community Hall on the village's main street, giving residents and visitors an opportunity to hear some excellent musicians perform. With fiddler Karen Beaton, accompanied by pianist and ceilidh co-host Joey Beaton, the evening also showcases one or more of Inverness County's finest fiddlers. Joey's knowledge of the history of the music is a source of memorable information.

An Drochaid Bridge Across Time



The local museum, *An Drochaid* or Bridge Museum, operated by the Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society, is an active centre, and "bridge" is an aptly chosen name, bridging as it does the past and the present, presenting the vibrancy of the former through narrations and talents of the latter. A visitor to the museum will see a locally made quilt, the work of several women, called "Memories of Mabou" because it depicts the industries of the area in past years and in the present. One should also see the pieces of woven material from the Glendyer Woolen Mills, which were established in 1848 a few miles outside the village.



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LAKESIDE IMPRESSIONS

School of Crafts hosts
workshops during
Celtic Colours

There's more than the weaving of colours into clan tartans going on at the Scotsville School of Crafts once the leaves of summer change into their autumn. The school becomes part of the Celtic Colours International Music Festival, taking place this year October 10th-18th.

While nightly concerts are performed across Cape Breton, throughout the day the island is alive with workshops and demonstrations, and the Scotsville School of Crafts is one of the centrepieces of this activity.

Find their schedule of events in the Celtic Colours guide or log on to the school's website: www.scotsvilleschoolofcrafts.ca/ and you will find yourself making pleasant choices.

Each October, the Scotsville School features an exhibit of arts and crafts that range from fine paintings to weaving woven to awe. Each day during Celtic Colours the exhibit is open to visitors.

Also, each day offers a new Celtic experience such as weaving demonstrations; there are hands-on spinning demonstrations; Celtic walks with a distinctive Gaelic accent; square dancing lessons; a milling frolic; painting workshops and much more.



LAKE AINSLIE

Scotsville School of Crafts keeps traditions alive



Lake Ainslie is home to a thriving tradition in the heritage arts, and few places showcase those skills as freshly as the Lake Ainslie Weavers and Craft Guild. Active since 1985, this dedicated group of individuals has brought the once threatened cultural art of weaving to a living craft carried out by its members in their centre at Scotsville.

While the weavers who sit at the looms often reproduce ancestral plaids and tartans of the Highlands clans, they are not lost in the past. From this creative centre new designs for tartans celebrating Inverness County and Lake Ainslie have been registered and while original designs in a variety of weaving techniques are created.

During the summer months, the Scotsville School of Crafts will be staffed and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.. Visitors to the school can see displays of the weavers' work, browse the gift shop featuring handwoven items, tartans, knitted items, paintings, quilted items, woodwork, and other creations by local artisans. The school also houses a C@P site where visitors can access e-mail and conduct online research.

Watch local advertising or check on Craft Dinner events held once a month.

Everyone welcome to join guild members to socialize and work on their own specific craft project, a day of spinning, knitting or other fibre skills.



Lake Ainslie Heritage Tartan

BLUE for the water, the sky above and the blueberries that grow/
WHITE for the cross of St. Andrew, the Barite and the snow/
GOLD for the clean sandy beaches and the rising of the sun/
RED for the beautiful sunsets which are second to none./
GREEN for the mountains, spruce and pine, as proud and tall they stand/ And the grass that blows in the wind like waves upon the land.

When settlers came from Europe's shores so many years ago, they brought with them a pride and strength that's not seen anymore. They faced the harsh cold winter storms, had many hungry days. They lived by faith and fear of God and strict religious ways. This TARTAN, that we weave today, pays tribute to the old. The flag they left, the shores they found, this HERITAGE is told.

*Composed in 1985 by
Vincent Smith, Allan MacMillan and
Verna MacMillan.*

*Designed by Verna MacMillan and
registered at the Scottish Tartans Society,
in Comrie, Scotland, in 1985 on the
occasion of Cape Breton's Bicentennial.*

Getting There

This well-equipped facility, on Cape Breton Island's west coast is centrally located in Inverness County on beautiful Lake Ainslie in the village of Scotsville. It is accessible from the Trans Canada in Whycocomagh, the Margarees on Route 395, and Route 19 between Mabou and Inverness.

Overshot Patterns exhibit at School of Crafts



The main objective of this committed group of artisans is to perpetuate the traditional Celtic handicrafts while incorporating the most modern methods and techniques.

The Guild is also compiling a body of documents on all textile weaving in Inverness County. The highlight of its collection is a magnificent exhibit of overshot samples created by Florence Mackley currently displayed, courtesy of her niece, Brenda Hart Timmons of Margaree. There are 35 mounted pieces with name plaques in the Mackley exhibit, as well as some framed vintage patterns.

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Lake Ainslie Firemen's Ceilidh July 7th-11th

The annual Lake Ainslie Firemen's Ceilidh Days take place this summer from July 7-11. Among the events visitors might want to take in is an adult dance on July 8th at the Scotsville Fire Hall.

TUESDAY - JULY 7

Merchandise Bingo at the Fire Hall

WEDNESDAY - JULY 8

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THURSDAY - JULY 9

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FRIDAY - JULY 10

Traditional Maraghs and Ham Dinner at Fire Hall from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY - JULY 11

The annual Firemen's Ceilidh Day Parade begins at Noon. The Parade Route starts at the Scotsville School of Crafts and carries on to the Scotsville Fire Hall. At the fire hall, following the parade, people can enjoy games, a BBQ, and visiting sessions with old friends and new visitors.

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WHYCOCOMAGH

History of Waycobah First Nation and Whycocomagh

The village of Whycocomagh is situated at the end of one of the golden arms of the Bras D'or Lakes, on Whycocomagh Bay. Its location at the "Head of the Waters" has given the area its Mi'kmaq name, which is traditionally known among its people as *We'ko'kmaq*.

Its community members enjoy a long history of pride in our heritage, while keeping pace with the challenges of the present. Today's Waycobah is a thriving community with a state-of-the-art school and health centre, private businesses that cater to Cape Breton Island tourists and local residents, and a vibrant cultural environment. The people of Waycobah (*We'ko'kmaq*) invite visitors to discover their community.



Morley Googoo, regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council and Chief Rod Googoo of We'koqmaq (Waycobah) First Nation during the Mi'kmaw Summer Games; August 2013

The Mi'kmaq, who christened the land, were the first to live along the shore lands of the bay. Later, these native people settled on new ground — now Waycobah First Nation, the two communities separated by the Skye River.

The Mi'kmaq continue to preserve their culture and the ways of their ancestors. This tradition can be seen in their leather work, intricate basket weaving, and beautiful beadwork.

Tradition is also kept alive through legends like that of the Mi'Kmaq hero, Glooscap who, the story is told, climbed to the top of Salt Mountain to survey his domain and oversee his people. He saw that his enemy, Beaver, was causing trouble amongst the tribe below.

Glooscap then grabbed a handful of rock and threw it towards the Bras D'or Lake in an attempt to kill Beaver. Because of his incredible strength, he overshot his mark and where each rock fell, an island grew.

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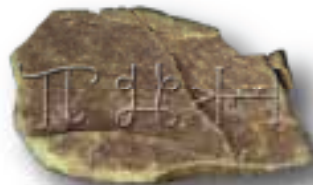
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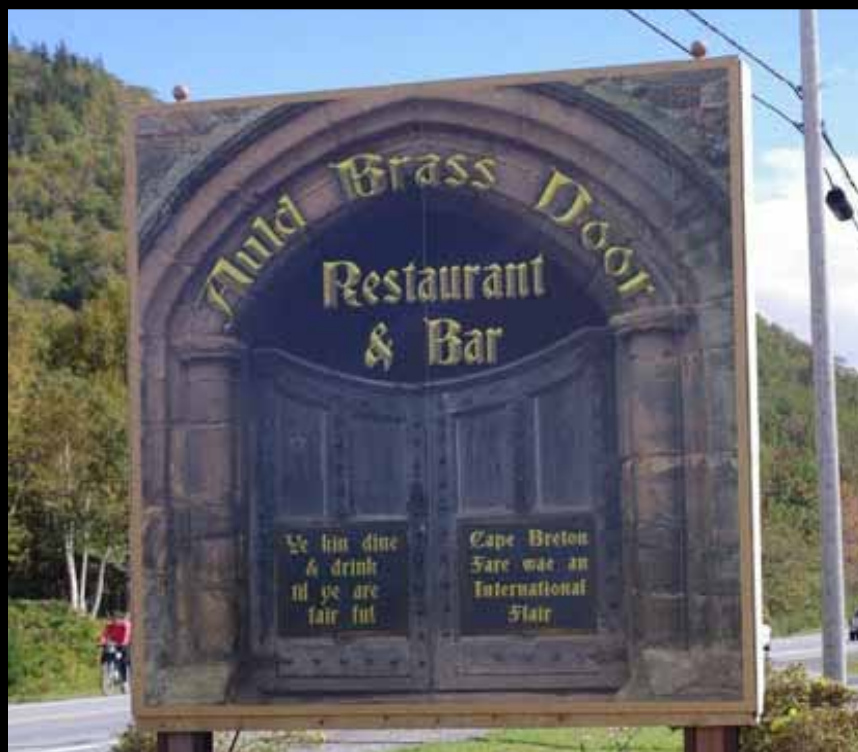
The Whycocomagh Waterfront Community Centre along the Trans Canada Highway offers several events and adventures for visitors.

THURSDAY NIGHT JAM SESSIONS IN WHYCOCOMAGH

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. local musicians will be hosting a jam session in Whycocomagh.

The Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre is the location. Each Thursday, performers, musicians, singers and music fans gather for a two-hour session, along with time for tea. The jam session is open to anyone who wants to bring along a guitar or other instrument and a favourite song or two.

It is at these weekly jam sessions in Whycocomagh and other communities in Inverness County that audiences encounter songs seldom heard any more, so join in as a player, as an audience, and bask in the joy of music.



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TUESDAY JULY 14

7:30 B 8:30 a.m.- **YOGA ON EXTERIOR DECK** of Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre with Kelly Bernard; Admission \$5.00

8:00-10:30 p.m. - **TWEEN DANCE** at Whycocomagh Fire Hall. Doors close at 9:00 p.m. Admission \$6.

WEDNESDAY JULY 15

2:00-3:30 p.m. - **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE TEA** Masonic Hall. Adm.\$5.

8:00-11:00 **FAMILY SQUARE DANCE** Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre. Admission \$5 per person. \$20 family.

THURSDAY JULY 16

6:00 p.m. - **WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES** (Canoe races, BBQ, Craft Market, Children's Activities) Sign up for evening's Mixed Men and Women's Double Canoe Races. Held at the Waterfront Community Centre.

9:00-Midnight - **PUB NIGHT** at the Waterfront Centre, 19 years and older. I.D.s upon request.

FRIDAY JULY 17

3:00-4:00 p.m. - **TEDDY BEAR PICNIC** Whycocomagh Provincial Park (rain location: Whycocomagh Fire Hall. Bring Your Own Bear!

7:00 p.m. - **MILLING FROLIC** at Cameron Hall. Admission \$7 Children/Students free.

7:00-9:00 - **CHASE THE ACE** at Whycocomagh Fire Hall.

10:00 p.m.- 2 a.m. **PUB NIGHT** Whycocomagh Lions Club. Admission \$10. 19 year and over. I.D.s required.

SATURDAY JULY 18

7:30: a.m. - **BREAKFAST** - St. Andrew's Church Hall, Admission is-Adults- \$7, Children- \$4, Family -\$20.

9:00 a.m. - **5K FUN RUN** at Skye Glen Hall. Register between 8 & 9 p.m. \$20 adults, \$10 children.

Noon - **Festival Parade.**

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. **Pub Night** Whycocomagh Lions Hall. Adm. \$10. 19 and over. Government I.D.s required.

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY JULY 17-19

KEITH SIMPSON MEMORIAL BALL TOURNAMENT

Salt: how it was retrieved

On Whycocomagh Mountain there was a copper mine with excellent quality copper, and other useful minerals were also found in the area. After a day's work, a former teacher, Jessie Fownes, once recalled, her mother and sister would go to Salt Mountain, each carrying a pail. Once at the base of the mountain, they would catch the water trickling from the rock.

"After the water evaporated," says Jessie, "we would have our salt supply."

Gaelic newspaper publisher was from Whycocomagh

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1. Trans Canada Trail / International Appalachian Trail
2. Port Hawkesbury Trail
3. Craignore Creek ORM Park
4. Alexander Trail
5. Port Hood Boardwalk
8. West Mabou Beach & Trails
9. Cape Mabou Highlands Hiking Trails
10. MacFarland Woods Trail
11. Salt Mountain Trail - Whyoccomagh
12. Bualach Breigh Trail
13. MacDonald House Museum Trail
14. Bualach Breigh Trail
15. Old Miller Trout Farm
16. Inverness Boardwalk
17. Egypt Falls Trail
18. Eagle Nest Trail
19. Sentier Minne Platre
20. Cheticamp to Margaree Harbour
21. Cheticamp Boardwalk
22. Skyline Trail
23. CBH National Park - 26 Trails
25. Meat Cove Mountain Trail Lowland Cove Trail
33. Whyoccomagh Village Trail

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KAYAK ROUTES

6. Port Hood & Henry Island
7. Bras d'Or - Marble Mountain / West Bay
24. Meat Cove
26. Cheticamp to Margaree Harbour
27. Margaree to Duvegan
28. Inverness to Mabou Harbour
29. Port Hood to Judique
30. Judique to Troy
31. Strait to Canso
32. Lake Ainslie Shores
34. Whyoccomagh Bay - Bras d'Or
35. Southwest Mabou & Mill Rivers to Mabou Harbour
36. Margaree - Lake Ainslie Canadian Heritage River System

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The Celtic Shores Coastal Trail is a collection of community trails. The major access points are listed below. The first kiosk is located at the Canso Causeway as you enter Inverness County.

92 kms - Port Hastings
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TRAIL HEAD INFORMATION

THE CEILIDH TRAIL SE

22kms - Canso Canal to Chisholm
Troy Station Trailhead Kiosk
0621276 E 5060816 N

THE JUDIQUE TRAIL SE

19 kms Chisholm's Brook to
Michael's Landing Trailhead
0617346 E 5083790 N

THE CHESTICO TRAIL SE

17 kms - Little Judique Harbour
Mabou River Port Hood
Kiosk/Access
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THE MABOU TRAIL SE

19.6 kms - Zaphen Farm SW to
West Mabou Trailhead Kiosk
0619675 E 5097712 N

THE INVERNESS TRAIL SE

16 kms - Blackstone to Inverness
Trailhead Kiosk/Access



ROAD CYCLING ROUTES - OFF TRAIL

Inverness County is a cyclist's dream for variety of cycling experiences both on the trail and on our roadways. We have put together a list of day or half day trips you may want to consider. While on an outing, plan to visit one of our many gift & craft shops, grab lunch at our friendly eateries, or take the time to grab a quick swim at one of our fine beaches or rivers.

Please remember that while Nova Scotia has legislated the "one meter" rule, and safe passage of highway traffic around road cyclists is mandatory, it is your responsibility as a cyclist to be cautious of road traffic and conditions, make yourself highly visible and use proper hand signals for approaching traffic. Check out these ten suggested road route outings.

1. Port Hood to Colindale to West Mabou Coal Miners & Return
2. Whyoccomagh to Scottsville to Inverness and return via West Lake Ainslie
3. Inverness to Scottsville to Southwest Margaree to Broad Cove Banks Road Return to Inverness
4. Whyoccomagh to Malawatch to West Bay to Dundee Return.
5. Margaree Centre to Margaree Harbour and return via Margaree Forks.
6. Cheticamp to Plateau to St. Joseph Du Moine and return
7. Bay St. Lawrence to Meat Cove and return
8. Cape Clear Look-off via Margaree, St. Joseph Du Moine or Cheticamp.
Advisable to use local guides for various route availability
9. Bornish and St. Margaret of Scotland Pioneer Church via Melford
Advisable to use local guides for various route availability
10. Inverness to Mabou via Cape Mabou -
Advisable not to cycle on signed "Cape Mabou" hiking trails. These managed trails do not permit cycling due to road narrow sensitivity



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Little Judique Harbour
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0614633 E 5090709 N

TRAIL SECTION

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619675 E 5097712 N

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Whycocomagh Park has camping, campfires, hiking

The provincially operated Whycocomagh Park, located just outside the village, has 42 campsites, including 10 electric and water sites, and three roomy yurts for visitors interested in that camping experience.

The provincial park at Whycocomagh has a comfort station with showers, flush toilets and sinks with running water, along with scattered pit privies throughout the park.

In the park grounds are four hiking trails:

- #1 The Highlander 894m;
- #2 Salt Mountain 1.3 km;
- #3 Scout 2.0 km;
- #4 McQueen 400 meters.

The lookoff sites overlook the beautiful Bras D'or Lakes which have been designated as a Biosphere Reserve by UNSECO.

It is worth noting that the Whycocomagh Provincial Park is only a moment's drive, or a few minutes walk to the Waterfront Community Hall where weekly Celtic ceilidhs are held, plus a range of other activities and entertainment.



Salt Mountain Trail

This is a maintained 2.5 km return hike to the top of Salt Mountain rising 230 metres (750 feet) above Bras d'Or Lake. The steep climb to the top travels through a forest of predominantly mixed woods. At the summit there are several lookoff points offering picturesque views of the lake and surrounding mountains. The park itself contains camping, outhouses, picnic area, parking, cooking and table shelters, water taps and showers. Visitors are reminded to be careful on the very steep, slippery slope on the side of the mountain.

And this might happen to you ...



On Thursday evenings during the summer, campers at the Whycocomagh Provincial Park have been known to have their evening interrupted by the arrival of a local personality, Burton MacIntyre, offering to lead a convoy of campers and their cars to a local square dance. The dance MacIntyre will introduce you to is at Glencoe Mills, an over-the-mountain drive to hear some of the finest fiddlers in Cape Breton play in one of the most cherished dance halls on the island, a former community schoolhouse. It has happened in the past to the great delight of those who have chosen to follow Burton to this cultural destination.

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BROOK VILLAGE PARISH HALL - Mondays

6432 Route 252, Brook Village
End of June to Labour Day weekend, 9:30 pm
- 1 am, Adult Dance (age 19+) Admission \$7,
Bar and canteen. Contact: Cathy Campbell
(902) 945-2735

CREIGNISH - Creignish Community Hall,
Creignish. Tuesdays - Family Dance - 9:30-
12:30. July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and August 5th, 12th
and 19th. Fridays - Adult Dance (age 19+)
9:30-12:30. September 5th, 12th, 19th and
October 3rd, 10th, 17th

LAKE AINSLIE - Tuesdays - VFD Community Hall,
Scotsville. July and August, 10 pm - 1 am, Adult
Dance (age 19+) Adm: \$7, Bar and canteen.
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L'Arche Cape Breton offers crafts by local and Maritime artisans

L'Arche is an international organization, founded by Canadian Jean Vanier, creating home and work with people who have developmental disabilities. Here in Cape Breton, L'Arche operates six homes for 25 men and women with disabilities, as well as 20-25 live-in staff who support them. Their day programs provide employment for all their residents, as well as numerous individuals with disabilities who live with their families or with other service providers. These programs include a craft studio; two used clothing stores – The Ark Store and The Hope Chest; a senior's club; a summer day camp for youth; a small bakery and an organic garden.

Many locals and passersby learn about L'Arche at The Ark Store in Iron Mines, Cape



Breton or The Hope Chest in Mabou. Good quality used clothing, inspirational books, local and Nova Scotia crafts, and crafts made at the L'Arche workshop are sold here. Several core members are employed at the store, and they are kept very

busy.

L'Arche Cape Breton is located just off the Trans Canada Highway at Exit 4, Orangedale. Visitors are always

welcome at the L'Arche Cape Breton community, where the beauty and strength of people with intellectual disabilities is always apparent.

MARBLE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL & POKER RALLY AUGUST 7TH-10TH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 p.m. - **Games Night** at the Marble Mountain Community Centre.

12:00 Noon- **Marine Poker Run** begins at Community Wharf. There will also be kids' games, a BBQ and old fashioned ice cream.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
5:00 p.m. - Annual **Pot Luck Dinner** in Community Centre.

2:00 p.m. - Concert featuring local talent.



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Cabot Links... is a resort-quality, high-end layout designed to be a true links golf course, a boutique category of oceanside golf architecture exceedingly rare outside the British Isles." Bill Pennington, "The Increasing Allure of Faraway Fairways": New York Times

Following its opening season, the Cabot Links golf course ranked 42nd in *Golf Digest's* World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses, and offers an inviting challenge to all golfers visiting western Cape Breton Island.

The 70-par Cabot Links, Canada's only authentic links golf course, is 18 holes of stunning geographic architecture complementing equally beautiful surroundings.

Cabot Links will command all of your concentration because the distractions are varied and many and

beautiful, whether it is the warm summer roll of the Gulf of St. Lawrence or its grey pounding autumn surf, the sight of lobster or crab and tuna boats fishing off shore, or tying up to unload their catch at the local wharf just below the 6th hole.

A three-mile stretch of sandy beach running along the lower edge of Cabot Links offers an ideal day-care setting for non-golfing family members of all ages. The town of Inverness, ringed by a horseshoe of mountains as rich in summer green or autumn colours as the



sunsets themselves, add to the distractions. Then there is the legendary beauty of one of the few ocean sunsets that happens nightly on the eastern side of the North American continent.

There is also the standard abundance of the natural challenges associated with any links course, the winds, the rain, the deep traps, or the

environmentally-protected wetlands on the course.

The course record at Cabot Links has been set by one of the PGA's finest golfers. In 2013, in a duel against top Canadian golfer, Graham DeLaet, North Ireland's Graeme McDowell, the 2010 US Open Champion out stroked his competitor, finishing with a course-setting record score of 65.

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Besides offering a challenging golf course, there is an aspect of Cabot Links that visitors may not be aware of. Inverness is located in Central Inverness County, and for visitors to the Cabot Links there are many other attractions of which they, or any other visitor, should be aware. All along the western coast of Cape Breton Island there are offerings and experiences enough to encourage people to stay an extra or several days just to take it all in.

In **JUDIQUE (45 minutes south of Inverness)**, there is the *Celtic Music Interpretive Centre*, offering food and daily entertainment, music archives and instruction.

In **PORT HOOD (25 minutes south)**, the *Chestico Museum* is a hub of local history; and the village itself is lined with wonderful beaches, one of which is lifeguard patrolled.

In **MABOU (15 minutes south)**, there is the heralded *West Mabou Beach*; the year-round Saturday night *Family Square Dances*;
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LINKS GOLF a rare experience

How rare is the golf experience available at Cabot Links?

There are more than 30,000 golf courses in the world. Only 246 of them, less than one percent, can be classified as links courses, according to George Peper and Malcolm Campbell, co-authors of the book, *True Links*. Cabot Links is Canada's only authentic links course.

The par 70 links course has a 60-room hotel, pro shop, gift shop, clubhouse, two quality restaurants, and the nearby Cabot Public House for golfers and locals alike to enjoy and relax.

Cabot Links offers an opportunity for golfers of varying abilities to test their skills against the Rod Whitman-designed course. The course has the elasticity

to play as long as 6800 yards, or to be as short as 3700 yards. It is a course upon which a golfer can expand his or her skills by increasing the distance a player chooses to play.

With Director of Golf Joe Robinson on hand, advice can be had. Robinson, who had served for 39 years as pro with the highly acclaimed Highland Links in Ingonish on the famed Cabot Trail, took on the new challenge at Canada's only authentic links course.

Like all links courses, Cabot Links is a walking course only. No golf carts are available unless mobility issues are involved for golfers. Caddy service is offered.

Cabot Links, in its fourth year, has drawn international attention and while it is a golf course that is, like others, filled with greens, it is also a "green" course, a course that takes no potentially

productive land out of use. It is built in large part on land reclaimed from the slag heaps and ash piles dating back to Inverness's coal mining era. It also uses as its main irrigation water source the town's processed waste or brown water, and it's design carefully protects inhabited bog land.

According to a feature in Air Canada's *En Route* magazine, "Cabot Links [is] part of an emerging trend toward minimalist golf design, where builders leave the natural landscape intact as much as possible. In an era when golf courses can cost tens of millions to build, golf developer Mike Keiser's projects usually cost a fraction of that amount."

Of added interest to golfers is the possibility that Cabot Links may find its greatest challenge in holding its No. 1 ranking in Canada just a

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INVERNESS GATHERING SCHEDULE - July 20 - 26

MONDAY - JULY 20

Dr. Bernie MacLean Cultural and Recreational Centre Golf Tournament

10:00 a.m. - Tournament at Le Portage Golf Course in Cheticamp with a shot gun start. Dinner to follow at the Dr. Bernie MacLean Cultural and Recreational Centre.

TUESDAY - JULY 21

Fishermen's Picnic

1:00 p.m. - Boat rides from the wharf, lobster burgers, beer tent, children's games, and afternoon and evening entertainment showcasing Inverness County and visiting talent.

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. - Square Dance with Ian MacDougall - Inverness Legion

WEDNESDAY - JULY 22

Horsemen's Day

11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. - Kids Day with games and BBQ at the Inverness Race Track

7:30 p.m.- Inverness Gathering Pace plus a full harness racing card.

8:30 p.m.-2:00 a.m. - Pub Night with Signal Hill (opening act, Jamie Fontaine and Garrett Beaton) at the Inverness Fire Hall. Sponsored by IROC Sounds.

THURSDAY - JULY 23

Legion Day

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Music with Gillian Boucher and Mary Beth McCarty - Inverness Legion

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. - Adult Dance with The Phantoms for Legion Members and Guests

FRIDAY - JULY 24

Firemen's Day

10:00 a.m. - Flea Market at Fire Hall

12:00 Noon: BBQ

Noon-2:00 p.m.: Hayrides for children from the Fire Hall

12:30-2:00 p.m.- Christmas in July at the Inverness Cottage Workshop

SATURDAY - JULY 25

Arena Day

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Registration for Road Race

8:45 a.m. - Kids Fun Run

9:00 a.m. - 5 Mile Race; 5K Run & Walk; all at the Inv. Race Track.

11:00 a.m. - Children's Parade

12:00 Noon - Inverness Gathering Parade. (Following the Parade, there will be games, activities, games of chance and a BBQ at the Inverness Arena.

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Music with Ian MacDougall at Chase the Ace weekly draw.

10:00 p.m. - Adult Dance at the Inverness Arena.

SUNDAY - JULY 26

Ham & Salad Dinner

12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. - A Ham and Salad Dinner will be served at the Inverness Fire Hall.

3:00 - 9:00 p.m. - The annual Broad Cove Concert takes place in the field behind St. Margaret's of Scotland Church in Broad Cove.

Got your sneakers?

Gathering 5 mile, 5 km run

Last summer's annual Inverness Gathering road race attracted more than 200 participants, and if you are visiting in the area and fond of loping around a track, through the woods, along the highway and through the town to the finish line back at the race track, you're welcome to register.

The multi-classification road race takes place Saturday, July 25th, with registration at the Inverness race track, at 8:00 a.m. You can register for the 5 mile race, the 5 kilometre run, or the kids' fun run.

The kids' fun run begins at 8:45 a.m. and the remaining racing begins at 9:00 a.m.



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... from page 42 the music offerings of nationally acclaimed *Red Shoe*; several dining options; the nearby Thursday night summer family square dances in *Glencoe*; and beautiful drives.

At **LAKE AINSLIE** (15 minutes), there is the *MacDonald House Museum*; and the *Scotsville School of Crafts* with on-site demonstrations in weaving.

At **INVERNESS**, there is a life-guarded beach, weekly *Sunday Afternoon* and *Wednesday Night Harness Racing*, hiking trails, the *Inverness County Centre for the Arts* with exhibits of resident and visiting artists all summer.

At **MARGAREE** (30 minutes north), one of the world's famous *Salmon Fishing Rivers* is located, including the *Salmon Museum* with its history of the famous sport.

At **CHETICAMP** (45 minutes north) and the surrounding Acadian region exists one of the most vibrant Acadian cultures in all of Atlantic Canada, offering *Authentic Acadian Cuisine*; and ongoing celebration of all things Acadian in music and drama, nearby hiking at the entrance to the Cabot Trail.

All of these attractions are available within a forty-five minute drive of Cabot Links and Inverness.

mile down the coastline where a new links course is under development. Cabot Cliffs, also created by developers Mike Keiser and Ben Cowan-Dewar, is scheduled for a 2015 opening, and the early reviews suggest it may eclipse its sister course for beauty and challenges.

And more to come

While Cabot Links has already established itself as one of the world's leading golf courses, it won't be alone on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence for long. The Cabot Links owners have a second links course under construction, Cabot Cliffs, designed by Bill Coore of Coore and Crenshaw. Scheduled for an official opening in 2016, Cabot Cliffs is expected to have a 'soft' opening in July of this year. Early reviews of the new course predict it will be in the company of Cabot Links and other world-ranking courses.

Demolition Derby is huge crowd pleaser!

The thunder of hooves pounding down the home stretch is the usual sound heard at the Inverness Raceway, but on Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 p.m., it will be the roar of engines and crunch of metal as scores of cars compete in the annual Demolition Derby.

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Cabot Links to host 2015 PGA Championship of Canada June 14-18

Cabot Links, located in Inverness and barely four years old, has been chosen as the course that will host the 2015 edition of the PGA Championship of Canada, the country's most prestigious golf event.

Sponsored by Mr. Lube and TaylorMade-Adidas, from June 14-18 many of Canada's finest golfers will take part in this year's championship at Cabot Links, but will see a format change with the top 64 players from the PGA of Canada Player Rankings presented by RBC playing two rounds of stroke play.

The top-16 players from the 36-hole stroke play portion of the event will fill out the four match play brackets—Stan Leonard, George Knudson, Al Balding and Moe Norman—with the eventual champion winning four match play rounds.



Al Balding

Moe Norman

George Knudson

Stan Leonard

"We are thrilled and honoured to host one of Canada's most storied championships, the PGA Championship of Canada—an event dating back to 1912 with decorated winners such as George Knudson, Moe Norman, Lee Trevino and Arnold Palmer—that continues to produce exceptional champions," Cabot Links managing partner Ben Cowan-Dewar told the media. "We look forward to watching the PGA of Canada's top-ranked players battle it out in this compelling format—a format that greatly complements the links style of golf offered here at Cabot Links."

The PGA Championship of Canada will be the first professional championship Cabot Links has hosted since opening in the summer of 2012.



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Inverness County Centre for the Arts a showcase of creativity

The Inverness County Centre for the Arts (ICCA) is a showcase for talent in and beyond Inverness County.

Throughout the summer and well into autumn, the Inverness County Centre for the Arts offers a wide-ranging series of exhibitions in its galleries. The centre is also a center for an active calendar of performances and workshops.

Those workshops include photography, book making, yoga, watercolour, children's workshops; and adult art workshops. It also has a fine gift shop offering the works of Inverness County artists and artisans.

It's schedule of exhibits begins in May, opening this Spring with *Fresh Picked: Student Artists of Inverness County* from May 10 - 31, with a second exhibit by artist Jude Caborn titled *Firm Foundations- The Rock Called Nova Scotia*.

Each of the exhibits opens



on the Sunday afternoon of the first date of being advertised, and those openings are an invitation to the public. June 7th will mark the opening of *Bob Martin, Romeo Martin, Steve Rankin: Port Hoodlums II-New Work*, an exhibit featuring the work of three impressive Inverness County photographers who find their subjects most often in the environment or people around them. It runs from June 7 - June 28.

July 5th marks the opening

of each year's flagship exhibit at ICCA, *Hands Dancing: The Annual Roundup*. This show features the works of more than 50 Inverness County artists. Following the opening of this particular show, a benefit auction will be held. The exhibition runs from July 5 - July 26.

Hands Dancing will be followed by *The Forest*: a group exhibition primarily of painting. Theme is the different meanings of the forest - mythic, aesthetic, industrial, and other

perceptions, running from Aug 2 - Aug 23. On August 30th, *Interlacing Conversations: Traditional and Contemporary Fibre Arts* showcases traditional and experimental practitioners of fibre arts collaborate and share their work, running from Aug 30 - Sept 20.

The autumn season brings to the ICCA galleries *Structures: Interpretations in Textiles. Studio Art Quilt Associates, Atlantic Canada*. This show has been juried by Nova Scotia artist, Alan Syliboy. The exhibit accompanying *Structures* is *Scratching the Surface* by fibre artist Penny Bernes, an embroidered and sewn journal. These shows run from Sept 27 - Oct 18.

The Centre's closing show will be *November in Inverness County*, an object-based exhibition whose subject is the oncoming winter, running from Oct 25 - Nov 8.

Gallery Exhibitions:

May 10 - May 31 *Fresh Picked: Students of Inverness County*
Jude Caborn
Firm Foundations:
The Rock Called Nova Scotia

June 7 - June 28 **Bob Martin, Romeo Martin, Steve Rankin**
Port Hoodlums II: New Work

July 5 - July 26 *Hands Dancing: The Annual Roundup*

Aug 2 - Aug 23 *The Forest*

Aug 30 - Sept 20 *Interlacing Conversations:*
Traditional and Contemporary Fibre Arts
August 30 - September 20

Sept 27 - Oct 18 *Structures: Interpretations in Textiles*
Penny Berens:Scratching the Surface

Oct 25 - Nov 8 *November in Inverness County*



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Good things take time.

This is one of a great many lessons learned by the Inverness Cottage Workshop in its quest for a new home. The work towards finding a new location for the Inverness Cottage Workshop first began back in 2005 with a directive from the Board. Today, ten years later, that dream is close to becoming a reality at last.

In late 2013, the Inverness Cottage Workshop purchased the former Hoff building in Inverness. This location offers two primary advantages to the organization: visibility and accessibility from Central Avenue and land for future expansion. As a result, the Cottage Workshop will be able to expand and improve its bakery and used clothing store and later adding a cafe and print shop to its repertoire. At the end of the day, this

means improving the breadth and quality of experience for the adults with intellectual disabilities who work there.

Well before the property was purchased, a partnership was formed with the Inverness Early Years Cooperative, another local non-profit in need of a new space. The Early Years Cooperative have been partners throughout the process and will lease a space at the new location.

After many designs and redesigns, the team now has a floorplan in hand that will meet the needs of both non-profits, and then some. The longer-term intention is to open up this facility to community gatherings and rental spaces with on-site catering available from the Cottage Workshop.

The new building will be called the Inverness



Architectural Concept, ICLC Phase 2, Archibald and Fraser Architects)

Community Leadership Centre, embracing the shared belief of the partner organizations that every member of our community has the capacity to be a leader in their own unique way.

Construction will take place in two phases: a complete renovation of the existing structure (Phase 1) and a new extension (Phase 2). The budget to complete Phase 1 (including the initial purchase of the property) is \$2.1 million. Of this, \$1.4 million has been raised to date through contributions from each level

of government, businesses, foundations, private donors, and an investment from the Cottage Workshop itself. Phase 1 is set to be complete by the fall of 2015.

Fundraising for the new building is ongoing. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Inverness Community Leadership Centre can do so by stopping by the Inverness Cottage Workshop at 46 Lower Railway Street, giving online at www.invernesscottageworkshop.ca, or calling Kailea Pedley at 902-258-3316.

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WIRE TO WIRE: Inverness harness racing offers photo-finish excitement

The Inverness harness racing track has been described as the most accessible grassroots level of this ancient and popular sport. The race track, which has been in operation since 1919, is run by volunteers, horsemen and women whose love of the sport have made this track work year after year.



This summer as in past summers, on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights, local trotters and pacers will be racing to have their photos taken at the finish line, exciting fans and bettors.

Concerts in the Park series offers fine entertainment

Through five weeks in the Ceilidh Trail Park in Inverness, Friday evenings will ring out with singing, the sounds of the fiddle, and a profile of Inverness County talent by musicians who will make it worth anyone's while to stop by and listen.

The first session will be Canada Day celebration with Gillian Boucher and Seph Peters. Gillian is a Broad Cove performer whose stunning command of the fiddle has taken her around the world, but wherever she is, opportunities to play in her own backyard bring her home. This award-winning fiddler, accompanied by another celebrated local guitarist, Seth Peters, offer an awesome salute to Canada and toast to the arrival of summer.

SCHEDULE

July 1:
Gillian Boucher
and Seth Peters
July 10: TBA
July 17: TBA
July 31:
Marion and
Kenneth MacLeod
August 7: TBA



July 1st performers Gillian Boucher and Seph Peters

While at press time the summer lineup was still being assembled and confirmed, the quality will be assured. Following the July 1 (Wednesday) show, the remaining performances will take place on Friday evenings, beginning, as does the Canada Day show, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Each headliner will have other local musicians opening for them.

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day: August 12th)

Located at the intersection of Broad Cove Banks Rd. and Foot Cape Rd. in Inverness, the concert is a fun family event.

What will most certainly be present on the BS stage throughout the two-day concert is talent, lots of it, including the Laura Cole band, the Banned from

Heaven, L.A. Speedway, Brian Doyle, Bonnie Bradley, Zahira, Mike McCurlie, Tyler Mullendore, Mitch Poirier, Glenn MacEachern, Michael Brennan, Taylor Delaney, and other invited performers from within and without Inverness County. Bring a lawn chair - bring a musical instrument or just your singing voice. All

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59th Broad Cove Scottish Concert brings tradition, excitement, to its stage

For six decades, Cape Breton's largest annual concert, the Broad Cove Scottish Concert, has filled the stage and field behind the St. Margaret of Scotland Church with the finest performers from the Maritime's Celtic tradition. That tradition continues with the concert's 59th edition, featuring Nuallen and The Chaissons of Prince Edward Island. Both groups excited crowds during last October's Celtic Colours International Music Festival. They can be counted on to do that again in the mid-summer setting that is the Broad Cove Concert field.

The concert will also bring to the stage scores of other performers from across Cape Breton, fiddlers, dancers, singers, Gaelic singers, a veritable cross-section of the Celtic arts that have been nurtured in Cape Breton through two centuries and show no sign of waning.

The structure of this year's concert

which begins at 3:00 p.m. will follow the traditional Broad Cove Concert format of offering the audience a diverse and exciting cast of performers until 6:00 p.m., when the stage become the showcase for the Chaissons and Nuallan

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Keith MacDonald, Rankin MacInnis, Kenneth MacKenzie and Kevin Dugas – Nuallan explores the style of piping brought by Highland Gaels and developed over the past two hundred years here in Cape Breton Island. Nuallan's style of playing brings them together to celebrate the importance of these traditional connections. That

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"That's the best \$5 I ever spent," one visitor exclaimed as he left a two-hour session at the Inverness Fire Hall. The session was the weekly Thursday Night Ceilidh, hosted by Gaelic singer Alice Freeman.

It is a weekly ceilidh through the summer months that showcases young musicians, some with already well-established reputations and some of whom we will be hearing much more of in years to come. For almost two decades this Inverness ceilidh has been extremely popular with residents and visitors. Listen for the kilted pipers out front of the fire hall if you are looking for this fine showcase of cultural entertainment.

Marble monument honours native son

As you enter Inverness you will see on the upper sidewalk a marble monument to Inverness's favourite son, the Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada whose various roles in the governments of Lester Pearson and Pierre Elliot Trudeau allowed him to become a major architect of national programs such as universal health care and care for the impoverished and elderly.




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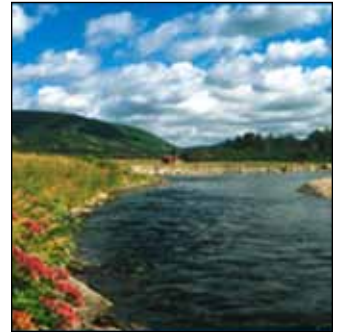
The beautiful Margaree River winds like a blue ribbon through valleys and villages settled by the Scots, Irish, and French. The mingling of their cultures makes the Margarees (the common reference for the several communities that exist beside and because of the Margaree River) fascinating and magical. Margaree is a French place name that translates to the name Marguerite, who was possibly an early settler's wife.

In the 1990s, the Margaree River was designated one of Canada's Heritage Rivers because of its outstanding natural heritage, scenic beauty, and its recreational attractions, especially salmon-angling. As early as 1745, the French at Fortress Louisbourg referred to the Margaree River as la rivière aux saumons.

It is also a river that has become popular with water sports

people, especially for canoeing and kayaking.

The Margaree offers visitors several other attractions to explore, including a vibrant and diverse cultural heritage that still thrives among the Acadian, Scot and Irish descendants. Some of this is expressed in the food and music of the Acadians, or square dancing to some of Cape Breton's finest fiddlers, and in the many songs, French, Gaelic or English, that have been inspired by the river itself.



Margaree Salmon Museum, an angler's dream

The Margaree River, world famous for its salmon, runs through rural valleys and hills that are a dream come true for photographers, artists, and outdoorsmen. At the Margaree Salmon Museum learn the rich history of salmon fishing in this area and enjoy the incredible collection of salmon flies, rods, reels, and many other artifacts of sports fishing.

The only one of its kind in Nova Scotia, the Margaree Salmon Museum is located in North East Margaree and it celebrates one of world's most famous salmon-fishing rivers. The area has several other Margarees as well: Margaree Forks, East

Margaree, Margaree Harbour, Margaree Valley, South West Margaree, and all of them are beautiful little communities along the river basin and among the hills, well meriting their celebration in local poetry, storytelling, fiddle music, and art.

The Salmon Museum mandate is clear: the history of the lifestyle and economics of the people of the Margaree area, the heritage of fishing on the Margaree River, and the conservation of Atlantic salmon and brook trout stocks for future generations. This museum is sponsored by the Margaree Anglers Association, and it contains an excellent collection of fishing tackle, photos and memorabilia of famous anglers.



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4th Annual Margaree Highland Games August 8th-9th

The popularity of the Margaree Highland Games keeps growing, and organizers expect to exceed last year's estimated audience of 1500. It is an effort of community co-operation, and while volunteers have come from within East Margaree and surrounding communities, last year's organizers were amazed by the number of the visitors to the island who pitched in to lend a helping hand.

The 2015 edition of the Margaree Highland Games will see competitors coming from across the Maritimes to toss the caber, throw the hammer, the various stones, and challenge each other to the spectrum of Highland contests of strength and power. This will include both Junior and Senior competitors.

In addition, this year's Games expect to see the participation of women competing in the traditional challenges.

While the Highland Games have been a traditional expression of Highland Scot prowess for several centuries, they have endured through time in many parts of the world, but it has been quite some time since any place in Inverness County has hosted such games. The growing popularity of the Margaree Highland Games suggests that it may be around for many years to come.

The Margaree Highland Games is a day of challenges that will culminate with a Tug-of-War where teams from across Inverness County vie for the joy of pulling the opposing team across the line, proclaiming their victors of the 2015 Highland Games.

The growing popularity of the Tug-of-War has been a marvelous surprise to organizers. It is a competition where teams can win money, and during the 2014 Tug-of-War teams of local families were among the competitors, and the Margarees have some big families, both in number and size, so expect an emphasis on 'war'



in this year's tug-of-war.

The 4th Annual Margaree Highland Games on Sunday, August 9th, will be held on the grounds of St. Michael's Parish Church at 1181 East Margaree Road.

This year again, as a prelude to Sunday's feats of strength, organizers are building anticipation with a series of activities on Saturday, August 8th. This will include a Live Auction, an Even Split Bingo, a traditional Acadian Frico Supper, all leading up to a dance in the evening.

On Sunday, the day of the Highland Games, in addition to the regularly scheduled games, there will also be a competitive youth division. Young people in the Margarees have been training for their events.

Sunday, on the grounds, there will also be horse rides, races and a 5k run, canteen services and a beer garden.



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Margaree River host Anything That Floats Race August 1st

The Margaree River, famous for its salmon and its designation as one of Canada's Heritage Rivers, also hosts an annual Anything That Floats Race each summer.

This year, the event is being held on August 1st, with a collection of floatable, or near floatable or barely floatable or even unfortunate sinkables whose designs are limited only by the imaginations of the designers.



At 2:00 p.m. on August 1st, the odd armada of river-worthy (or unworthy) vessels sets sail from Tanner's Run on the Margaree River, a location just off the Cabot

Trail (heading in the direction of the Dancing Goat from the Margaree Co-op. Organizers advice: "Look for signs!")

The Anything That Floats Race runs from Tanner's Run

down the Margaree to Doyle's Bridge (which offer a fine view of oncoming creations).

Following the Anything that Floats Race, prizes will be awarded, and a BBQ

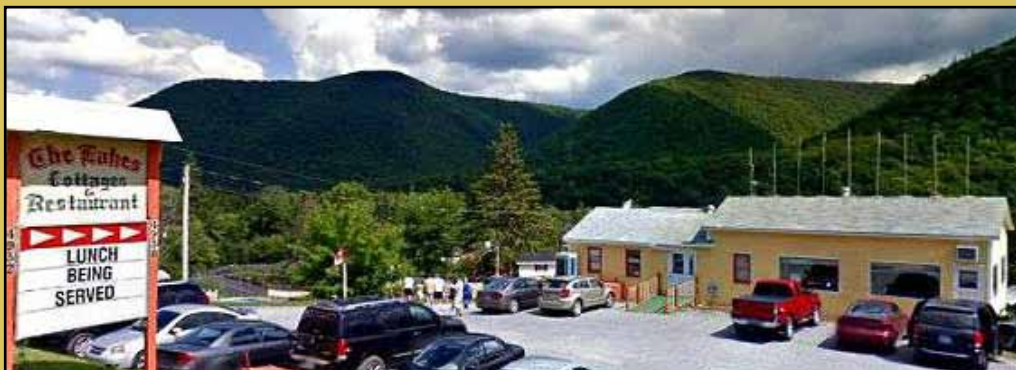
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LINDEN MACINTYRE, award-winning investigative journalist and author of four Cape Breton-themed novels, among them the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize winning *The Bishop's Man*, *The Long Stretch* and *Why Men Lie*. MacIntyre has also written *Causeway*, a boyhood memoir of growing up during the construction of the Canso Causeway. Of his most recent acclaimed novel, *Punishment*, the *Globe and Mail* writes "Things go from good to okay to pretty bad to bad to really bad to someplace they never

imagined themselves being, not in a million years. The momentum is unstoppable."

JOHANNA SKIBRUD is a novelist, short story writer and poet whose first novel, *The Sentimentalist*, was awarded the Scotiabank Giller Prize, Canada's richest literary award. She has also published a collection of short stories, *This Will Be Difficult to Explain and Other Stories*. Her most recent work, *Quartet for the End of Time*, has been lauded as a novel that "At every turn, this rich and ambitious novel tells some of the less well-known stories of twentieth-century history with epic scope and astonishing power..."

REBECCA SILVER SLATER

is a novelist, editor and columnist whose first novel, *In the Land of Birdfishes*, was winner of the 2013 David McKean Award for best creative writing. Her novel was also nominated for the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing. Of the novel, the *Chronicle Herald* wrote "Once in a long while a novel will arise that sings with such an incandescent and original voice that your head reels, your heart breaks, and you think, 'Yes, this is what a novel is meant to do!'"

LISA MOORE of Newfoundland has published four world class novels that received Scotiabank Giller

Prize nominations, her most recent being *Caught*, winner of the CBC's Canada Reads and the *New Yorker's* Best Book of the Year. The *National Post* said of it, "*Caught* is an outstanding novel, combining the complexity of the best literary fiction with the page-turning compulsive readability of a thriller."

The Canada Day Literary event will be held at the Coady-Tompkins Library in Margaree Forks from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on July 1. Following the readings, Canada Day cake and refreshments will be served, providing an opportunity for conversation with the authors.



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(Belle Cote Community Centre)

THURSDAY- JULY 24

Triathlon - On Belle Cote Beach in the Morning
(registration is at 9:00- 9:30 a.m.) Triathlon at 10:00 a.m.

Scavenger Hunt - 1:00 p.m.
(Belle Cote Beach)

Horseshoe Tournament Registration - 7:30-8:30 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Ecumenical Service - 7:00-7:30 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Outdoor Concert - 7:45-10:00 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

FRIDAY - JULY 25

Horseshoe Tournament - 9:00 a.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Seniors Card Play - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Crab and Corn Supper - 4:30 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Lola & The Phantoms 8:30-1:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert & Beer Garden
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

SATURDAY - JULY 26

Breakfast (All You Can Eat)
7:30-11:30 a.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Belle Cote Days Parade -2:00 p.m.
(Starts at Belle Cote Beach Road to Community Centre)
Free Hotdogs & Drink for Kids - Party to Follow Parade
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

Old Fashioned Round and Square Dance - 9:00 p.m.-
1:00 a.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

SUNDAY - JULY 27

Margaree Volunteer Fire Department Chicken BBQ -
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Belle Cote Community Centre)

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National Acadian Day - August 15th

August 15th, National Acadian Day, is a loud celebration of the Acadians survival through many hardships such as the Expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island by the British. The expulsion was a tragedy, but ultimately unsuccessful since the continuing Acadian presence in the Maritime Provinces has enriched the cultural mosaic throughout eastern Canada.

On the evening of this day, at La Place des arts Père-Anselme-Chiasson, a cast of Acadian actors, singers, dancers and musicians will stage a Cheticamp-written production titled *Le Grand Cercle*, a musical re-enactment of that historic event.

Throughout the day of August 15th, other events mark this National Day, including two Tintamarres, see schedule. A Tintamarre is loosely translated as “An Acadian tradition of marching through one’s community making noise with improvised instruments and other noise makers, usually in celebration of National Acadian Day.”



Monsieur l'Escaouette leads the parade

Symbolizing the village’s annual festival is Monsieur l'Escaouette, who leads the group above. The name itself is rooted in the Latin word for food, *Esca*, and when the Acadian ancestors celebrated Candlemas, they mostly celebrated the feast of food. The goal of the Festival is to preserve and inform residents and visitors of our Acadian heritage, and strengthen ties between the Acadian cultural organizations of Cheticamp. 2015 marks the 40th edition of Le Festival de l'Escaouette.

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10:00 a.m. Marché de 15 août
 1:00 p.m. Outdoor event « Célébrons notre héritage »
 3:00 p.m. Tintamarre from church to the boardwalk
 6:30 p.m. Mass, Église Saint-Pierre, Cheticamp
 7:00 p.m. Tintamarre from church to the boardwalk
 7:30 p.m. Le Grand Cercle -
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Les Trois Pignons offers visitors an opportunity to learn Acadian rug hooking

At Les Trois Pignons, the Acadian cultural centre in Cheticamp, visitors this year have an opportunity to practice an Acadian heritage skill that continues, after 200 years, to produce the vibrant colours, pastoral scenes and floral bouquets that have elevated Acadian rug hooking to an art.

Signing up at Les Trois Pignons, participants will spend two hours in the company of Acadian rug hookers or those knowledgeable about that

traditional craft. The package includes a two-hour workshop on rug hooking, a tour of the Elizabeth LeFort Gallery.

Beginning Rug Hookers will have a kit they can bring home with them. For some participants there is another appealing option. If they are unable to complete their piece of work, you can ask to have it remain there and be completed by one of Cheticamp's gifted rug hookers, then shipped home to you.



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If you are visiting Les Trois Pignons for a workshop or out of interest, there is plenty to interest visitors.

The Elizabeth LeFort Gallery



Elizabeth LeFort learned to hook rugs at a very young age, mastering landscapes and photographic reproductions, and has been hailed as "an artist in wool."

Elizabeth was so skillful at reproducing photographs that she began to create portraits in wool. Her portrait of American president Dwight Eisenhower was presented to him at the White House in 1957. This was followed with a series of portraits including Queen Elizabeth II, Pope Pius XII, Pope John XXIII, Jacqueline Kennedy, President Lyndon Johnson, Prime Ministers Lester Pearson and John Diefenbaker, and Prince Charles. Consequently, her art has graced Buckingham Palace, the White House and Vatican City in Rome.

Always striving for more challenges, she completed a series of reproductions of religious paintings, including daVinci's "The Last Supper, and scenes from the life of Jesus.

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Elizabeth LeFort, Chéticamp's most famous artist in wool, was awarded an honorary doctorate by Université de Moncton in 1975 and was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1987.

Marguerite Gallant Museum



Marguerite Gallant (1890-1983) was a native of Chéticamp with a profound love of collecting. She worked in Pennsylvania for many years as a maid for the Edward Cahill family. It is said that she learned the value of collecting

from Mr. Cahill who was an ardent collector.

When she returned to Chéticamp in 1938, Marguerite moved into a tiny house which she filled with objects of all kinds. As Marguerite's reputation for collecting spread through the community, people brought objects to her rather than let them be thrown away.

After Marguerite's death, La Société Saint-Pierre became custodians of the collection and moved it to Les Trois Pignons. Thanks to this incurable collector, many valuable artifacts from Chéticamp's history have been preserved.

Canada Day – July 1st



Canada Day (July 1st) will be celebrated in Cheticamp in conjunction with the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Activities in the CB National Park will take place at the area around the visitors centre and campground at the Cheticamp end of the Cabot Trail, a very short distance from the village.

SCHEDULE

2:00-4:00 p.m. at Cape Breton Highlands National Park – Children's activities

7:00-9:00 p.m. at Quai Mathieu Boardwalk – Live music

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First annual Roots to Boots Festival to be held in Chéticamp and Louisbourg

This year, the Acadian village of Cheticamp, Cape Breton Highlands National Park and Fortress Louisbourg are launching the first annual Roots to Boots Festival, a mid-June event meant to make residents and visitors aware that Cape Breton's cultural or interactive experience is as suitable to the month of June as it is to July or August.



Based on the success of Newfoundland's popular "Trails, Tales and Tunes Festival", the Roots to Boots Festival will be held in the communities of Chéticamp and Louisbourg from June 11 to 14, with a unique blend of entertainment designed to appeal to cultural enthusiasts: storytelling, hiking, food, local-flavour concerts, song writers' circle and late night square dances!

Several musical artists have already been confirmed for Roots to Boots.



BERNARD AND ROBERT FELIX, as proud of their deeply rooted French ancestry as they are of being Newfoundlanders, their dual pride shines through their music. The brothers have been playing together since 2003, and have always drawn a crowd when they come to Cape Breton to perform.



DANIEL PAYNE is another Newfoundlander, one from the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland and Labrador. A professional musician for over a decade, he has been performing the traditional music of his province, as well as collecting songs and dance tunes from older traditional players. His passion and virtuosity have taken him around the world, touring Australia, Japan, Ireland, Europe, Greenland, the UK and the US, as well as Canada.



SCOTT MACMILLAN has a passion for creating music in all its forms, composition, arrangement commission, collaboration, performance, musical directing live, in the studio, conducting, teaching, or as a clinician. Driven by his need to be creative, Macmillan seeks opportunities in all aspects of music making. That love has inspired exploration into genres from rock to blues, classical to choral, Celtic to jazz, as well as modern and avant-garde.

CHÉTICAMP EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

12:00 p.m. - Guided walk on the Acadian Trail
at the CB Highlands National Park
3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Music and refreshments – Shelter at CB Highlands National Park
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Kitchen Party at the Seafood Stop
9:00 p.m. - Square Dance at Salle des retraités

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

1:00 p.m. - Life at Cap-Rouge with Charles D. Roach – Information bureau CB Highlands National Park
1:30 p.m. - Guided walk on the Vieux chemin du Cap-Rouge at the CB Highlands National Park
3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Music and refreshments – Shelter at the CB Highlands National Park
2:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Music at the

Doryman Pub & Grill

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Kitchen Party at the All Aboard Restaurant
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. - Bernard et Robert Felix, Scott Macmillan, Daniel Payne and local musicians at the Doryman Pub & Grill

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Brunch (location TBA)

1:30 p.m.: Guided Walk on the Salmon Trail at the Cape Breton National Park
3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Music and refreshments – Shelter at the CB Highlands National Park
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Kitchen Party at the Harbour Restaurant and Bar
7:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Night of Storytelling (location TBA)

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When Father Charles Aucoin (1911-1999) retired in 1973, the beneficiary of that retirement was Chéticamp. For the next quarter of a century, the Chéticamp native threw himself into a labour of love, undertaking the laborious task of transcribing by hand all the old church records from 200 years of Acadian settlement in northern Inverness County. Father Aucoin prepared more than 100,000 personal file cards. He also wrote a number of articles on Acadian life and history.



The results of his work are of particular help to former Chéticamp people and their descendants who return to the village in search of information about their ancestors and family history. A very important department at *Les Trois Pignons* is that of the history and genealogy of the Chéticantins. Under the able direction of volunteers Jean-Doris (à Joe à Joe) LeBlanc and Charles D. (à Freddie à Damien) Roach, there is accumulated here all possible documentation on these subjects: books, copies of parish registers, census lists, listing of names from all the headstones in the cemetery and old photographs.

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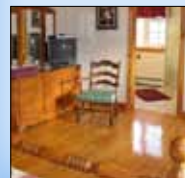
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40th Anniversary Festival de L'Escaouette

Chéticamp, July 26 - August 2nd

This summer the Acadian village of Cheticamp is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its Festival de l'Escaouette, a week-long series of activities to which the whole world is invited, so if you are in, near or passing through Cheticamp between July 26-August 2, the village offers much to entertain you, and welcomes your participation. Throughout most of the week (July 26-31) an Artisan's Village will be featured in the Marché du Village, on Main Street.

Daily from Noon to 1:00 p.m., dine in local restaurants

featuring Acadian Kitchen Parties, and for a true taste of Acadian traditional fare, the Cheticamp Arts Council (Conseil des arts du Cheticamp) is staging a Dinner Theatre titled *Aloha l'Acadie*, a comedy accompanied by a three-course meal at La Place des arts Père-Anselme - Chiasson.

Throughout the week, Festival de l'Escaouette offers music, galas, fireworks, talent night, and evenings with some of the villages established artists. Stop, stay and enjoy this jubilant celebration with the Acadian people of Cheticamp!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

JULY 26 – 31

10:00 am – 4:00 pm- **Artisan's Village** – Marché du Village

JULY 27 – 31

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm- **Acadian Kitchen Parties** - Local restaurants

JULY 30 – AUGUST 2

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm- **Dinner Theatre** "Aloha l'Acadie" – La Place des arts Père-Anselme – Chiasson

JULY 26 - 2:00 pm - **Official Opening** with special guest Ronald Bourgeois – Marché du Village

7:30 pm- **Musical Gala** – Festival de l'Escaouette's 40th edition – La Place des arts Père-Anselme – Chiasson

9:30 pm **The Party Continues!** – Marché du Village

10:30 pm **Fireworks** – Marché du Village

JULY 27 - 9:00 am – 6:00 pm - **Acadian Day** at the Chéticamp Coop

7:30 pm - **Wine and Cheese tasting with Ronald Bourgeois** – La Salle des Retraités

JULY 28 - All Day - **Celebrating the Festival at the C.B. Highlands National Park** (Milling Frolic, Trout Brook)

JULY 29 - 7:30: pm - **Maxim & Gervais** - La Salle des Retraités

JULY 30 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm - **Music and dance workshop for children** - Les Trois Pignons

6:00 – 8:00pm - **Talent Night** at the Doryman for families

JULY 31 - 7:30 pm - **Ça chante encore with Nicole and friends** – On the Steps of Église Saint-Pierre

AUGUST 1 10:00 am
- **5k/10k run** - La course des Acadiens

- Acadie Grouille

1:00 pm - **Family Day** - Children's parade, games etc. - La Salle des Retraités

AUGUST 2 - 10:30 am - **Outdoor Mass**, Grand Étang Harbour

1:30 pm - **Festival Parade** followed by outdoor music & BBQ on the grounds

10:00 pm - Closing Event - **Réveil** - Chéticamp Arena



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The seaside Acadian village of Chéticamp is a hotbed for the youngest talents of a region known for its vibrant musical culture, and that youth is being celebrated as Le Conseil des arts de Chéticamp (Cheticamp arts council) begins its 16th season of acclaimed theatre productions.



Again it will be welcoming visitors from the world over to a series of performances showcasing the very best of Acadian culture, heritage, music, dance—and joie de vivre!

The young talent of Chéticamp has been nurtured through the local school in a village that has fought for centuries for the survival of its unique culture. Le Conseil des arts produces theatre that both preserves and ensures that culture remains vital and alive. From as young as five years of age, children at the Chéticamp school are invited to take part in the productions, as singers, actors or dancers. By adolescence, these performers are being paid as professionals, in a region where economic hardship has driven thousands of young people to seek jobs in other provinces.

This summer, Le Conseil des arts de Chéticamp is presenting three original plays/musicals that will be of interest to anyone interested in culture or theatre. While the performances are

delivered in French, no one in the audience should have any trouble following the plot lines, whether hilarious or depict a profoundly tragic history.

GRAND CHADY - JULY 8-22

The first play being presented from July 8-22 is Grand Chady, a production that takes the audience back a couple of hundred years ago to a time when the village of Chéticamp was named Grand Chady.

An historic fishing village with brightly coloured homes and characters, this musical will please its audience with legends, stories, traditional song and dance from the historical Acadian collection of Père Anselme-Chiasson. Come and sing and stamp your feet along with the fiddle and beautiful traditional songs performed by young artist of the Cheticamp region. They are saving a seat for you in one of the province's finest, most intimate performance centres.

DINNER THEATRE: ALOHA L'ACADIE JULY 30-AUGUST 9

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HIKING

Cape Breton Highlands National Park's hiking trails range from easy strolls to challenging climbs with panoramic views of canyons, highlands and seacoasts. The trails provide a chance to intimately explore the complex habitat of northern Cape Breton Island. Nature doesn't end at the park's boundaries. Many surrounding areas boast equally breathtaking trails.

HIKING CHALLENGE

10 Trails in One Day

Sample ten short trails in one day, exploring a variety of habitats – Acadian, Boreal and Taiga – for your chance to win a great prize! Easily done at your own leisurely pace if you walk regularly. Bring in a signed list or photo documentation (a photo of you on each trail) to a park visitor centre.

10-HIKE DAY PLAN

8:00 a.m. –
wake up, walk the dog, eat
breakfast, read the paper,
check email
9:30 a.m. –
pack a lunch and snacks
10:00 a.m. –
drive to any trail; complete
the others in sequence
(lunch in car); return home
7:00 p.m. –
shower, supper, celebrate

SUGGESTED TRAILS

1. Le Buttereau
2. Bog
3. Benjie's Lake
4. MacIntosh Brook
5. Lone Shielling
6. Jigging Cove
7. Jack Pine
8. Green Cove
9. Freshwater Lake
10. Freshwater Lake Look-Off



The following is a list of Cape Breton Highlands National Park's hiking trails. Distances are round-trip with average walking times. Click on the trail name for more detailed information

ACADIAN (LOOP)

Distance 8.4 km
Time 3 - 4 hours
Elevation 20 - 365 m

SALMON POOLS

Distance 12.2 km
Time 3 - 4 hours
Elevation 15 - 110 m

LE CHEMIN DU BUTTEREAU

Distance 4.6 km
Time 1.5 hours
Elevation 25 - 65 m

LE BUTTEREAU (LOOP)

Distance 1.6 km
Time 30 - 45 minutes
Elevation 0 - 55 m

LE VIEUX CHEMIN DU CAP-ROUGE

Distance 9 km
Time 2.5 - 3.5 hours
Elevation 40 - 110 m

CORNEY BROOK

Distance 6.5 km
Time 2 hours
Elevation 30 - 170 m

SKYLINE

Distance 7.5 km or 9.2 km (loop)

Time 2 - 3 hours

Elevation 290 - 405 m

BOG (LOOP)

Distance 0.5 km
Time 15 minutes
Elevation 410 m

BENJIE'S LAKE

Distance 3 km
Time 1 - 1.5 hours
Elevation 400 m

FISHING COVE

Distance 5.7 km or 12 km
Time 2 - 3 hours or 5 - 6 hours

Elevation 0 - 355 m

MACINTOSH BROOK

Distance 1.7 km
Time 30 - 45 minutes
Elevation 30 - 65 m

LONE SHIELING (LOOP)

Distance 0.6 km
Time 15 minutes
Elevation 70 m

ASPY

Distance 9.6 km
Time 3 - 4 hours
Elevation 60 - 450 m

GLASGOW LAKES

LOOK-OFF

Distance 9.2 km
Time 3 - 4 hours
Elevation 260 - 460 m

JACK PINE (LOOP)

Distance 2.3 km
Time 1 hour
Elevation 0 - 50 m

COASTAL

Distance 11.3 km
Time 3 - 4 hours
Elevation 0 - 45 m

JIGGING COVE (LOOP)

Distance 2.4 km
Time 40 - 50 minutes
Elevation 50 - 65 m

GREEN COVE

Distance 0.2 km
Time 10 minutes
Elevation 10 m

BROAD COVE MOUNTAIN

Distance 2.3 km
Time 1 hour
Elevation 35 - 180 m

WARREN LAKE (LOOP)

Distance 4.7 km
Time 1.5 hours

Elevation 15 m

BRANCH POND LOOK-OFF

Distance 8.1 km
Time 2 - 3 hours
Elevation 100 - 305 m

FRANEY (LOOP)

Distance 7.4 km
Time 2 - 3 hours
Elevation 95 - 430 m

CLYBURN VALLEY

Distance 8.5 km
Time 2 - 3 hours
Elevation 5 - 50 m

MIDDLE HEAD

Distance 3.8 km
Time 1.5 hours
Elevation 0 - 45 m

FRESHWATER LAKE LOOK-OFF

Distance 0.3 km
Time 10 minutes
Elevation 10 - 45 m

FRESHWATER LAKE

Distance 1.7 km
Time 30 - 40 minutes
Elevation 0 - 15 m

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE HIKING IN A PROTECTED WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT.

- Do not approach, disturb or feed wild animals.
- Hike with friends and a solid walking stick.
- If you choose to walk alone, tell somebody where you are going.
- Pack in, pack out. Littering attracts wildlife and puts you and the animals at risk.
- Stay on boardwalks to protect fragile vegetation.

- Mountain bikes are permitted only where indicated, for public safety and protection of the environment.
- Dress appropriately. Weather may change rapidly on the plateau and along the coast.
- Bring water, especially for longer trails, climbs and open barrens.
- Bring insect repellent. Black flies and mosquitoes are common all summer.

GAMPO ABBEY - An oasis of peace -

Work started in the summer of 1999 on a *stupa* at Gampo Abbey that contains relics of the Vidyadhara Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. It is the first *stupa* built in Nova Scotia. Ven. Thrangu Rinpoche, Abbot of Gampo Abbey, requested in 1996 that the *stupa* be built. The project had the strong support of Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche and fulfills the Vidyadhara's request that his relics be distributed between RMSC, Karne Choling and Gampo Abbey. Thrangu Rinpoche consecrated the completed *stupa* in 2001.



An Annual Canada Day Softball Game is held between the saffron-robed monks and nuns of Gampo Abbey and the fire-fighting clad members of the Pleasant Bay Volunteer Fire Department, a fund-raiser for the PBVFD.

According to Rinpoche, a *stupa* traditionally represents the mind of the Buddha and has the power to convey the mind transmission to those who gaze at it. The *stupa*, he said, is dedicated to world peace, and will become a tourist attraction that will bring many people to the spiritual path. To symbolize the overcoming of aggression, Rinpoche buried weapons in the ground below where the *stupa* was built, including a World War I rifle donated by a Cape Breton neighbour of the Abbey, and he consecrated the site.



Come take a guided tour of Gampo Abbey! The Abbey is once again offering guided tours this summer. See the shrine room where we practice, visit our library with over 5,000 books on Buddhism and religion, learn about our lineage and activities, and get a glimpse into the life of the monastics and lay residents living at Gampo Abbey.

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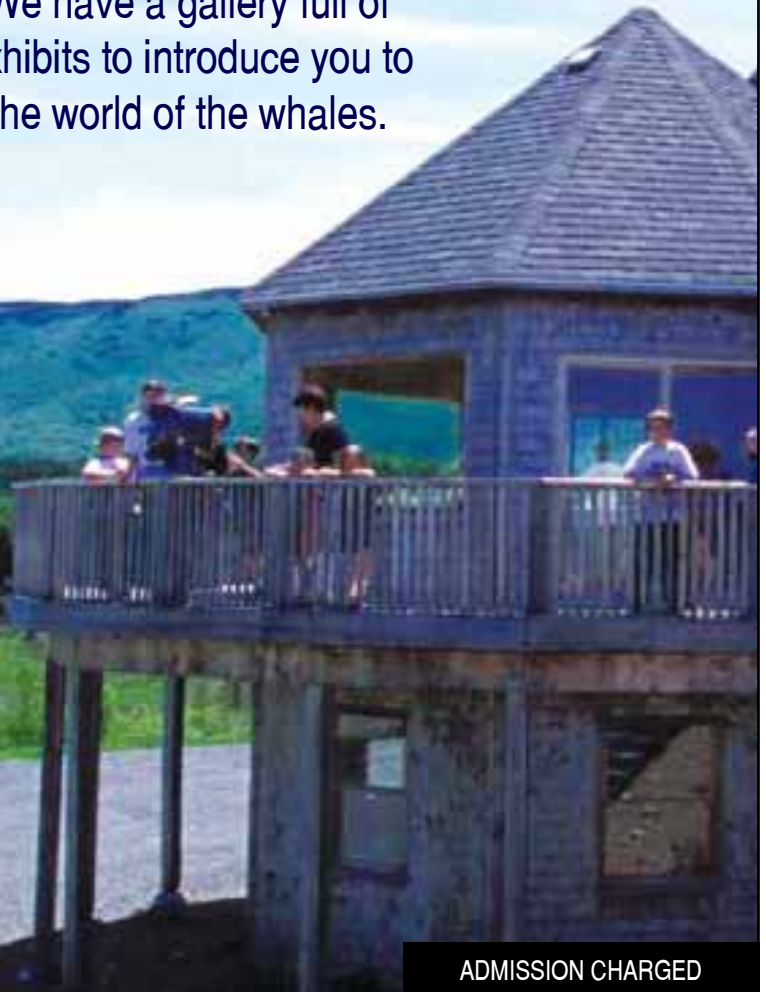


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The village is known for the spectacular views it provides for visitors from across the world, and also for The Meat Cove Campground and Ocean Side Chowder Hut.

The Meat Cove Campground opened in 1986 and is hosted by the MacLellan family. The campground provides people with spacious room for their tents, thirty unserviced campsites, newly built camp cabins, running water, hot showers, beautiful hiking trails mainly all with ocean view.

Kayaks can be rented to paddle along the coast. Or you can just sit at your picnic table and watch the whales glide past!

Cook on an open fire or visit us at the Ocean Side Chowder Hut. Here you will find some main dishes such as homemade seafood chowder, fresh halibut, salmon or lobster and crab. Complement these dishes with a Nova Scotian beer or a local red or white wine.

GPS Data

Cape St. Lawrence light Turn
N47°01.423'W60°34.696'
Cattle Corral N47°01.560' W60°34.381'
Meat Cove Lookout-1 Turning N47°01.413'
W60°34.233'
Meat Cove Lookout -2 N47°01.225' W60°34.146'

View of Light from 525ft N47°01.796' W60°35.277'
Polletts Cove Turn off N47°01.013'W60°35.294'
Abandoned Farm N47°00.856'W60°36.219'
Lowland Cove inland/Coastal Junction
N47°01.299' W60°37.144'
Wooden Gate N47°01.446' W60°34.150'

HIKING

Meat Cove is widely known for all its wonderful hiking trails. We offer a variety of trails that will not disappoint you, all with amazing views that you will not forget. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the scenes on film.

CAPE ST. LAWRENCE TRAIL

Trail length 5 km one way, maximum elevation 850 ft. This Trail starts by the office at the Meat Cove Community Centre/Restaurant (check with office if you plan to leave your vehicle near here) on the gravel road and changes to a narrow track after 150 meters and proceeds up the hill. This is by far the steepest and most challenging part of the hike. In the first kilometer you will climb nearly 700 ft and pass by a wooden gate and the sign for the Meat Cove Look Off trail to your left. By the time you reach a meadow and corral to your right most of the climbing is finished. About 2 kilometers from the start you will see the side trail to Cape St. Lawrence to your right. As of July, 2009 this was well marked with flagging tape on both sides. It's the first trail to your right past the meadows of any size and suitable for an ATV or horse and cart originally. The rest of the hike is an easy 3 km proceeding gradually downhill except for one short steep section. Be sure to check the look-off at the top of this section just past Big Pond.

LOWLANDS COVE TRAIL

Is 5 km to the coast from the Cape St. Lawrence turn-off or 7 km from the Meat Cove Community Centre/Restaurant. Instead of taking the Cape St. Lawrence turn-off at the 2 km mark, keep straight on. After another kilometer you will see the Polletts Cove turn-off to your left; after about another kilometer you should see the disused road and trail to the abandoned zinc mine (1.5 km); another 0.75 km takes you to an abandoned farm. All that remains is a clearing and some farm implements. The trail proceeds gradually down to the coast. The topographic map indicates a side trail to Lowlands Cove Brook starting 0.7 km from the coast. I was day-dreaming and totally missed this turn-off. Judging by the stunning scenery it would be worth locating.

LOWLANDS COVE COASTAL TRAIL

Is 3.2 km coastal trail. Just keep a safe distance from the cliff edge and follow ATV and animal tracks along the coast. If proceeding from Lowlands Cove, the Cape St. Lawrence Light and start of the trail to Meat Cove is easy to find. Proceeding the other way to Lowland Cove, be on the look-out for the trail just before the grassy area changes to a wooden area as Lowlands Brook is approached. Steel posts painted red can be found throughout the Lowlands. There are a couple located close to where the trail starts inland.

MEAT COVE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Is 1.3 km to eastern end of ridge. This trail starts a short distance up the road from the Internet Café and is marked by a sign on a tree and a few stones placed to form steps. The trail climbs steeply nearly 900 ft in the first 0.75 km and then levels off somewhat. The grassy ridge of the mountain extends over a kilometer with fantastic views in all directions.

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