

NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM

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*Your guide to the 27 provincial museums
like picturesque Sherbrooke Village
in Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia.*





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Welcome to the Nova Scotia Museum

Established in 1868, the Nova Scotia Museum's (NSM) history spans more than 145 years, making it one of the oldest provincial museums in Canada. Throughout its existence, the NSM has been a national leader in its commitment to preservation, public education and community partnerships, showcasing Nova Scotia's rich history to residents and international visitors alike.

The NSM is committed to the stewardship of this province's natural and cultural heritage. Through the maintenance of the provincial collection of artifacts and specimens, the NSM strives to ensure the long-term sustainability and integrity of Nova Scotia's heritage resources.

This guide is an introduction to the Nova Scotia Museum family and an invitation to visit all of the 27 incredible sites that, together, tell the story of this province.

**NOVA SCOTIA
MUSEUM**
The Family of Provincial Museums

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Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax

Plan Your Visit



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Doers' & Dreamers' Travel Guide

The Nova Scotia Doers' & Dreamers' Travel Guide is a free, easy-to-use directory packed with everything you'll want to see and do in the province.

Visit novascotia.com or call 1-800-565-0000 to order your copy, or pick one up at a Visitor Information Centre.

Nova Scotia Museum Pass

Affordable and convenient, the Nova Scotia Museum Pass is your ticket to natural wonders, cultural past, and living history.

A pass provides you with unlimited visits to all 27 provincial museums for one full year. Purchase a single or family pass at any of the museums or call 1-800-632-1114. Visit museum.novascotia.ca for more details.

Follow the Key

As you're travelling Nova Scotia's 100-series highways, watch for blue key signs indicating major heritage points of interest such as museums and historic sites. Take the designated exits and enjoy the great sights, scenery and history that make this province famous.

Have a safe journey!



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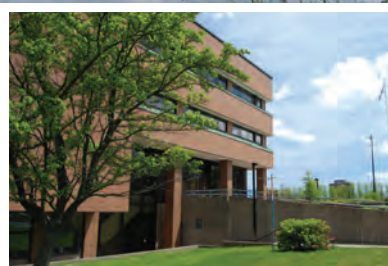
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1 Museum of Natural History

1747 Summer St, Halifax
Tel: 902 424-7353
naturalhistory.novascotia.ca

Step into the forest, dive under the sea, and travel around the world when you visit Halifax's Museum of Natural History.

Home to a number of animals from around the province, the museum's live displays include snakes, frogs, turtles, an incredible permanent bee colony, and the museum's resident Gopher Tortoise, Gus.

The museum also has one of the only Science on a Sphere projection units in Canada. Shows on this amazing system allow visitors to observe live weather, tectonic plate movements, earthquakes and much more.

Galleries dedicated to Mi'kmaq artifacts and Acadian archaeological discoveries showcase Nova Scotia's rich culture.

In addition to the permanent collections, the museum regularly hosts important regional, national and international travelling exhibits.

Things to know

- Open year-round (closed Mondays in winter and some holidays)
- Admission charged
- Pay parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop

Visit The Museum Shop, which features field guides, books, toys, candy, souvenirs, and gifts with a nature theme.

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2 Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

1675 Lower Water St, Halifax
Tel: 902 424-7490
maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca

Located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is Canada's premier maritime museum. Here, you can immerse yourself in the stories, events and people that define Nova Scotia's relationship with the sea.

The museum is home to several respected exhibits that explore historical events and topics such as the sinking of the *Titanic*, the Halifax Explosion, the Navy, Days of Sail, and the Age of Steam.

In the summer months, visitors can step aboard and tour the museum's largest artifact, *CSS Acadia*, Canada's longest serving hydrographic vessel.

During your visit, meet the museum's Rainbow Macaw, Merlin; learn about the creation and



restoration of the museum's model ship collection; and take part in guided tours, programs and events that celebrate Nova Scotia's seafaring traditions.

Things to know

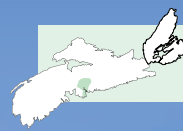
- Open year-round (closed Mondays in winter and some holidays)
- Admission charged
- Wheelchair accessible
- Facility rentals available
- Gift shop

Visit the Nova Scotia Marine Heritage Store to find books, keepsakes and gifts with a maritime theme.

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3 Uniacke Estate Museum Park

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Tel: 902 866-0032
uniacke.novascotia.ca

Turn along the treed roadway and feel as though you've arrived back in the 1800s when you discover Uniacke Estate Museum Park, a gracious home and property overlooking Lake Martha.

Once one of the grandest houses in Nova Scotia, this country mansion was built between 1813 and 1815 by prosperous Irish-born politician, Richard John Uniacke. The estate became a favourite for seven generations of the large Uniacke family, with treasured possessions like fine furniture from London and exquisite portraits still found inside.

Outside, explore walking and hiking trails that feature a variety of wildlife, exhibits about the estate's history, and unspoiled Nova Scotia woodland. Walks range from easy to challenging, and trails offer plenty of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged (house only)
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Hiking trails (open year-round, from dawn to dusk)
- Picnic area

Visit the Post Road Tea Room and The Museum Shop to enjoy a break and find wonderful treats.

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rossfarm.novascotia.ca

Come to Ross Farm Museum to explore 60 acres of rolling farmland and discover what life was like on a Nova Scotia family farm over 100 years ago.

An authentic living heritage site, much of the farm remains the same as it was in the 1800s. From historic Rose Bank Cottage where the Ross family lived, to daily activities such as wool spinning, barrel making and blacksmithing, the museum gives visitors the chance to experience yesterday's traditional farming methods, while learning sustainable ways of living for today.

Chat with costumed interpreters, hike the scenic nature trail, take a wagon ride or winter sleigh ride, and see the animals who live and work on the farm as you connect with Nova Scotia's rural heritage. Whether you're milking a cow or enjoying the site's natural beauty, Ross Farm Museum provides a unique glimpse of life in the 19th-century.

Things to know

- Open year-round
 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays in winter and some holidays;
 check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Hiking trails
- Picnic area
- Gift shop

Visit the Ross Farm Museum Shop and find products made in the farm's workshop, in the cooperage and by the blacksmith. Items range from wooden spoons and maple sugar candy, to barrels and birdhouses.

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5 Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic

68 Bluenose Dr, Lunenburg
 Tel: 902 634-4794 (Toll-free: 1 866 579-4909)
fisheriesmuseum.novascotia.ca

Come and explore life at sea, up close and personal at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg.

Learn about rum-running, whales and August Gales in our galleries. Meet lobsters, flounders, cod and more in our aquarium. Have a yarn with old salts on the wharves and enjoy *Bluenose* memorabilia in our historic building. Walk the waterfront, visit our fishing vessels and refresh in the salt air as you take in one of the best maritime moments in the world.

Highlights include the Bank Fishery Gallery, Whaling Exhibit, the Hall of Inshore Fisheries, Boat Shop, the Ice House Theatre, and seasonal Touch Tank.

Come rain or shine and discover something for all ages in one of Nova Scotia's most celebrated fishing communities!

Things to know

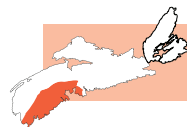
- Open year-round (check website for hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Pay parking on-site
- Genealogical services
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Restaurant

Visit the Salt Store Gift Shop for a wide selection of gifts, souvenirs and mementos, or satisfy your hunger with a delicious meal at the on-site restaurant, the Old Fish Factory.

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6 Wile Carding Mill Museum

242 Victoria Rd, Bridgewater
Tel: 902 543-8233
cardingmill.novascotia.ca

In 1860, a young man named Dean Wile opened the Wile Carding Mill and made life easier for Nova Scotian families.

Carding is the process of breaking up clumps of raw wool so that it can be used to make batting, felt and yarn. Traditionally done by hand, carding was a time-consuming chore, but water powered mills like Wile Carding provided a valuable service by using machinery to process wool in a fraction of the time.

Today, the mill's overshot water wheel still turns in its tranquil setting on Sandy Brook, a reminder of a once vibrant industrial centre. Come enjoy hands-on programs, tours with costumed interpreters, activities for young visitors and wool crafts.

Things to know

- Open June to September (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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7 Perkins House Museum

105 Main St, Liverpool
Tel: 902 354-4058
perkinshouse.novascotia.ca

Every day for over 40 years, Simeon Perkins recorded details in his diary about life, family and business in Liverpool. From mentions of ships' captains, to notes about goods coming and going, to remarks about his house, American privateers, children being born and even the threat of the smallpox epidemic of 1800, Simeon's observations provide a personal perspective on life in Nova Scotia from 1766 to 1812.

During your visit, enjoy a different kind of storytelling thanks to the museum's interpretive audio visual projections. Pick a tale from one of the memory boxes located throughout the house and be amazed as members of the Perkins household materialize to share tales, pulled directly from the diaries, about family life in a thriving Colonial town.

Come discover the nooks and crannies of this historic home, see Liverpool's history through the eyes of a prominent merchant and community leader, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations such as spinning, needlework and wool carding.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Picnic area
- Gift shop

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8 Ross-Thomson House Museum

9 Charlotte Lane, Shelburne
 Tel: 902 875-3219
rossthomson.novascotia.ca

Travel back in time to discover 1780s Nova Scotia and the recently settled town of Shelburne, where thousands of Loyalist refugees began new lives after the American War of Independence.

It is in this historic store that seasoned merchants George and Robert Ross carried on international trade in tea, coffee, rum, port and wine, offering both necessities and luxuries to the town's residents.

Stroll the property's gardens; step up to the store's counter and ask the clerk about the kinds of goods the Ross Brothers once bartered and sold; spend time inside the living quarters, furnished in the sparse but elegant style of the period; and visit the Militia Room above the shop where you might meet a 1780s militia guard.

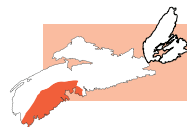
Things to know

- Open June to October
 (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking nearby
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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9 Dory Shop Museum

11 Dock St, Shelburne
Tel: 902 875-3219
doryshop.novascotia.ca

Step into this authentic harbour-side dory factory to discover the historic Shelburne Dory and the world of the Grand Banks fishery as it existed from 1880 to 1971.

Lightweight and versatile, dories are small, shallow-draft boats with flat bottoms, high sides and sharp bows. Easy to build, thanks to their simple lines, and able to withstand rugged ocean waves, dories were once the backbone of the fishing industry, both in Nova Scotia and around the world.

One of Shelburne's great claims to fame is the town's rich dory building traditions; a skill that still survives today thanks to the Dory Shop Museum. Known for its exceptional strength, the Shelburne Dory was the preferred dory of local fishermen, making it the most popular small craft in the Atlantic Provinces for almost a century.

Learn how the town's dory makers rivaled their Lunenburg competitors by using the dory clip, and witness the art of crafting these vessels first-hand.

Things to know

- Open June to September
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking nearby
- Partial wheelchair access

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10 Barrington Woolen Mill Museum

2368 Hwy 3, Barrington
Tel: 902 637-2185
woolenmill.novascotia.ca

In the 1800s, the Barrington Woolen Mill was an important local business that used machinery and water power to turn raw fleece into the yarn and cloth needed to make warm, durable clothing.

Powered by the mill's rushing river, machines like the spinner, twister, skeiner and loom made it possible to wash, pick, card, spin, dye and weave wool in a fraction of the time it took to do by hand.

Today, visitors can step inside the preserved mill to see the original machinery; hear stories about the mill workers' day-to-day lives; enjoy demonstrations of handspinning, dyeing, processing, and weaving of wool; and discover how small manufacturing operations like this helped shape Nova Scotian communities by offering valuable services and jobs.

Things to know

- Open June to September (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area

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11 Old Meeting House Museum

2408 Hwy 3, Barrington
Tel: 902 637-2185
meetinghouse.novascotia.ca

For two centuries, people have gathered at the Old Meeting House for both township business and religious worship. A National Historic Site, this New England-style meeting house is the oldest nonconformist house of worship in Canada and among the oldest in North America.

Built by Congregationalist fishermen and farmers from Cape Cod called Planters, the meeting house was a building-in-progress for its first hundred years, until the windows, doors, box pews, and a pulpit were added by the mid-1800s.

During your visit, go on a guided tour to learn how this area was settled and hear stories about the original townspeople.

A non-denominational religious service, open to everyone, is held annually on the third Sunday in August.

Things to know

- Open June to September (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area

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12 Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

Historic Acadian Village of Nova Scotia

Lower West Pubnico
Tel: 902 762-2530
levillage.novascotia.ca

Stop in, sit down and bask in Acadian heritage at this early 1900s seaside village, situated on a beautiful 17-acre site overlooking Pubnico Harbour.

Founded in 1653 by Sieur Philippe Mius-d'Entremont, Lower West Pubnico is part of the Pubnicos, one of the oldest Acadian areas in the province.

This remarkable community showcases the industrious and joyful spirit of the Acadian people, celebrating a language and culture that has thrived for more than 350 years.



Learn the village's history, hear Acadian spoken, experience fishing and farming traditions, savour home-cooked Acadian cuisine and enjoy hospitality that is second to none.

Things to know

- Open June to September
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Café

Visit the village's gift shop for a wide selection of gifts, souvenirs and mementos, or satisfy your hunger with a delicious meal in the café.

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13 Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia

451 Main St, Yarmouth
Tel: 902 742-5525
firefightersmuseum.novascotia.ca

Visit the Firefighters' Museum in Yarmouth to discover the history of firefighting in this province.

Through original photographs, personal recollections and thousands of artifacts, you'll be able to imagine the clang of the fire bell and the smell of smoke as firefighters of the past raced to save burning homes in communities across Nova Scotia.

See vintage fire engines and equipment from the 1800s to the 1930s. Marvel at antique hand-drawn and operated engines such as Canada's oldest horse-drawn steam engine, an 1863 Amoskeag Steamer.

Take the wheel of a 1933 Chev Bickle pumper and enjoy collections of antique toy fire engines, uniforms, shoulder crests, patches and badges, some from fire departments around the world.

Things to know

- Open year-round
(check website for hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible

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GRANVILLE FERRY



14 North Hills Museum

5065 Granville Ferry Rd, Granville Ferry
Tel: 902 532-2168
northhills.novascotia.ca

Built in the 1760s, the exterior of this small farmhouse looks like a typical country home, but inside it boasts a collection of fine art and furnishings that create an air of Georgian elegance.

In 1964, Robert Patterson bought North Hills and made it a showplace for his impressive collection of antiques, including English porcelain and oak, mahogany and walnut furniture.

Through his efforts to establish a local restoration society, Patterson became a popular and valued member of the community, and was an early member of the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust.

Visit North Hills Museum and be charmed by the history and culture found in this unique home, located in the heart of one of North America's most historic regions.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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15 Prescott House Museum

1633 Starr's Point Rd, Starr's Point
Tel: 902 542-3984
prescotthouse.novascotia.ca

Come calling at "Acacia Grove", an elegant Georgian house in the picturesque Annapolis Valley. Here, horticulturalist Charles Prescott cultivated Nova Scotia's apple industry from 1811 to 1859.

Discover how his great-granddaughter, Mary Allison Prescott, rescued the derelict building in the 1930s to recreate a gracious home. See family portraits, antique furnishings and Miss Prescott's collections of hand-stitched samplers and tribal Oriental carpets. Delight in the beautiful garden and lush countryside surrounding this special place.

A National and Provincial Historic Site, the grounds provide a lovely spot to relax and enjoy an afternoon picnic.

Things to know

- Open June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
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16 Haliburton House Museum

414 Clifton Ave, Windsor
Tel: 902 798-2915
haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca

Wind your way up the tree-lined drive to visit Haliburton House, home to Nova Scotian author Thomas Chandler Haliburton from 1836-1856.

Born December 17, 1796 in Windsor, Haliburton was renowned locally as a prominent businessman and judge. However, it was his writing that really propelled him to fame, becoming Canada's first international best-selling author.

Following the adventures of the fictional Yankee clock peddler, Sam Slick, Haliburton's humorous and insightful tales gave the world sayings like "quick as a wink" and "facts are stranger than fiction", which are still used in conversations today.

Come discover the twists and turns of this house, filled with antiques and memorabilia, or explore the old estate, which features an orchard, pond, and walking trail.

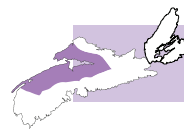
In addition to the Haliburton story, visitors can also learn about the history of hockey through the Windsor Hockey Heritage Society's exhibit. Spanning part of two floors of the museum, the hockey exhibit showcases jerseys, equipment from the past, and stories of local hockey heroes.

Things to know

- Open June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Walking trails (open year-round, from dawn to dusk)
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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17 Shand House Museum

389 Avon St, Windsor
Tel: 902 798-8213
shandhouse.novascotia.ca

Imagine life in this Queen Anne-style house as you discover the Shand family legacy.

Built in 1890 for newlyweds Clifford and Henrie, this amazingly ornate house was once considered a modern marvel with its fancy, original indoor bathroom, central heating, and stylish furniture from the Windsor Furniture Factory.

Admire the grand front hall's gleaming cherrywood paneling, peruse the collection of fine china used for afternoon teas, and see the rooms where the Shand children played. Take the servants' stairs to the upper floor and climb the tower for a magnificent view of the Avon River and countryside, a beautiful setting for this comfortable family home.

Things to know

- Open June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Partial wheelchair access

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18 Lawrence House Museum

8660 Hwy 215, Maitland, Hants County
Tel: 902 261-2628
lawrencehouse.novascotia.ca

On October 27, 1874, William D. Lawrence secured his place in marine history by constructing and launching the largest wooden-hulled, fully-rigged ship ever built in Canada.

An ardent believer in Nova Scotia's 19th-century maritime power, Lawrence exemplified the critical role played by the shipbuilding industry in this province.

Come visit his bright Victorian home and its 23 rooms, featuring photographs, family heirlooms, and exhibits about Lawrence's era of shipbuilding, and tales of the Golden Age of Sail in Maitland.



MAITLAND



Using a scale model of the "great ship", friendly and engaging guides share the story of Lawrence's triumph and introduce visitors to the community of Maitland; Nova Scotia's first municipally designated Heritage Conservation District.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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19 Fundy Geological Museum

162 Two Islands Rd, Parrsboro
Tel: 902 254-3814 (Toll-free: 1 866 856-3466)
fundygeological.novascotia.ca

Visit the Fundy Geological Museum to unearth this province's rich geological past!

In the Bay of Fundy, the world's highest tides erode the towering sea cliffs to reveal half a billion years of geological history, exposing fossils and local minerals, including amethyst and agate gem stones.

Come learn about the Triassic and Jurassic landscapes where Canada's oldest dinosaurs once roamed, and find out about the animals that lived in their shadows. Discover the events that have helped shape the landscape around us as you explore the museum's gallery to learn about colliding continents, the formation of Pangea, warm shallow seas and coal swamps, local dinosaur discoveries, our frozen glacial past, and the birth of the Bay of Fundy.

For visitors interested in learning more about our geological past, join museum interpreters for a beach tour to a local mineral or fossil site to see the evidence in its natural setting. Phone or visit online for more details.

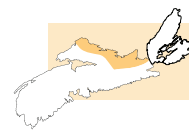
Things to know

- Open year-round (check website for hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Gift shop
- Picnic area

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20 Balmoral Grist Mill Museum

660 Matheson Brook Rd, Balmoral Mills
Tel: 902 657-3016
balmoralgristmill.novascotia.ca

Come discover Balmoral Grist Mill Museum, a three-storey mill tucked away in a wooded gorge on Matheson’s Brook.

See the mill in action, just as it would have been when Alexander McKay opened it in 1874. Hear the whir of wooden gears as shafts and pulleys turn the Scottish granite millstones. Watch as grains are ground, sifted and turned into flour. Sample the flavour of oats toasted on the cast iron floor of the kiln.

Treat yourself to the experience of a waterside grist mill from Nova Scotia’s past.

Only 12 kilometres from Sutherland Steam Mill.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Walking trail
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area
- Enquire about times for milling demonstrations

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21 Sutherland Steam Mill Museum

3169 Hwy 326, Denmark (near Tatamagouche)
Tel: 902 657-3365
sutherlandsteammill.novascotia.ca

Explore this 1894 sawmill and discover Nova Scotian ingenuity in a mill once powered by steam.

For nearly 70 years, Alexander Sutherland and his family produced carriages, sleds, windows, and fancy gingerbread trim, which were shipped on the old railway line beside the mill. Today, that line transports cyclists and other recreationists as part of the Trans Canada Trail System.

See many examples of the Sutherlands' resourcefulness throughout the mill. Rain barrels on the roof provided fire protection, a copper bathtub was used for soaking shingles, and a recycled cream separator was converted into a band saw.



See demonstrations of how power was transferred through belts and pulleys, while enjoying hands-on exhibits.

Only 12 kilometres from Balmoral Grist Mill.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Walking/biking trail
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

If you enjoyed this museum, you should visit:

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22 Museum of Industry

147 North Foord St, Stellarton
Tel: 902 755-5425
museumofindustry.novascotia.ca

Come explore Atlantic Canada's largest museum to discover the people, places and machines of Nova Scotia's industrial past.

Push, pull, lift, drop and laugh as you enjoy acres of exhibits and interactive displays that highlight how technology – and people – worked throughout this province's history.

Do your best to keep pace on the assembly line, test your strength at the weights and pulleys station, get a workout at the water powered pumps and bask in the spirit of invention as you marvel at Canada's oldest surviving steam engine.

Featuring 36,000 artifacts, there's no better place to find out the true meaning of "Made in Nova Scotia" than the Museum of Industry!



Northumberland Shore

STELLARTON

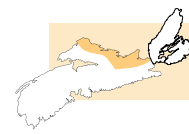
Things to know

- Open year-round (check website for hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Gift shop
- Picnic area
- Air-conditioned
- Bilingual exhibits

If you enjoyed this museum, you should visit:

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**23 McCulloch House Museum**

100 Old Haliburton Rd, Pictou

Tel: 902 485-4563

mccullochhouse.novascotia.ca

Beginning in 1773, hundreds of ships carrying thousands of Scottish immigrants began arriving at Pictou Harbour. One man, Dr. Thomas McCulloch, came ashore in 1803 and soon found himself leading a monumental change in the lives of 19th-century Nova Scotians.

An immensely important figure in this province's – and Canada's – history, McCulloch lobbied for equal access to education; a crusade that led to the establishment of Nova Scotia's first public school.

In addition to his contributions to society, McCulloch was an avid naturalist and the museum features artifacts from his natural history collection, including a framed print given to him by James Audubon.

Come visit this 200-year-old brick home where McCulloch and his wife, Isabella, raised their family and learn how one man's passion launched a journey to create public education in this province.

Things to know

- Open June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Walking trail nearby
- Partial wheelchair access

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24 Highland Village Museum An Clachan Gàidhealach

4119 Hwy 223, Iona, Cape Breton
Toll-free: 1 866-442-3542
highlandvillage.novascotia.ca

Experience Nova Scotia's Gaelic culture, heritage and hospitality at this beautiful folk-life centre in scenic Iona, located in the heart of Cape Breton.

As North America's only living history museum for Gaelic language and culture, the village is the perfect place to take part in a traditional céilidh, listen to Gaelic singing, learn Gaelic phrases, and become captivated by the spirit of pioneering Scottish Gaels.

See costumed animators demonstrate skills such as weaving, quilting and rug hooking. Meet rare farm animals such as Soay sheep and Highland cattle as you explore the 43-acre site, which features a Hebridean-style blackhouse, three frame houses (c1830-1900), a store, a carding mill, a 19th-century wooden church, and a forge.

One of the highlights of the breathtaking rural setting is the unbelievable view of the world famous Bras d'Or Lake; now a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Things to know

- Open June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Gift shop

Visit the village's gift shop for a wide selection of souvenirs, unique gifts and Celtic music, or consult the site's genealogical service, Roots Cape Breton.

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25 Cossit House Museum

75 Charlotte St, Sydney
 Tel: 902 539-7973
cossithouse.novascotia.ca

Built in 1787, Cossit House is one of the oldest surviving houses in Sydney and possibly, one of the oldest buildings on Cape Breton Island. Named for its original owner, Reverend Ranna Cossit, the house depicts 18th-century life and serves as the cornerstone of the city's North End Heritage Conservation District.

Following the American Revolution, Rev. Cossit was assigned to the British colony in Cape Breton that, at the time, was separate from mainland Nova Scotia. Accompanied by his wife, Thankful, and their growing family, Rev. Cossit became the region's first Anglican minister and assumed a key role in Sydney's social and political development.

Join costumed interpreters for a tour of this remarkable house and discover first-hand what life was like for one family during the early days of settlement in Sydney, Nova Scotia.



Cape Breton Island

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON



For hands-on fun, take part in demonstrations of traditional skills like lace-making, butter-churning, weaving a rag-rug, candle-making and stitching a sampler.

Things to know

- Open June to October
 (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site

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26 Sherbrooke Village

42 Main St, Sherbrooke
Toll-free: 1 888 743-7845
sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca

In the 1860s, timber, tall ships and gold ruled life along the St. Mary's River, turning the community of Sherbrooke into a prosperous boom town. Today, the picturesque village still stands proud, just as it did more than 100 years ago.

Get your hands on history as you explore this incredible living site where costumed interpreters bring history to life in 25 original heritage buildings. Watch sparks fly as the blacksmith's hammer hits the anvil, see the weaver's nimble hands at the loom, smell the newly shaved wood in the wood turner's shop, and hear the thump of the printer's manual press. Hitch a ride in the horse-drawn wagon as it tours the village. Whether you're anxious to try your hand at quilting or would like your picture taken at Canada's only Ambrotype glass photo studio, our daily activities and multi-day learning camps make our past your adventure.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Restaurant

Visit the village's gift shop for a wide selection of souvenirs and unique, hand crafted gifts or enjoy a delicious meal at the village's restaurant.

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27 Fisherman's Life Museum

58 Navy Pool Loop, Jeddore Oyster Pond
Tel: 902 889-2053
fishermanslife.novascotia.ca

Nestled in the community of Jeddore Oyster Pond, on a small peninsula between Navy Pool and Jeddore Harbour, Fisherman's Life Museum preserves the legacy of this province's inshore fishing heritage by sharing treasured stories from one family's past.

Unadorned and quaint, the house was once home to Ervine Myers, his wife Ethelda, and their 13 daughters. Like many other families who resided along Nova Scotia's shores, the Myers' made their living off both the land and sea, fishing throughout the summer and working the woods in the winter.

Step inside this charming house and be welcomed by the aroma of baking molasses cookies. Sit down with one of the costumed guides and learn how to make a hooked mat.



Outside, stop by the barn to see the chickens, enjoy the property's little kitchen garden, and marvel at the view of Navy Pool from the property's fish house and wharf.

Come and discover how extraordinary ordinary life used to be.

Things to know

- Open June to October (check website for dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area

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