

NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM

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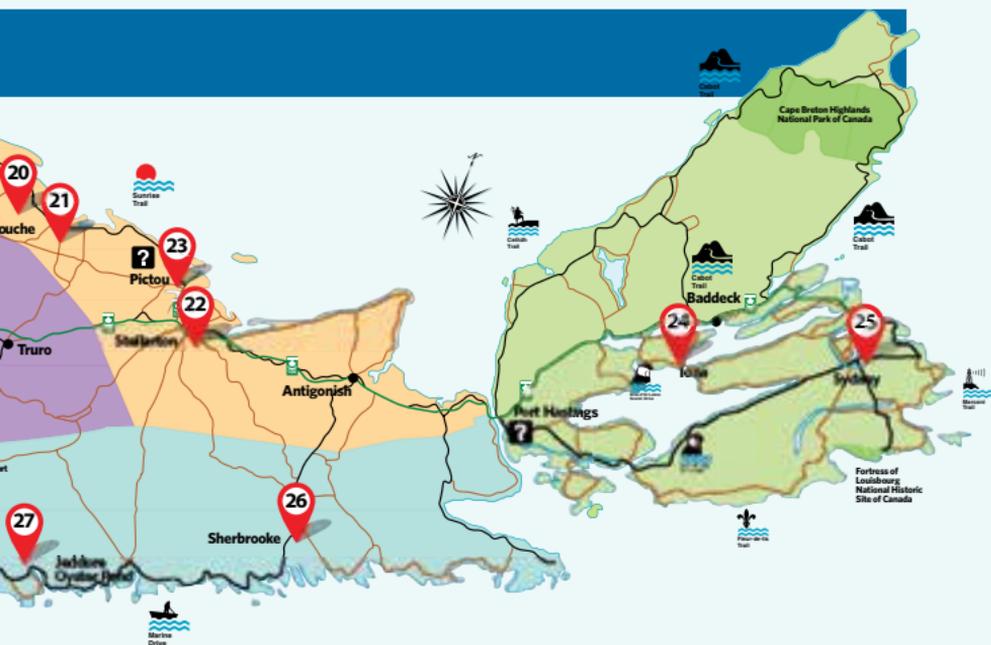
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Welcome to the Nova Scotia Museum

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 28 incredible sites that together, tell the story of this province.

Learn about and experience other Nova Scotia stories by visiting the many community museums located across the province.

For further information, please go to:

ansm.ns.ca/membership/member-museums.html



Museum of Natural History



1747 Summer St, Halifax



44° 38.714'N 063° 35.110'W



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.

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

Free Wi-Fi

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



Maritime Museum of the Atlantic



1675 Lower Water St, Halifax



44° 38.858'N 063° 34.280'W



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 the winter and some holidays)

Admission charged

Wheelchair accessible

Outdoor observation deck (seasonal)

Facility rentals available

Gift shop

Free Wi-fi

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



Uniacke Estate Museum Park

 **758 HWY 1, Mount Uniacke**

 **44° 38.500'N 063° 16.474'W**

 **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.

Once one of the grandest houses in Nova Scotia, this country mansion was built between 1813 and 1815, with full occupancy in 1816, by prosperous Irish-born politician, Richard John Uniacke.

As part of your visit, explore the site's hiking trails, which range from easy to challenging, and offer plenty of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

In 2016 the Uniacke estate will have its 200-year anniversary with many celebrations in place. Please visit our website for the latest updates and news or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

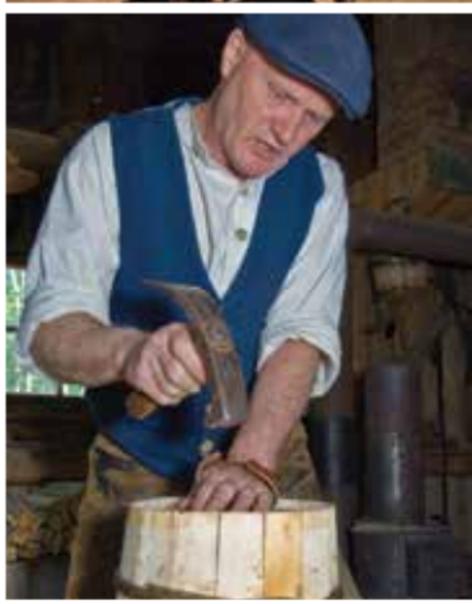
Hiking trails (open year-round, from dawn to dusk)

Picnic area

Free Wi-fi

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





Ross Farm Museum



4568 HWY 12, New Ross



44° 43.610'N 064° 27.410'W



902 689-2210 (Toll-free 1 877 689-2210)



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.

Things to know

Open year-round

(closed Mondays and Tuesdays in the 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 to maple sugar candy, to barrels and birdhouses.



Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic



68 Bluenose Dr, Lunenburg



44° 22.570'N 064° 18.710'W



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, one of Nova Scotia's most celebrated fishing communities.

Highlights include the fishing vessels Theresa E. Connor and Cape Sable, an aquarium, the Ice House Theatre, an exhibit on the history of the Bluenose, interpretive tours, and a seasonal Touch Tank.

Due to ongoing gallery renewal, the museum's hours of operation and the availability of various exhibits will be limited throughout 2015 to 2016. Please visit the museum's website for more information.

Things to know

Admission charged
Pay parking on-site
Wheelchair accessible
Picnic area
Gift Shop
Restaurant
Research Library

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.



Wile Carding Mill Museum



242 Victoria Rd, Bridgewater



44° 22.573'N 064° 31.919'W



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, 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



Perkins House Museum



105 Main St, Liverpool



44° 02.423'N 064° 42.738'W



902 354-4058



perkinshouse.novascotia.ca

This Connecticut-style house was built in 1766 and is the oldest one in the Nova Scotia Museum collection. It is where Simeon Perkins, a merchant, judge and Member of the Legislative Assembly, recorded details in his diary about life, family and business in Liverpool, providing a unique and personal perspective on colonial life in Nova Scotia from 1766 to 1812.

Things to know

Perkins House Museum will be closed to visitors in 2016 due to structural issues.

Although Perkins House Museum is closed this season, visitors can see his diary and learn about Liverpool's history at the Queen's County Museum, 109 Main Street, Liverpool, NS.

For further information go to **queenscountymuseum.com** or call (902) 354-4058.



Ross-Thomson House Museum & Store



9 Charlotte Lane, Shelburne



43° 45.662'N 065° 19.422'W



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

No wheelchair access

Picnic area



Dory Shop Museum



11 Dock St, Shelburne



43° 45.639'N 065° 19.448'W



902 875-3219



doryshop.novascotia.ca

Step into this authentic harbourside 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 which 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 dorymakers 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 October

(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking nearby

Partial wheelchair access



Barrington Woolen Mill Museum



2368 HWY 3, Barrington



43° 34.073'N 065° 34.685'W



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



Old Meeting House Museum



2408 HWY 3, Barrington



43° 33.989'N 065° 34.781'W



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 non-conformist 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

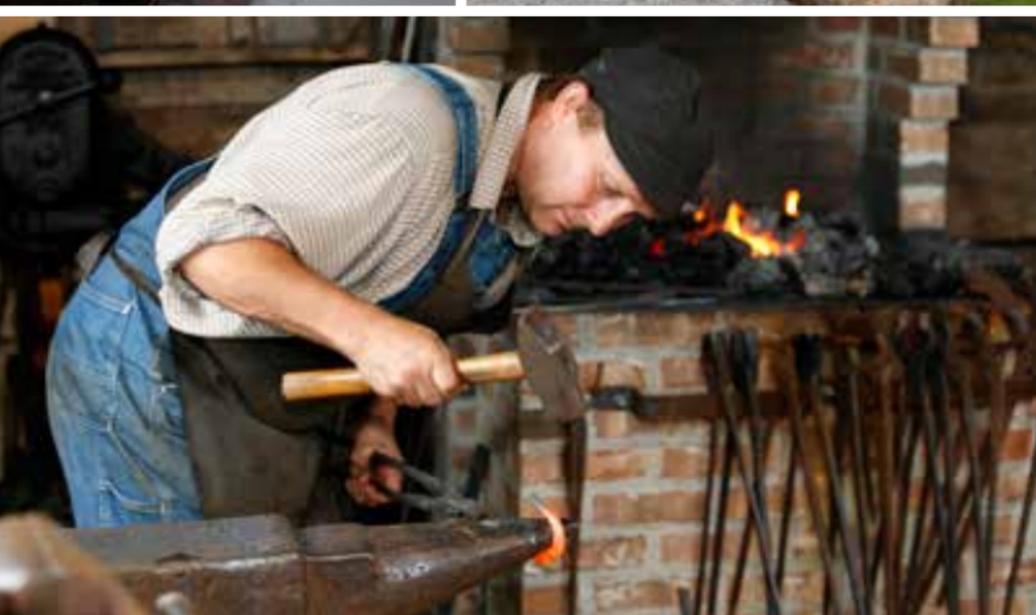
(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible

Picnic area



Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

Historic Acadian Village of Nova Scotia



Lower West Pubnico



43° 38.196'N 065° 47.627'W



902 762-2530 (Toll-free 1 888 381-8999)



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 Muis-d'Entremont, 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 early June to late September
(check website for dates and hours or 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.



Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia



451 Main St, Yarmouth



43° 50.423'N 066° 07.141'W



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 will 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 1935 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

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Bus tours welcome

Wheelchair accessible

Twitter: @FFmuseumofNS

Instagram: FIREFIGHTERS_MUSEUM_OF_NS

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirefightersMuseumOfNS



North Hills Museum



5065 Granville Ferry Rd, Granville Ferry



44° 44.537'N 065° 32.290'W



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 showcase 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 from June to October

(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Bus tours welcome

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



Prescott House Museum



1633 Starr's Point Rd, Starr's Point



45° 06.657'N 064° 22.741'W



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 grand-daughter, 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 garden and lush countryside surrounding this special place.

A National and Provincial historic site, the grounds provide a lovely spot to picnic or just relax.

Things to know

Open from June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



Haliburton House Museum



414 Clifton Ave, Windsor



44° 59.382'N 064° 08.354'W



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 to 1856.

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

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

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



Shand House Museum



389 Avon St, Windsor



44° 59.482'N 064° 08.553'W



902 798-2915



shandhouse.novascotia.ca

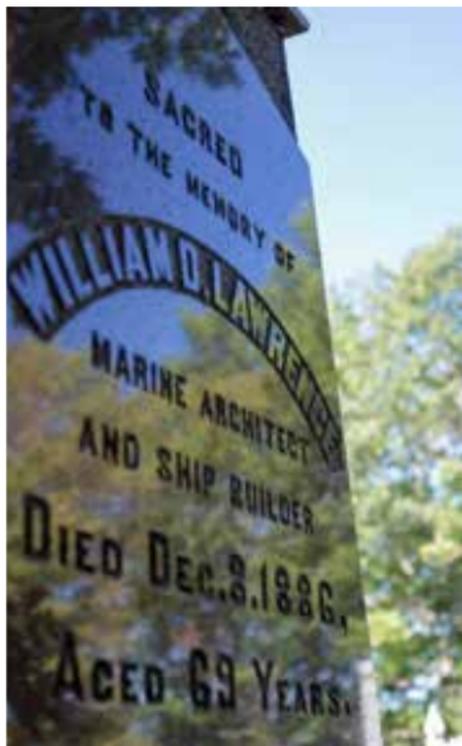
This Queen Anne-style house was built in 1890 for newlyweds Clifford, a businessman and pioneer cyclist, and Henrie Shand. At the time, it was considered a modern marvel with its fancy, original indoor bathroom, central heating, and stylish furniture from the Windsor Furniture Factory. Generations of the Shand family lived here until 1983, when Gwendolyn Shand, a pioneer in the establishment of the Maritime School of Social Work, bequeathed it to the Province of Nova Scotia.

Things to know

Shand House Museum will be open by appointment and on special occasions in 2016.

Please visit nearby Haliburton House Museum, 414 Clifton Avenue, Windsor, NS, another architectural gem. It also features a popular exhibit about Windsor's history as the birthplace of hockey.

For further information, go to **haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca** or call (902) 798-2915.



Lawrence House Museum

 **8660 Highway 215, Maitland**

 **45° 19.349'N 063° 30.114'W**

 **902 261-2628**

 **lawrencehouse.novascotia.ca**

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

A ship designer, builder, owner and an ardent believer in Nova Scotia's 19th-century maritime power, Lawrence highlighted the critical role played by the shipbuilding industry in this province.

Visit his bright Victorian home with its 23 rooms featuring photographs, family heirlooms, and exhibits about Lawrence's era of shipbuilding, and tales from the "Golden Age of Sail" in Nova Scotia.

Using a scale model of the "great ship", friendly and engaging interpreters share the story of Lawrence's life, trials and triumphs while introducing visitors to the community of Maitland, Nova Scotia's first municipally-designated Heritage Conservation District.

Things to know

Open from June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



Fundy Geological Museum



162 Two Islands Rd, Parrsboro



45° 23.983'N 064° 19.423'W



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!

On the northern shore of 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.

Travel back in time to the Jurassic Period and walk among the footprints and view the skeletons of Canada's oldest dinosaurs. Discover the events that have helped shape the landscape around us as you explore the museum's gallery.

Featured in a new four-part History Channel documentary called "Dino Hunt Canada", the museum has something for all ages and interests. New in 2016, experience the First Beach Tour on Saturdays and Sundays. Join us for the annual Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show in August. Check website for details.

Things to know

Open year-round
(check website for hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible

Gift shop

Picnic area



Balmoral Grist Mill Museum

 **544 Petter Macdonald Rd, Balmoral Mills**

 **45° 38.730'N 063° 11.679'W**

 **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 from 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



Sutherland Steam Mill Museum

 **3169 Hwy 326, Denmark (near Tatamagouche)**

 **45° 42.558'N 063° 09.565'W**

 **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



Museum of Industry



147 North Foord St, Stellarton



45° 34.079'N 062° 39.557'W



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 stations, 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!

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

Free Wi-Fi



McCulloch House Museum

 **100 Old Haliburton Rd, Pictou**

 **45° 40.587'N 062° 43.332'W**

 **902 485-4563**

 **mccullochhouse.novascotia.ca**

Beginning in 1773, hundreds of ships carrying thousands of Scottish immigrants began arriving at Pictou Harbour, Nova Scotia. 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; 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 from June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Walking trail nearby

Partial wheelchair access



Baile nan Gàidheal

Highland Village

Museum

 **4119 Hwy 223, Iona, Cape Breton**

 **45° 56.873'N 060° 49.042'W**

 **Toll-free 1 866 442-3542**

 **highlandvillage.novascotia.ca**

Experience the culture, heritage and hospitality of Nova Scotia's Gaels at this beautiful folklife centre in scenic Iona, located in the heart of Cape Breton Island.

Take part in a traditional céilidh, listen to Gaelic singing, and learn Gaelic phrases. See costumed animators demonstrate traditional skills. Meet rare farm animals as you explore the 43-acre site, which features a Hebridean-style blackhouse, three farm houses (c1830-1900), a store, a carding mill, a 19th-century wooden church, and a working blacksmith shop.

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

Limited wheelchair access

Gift shop

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



Cossit House Museum

 **75 Charlotte St, Sydney, Cape Breton**

 **46° 08.600'N 060° 11.891'W**

 **902 539-1572**

 **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.

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 from June to October
(check website for dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site



Sherbrooke Village Museum



42 Main St, Sherbrooke



44° 59.482'N 064° 08.553'W



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.

Make our past your adventure by taking part in one of our many daily activities or by signing up for a multi-day learning camp.

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

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.



Fisherman's Life Museum



58 Navy Pool Loop, Jeddore Oyster Pond



44° 46.632'N 063° 00.960'W



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 discovery 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



Black Loyalist Heritage Centre



119 Old Birchtown Rd, Shelburne



43.7444° N 65.3822° W



902 875-1310



blackloyalist.novascotia.ca

The Black Loyalist Heritage Centre tells the story of the world's largest and most influential communities of free Black people outside of Africa, which existed from 1783 to 1791 in Nova Scotia.

Visit the Lindsey Gallery to see a presentation about the Black Loyalist journey. Explore the virtual copy of the Carlton's Book of Negroes. Examine artifacts excavated here in Birchtown as you experience our amazing archaeological pit, which embodies this extraordinary narrative of the past and present. Talk to our staff who are descendants of the Black Loyalists. Outside, tour the two-acre property; see historic buildings; walk the Heritage Trail; and reflect at the National Historic Monument that commemorates the Black Loyalist Landings of Nova Scotia.

Things to know

Open mid-May to mid-October

(By appointment during off-season. Check website for dates and hours of operation.)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Air-Conditioned

Bilingual Exhibits

Free Wi-Fi

Wheelchair accessible

Gift Shop

Walking Trail

Picnic area

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