

NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

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COASTAL TOWNS AND FAB FOODIE FINDS.



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POMQUET BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

With more warm-water ocean beaches than anywhere else in Canada, this shore is the spot for beach days. So don your swimsuit and sun hat and head out to Bayfield, Blue Sea, Heather, Melmerby, Northport, Pomquet, Rushtons, or Waterside Beach where the sparkling salt water averages more than 22°C (72°F) in the summer. Local producers of wine, spirits, craft beer, chocolate, and seafood are also dotted along this coastline, making for perfect pit stops as you beach hop.

But there is more along this quaint shoreline than beaches. This region is a burgeoning culinary destination with choices ranging from Atlantic Canada's first sustainable seafood restaurant at the 5-star Fox Harb'r Resort to handmade Appleton Chocolates. Farmers' markets can be found in Amherst, Pugwash, Tatamagouche, New Glasgow, and Antigonish, where just-harvested fruits and vegetables abound alongside one-of-a-kind handcrafted pieces by local artisans. Visit the GINstitute at Steinhart Distillery to craft your own gin, or Peace by Chocolate in Antigonish for a sweet treat.

Coastal accommodations are plentiful here, from cozy seaside cottages to campgrounds overlooking the Northumberland Strait. For a peek into this region's past, look no further than the Hector Heritage Quay in Pictou, the "Birthplace of New Scotland."

In New Glasgow, visit Viola's Way to learn the powerful story of Viola Desmond who stood up to racial inequality and became a Canadian civil rights leader.

Beaches

- Northport Beach Provincial Park – 7722 Highway 366, Northport
- Heather Beach Provincial Park – 700 Heather Beach Road, Port Howe
- Gulf Shore Provincial Park – 1033 Gulf Shore Road, Gulf Shore
- Blue Sea Beach Provincial Park – 651 Blue Sea Road, Malagash Point
- Rushtons Beach Provincial Park – 723 Highway 6, Marshville
- Waterside Beach Provincial Park – 649 R. Grant Road, Waterside
- Caribou-Munroes Island Provincial Park – 2119 Three Brooks Road, Braeshore
- Melmerby Beach Provincial Park – 6280–6380 Little Harbour Road, Melmerby Beach
- Pomquet Beach Provincial Park – 432 Pomquet Beach Road, Monks Head
- Bayfield Beach Provincial Park – 151 Bayfield Beach Road, Bayfield

Trails

- Butter Trail and Short Line Trail – 24 Station Road, Tatamagouche
- Rogart Mountain Trail – 221 Alex MacDonald Road, Earltown
- Jitney Walking Trail – Off Caladh Avenue, Pictou
- Cape George Hiking Trail – Trail Head Locations:
 - Cape George Heritage School – 578 Hwy 337, Cape George
 - Cape George Point Lighthouse – 152 Lighthouse Road, Cape George Point
 - Ballantyne's Cove Tuna Interpretive Centre – 57 Ballantyne's Cove Wharf Road

Museums & Historic Sites

- Thinkers Lodge National Historic Site – 249 Water Street, Pugwash
- Sutherland Steam Mill Museum – 3169 Highway 326, Denmark
- Hector Heritage Quay – 33 Caladh Avenue, Pictou
- Northumberland Fisheries Museum – 21 Caladh Avenue, Pictou Waterfront
- McCulloch House Museum & Genealogy Centre – 86 & 100 Haliburton Road, Pictou
- Museum of Industry – 147 North Foord Street, Stellarton

2024 Events

- Pictou Lobster Carnival, **July 5-7**
- Antigonish Highland Games, **July 7-14**
- Pugwash Harbourfest, **July 26-28**
- The Jubilee East Coast Music Festival, New Glasgow, **August 2-4**
- Nova Scotia Summer Fest, Antigonish, **August 15-17**

Can't Miss Attractions & Experiences

- Deanne Fitzpatrick Rug Hooking Studio – 33 Church Street, Amherst
- Northumberland Links – 1776 Gulf Shore Road, Gulf Shore
- Luxury spa and golf at Fox Harb'r Resort – 1337 Fox Harbour Road, Fox Harbour
- Jost Vineyards – 48 Vintage Lane, Malagash Centre
- Tatamagouche Creamery Square Heritage Centre – 39 Creamery Road
- Tatamagouche Railway Dining Car – 21 Station Road, Tatamagouche
- Lismore Sheep Farm – 1389 Louisville Road, River John
- Caldera Distilling – 65 River John Road, River John
- Seafoam Lavender Gardens – 3768 Highway 6, Seafoam
- Sugar Moon Farm – 221 Alex MacDonald Road, Earltown
- Mrs. MacGregor's Shortbreads – 59 Water Street, Pictou
- Viola's Way – New Glasgow
- Steinhart Distillery – 5963 Highway 245, Arisaig
- Arisaig Provincial Park – 5704 Highway 245, Arisaig
- Cape George Point Lighthouse – 152 Lighthouse Road, Cape George Point
- Keppoch Mountain – 193 Keppoch Road, Keppoch Mountain



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