



Parks Canada **Activity Guide**
MAINLAND NOVA SCOTIA
2019

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& UNDER!



Halifax Citadel
National Historic Site

Welcome to our Parks Canada sites in mainland Nova Scotia. There's never been a better time to visit and explore our rich history, vibrant culture and spectacular scenery. Every day offers new and exciting opportunities and celebrations. Use this guide and visit parksCanada.gc.ca/ns to start planning your adventure.



Try on our period costumes!



A meeting place for cultures and a focal point for historic power struggles and treaty negotiations, Fort Anne played a key role in the forces and events that shaped this community, this province and this nation.

FORT ANNE

323 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal
902-532-2397
SouthWestNova.NHS@pc.gc.ca
parksCanada.gc.ca/fortanne

May 17–June 15: Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–5:30pm
June 18–Sept. 2: Open daily: 9am–5:30pm
Sept. 3–Oct. 12: Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–5:30pm
Grounds accessible year round.

IMMERSIVE AND INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

Step inside the Officers' Quarters Museum and into another era when Scottish, French and English settlers and soldiers took turns calling this place home. Learn how the Mi'kmaq, Acadians and African Nova Scotians played a role in shaping one of North America's most contested areas. Their stories of struggle and survival come to life through the artifacts and displays.

TAPESTRY TOUR

Let us guide you through 400 years of history as portrayed on a unique canvas – a 5.5 x 8.5 metre Heritage Tapestry that took over 100 volunteers some 3 million stitches to craft.

GUIDED EXPLORATION OF A VAUBAN FORT

Explore the early 1700's earthen fortifications on foot with your personal Parks Canada Guide. *Cost: \$4.90/ adult, \$1.90/youth (Duration: 45 min.)*

WHITE GLOVE TOUR

A behind the scenes tour of the archives, library and artifacts in storage. *Cost: \$9.80/person, limit 10 people/tour (Duration: 1 hr.)*

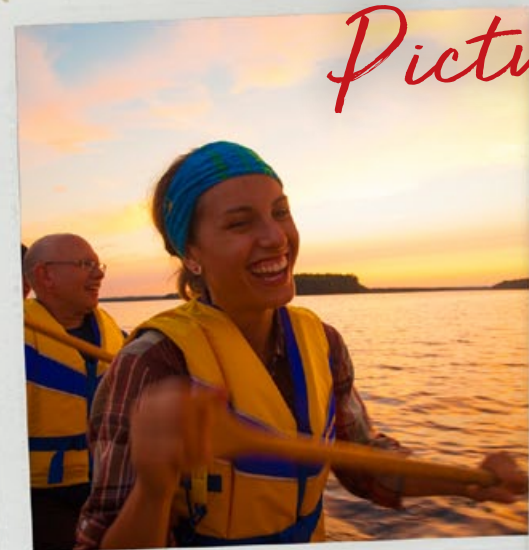
Tours are offered all season long upon request and staff availability. Purchase at entry or reserve in advance by calling 902-532-2397.

INNOVATIVE MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Discover hidden stories as you walk the grounds of the fort and uncover first-person animated accounts as you explore the new museum exhibit. *Tablet rental fee: \$5 (Last rental 4pm)*



Picture Yourself Here!



Kejimikujik
Savour the Adventures
Sunset Paddle and Campfire Cookout

parksCanada.gc.ca/keji-savour



Halifax Citadel
Perfect Picnic

parksCanada.gc.ca/halifaxcitadel



Fort Anne
Let's play croquet

parksCanada.gc.ca/fortanne



CANDLELIGHT GRAVEYARD TOURS

Guided tour through one of Canada's oldest English graveyards. The stones reveal fascinating stories of the area and its inhabitants. Presented by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal. *For times and dates: tourannapolisroyal.com/graveyard.html*

Halifax Citadel

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Welcome to the Victorian era. Come explore the year 1869 and meet a Highlander!

Enjoy the ceremonial **CHANGING OF THE SENTRY**, be witness to the **NOON GUN** firing, take in the intricacy of **DRILL AND RIFLE FIRING DEMONSTRATIONS** and listen to the **BAGPIPERS AND DRUMMERS** perform traditional regimental tunes. Explore the essentials of the site on a **DAILY GUIDED TOUR** or investigate on your own.

SOLDIER FOR A DAY Find out what life was really like for the 'redcoats'. Once you don the authentic uniform you are ready for your first lesson in foot drill. Next, learn how to handle and fire a rifle (Age 16+) – becoming a soldier is hard work. Your private in-depth tour of the Citadel and refreshments will be your reward!

(Duration: 3 hrs.) May–October, Daily, 10am and 2pm
Cost: \$199. Registration required



WE'RE RESTORING THE CITADEL WALLS!

Please excuse the mess as you may see scaffolding and heavy equipment at our site. Ever wonder how the walls were constructed and maintained? Visit the new **SHAPING OF THE HILL** interactive exhibit that tells the story of the four Citadels. It's your opportunity to explore years of engineering prowess!



READY, AIM, FIRE! Experience the sound, sight and smell of black powder. Step up and fire an authentic Snider-Enfield rifle with the 78th Highlanders. 19th-century firepower at its best!

May–October, Daily, 10am–3pm
Ages: 16+, Cost: \$22

No registration required. Walk ups welcome!

Discover the Halifax Citadel, where the sounds of a modern, bustling port city are exchanged for the crack of rifle-fire and the skirl of bagpipes. The kilted 78th Highlanders and the Royal Artillery help visitors step back to 1869. One of Canada's most visited National Historic Sites, the Halifax Citadel helps bring a piece of Canada's early history to life.

GHOST TOURS Discover the haunting secrets and fascinating history of the Halifax Citadel as you wander by candlelight along the fort's ramparts, dungeons and dimly-lit passageways.

July 11–October 26, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights
8:30pm, (Duration: 70 minutes)

Cost: Adults \$14, seniors/students \$10, youth \$8,
family (2 adults, 2 youth) \$35

Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.ca



CALLING ALL KIDS!



A SOLDIER'S LIFE Experience life as a soldier in a 19th-century fort. Enlist, get a uniform and settle in for this role-playing adventure. Who said history can't be fun?

July–August, Daily, 1:30pm and 3:00pm (Duration: 90 min.)
Ages: 6–12, Cost: \$7.30. Register at least 30 minutes prior at the Entry Kiosk or at the Information Centre

CITADEL ADVENTURES! Kids will enjoy becoming a spy with the help of a special comic book and spy kit. Find the clues and help foil the enemy's plans – you'll discover some of the darkest corners of the fort in your search.

May–October, Daily, Ages: 6–13
FREE! Pick up your copy at the Information Centre.



HALIFAX CITADEL

5425 Sackville Street, Halifax
902-426-5080

halifax.citadel@pc.gc.ca
parks canada.gc.ca/halifaxcitadel

May 7–June 30: 9am–5pm

July 1–Aug. 31: 9am–6pm

Sept. 1–Oct. 31: 9am–5pm

Nov. 1–May 6: Grounds accessible 9am–5pm;
limited visitor services

Halifax Citadel Parks Canada Halifax

CONNECT WITH MI'KMAW CULTURE

GUIDED PETROGLYPH TOUR Follow the footsteps of history where ancient stone carvings paint a vivid picture of the Mi'kmaw way of life. (Duration: 90 min.) Offered daily. Registration required. Limit 20 people/tour.

MI'KMAW ENCAMPMENT - WEJISQALIA'TI'K

Cultivate your connection with the teachings that nature offers while a cultural guide shares their unique skills and knowledge of this land. (Duration: 1 hr.) Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 2pm

MI'KMAQ STORYTELLING: A DARK SKY CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Experience Mi'kmaw dark sky lore on a starlit sandy beach. (Duration: 1 hr.) Saturday: July 10pm, August 9:30pm. Cost: \$4.90/person. Limit 30 people/tour

CANOE BUILDING WORKSHOP

Learn the ancient craft with master Mi'kmaw craftsman, Todd Labrador. (Duration: 2.5 hrs.) Pre-booking required. Sunday: 10am Cost: \$65/person Ages: 18+

ELAPULTIEK BY FIRE

Written by shalan joudry and presented around the campfire circle, this play explores reconciliation and trust through the growing relationship between two biologists. (Duration: 75 min.) Friday: July 9pm, August 8:30pm. Cost: \$4.90/person.

Kejimkujik

NATIONAL PARK
AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Check out these amazing activities offered this summer! There's even more adventure featured online:

parks canada.gc.ca/keji-activities

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 17TH. GUIDED PROGRAMS BEGIN JULY 1ST.



KEJIMKUJIK

Highway 8, 3005 Main Parkway, Maitland Bridge
902-682-2772 | kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca | parks canada.gc.ca/keji

Visitor Centre Hours

May 17–June 21: Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am–7pm
Saturday–Sunday: 8:30am–6pm
June 13–Sept. 4 Open daily: 8:30am–7pm
Friday: 8:30am–8pm
Sept 5–Oct. 31 Open daily: 8:30am–4:30pm
Friday: 8:30am–6pm

KEJIMKUJIK SEASIDE

Highway 103, Exit 22, 1188 St. Catherines River Road, Port Joli
902-682-2772 | kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca
parks canada.gc.ca/keji

Accessible year-round; washrooms open **May 17–Oct. 31:** 8am–4pm



Kejimkujik is the only national park to also be designated a national historic site. Listen to the tale of the Mi'kmaq, carved in stone and shared through stories and legends. Reconnect with nature – Keji's backcountry feels like a world away, yet is easily accessible.



MAKE YOUR CAMPING RESERVATIONS

1-877-737-3783
reservation.pc.gc.ca/kejimkujik

DARK SKY EXPERIENCES

BEAUTY AND MAGIC IN KEJI'S DARK SKY

An intimate experience exploring Keji's dark skies with Keji guides and our telescope in Nova Scotia's only Dark Sky Preserve. (Duration 90 min.) Tuesday and Friday: July 10pm, August 9:30pm Cost: \$4.90/person. Limit 30 people/tour

WILD RIDE – NIGHT BIKE TOUR

Slip away into the darkness and immerse yourself in the movement of cycling. This excursion offers unparalleled night sky views and chance encounters with night creatures. Wednesday: July 9pm, August 8:30pm. Cost: \$14.70/person, registration required. (Duration: 2 hrs.)

SPIRIT OF THE SETTLERS NIGHT HIKE

Take part in a journey along an ancient glacial hill to the site of an old farm. The night will reveal the story of the Rogers family, newcomers to an ancient land. (Duration: 90 min.) Sunday: July 9:30pm, August 9pm Cost: \$14.70/person, registration required. Limit 25 people/tour

DARK SKY KITS

Pick up your kit at the Visitor Centre.
Rental fee: \$5/day

EXPLORE OUR GENTLE WATERWAYS

Bring your canoe, kayak or paddle board, or rent one from Kejimkujik's on-site outfitter, Whynot Adventure. 902-682-2282 / www.whynotadventure.ca

MERSEY STILLWATER PADDLE

Slow down, sip some tea and enjoy the tranquility as you dip your paddle into the still waters of the Mersey River and listen to captivating stories. (Duration: 90 min.) July and August: Sunday 2pm, Wednesday (Bilingual) and Friday 6pm. Cost: \$14.70/person for up to 8 paddlers.

PULLING WATER – BIG CANOE PADDLE

Propel a Mi'kmaw canoe through the magical waters of Kejimkujik Lake. Discover a natural and cultural landscape full of big challenges and big rewards. (Duration: 2 hrs.) July and August: Thursday 7pm. Cost: \$4.90/person for up to 18 paddlers.

GONE CRABBIN' AT KEJIMKUJIK SEASIDE

Take part in this exclusive coastal experience and help protect native species from the invasive European Green Crab. Be prepared to get your hands wet and have fun as you weave your rowboat between the stunning granite islands pulling traps from the water. (Duration: 4 hrs.) July and August, Thursday–Sunday 10am
Pre-booking required. Cost: \$60.65/person for up to 6 visitors.



RESERVE YOUR ACTIVITIES EARLY!

902-682-2772
kejimkujik.info@pc.gc.ca

Port-Royal

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Samuel de Champlain once called this place “the most suitable and pleasant for a settlement that we had seen”. Port-Royal was one of the earliest French settlements in North America and lives on today as Canada’s first major historical reconstruction.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Enter the forge, sit down at the kitchen table, lounge in the artisans’ quarters, smell the herbs in the apothecary or visit the fur room – there’s no better way to personally experience how the French colonists lived here.

LEARN ABOUT THE MI’KMAW CULTURE

Step into a wigwam and immerse yourself in the tales, songs and legends of the Mi’kmaq. Try your hand at drumming or the traditional game of “waltes”. Hear about the crucial relationships forged with the French.



MUSICAL THURSDAYS

Mark four special Thursday afternoons on your calendar this summer. Come and enjoy talented entertainers in a special musical series. Clap your hands, tap your feet and listen to the fine singers and musicians. (Duration: 2 hrs.) July 11, July 25, August 8 and August 22. 1:00pm

RENDEZ-VOUS WITH SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN

Meet Samuel de Champlain as he shares stories of his adventures in Acadia – from his voyages of exploration to his experiences at Saint Croix Island and Port-Royal. (Duration: 1 hr.) July 17, July 31, August 14, August 18 and August 28. 2pm (English) and 3:30pm (French)



PORT-ROYAL

53 Historic Lane, Port-Royal
902-532-2898
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parkscanada.gc.ca/portroyal

May 17–June 15: Tues–Sat: 9am–5:30pm
June 18–Sept. 2: 9am–5:30pm
Sept. 3–Oct. 12: Tues–Sat: 9am–5:30pm

Grand-Pré

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Located in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this is Grand-Pré National Historic Site—once a thriving Acadian settlement and now one of the most significant memorials to their tragic upheaval.

GRAND-PRÉ

2205 Grand-Pré Road
Grand-Pré
902-542-3631
pc.grandpre.pc@canada.ca
parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre

May 17–October 14 9am–5pm

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EVANGELINE POP ART WORKSHOP

Let fact and fiction collide in this guided hands-on Pop Art workshop. Create your own dazzling post card that reinvents the iconic “Évangéline, Acadian Queen”. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11:30am English, 1:00pm French. Cost: \$7.30/person

IF GRAND-PRÉ COULD TALK

How does a Victorian garden equate to an Acadian Village? Is the Memorial Church a church? Who was Émiline Labiche? Come and walk with an interpreter to find out! Daily (July and August) 10:30am English, 11:30am French. Cost: \$3.90/person

DISCOVER A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Grand-Pré National Historic Site lies at the heart of the bountiful lands that are part of the 13 km² heritage site.

For details on enhanced interpretative programs visit: parkscanada.gc.ca/grandpre



ACADIAN FRING FRANG

Learn how to cook, and eat Fring Frang, a traditional mouth-watering Acadian potato dish. Discover how the Peruvian potato became a staple in the Acadian kitchen. History tastes amazing! Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday (July and August) 11:30am English, 1:00pm French Cost: \$7.30/person

MAINLAND NOVA SCOTIA Special Events

Fun-filled events are happening throughout the season in mainland Nova Scotia. Discover a new adventure or reconnect with an old favourite. For more information please visit parkscanada.gc.ca/ns.



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APRIL 28

MEC & HALIFAX CITADEL RUN WITH A HIGHLANDER
Halifax Citadel

MAY 18

"DARK AS KEJI" TWILIGHT PARTY AND MOONLIGHT DIP
Kejimikujik

MAY 25-26

TOUR DE KEJI OMNIUM
Kejimikujik

JUNE 6

D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY SECOND WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS
Halifax Citadel

FREE ADMISSION

JUNE 21

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
Kejimikujik

JULY 1

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS
All sites

FREE ADMISSION

JULY 6

SAVOUR THE SEASIDE CRABFEST 2019
Kejimikujik Seaside

JULY 11

TRADITIONAL MUSIC ON THURSDAYS
Port-Royal

JULY 14

BIOBLITZ
Kejimikujik Seaside

JULY 14

MI'KMAW CULTURE DAY
Port-Royal

JULY 19-21

LANDSCAPE OF CULTURES FESTIVAL
Grand-Pré

JULY 20

PARKS DAY
Grand-Pré

FREE ADMISSION

JULY 20-21

LEARN-TO CAMP WEEKEND
Kejimikujik

Revolutionary War Encampment
Halifax Citadel
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JULY 20

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY
Fort Anne

FREE ADMISSION

JULY 21

MASSED BAND CONCERT
Fort Anne

JULY 25

TRADITIONAL MUSIC ON THURSDAYS
Port-Royal

JULY 28

CONSTRUCTION TRADITIONS
Port-Royal

AUGUST 2-4

ENCAMPMENT DAYS
Fort Anne

AUGUST 3

KEJI'S 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
Kejimikujik

AUGUST 8

TRADITIONAL MUSIC ON THURSDAYS
Port-Royal

AUGUST 15

FÊTE DES ACADIENS
Grand-Pré

AUGUST 22

TRADITIONAL MUSIC ON THURSDAYS
Port-Royal

AUGUST 23

FREEDOM OF THE CITY WITH THE 78TH HIGHLANDERS
Halifax Citadel

AUGUST 24

FORT TO FORT RUN
Fort Anne and Port-Royal

AUGUST 23-25

DARK SKY WEEKEND
Kejimikujik

SEPTEMBER 6-8

KEJI MULTISPORT FESTIVAL: WOMEN'S TRIATHLON AND MIXED TEAM RELAY
Kejimikujik

SEPTEMBER 14

BIRCH BARK CANOE LAUNCH AND FLOTILLA
Kejimikujik

FREE ADMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21-22

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT
Halifax Citadel

OCTOBER 5

SAVOUR THE TRAIL
Kejimikujik

OCTOBER 12-14

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
Kejimikujik

NOVEMBER 11

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Halifax Citadel

NOVEMBER 23-24

30TH ANNUAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
Halifax Citadel



Encampment Days
Fort-Anne



Dark Sky Weekend
Kejimikujik



Fête des Acadiens
Grand-Pré



Learn-to Camp Weekend
Kejimikujik



Traditional Music on Thursdays
Port-Royal
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XPLORERS

PARKS CANADA

HEY KIDS! Are you a curious and active child between 6 and 11? Do you like challenges? Then you're ready to become a Parks Canada Xplorer.



Just ask for your FREE Xplorers booklet when you arrive. It's filled with fun activities to guide your discovery. When your mission's accomplished, you will become a certified Xplorer and receive a collectible souvenir!

Visit all our Mainland Nova Scotia sites and become the ultimate Xplorer.



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