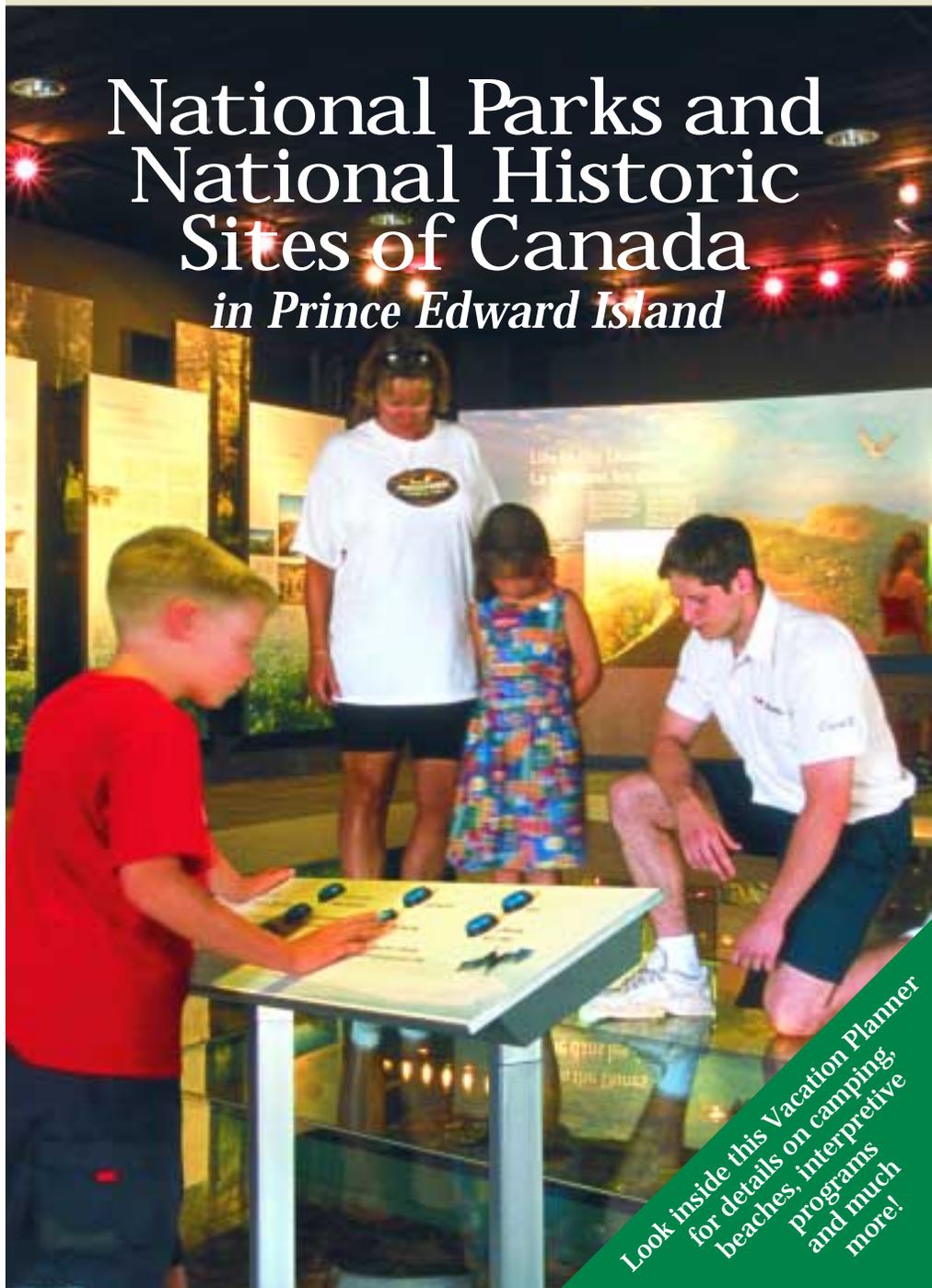


National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada

in Prince Edward Island



Look inside this Vacation Planner
for details on camping,
beaches, interpretive
programs
and much
more!

Proudly Bringing You Canada At Its Best

Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of protected places that allow us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced and, therefore, your support is vital in protecting the ecological and commemorative integrity of these natural areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future.

Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole — for their sake, for our sake.



Our Mission

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.

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WELCOME



The National Park and National Historic Sites of Canada on Prince Edward Island...where sand, sea and heritage abound. Canada's smallest province is celebrated in special places that together tell the stories of the land, people and events that shaped

this country. The Island's cultural heritage and natural beauty can be discovered through the many adventures and learning experiences that await you in Prince Edward Island National Park and the National Historic Sites. We promise a world of fascinating discoveries!

Three of Canada's national historic sites provide insight into the rich history of Prince Edward Island: Province House, Ardgowan and Port-la-Joye–Fort Amherst. Other cultural landmarks include Green Gables, Dalvay-by-the-Sea Hotel, and a number of commemorative plaques located throughout the Island. The natural beauty of the Island can be explored in Prince Edward Island National Park, which offers 47 kilometres (29 miles) of spectacular coastline.

Whether you're here

for the day or a week-long adventure, this Vacation Planner will help you make the most of your visit. Rolling hills, pastoral farmlands, fragile sand dunes, red cliffs jutting into the sea—come discover Prince Edward Island, a place where dreams become memories.

Did You Know...

- Prince Edward Island is the “Birthplace of Confederation.” It was here at Province House in 1864 that the Charlottetown Conference was held, an event which eventually led to Canada’s Confederation in 1867.
- Prince Edward Island National Park is a sanctuary to the endangered piping plover. Fewer than 25 pairs nest in the park, representing nearly two percent of the world’s dwindling plover population.
- Visit the new Greenwich Interpretation Centre which offers an excellent educational experience featuring a multi-media program, a 3D in-floor model of the Greenwich Peninsula and exhibits on the natural and cultural



significance of the area.

- Green Gables, the setting for Lucy Maud Montgomery’s world-renowned novel *Anne of Green Gables*, is located within Prince Edward Island National Park. Parks Canada commemorates Lucy Maud Montgomery as a person of national historic significance at this site.
- There are 50 Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaques located across the province that commemorate people, places or events in our history.
- The Hillsborough River is a Canadian Heritage River.
 - We pride ourselves on our bilingual service.
 - The park and sites offer many special events throughout the year. Please inquire.

Please Remember

- National parks and national historic sites are preserved for present and future generations. Please leave these areas as you found them, so that others may enjoy them.
- When you go to the beach, please use the boardwalks and designated walkways, and please keep off the dunes.

Sand dunes are fragile and easily damaged by foot traffic. By not walking on the marram grass you can help us in our efforts to protect the sand dune ecosystem in Prince Edward Island National Park.

- Parks Canada is committed to protecting the diverse plant and animal life found in the national parks of Canada. For this and reasons of public safety and enjoyment, domestic animals are not permitted on beaches within Prince Edward Island National Park between April 1 and October 15, annually. Dogs on a leash are permitted in all other areas of Prince Edward Island National Park except for public buildings. We thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources found within Prince Edward Island National Park.
- Never feed, touch, or hunt any wildlife or domestic animals; these activities place not only the animals at risk but you as well.

Partners in Heritage

Entry fees are charged in Prince Edward Island National Park and at some national historic sites. Reduced rates are offered on seasonal passes for adults, children, seniors

and families. If you visit a park or site often, ask about the availability of seasonal passes. Fees may also be charged for special programs and events.

The money raised through entry fees is used to preserve the ecological and cultural integrity of the national park and national historic sites, and maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities. Therefore, each time you visit a park or site you are investing in its future—and in a legacy for future generations.

Group Tours and Travel Trade

Most parks and sites offer special services and fees for commercial and educational groups. Please contact the park and sites directly for details on specific services and reservation requirements. To add your company’s name to our mailing list, and to receive travel trade information, please call (902) 426-2566.

For Your Convenience

The legend on page 4 identifies the services available at the Park and sites. Watch for these symbols throughout this Vacation Planner when planning your visit to the national park and national historic sites.

-  Public washrooms
-  Parking
-  Public telephone
-  Gift shop
-  Restaurant/Coffee Shop
-  Picnic facilities
-  **Totally or partially accessible. Services, including closed captioning, vary; please inquire.**
-  Hiking Trail
-  Biking Trail
-  Ski Trail
-  Supervised swimming

FRAGILE BEAUTY

Sand dunes give Prince Edward Island National Park its intrinsic beauty, a beauty that is fragile and easily destroyed. Even walking through the dunes may cause blowouts that produce timeless scars. We need your cooperation to preserve these dunes. Please use designated footpaths and boardwalks. Together we can ensure that the fragile beauty of the dunes in Prince Edward Island National Park will remain for future generations.

PORT-LA-JOYE- FORT AMHERST

National Historic Site of Canada

This Site was once home to the French, Acadians and British. In 1720, the French and Acadians established a settlement here called Port-la-Joye. Its strategic location made it a valuable colonial outpost between Quebec and Louisbourg, and an administrative centre for the Island colony. The French and Acadians established a good relationship with the Mi'kmaq, who also used these lands.

The Island changed hands twice before the British confirmed their possession in 1758. In that year, Fort Amherst was constructed near the ruins of the former French outpost, and about 3,000 Acadians were deported. Years later, the garrison withdrew and the fort fell into ruin. All that remains today are the grass-covered earthworks. The majority of French-speaking residents of Prince Edward



Visitors enjoy an exhibit at Port-la-Joye-Fort Amherst National Historic Site

Island are descendants of families who escaped the Deportation or who later returned from exile.

Getting There

Located at Rocky Point, the Site is 20 minutes from Charlottetown. Take the TransCanada Highway to Cornwall, and turn south onto Highway 19. The Site is a 15-minute drive down this route.

Making the Most of Your Visit

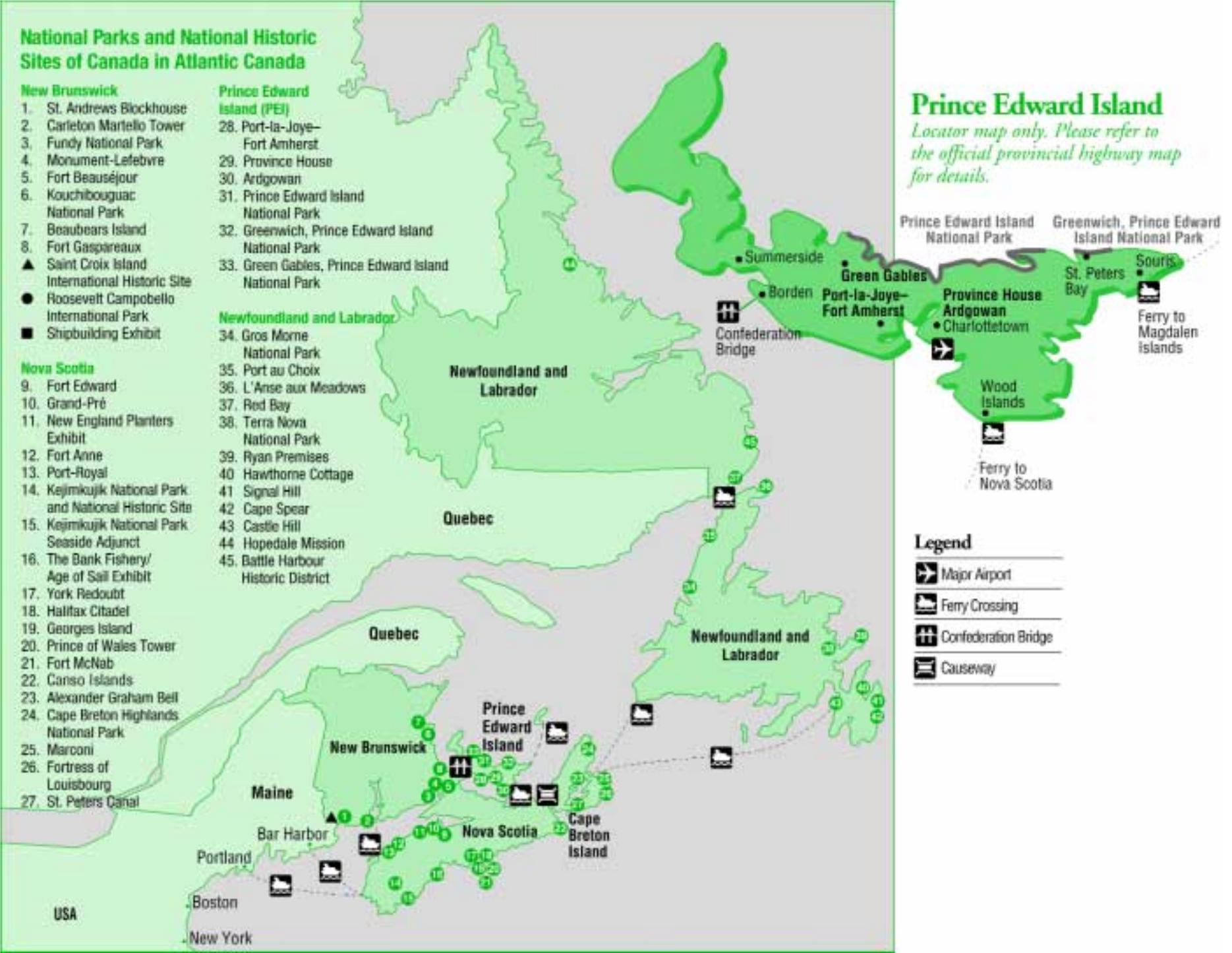
- Plan at least one hour to enjoy this site.
- Ask about our special events.
- View the exhibits in the Visitor Centre, which highlight archaeological artifacts unearthed here.
- Explore the earthworks and wooded trail.
- Watch sailboats and cruise ships in Charlottetown Harbour—a spectacular photo opportunity.
- While visiting this national historic site, dogs must be kept on a leash.
- Please use CAUTION on the walking trails as erosion (close to the cliff) can be hazardous.
- The Visitor Centre is open mid-June to Labour Day.

For Your Convenience



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ARDGOWAN

National Historic Site of Canada

Ardgowan National Historic Site was once the home of William Henry Pope, one of Prince Edward Island's Fathers of Confederation.

Ardgowan's exterior facade is a fine example of a "cottage ornée", or picturesque cottage, and the Victorian garden appears as it did in the mid 19th century—complete with perennials, ornate hedges, orchards, even a croquet lawn. The building now houses the Prince Edward Island administrative office of Parks Canada and is not open to visitors. The grounds are open to the visiting public.

Getting There

Ardgowan is a 5-minute drive from downtown Charlottetown. Drive west on University Avenue and turn right at Belvedere Avenue. Turn right again at the first intersection. Travel one block and you'll find the Site on the left, surrounded by trees, at the corner of Mount Edward Road and Palmer's Lane.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan to spend at least 30 minutes visiting the grounds at Ardgowan.
- Stroll through the Victorian gardens and savour the sights and scents. The best months to view the gardens are June to September.
- Ask Parks Canada gardening staff about the flower beds and gardens.
- View the interpretive exhibit on the grounds, which explains the history of the site.

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PROVINCE HOUSE

National Historic Site of Canada

In 1864, Province House hosted the Charlottetown Conference that eventually led to the formation of Canada. Designed by Isaac Smith, a local architect, the three-story sandstone building was built by Island craftsmen between 1843 and 1847. The building has been faithfully restored and today stands as a monument to Canadian history and present-day political life. Province House, the Birthplace of Confederation, continues to be the home of Prince Edward Island's Legislative Assembly.

Getting There

Province House is located in the heart of downtown Charlottetown, next door to the Confederation Centre of the Arts, at the intersection of University Avenue and Grafton Street. The main entrance is located on Richmond Street at the top of Great George Street.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan at least one hour for your visit.
- Visit the Confederation Chamber and see the original tables and chairs used by delegates to the 1864 conference.
- Throughout the summer enjoy vignettes performed by the Capital Commission Confederation Players.
- Watch the award-winning 17-minute video, *A Great Dream*, which highlights the role Province House played in the formation of our country.
- Imagine the arrival of the Fathers of Confederation as you stroll along Great George Street, a national historic streetscape.
- Browse through the Parks and People gift shop with its selection of Island and Canadian giftware.
- Ask about the "Festival of the Fathers" and the 1864 gala event held in late August or early September.
- Parks Canada staff can personalize a program or event to suit your group's needs. For more information please call (902) 566-7626.

- Open year-round.
- Watch history unfold and see the Legislative Assembly in action (when in session).
- Walk down the historic Great George Street to Founders' Hall, a new interactive multi-media experience that complements the other great Canadian heritage attractions in Charlottetown.

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The birthplace of Canadian Confederation

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND National Park of Canada



Visitors can enjoy breathtaking scenery, such as our famous red sandstone cliffs, in Prince Edward Island National Park.

Stretching along the north shore of the Island along the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Prince Edward Island National Park was once home to the Mi'kmaq, Acadian fishermen and British farmers. The area became a popular vacation spot in the late 19th century and was designated a national park in 1937.

The Park protects a spectacular system of sand dunes, beaches, sandstone cliffs, salt marshes and freshwater ponds, as well as two cultural landmarks: Green Gables and Dalvay-by-the-Sea National Historic Site of Canada. Greenwich was added in 1998.

Getting There

Six entrances to the Park are located off the Blue Heron Drive (Highway 6) north of Charlottetown. For the most central entrance, drive past the Charlottetown Airport for 15 minutes along Brackley Pt. Road (Route 15). To access Greenwich, Prince Edward Island National Park, take Route 2 East to St. Peters, then follow Route 16 and turn left onto Route 313.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan on at least three days to visit Prince Edward Island National Park and area.
- Visit an information centre at



The piping plover, an endangered species, is protected within Prince Edward Island National Park.

Cavendish, Brackley or Greenwich for information on our educational activities and why Parks Canada protects these unique natural and cultural resources on Prince Edward Island.

- Visit the new Greenwich Interpretation Centre to see exciting exhibits and a multi-media presentation.
- In July and August, take part in regularly scheduled park activities, which provide hours of fun and learning for the entire family.
- Enjoy lunch or dinner at Dalvay-by-the-Sea National Historic Site, now operated as a heritage inn.
- Take a sunset stroll on the beach.
- Picnic by the sea at one of the designated picnic areas.

- Become a steward of the fragile resources protected within Prince Edward Island National Park by leaving the flora and fauna undisturbed, as nature intended. The Park is a haven for innumerable wild plants and animals, and we can all help to ensure their future by leaving the ecosystem to flourish untouched.
- Prince Edward Island National Park is open year-round and offers several winter activities.

Camping

Camping is one of the best ways to truly experience and appreciate nature and the beauty of Prince Edward Island National Park. Whether you are interested in secluded

beauty or an activity-filled stay, our campgrounds have it all. Enjoy incredible views close to the ocean, excellent interpretive programs and a clean, safe environment. All campgrounds offer kitchen shelters, washroom facilities and playground equipment. For reservations, please call 1-800-414-6765.

Robinsons Island Campground (formerly known as Rustico Island Campground) Beautiful, rustic campground with spacious sites. This campground overlooks beautiful Rustico Bay.

Stanhope Campground A quiet, picturesque campground located close to main beaches, walking trails and playground area. Full range of sites available including some wheelchair-accessible sites. Two beach wheelchairs are located nearby

at Stanhope Beach.

Cavendish Campground Close to all amenities; featuring over 300 sites. Exceptional recreational opportunities abound, such as our supervised beach within the campground and the spectacular Homestead Trail, offering 8 kilometres suitable for hiking and cycling.

Brackley Group Tenting Large secluded area. Ideal location for group camping activities. Area is reserved for organized groups only; reservation required. Please call (902) 672-6350 for reservations.

Off-Season/Winter Camping

Centrally located in Dalvay, close to both the Dalvay Activity Centre and ski shelter. Cycling, ski and snowshoe trails in the immediate area.



Camping is one the best ways to experience Prince Edward Island National Park.

Please register by calling
(902) 672-6350.

Hiking/Cycling

Whether you prefer a stroll across a pond on a floating boardwalk or a jaunt through a spruce forest past the old Stanhope cemetery, Prince Edward Island National Park offers numerous hiking trails for your education and enjoyment. Trails range in length from .5 to 8 kilometres and traverse some of the most picturesque areas of Prince Edward Island. The two longest trails, Homestead in Cavendish and Woodlands in Dalvay, are also suitable for biking.

Fun Through Learning

A wide range of interpretive activities are offered daily by professional Parks Canada staff throughout Prince Edward Island National Park and Green Gables during July and August. These interpretive programs are a great way to learn more about the Park's fascinating system of sandy beaches, fragile dunes, freshwater ponds, saltwater marshes and woodlands. There are also many wonderful programs focusing on the rich cultural history of Prince Edward Island's north shore. These entertaining and educational activities, which are offered in both English and

French, are fun for the whole family. For further details, please check bulletin boards or pick up a copy of the Visitor Guide to Prince Edward Island National Park from Parks Canada staff.

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GREENWICH, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND National Park of Canada

The western tip of Greenwich, a peninsula which separates St. Peters Bay from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, was made part of Prince Edward Island National Park in February 1998 to protect and preserve the area's natural and cultural resources.

The area contains an extensive and fragile coastal dune system, wetlands and various natural habitats in which numerous rare plant species are found. Among the most spectacular natural characteristics protected at Greenwich are the unusually large and highly mobile crescent-shaped, or parabolic dunes with their associated counter ridges. Greenwich is also noted for its cultural and historical richness.

The facilities, services and activities offered at Greenwich allow visitors to experience the



Greenwich boasts a new Interpretation Centre where visitors can learn more about this unique and special place.

site in a manner that is sensitive to its fragile resources and to gain an understanding of its priceless legacy.

Getting There

To access Greenwich from Charlottetown, follow Route 2 East to St. Peters, then take Route 16 and turn left onto Route 313 to Greenwich.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan at least 45 minutes to visit the Interpretation Centre.
- Visit the new Greenwich Interpretation Centre, open daily from mid May to late October (reduced schedule in effect during the winter months). Call (902) 961-2514 for more information.



Visitors to Greenwich enjoy the view of these large impressive dunes.



Visitors can experience the unique and special ecosystem at Greenwich on a boardwalk walking trail.

- Enjoy various interactive exhibits highlighting the unique natural features of the site, including a 3-D in-floor model of the entire Greenwich peninsula.
- Be sure to see the multi-media presentation “Wind, Sea and Sand, the story of Greenwich”, which focuses on the various peoples who have inhabited the area over the past 10,000 years.
- Hike the Greenwich Dunes Trail (4.5 km) and walk over a pond on a floating boardwalk out to the beach where you can view the rare dune features.
- Hike the Tlaqatik Trail (4.5 km) to find out about the history of

- Greenwich and see spectacular vistas of St. Peters Bay.
- Browse in the Centre's gift shop.
- See our beach facility which was designed with award-winning sustainable energy and waste systems.
- Supervised swimming is offered between late June and late August.
- Climb up the observation tower for a spectacular view of the area.
- Guided interpretive activities offered during July and August. Please check bulletin boards or pick up a copy of the Visitor Guide to Prince Edward Island National Park from Parks Canada staff.

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Parabolic dunes with associated dune tracking ridges.

GREEN GABLES, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND National Park of Canada

Lucy Maud Montgomery is one of Canada's most beloved writers. The setting of her classic novel *Anne of Green Gables* was based on the small farming community of Cavendish where she grew up. The fictional Green Gables was inspired by this farm site, once owned by cousins of Montgomery's grandfather.

In 1937, the house and surrounding farmland were preserved within Prince Edward Island National Park. In 1943, Montgomery was recognized by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada as being a person of national historic significance,

and in 1948 a plaque and monument were erected at Green Gables. The house and grounds are restored to portray the period setting described in the novel. Nearby walking trails with interpretive signs highlight some of Montgomery's favourite woodland haunts. Recent additions to Green Gables include a Visitor Centre, exhibits about farming and the history of Cavendish, theatres showing short presentations about Green Gables and L.M. Montgomery, a picnic-style café and gift shop.

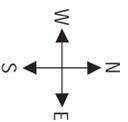


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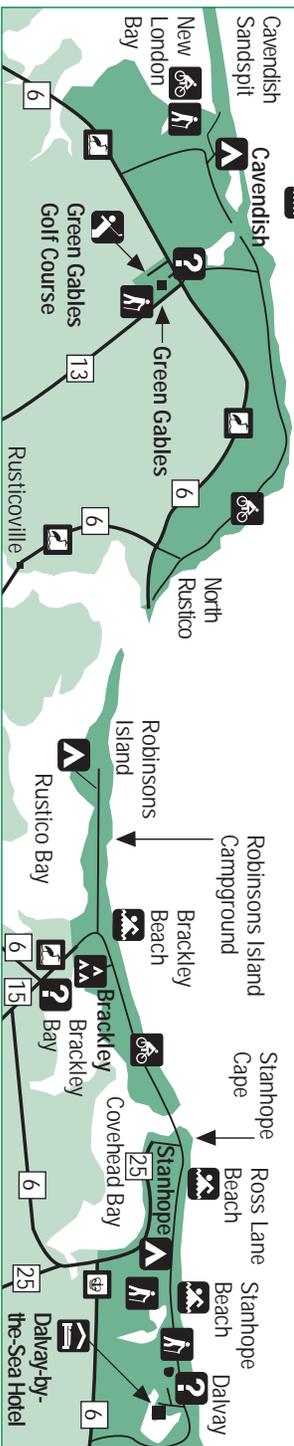
Prince Edward Island National Park of Canada

Located on the Island's north shore, Prince Edward Island National Park protects sand dunes, beaches, sandstone cliffs, freshwater ponds, saltmarshes and woodlands, as well as two cultural landmarks: Green Gables and Dalvay-by-the-Sea National Historic Site. The recommended visiting time is three days. Private accommodations are also located inside the Park; please inquire at the Visitor Centres.

| Legend | |
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| | Golf Course |
| | Camping |
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| | Accommodations |



Gulf of St. Lawrence



Maud Montgomery and Green Gables.

- In winter, Green Gables offers a 12 km ski trail.
- Inquire about our off-season schedule from November to April. Please call (902) 963-7874.
- Enjoy informative presentations and fun family activities year-round.
- For group reservations call (902) 963-7874 or fax (902) 963-7869.
- From May to October, call (902) 963-7874 for more information. A less busy time to visit the Site from June through August is after 4 p.m.

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 Web site: www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pei

Getting There

Green Gables is located in Cavendish, Prince Edward Island National Park on Highway 6, west of the intersection at Route 13. It is a 30-minute drive from Charlottetown and 40 minutes from the Confederation Bridge.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Plan on at least 90 minutes to explore the house, grounds and other buildings.
- Be a “kindred spirit” and stroll down Lovers’ Lane or through the Haunted Wood.
- Browse in the gift shop.
- Enjoy one of the brief presentations given frequently throughout July and August.
- Sign up at the Barn in July or August for a guided walk, or inquire about a campfire program.
- Inquire about other sites related to Lucy Maud Montgomery in the area and the annual Lucy Maud Montgomery Festival held in August.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch from the Butter Churn Café.
- Be sure to read the novel prior to (or after) your visit.
- View a wide variety of exhibits pertaining to Lucy

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www.parcscanada.gc.ca/pei (French)

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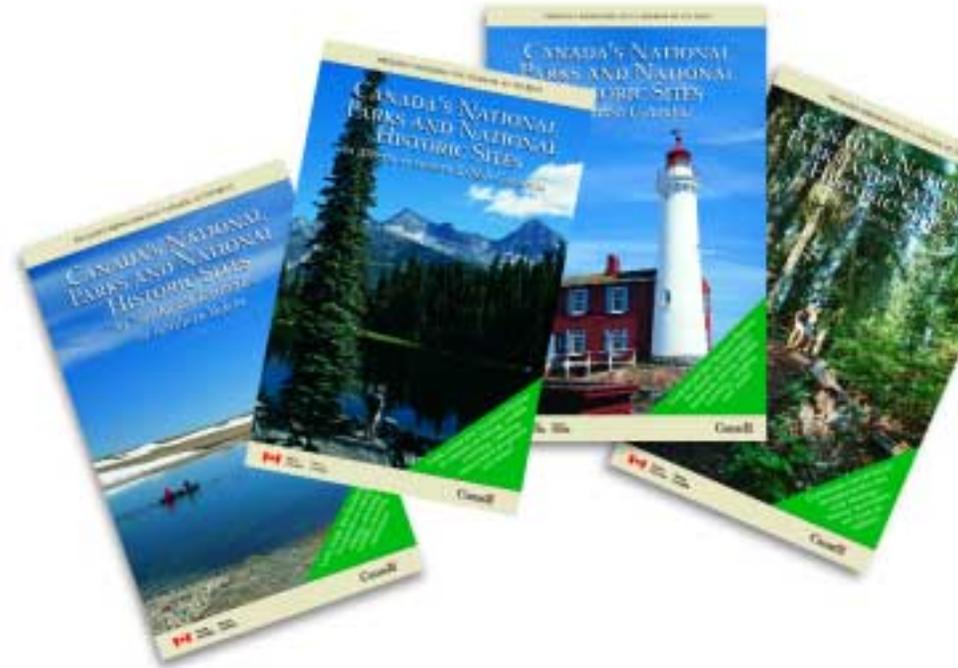
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