

2018 Visitor Guide

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Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site



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May 21 to October 14, 2018 Daily – 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

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Pets are not permitted. Registered service animals are accepted.

Services available in English and French.

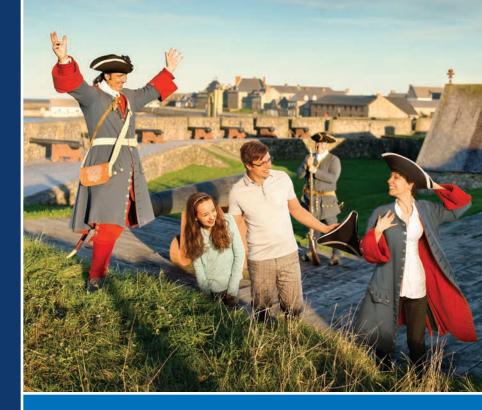


Starting January 1, 2018, admission to all Parks Canada places for youth 17 and under is free! There's no better time to create lasting memories with the whole family.

Welcome to the

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

On Cape Breton's rocky shoreline, east of Sydney, Nova Scotia, the Fortress of Louisbourg brings you back into one of North America's busiest 18th-century seaports. Founded by the French in 1713, it fell under siege to the British twice before being demolished in the 1760s. Reconstruction began in the 1960s, rebuilding one quarter of the original French town and fortifications. Today, the reconstructed Fortress of Louisbourg is the largest – and best – of its kind in North America, offering a wealth of experiences for you, our visitors, to enjoy.



There is a difference between a "fort" and a "fortress": the fortifications of a fortress enclose a town, while those of a fort do not.

In 1731, Louisbourg's cod exports were worth more than 3.1 million French livres. It was the most successful year on record.

Built in 1734 to guide ships into the busy harbour, the original lighthouse at Louisbourg was the first lighthouse constructed in Canada.

Marie Marguerite Rose was one of 300+ Black slaves who lived in Louisbourg. After being emancipated, she became a respected tavern owner in the town and is now considered a person of national historic significance.

After the Fortress was destroyed, some of the stone from its walls was used in construction in Sydney, Halifax, and even Boston.

After the 1745 siege of the Fortress, troops from New England took a cross as a prize. This cross was held at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, until its return to Louisbourg in 1995.

Spring and fall activities

June 1 to June 30 and September 15 to October 14, 2018

Time	Activity	Location (see map)
10:30 am	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg — from its past to its present — on this outdoor walking tour. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne 23
11:45 am	Time Travel Rub shoulders with "authentic" Louisbourg residents as you explore what life was like and taste Heritage™ hot chocolate. 45 minutes, \$10.80	De la Plagne 23
1:00 pm	Motorized Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg — on wheels — from its past to its present. 45 minutes, \$7.30 Limited to 7 people per tour	De la Plagne 23
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1:30 pm (English) 2:15 pm (French)	Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar. 35 minutes, \$10.80 19 years and up	De la Plagne 23
2:30 pm	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg — from its past to its present — on this outdoor walking tour. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne
4:00 pm	The Fortress at a Glance Join this orientation tour to quickly understand the key elements of the Fortress' history and the highlights to visit. 30 minutes, \$2.40	De la Plagne 23

Purchase your activities at De la Plagne (the yellow house 23)

Limited spaces available for tours and programs

Time Travel

Daily, 11:45 am, 1:30 pm 45 minutes, \$10.80

Rub shoulders with Louisbourg's resilient residents and time travel into their challenging lives within a remote fortress. Talk to a Compagnies Franches soldier about life at Louisbourg and witness the smoke and noise during a musket-firing demonstration. Visit one of Louisbourg's finest homes where a kitchen servant awaits your arrival to give you a glimpse into their life serving the elite. See how hot chocolate, one of the favourite treats of Louisbourg's high society, was prepared. Then savour this elegant drink made of our special Heritage™ Chocolate.

Rum: The Spirit of Louisbourg

Daily, 1:30 pm in English; 2:15 pm in French 35 minutes, \$10.80 19 years and up

Discover the taste and aroma of Fortress™ Rum and the story of this drink made from sugar.

Rum was one of the most popular drinks of 18th-century Louisbourg. Sample an authentic rum punch recipe and learn how sugar cane and its alcoholic offshoot influenced trade, shipping, and slavery in colonial North America. Parks Canada has partnered with Authentic Seacoast Company, who created a signature edition rum that is maturing in oak barrels at the Fortress of Louisbourg. Fortress™ Rum captures the authentic spirit of New France's historic rum trade. À la santé and cheers!

Guided Tour

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Get the full story of Louisbourg — from its past to its present. A walking tour through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.

Motorized Guided Tour

Daily, 1:00 pm 45 minutes, \$7.30 Limited to 7 people per tour

Get the full story of Louisbourg — from its past to its present. You will be driven in an electric cart through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.





Fire a Musket: Have a Ball!

Daily, 10:50 am, 1:20 pm, 3:20 pm 30 minutes, \$36.80 per soldier 16 years and up

Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and get a soldier's basic training (no push-ups required!). You will fire an exact replica of an 18th-century musket. Safe and fun, you'll have a ball!

Fire a Cannon: Have a Blast!

Daily, 11:00 a.m., 2:25 p.m. 45 minutes, \$55.20 per cannoneer 16 years and up

Add an explosive element to your visit — train to be a cannoneer and fire a cannon! Light the fuse and wait for the blast of a cannon identical to those that defended 18th-century Louisbourg. An exclusive, exciting 45 minutes of French colonial artillery techniques shared by fellow soldiers will officially make you a cannoneer in training.

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Prisoner of the Day

Daily, 1:55 pm 30 minutes, \$36.80 13 years and up

Play the role of the prisoner during the Public Punishment. You will be fed bread and water and then escorted by soldiers to the iron collar, where the details of your crime will be read for all to hear!

Summer activities

July 1 to September 14, 2018

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10:30 am	Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg — from its past to its present — on this outdoor walking tour. 60 minutes, \$3.90	De la Plagne
10:50 am	Fire a Musket: Have a Ball! Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket. 30 minutes, \$36.80 – 16 years and up	De la Plagne
11:00 am	Fire a Cannon: Have a Blast! Become a cannoneer and fire a real cannon. 45 minutes, \$55.20 – 16 years and up	De la Plagne
11:00 am	Life of a Soldier – FREE Listen to his story and watch a musket firing.	Guardhouse 18
11:30 am	Children's Dance – FREE Join in the circle and enjoy 18th-century folk music. Until September 1.	Grandchamp 32
11:45 am	Military Pageantry – FREE Be amazed by the fifes, drums and cannon firing.	King's Bastion
1:00 pm	Motorized Guided Tour Get the full story of Louisbourg – on wheels – from its past to its present. 45 minutes, \$7.30 Limited to 7 people per tour	De la Plagne
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1:30 pm	Mi'kmaw program - FREE Discover Mi'kmaw culture and history.	De la Vallière

The Fortress Louisbourg Association offers evening programs throughout the summer. For details, please visit De la Plagne 22 or parkscanada.gc.ca/louisbourg





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3:30 to 4:30 pm	Upper-class Dance – FREE Join the elite as they practise their steps at an afternoon ball.	Engineer's Residence
4:45 pm	Secure the Fortress – Evening gun and retreat – FREE Finish your visit with a bang – the last blast of the day.	Embrasures at Lartigue



Rookie Tour - Children's Program

Daily, 1:15 pm 60 minutes, \$7.30 per child

Recommended for families with children ages 5 to 10.

Explore how different childhood was three centuries ago. Learn how to tend gardens with one of Louisbourg's gardeners and get up close to the sheep and goats they care for. Train with a soldier to learn the military marching drill and meet with a fisherman to hear the ins and outs of gutting (fake!) cod.



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Fortress of Louisbourg

The reconstructed town

1 Desroches House

This building is an example of a traditional piquet and sod-roofed house. It represents the home of Jeanne Galbarette, a fishing proprietor, and her third husband, Georges Desroches. It also served as an unlicensed tavern for Basque fishermen and sailors. The harbourside area outside the walls was known as the *Fauxbourg*, where fishermen cleaned and salted their catch of cod, then laid it out to dry on "flakes" and gravel beaches.



Dauphin Gate

There were only three land gates and several wharves to give entry to Louisbourg. This one, the principal land entrance, was manned around the clock by an officer and soldiers. Through the massive doors the path is flanked by guardrooms: soldiers' on one side, officers' on the other. Beyond the soldiers' guardroom is a sea-drained latrine, neatly built into the wall.

Dauphin Demi-Bastion / Semi-Circular Battery

This half bastion forms part of Louisbourg's defence system. The cannons here are reproductions of French 24 *livres* guns – they fired a round iron ball weighing 24 *livres* (almost 12 kg or 26 lb).

2 Powder Magazine

The magazine, though carefully constructed to minimize the risk of explosion, eventually proved both too vulnerable and too small, yet it has survived well: extending almost to the eaves are the original eighteenth-century stone walls.

3 Barracks

These soldiers' barracks were used to house discharged soldiers awaiting transport to France.

4 Postern Tunnel

A secret passage? Not quite. The troops fighting in battle needed swift access to the outerworks and this winding passage, one of three in the fortress, was easy to use and to defend.

5 Embrasures at Lartigue

As part of the harbour defences, these small 8 *livres* cannons were loaded with canister shot to repel attacking forces trying to come ashore in small boats. Ask a cannoneer about canister shot.

6 Lartigue House

This house was owned by Joseph Lartigue (c1683-1743), who came to Louisbourg with the first settlers from Placentia, Newfoundland. He had been a fisherman and trader, but became the Judge of the lower civil court, the *Baillage*, whose sessions were held in this house. Lartigue and his wife Jeanne lived here with several servants and their twelve children. Jeanne lived in Louisbourg from its beginning to its final fall.

Lime Kilr

The walls of Louisbourg were held together by lime mortar, a mixture of quicklime, sand and water. This kiln was used to calcify limestone by burning it at high temperatures until it turned into quicklime, or calcium oxide, a key ingredient in mortar.

Artillery Storehouse

The gunners stored and tended their cannons and carriages here. Buildings topped with a *fleur de lis* indicate that they are owned by the King and are to serve the needs of the garrison and the royal administration.



8 Artillery Forge

Visitors can watch the blacksmith make small items and explain the workings of this forge, which was used strictly for military purposes.

9 King's Bakery

Several commercial bakeries competed to serve the townspeople but this royal one supplied the garrison only. The four bakers employed here lived upstairs. The bakery was destroyed by fire in the 18th century but its original floors survived intact and have been preserved in this reconstruction.

10 Duhaget House

Military officer Robert Duhaget (c1702-1757) built one of the largest private homes in Louisbourg. Erected the same year that Duhaget married, this residence may have been made particularly commodious in the hopes of a large family. The marriage, however, proved to be childless.



11 De la Perelle House

Jean-François Eurry de la Perelle (c1691-1747) held the important post of Town Major. Aside from his military duties, his life centered on his wife, the daughter of a Québec financier, and his eight children. A stable and garden are in the backyard.

12 De la Perelle Storehouse

In 1744, this storehouse was rented to house British prisoners captured at Canso Islands.

13 Engineer's Residence

The military engineers were responsible for the overall design and construction of the fortress. Étienne Verrier (1683-1747) was chief engineer from 1725 to 1745. He oversaw the completion of the design of the town and its fortifications. His house, which he designed, was regarded as one of the most desirable residences in Louisbourg, the envy of all including the Governor.

14 Laundry and Stables

The shed is divided into two sections. One side was used as a laundry and the other side was used to house livestock.

15 Rodrigue House

Michel Rodrigue (1710-1777), who rented this property from his neighbour Michel de Gannes, was a successful merchant. Born in Acadia, Rodrigue and his father were very active in the Louisbourg-to-Québec trade route. He sailed frequently up the St. Lawrence with French and West Indian goods to trade for the Canadian grain, flour, and dried vegtables that Louisbourg needed. Rodrigue and his wife, Marguerite Lartigue, lived here with their five children, his two brothers, and two domestics.

16 Rodrigue Storehouse

This vertical log storehouse is where Rodrigue's merchandise was stored. His storehouse wall and that of De La Perrelle were joined as a way of making the most of one space.

17 De Gannes House

Michel de Gannes de Falaise (1702-1752) was born in Port-Royal, Acadia, to a high-ranking French officer in the Compagnies Franches. By age 28, he was captain of his own company and before his death at the age of fifty he attained the position of King's Lieutenant. He married Elizabeth de Catalogne and had six children.

Icehouse

This small pyramid-like building provided an 18th-century form of refrigeration. Inside is a pit that, during the winter, was filled with ice cut from local lakes and subsequently covered with straw for insulation. Once the warm weather came, the door located at the northern side could be opened only after dark, to keep the ice from melting. This year-round supply of ice was for the Governor.

18 Guardhouse

This guardhouse is located in the open place d'armes. This was an area where soldiers mustered for drill and guard changes. From the squad of soldiers stationed at the guardhouse, the officer-of-the-guard posted the sentries you now meet around the Bastion. The strange-looking wooden horse is anything but a toy. It was a punishment devised to inflict both pain and public humiliation to enforce military discipline.

19 Military Chapel

The Récollet missionaries were sent to the colonies to minister to the military as chaplains, and to the civilian population as parish priests. This military chapel served as a parish church since a community church was never built. The patron above the altar is the saint-king of France, Louis IX.



20 Governor's Apartments

Most of the governors who lived in these apartments were middle-aged naval officers, more practised in military affairs than in government. Commandant Jean-Baptiste-Louis le Prévost Duquesnel was one of them. Representing the king's majesty in person, the Governor lived lavishly. The Superior Council met in the chambers downstairs and served principally as the colony's court of appeal. Unmarried officers lived in this section of the building, unlike married officers who lived in their own homes within the town.

21 King's Bastion Barracks

Over 500 men were housed in rooms like this, twelve to sixteen men per room, two per bunk. There were no mess halls and no workrooms in the barracks – throughout their service the men cooked, ate, drank, smoked, gambled... and lived in these rooms.

22 McLennan Centre

This building is the museum that was built soon after Louisbourg was designated a National Historic Site in 1928. A popular feature in this Centre is the model of the town built in the 1940s by the museum's first curator, Katharine McLennan (1892-1975).

23 De la Plagne House

Military Captain Pierre-Paul d'Espiet de la Plagne and his wife, Marie-Charlotte Delort, were part of the colonial elite. De la Plagne lived in this house with his wife, their four children, and probably de la Plagne's younger brother, also an officer.

24 De la Vallière House

The owner of this property, Louis Le Neuf de la Vallière (1708-1787), was the grandson of a Canadian soldier who had become governor of Acadia. De la Vallière, who was born in French Newfoundland and lived in Louisbourg throughout its existence, was a lieutenant in the garrison at Louisbourg.

25 26 De la Vallière Storehouse

A range of goods were contained in these warehouses, reflecting this military family's extensive involvement in maritime trade.

27 Carrerot House

André Carrerot was the garde-magasin, or Chief Clerk of the King's Storehouse. He lived here with his wife, Marie Cheron, and a large family, their household servants, and one or two lodgers.



28 Benoist House

This was another house full of children, for Lieutenant Pierre Benoist (c1695-1763) had seven children from his two marriages. One died young, killed along with her mother by smallpox.

29 L'Épée Royale Café

Jean Seigneur operated this inn. The family lived in the building and provided lodging, food and drink to guests.

30 King's Storehouse

This was the central receiving depot for merchandise needed by a fortress and its garrison. Supplies kept here included flour, butter and lard, molasses, biscuits, vegetables, and salt. Uniforms, ropes, and tools were also kept here.



31 Hôtel de la Marine

Pierre Lorant, a 35-year-old fisherman, lived here with his wife and three children. He operated a cabaret frequented by fishermen, merchants, and soldiers. In 1744, British prisoners were housed here during the summer months.



Frédéric Gate

Through this ornate arch came most of the people, news and merchandise of the colony. The gate's name honours the Minister of the Marine, Jean-Frédéric Phélypeaux, comte de Maurepas, who managed France's colonies and navy. The construction of the gate in 1742 capped off Louisbourg's fortifications on the eve of war.



32 Grandchamp House

Julien Auger dit Grandchamp (1666-1741) owned two adjacent properties. He brought his family to Louisbourg when he came as a soldier, and the inn was his retirement plan. With its busy waterfront location, Grandchamp's home grew into a lucrative business that kept two slaves busy.

33 Grandchamp Inn

Auger's widow, Marie Thérèse Petit, was operating this inn in 1744. In this smaller building you may meet a soldier or fisherman who has stopped by to share a song or story over a glass of rum.

34 Ordonnateur's Residence

This large property housing private apartments, offices, and a storehouse, along with stables and a garden, was the official residence of the commissaire-ordonnateur. The administrator and his clerks filled up books of correspondence, maintained the colonial accounts, and compiled their statistical reports for the Ministry of the Marine. François Bigot (1703-1778) arrived in Louisbourg in 1739. As commissaire, he held responsibility for pay, supply and justice. From 1749 to 1758 he was the Intendant of all New France and lived in Québec.

35 Bigot Storehouse

This space was built as a storehouse for the use of the commissaire-ordonnateurs who lived here.

36 Stables

The stables form part of the property used by the commissaire-ordonnateur.

Restaurants and bakery

Savour the 18th **century!** Two period restaurants serve up hearty, authentic fare such as pea soup, beef stew, fish, and meat pies. Visit the café for soup and a snack, or pick up your soldier's bread at the bakery.

Hôtel de la Marine (31) on the map): Enjoy a full course meal from July 1 to August 31, 2018, or a soldier's meal à la carte served on pewter plates and with only a large spoon from June 10 to June 30 and September 1 to October 6, 2018.

Grandchamp House (32) on the map): Try this working-class restaurant, à la carte, where everything is eaten with only a large spoon. Open from July 1 to August 31, 2018.

L'Épée Royale (29) on the map): This café offers a cozy spot to enjoy soup, hot and cold beverages, and a variety of snacks. Open from May 21 to October 14, 2018.

King's Bakery (9 on the map): Don't forget to drop in to get your delicious soldier's bread, freshly baked on site every morning in the stone bakery. Open from June 10 to September 29, 2018.

Shopping

Benoist Boutique (28) on the map): Located within the fortified town, it carries items such as books, unique reproduction items, Heritage™ chocolate, and Fortress™ Rum. Open from June 11 to October 14, 2018.





Parks Canada Visitor Centre:

The boutique located here carries a full range of souvenirs. Open from June 21 to September 20, 2018.

OUR RESTAURANTS, BAKERY AND BOUTIQUES ARE OPERATED BY





Wake up in the past!

Camp under the stars, safe inside the Fortress walls, or sleep in a period style house as you become one of the town residents for the night.

You'll feel like you have the whole Fortress to yourself!

FUN FOR KIDS

For more information, visit De la Plagne House (23 on the map)

Delve into the life of an 18th-century child with the **Rookie Tour – Children's Program** (ages 5-10; p. 4-5)

LPLORERS PRINCE CAMPAGE

Become a **Parks Canada Xplorer**; ask for your free discovery booklet (ages 6-11)

Join **Club Parka**: try fun activities on site or online (ages 3-6)

Have fun playing street games and singing along during the **Children's Dance** (p. 4-5)

Hunt for caches and learn fascinating facts about Louisbourg through **geocaching**

Find the hidden **children's room** in the King's Bastion

Enjoy a lively performance of folk and fairy tales at the **Children's Theatre** (See p. 5)

Participate in a photo scavenger hunt by downloading the free **Photo Missions app.** When you've completed your mission, a virtual reward appears!





Pjila'si | Welcome Mi'kmaw Interpretive Centre

Discover a part of the rich Mi'kmaw heritage of Unama'ki (Cape Breton Island). During Louisbourg's French occupation, the Mi'kmaq played a vital role, supporting the French community through knowledge sharing and supporting the French during two sieges. The Mi'kmaw Interpretive Centre at the Fortress of Louisbourg is a special place to talk about Mi'kmaw history through images, artifacts, songs, traditional drumming and storytelling.

(24 on the map)

18th century equipped camping

Try our fully equipped 18th century style camping! Enjoy the outdoors and cultural activities all at once. We provide each group with a period tent (already set up), lanterns, floor mats, a propane camp stove, and a fire pit to make your own fire (firewood and propane sold separately).

670 per night, per tent 1-4 people)

Lartigue House

Prefer camping with a roof? Located in the fortified town, this period style house will provide a truly unique experience with incredible stories to tell and longlasting memories to cherish. Propane camp stove and lanterns are provided, as well as access to a fire pit (firewood and propane sold separately).

\$120 per night (1-4 people, 2 queen size beds)

Available from July 1 to September 30, 2018.

Call 902-733-3552 or email fol.tourbookings@pc.gc.ca

Reservations must be made by 12:00 pm for that same night.



NATURE

Ruins Walk (2.3 kilometres | 1.43 miles) Hike through the remains of the 18th century town

Simon's Point Trail (804 metres | 0.5 miles)

Walk to the mouth of Freshwater Brook and the ocean, travelling through the area once used by attackers in both sieges

Old Town Trail (2.25 kilometres | 1.4 miles)

Situated along the shore of Louisbourg harbour with the Fortress in view, and the story of Old Town, from 300 years ago to present day, waiting to be discovered

Royal Battery Trail (678 metres | 0.42 miles)

This looped walk skirts the outline of a major French defensive work and offers a spectacular view

Take the road less travelled to magnificent views and secluded spots.

(See map on p. 7)

Lighthouse Trail (2.05 kilometres | 1.28 miles)

Walk along the coastline with unsurpassed vistas at the site of the first lighthouse in Canada (1734)

Kennington Cove and Anson's Cove beaches

Two unsupervised sandy beaches; where James Wolfe landed in 1758 to attack the Fortress

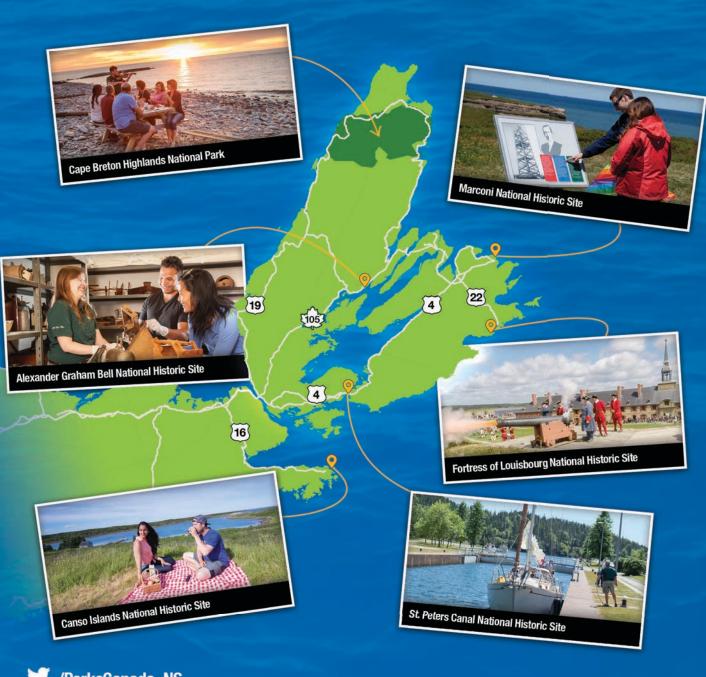
Red Chairs

Seek out our red chairs and take the time to connect with nature — with history — with friends and family. #ShareTheChair



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