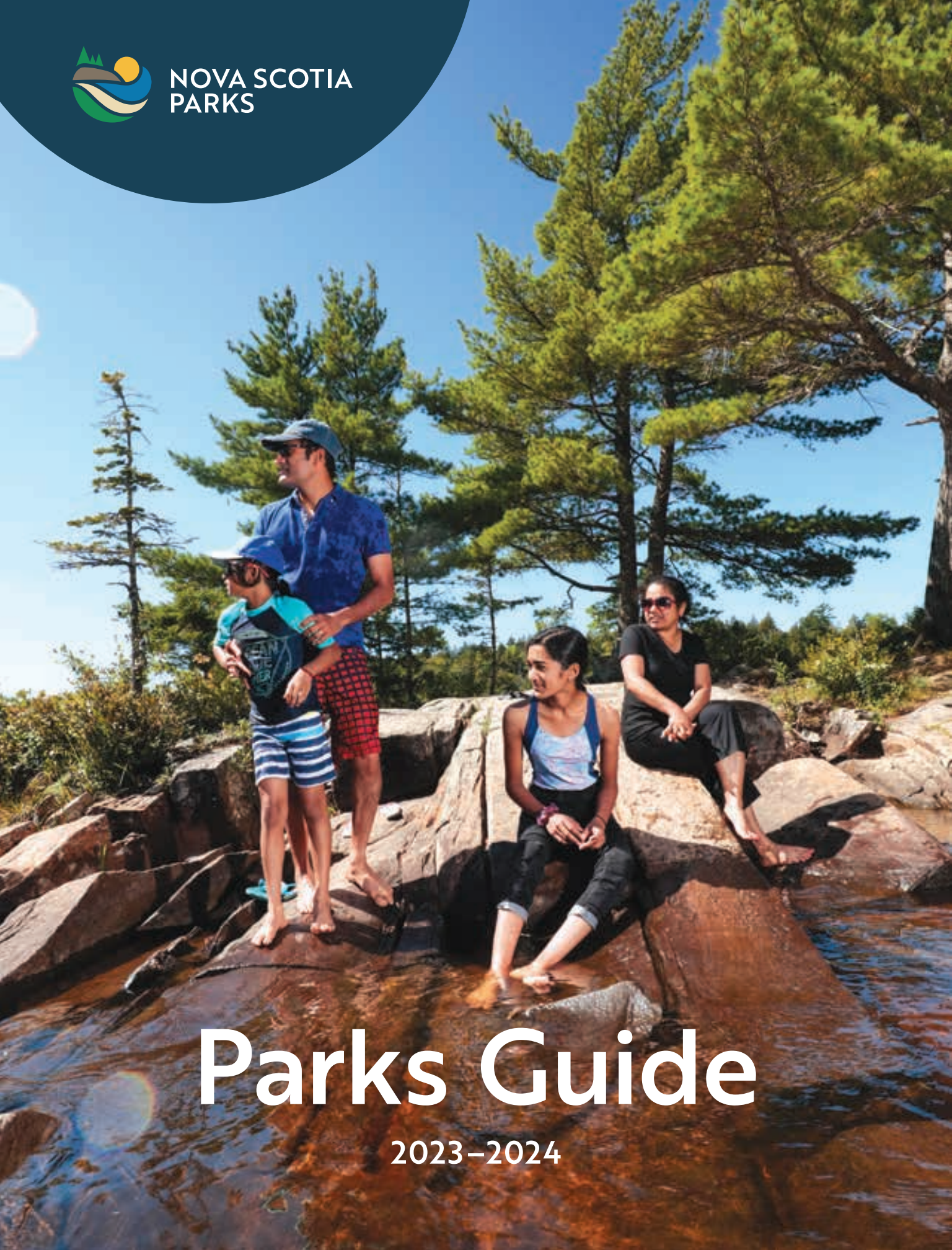




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# Parks Guide

2023–2024

## KEY

Campsites

**1** Wooded **1** Partially Wooded **1** Open

 Beach Access	 Look-off
 Bicycles	 Parking
 Boat Launch	 Park Office/Information
 Bunk House	 Picnic Area
 Campground Host	 Picnic Shelter
 Canoeing	 Playground
 Change Room	 Program Area
 Cooking Shelter	 Registration Kiosk
 Cross-country Skiing	 Restrooms with showers
 Dishwashing	 Shelter
 Drinking Water	 Snack Bar
 Exhibit/Interpretation	 Snowshoeing
 Facilities for the Disabled	 Swimming
 Firepit	 Swimming (Supervised)
 Firewood	 Telephone
 Fishing	 Trailer Dump Station
 Flush Toilets	 Vault Toilet
 Group Camping	 Walk-in Campsite
 Hiking	 Waste/Recycling
 Kayaking	 Wilderness Cabin
 Laundry	 Wildlife Viewing
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While we strive for accuracy, you may wish to check with park staff, or the nearest NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables office, to confirm availability of services or to inquire about any changes to the policies found in this guide.

Save this booklet for your next visit or pass it along to a friend.

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# Welcome to Nova Scotia Provincial Parks

**Nova Scotia provincial parks** provide access to some of the most breathtaking views in the province. Use this guide to plan your adventures and take it with you to explore new outdoor experiences. With a wide variety of parks to choose from, there's space for everyone to relax and enjoy nature.

2022 was another record-breaking camping season at Nova Scotia provincial parks, despite some early seasonal park closures due to Hurricane Fiona. Parks along the Northumberland Shore in Pictou and Antigonish counties saw the greatest impacts from the storm. Staff worked hard to clean up the parks and reopen them as soon as it was safe. Unfortunately, a significant number of trees were lost at Caribou-Munroes Island Park which has resulted in the temporary closure of campsites in Loop C while we continue to remediate the storm damage. Please visit our website for the most up to date information on campsite descriptions and availability.



For the 2023 season, we are excited to offer a Learn to Camp workshop July 15-16 at a new location — Five Islands Provincial Park. This will be the first time Learn to Camp has been offered since 2019. There will also be a series of educational park events at select parks on Saturdays in July and August. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events.

The goal of Nova Scotia Provincial Parks is to sustain a diverse system of parks, beaches and trails that protect natural and cultural values, while providing nature-based recreation experiences. We continue to modernize parks to ensure high quality and reliable services at parks. Infrastructure projects completed in 2022 include:

- a new woodshed at Blomidon
- a new camper registration kiosk at Boylston
- a mobility accessible, gender-neutral washroom facility at Dollar Lake
- an accessible beach mat at Ellenwood Lake
- storage buildings for the lifeguard program at Lawrencetown Beach and Clam Harbour Beach
- two new accessible campsites at The Islands
- trail improvements at Battery, Blomidon, Cape Split, Five Islands and Uisge Ban
- water system upgrades at several parks including Blomidon, Dollar Lake, Five Islands, Laurie, Rissers Beach and Salsman.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay engaged with what's going on at parks. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information on upcoming events and important news: [parks.novascotia.ca](https://parks.novascotia.ca).

**Enjoy the 2023 season.**

## Park Seasons for 2023 Camping Parks

PARK	TOURISM REGION	DATE
Amherst Shore ‡	Northumberland Shore	June 2 – Oct 9
Battery ‡	Cape Breton Island	June 2 – Oct 16
Blomidon **	Annapolis Valley	May 19 – Oct 9
Boylston *	Eastern Shore	June 2 – Sept 11
Cape Chignecto	Bay of Fundy	May 19 – Oct 9
Caribou-Munroes Island ‡	Northumberland Shore	June 2 – Oct 9
Dollar Lake	Eastern Shore	June 2 – Oct 9
Ellenwood Lake ** ‡	Yarmouth & Acadian Shores	May 19 – Oct 9
Five Islands ‡	Bay of Fundy	June 2 – Oct 9
Graves Island ‡	South Shore	May 19 – Oct 9
Laurie *	Halifax Metro	June 2 – Sept 11
Mira River ‡ **	Cape Breton Island	May 26 – Oct 16
Porters Lake * ‡	Eastern Shore	May 19 – Oct 9
Rissers Beach ‡	South Shore	May 19 – Oct 9
Salsman *	Eastern Shore	June 2 – Sept 11
Smileys *	Bay of Fundy	June 2 – Sept 18
The Islands *	South Shore	June 2 – Oct 9
Thomas Raddall	South Shore	May 19 – Oct 9
Valleyview ‡	Annapolis Valley	June 2 – Oct 9
Whycocomagh * ‡	Cape Breton Island	June 2 – Oct 16

\*Self-registration park \*\*Self-registration from Sept 6 to closing ‡Some sites have electrical hook-ups

## Provincial Beaches with Lifeguard Supervision July 1 – August 27, 2023

The Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service provides lifeguard supervision at the seventeen provincial beaches listed here. Lifeguards are on duty from 10 am – 6 pm daily in July and August, except for at Clam Harbour and Mavillette Beach where supervision is provided on weekends only. At each location, the supervised swimming area is marked by red and yellow flags on either side of the beach. At coastal locations, the supervised area can be changed based on conditions.

For up to date information, visit the NS Lifeguard Service website:  
[lifesavingsociety.ns.ca](http://lifesavingsociety.ns.ca)

Dollar Lake Provincial Park

### SUPERVISED BEACH PARKS

Bayfield Beach, Antigonish Co.  
 Bayswater Beach, Lunenburg Co.  
 Clam Harbour Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Dollar Lake Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Dominion Beach, Cape Breton Co.  
 Heather Beach, Cumberland Co.  
 Ellenwood Lake Beach, Yarmouth Co.  
 Lawrencetown Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Martinique Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Mavillette Beach, Digby Co.  
 Melmerby Beach, Pictou Co.  
 Point Michaud Beach, Richmond Co.  
 Pomquet Beach, Antigonish Co.  
 Port Maitland Beach, Yarmouth Co.  
 Queensland Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Rainbow Haven Beach, Halifax Co.  
 Rissers Beach, Lunenburg Co.

# Campfire Safety at Nova Scotia Provincial Parks



- **Campfires** are permitted using the approved provincial park firepit only
- Never light a fire anywhere else in a park outside of approved firepits
- Please keep campfires small and manageable
- Always supervise your campfire and never leave it unattended
- Be sure to set up tenting equipment away from sparks and fire
- Fires must be fully extinguished before checking out or leaving your campsite

## Fees

All fees include applicable taxes.

### Campsites (up to six people)

<b>Unserviced</b> (sites without electrical or water hook-ups)	\$26.70
<b>Serviced</b> (sites with electrical/water or electrical only hook-up)	\$35.60
Each Additional Person (in excess of six)	\$2.35

### Camping Permit

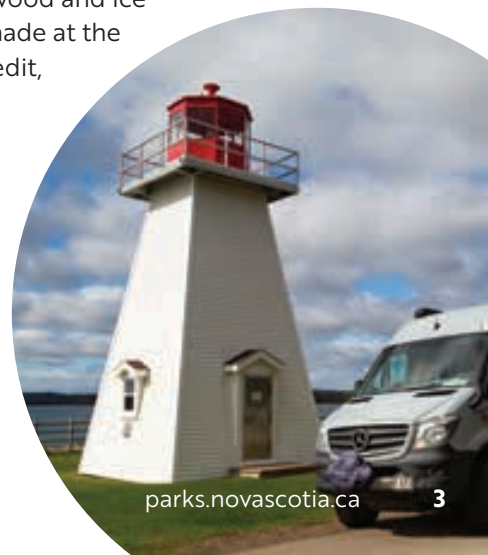
A camping permit includes up to 6 people and one vehicle. Fees apply for extra people, unless part of one family.

Additional Vehicle Parking (per day)	\$8.30
Yurt (for up to four people; Whycomomagh)	\$59.95
Each Additional Person in a Yurt (in excess of four)	\$10.90
Bunkhouse/Cabin (Cape Chignecto)	\$59.40
Additional Person in Bunkhouse/Cabin	\$11.85
Campsite at Cape Chignecto	\$26.70
Senior's Discount (65 years & over)	\$2.35
Veteran's Discount	\$2.35
Reservation Fee	\$9.00
Change/Cancel Reservation	\$7.00
Firestarters (available at select parks)	\$ .25
Firewood (per bundle)	\$5.00
Ice (per bag)	\$2.50
RV/Trailer Sewage Disposal (non-camper)	\$6.55

### Wood and Ice

At full serve parks, wood and ice purchases can be made at the park office using credit, debit, or cash.

To purchase wood and ice at self registration parks, use the payment envelope at the Registration Kiosk and deposit it in the drop box.



# Reservations

**Making a reservation is easy. Reservations open April 4 and operate until park season ends in October.**

- To make a reservation, visit [parks.novascotia.ca](http://parks.novascotia.ca) to view park descriptions and site maps. Then book online using our secure internet reservation service. Or call 1-888-544-3434 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm ADT (7 days a week) to speak to a reservation advisor. Service in French is available. Those outside North America can make reservations online or by calling 519-826-5301.
- Payment of fees is required at the time of booking.
- VISA, MasterCard and American Express are accepted for online and telephone reservations. Personal cheques and money orders are accepted for telephone reservations only.
- A campsite can be reserved for a minimum of one night and a maximum of 14 nights.
- Reservations can be made until 12:00 Midnight ADT on the day of your arrival.
- Reservations are held until 2:00 pm ADT the day following your scheduled arrival.
- Reservations not claimed by this time will be considered a “no show” with a penalty of the first night’s camping fee being charged and the remaining reservation being cancelled.
- If you forfeit the first night of your reservation but wish to camp for the remaining period, you must make a new reservation with the associated costs. The Department of Natural Resources and Renewables will gladly refund the remainder of the “no show” reservation when you arrive at the park or you can request it by emailing [PARKINFO@novascotia.ca](mailto:PARKINFO@novascotia.ca) with your booking number, the park reserved and reservation dates.
- Please visit our website for more detailed information about reservation policies.

Greenhill Provincial Park



## Group Camping

Eleven provincial camping parks offer group camping. Groups can make reservations beginning May 1 by telephoning the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables district office closest to the park of their choice (see [parks.novascotia.ca](http://parks.novascotia.ca) for phone numbers). For Blomidon, Cape Chignecto, Dollar Lake, Five Islands, Graves Island, Rissers Beach and Thomas Raddall, reservations can be made by calling the park once it opens for the season. For Smileys, The Islands and Whycocomagh, please call the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables district office throughout the season to make group arrangements.

## Special Events

Families or groups wishing to hold events such as weddings, reunions, corporate events or picnics at camping or day-use parks must contact the DNRR office closest to the park of interest. For further information about organizing events at parks, please visit our website: [parks.novascotia.ca](http://parks.novascotia.ca)

# Services Available at Park Offices and Self Registration Kiosks

**Campsite check in time is 2:00 pm at all camping parks.**

**Checkout for all parks is 1:00 pm. Please ensure your campsite is clean.**

All parks are operational and staff are available between

**Sunday to Thursday** 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

**Friday and Saturday** 9:00 am – midnight

**Sunday during long weekends** 9:00 am – midnight

Cape Chignecto is operational 8:30 am – 8:30 pm.

## FULL SERVICE PARKS

Amherst Shore	Five Islands	<b>Arriving at the Park</b> Please stop and register at the park when you arrive. When registering, you will need to have your vehicle information including, license plate number, make, and model. Check-in is required upon arrival for all campers, including those with a reservation.
Battery	Graves Island	
Blomidon*	Mira River*	
Caribou Munroes	Rissers Beach	
Island	Thomas Raddall	
Dollar Lake	Valleyview	

Ellenwood Lake\*

*\*From September 5 until closing these parks operate as self registration parks.*

## SELF-REGISTRATION PARKS

Boylston	Smileys	<b>Arriving at the Park</b> All campers with a reservation can proceed directly to their site upon arriving at the park after the check in time of 2:00 pm. Please bring your campsite reservation as confirmation of your assigned site.
Laurie	The Islands	
Porters Lake	Whycocomagh	
Salsman		

Self-registration parks are operated and have staff available the same hours as other camping parks; however, the park offices are closed. Campsite registration and purchases of wood or ice can be done using the registration kiosk on-site.

**If You don't Have a Reservation:** Stop at the Registration Kiosk when you arrive. Look at the park map to note potential sites of interest. Open the yellow box and use the direct line telephone to the booking agent. The line operates 9:00 am until 11:00 pm. The agent will advise on site availability and cost. Provide the agent with your credit card number or put cash/cheque in a camping permit envelope (located in the kiosk). Complete the registration information on the envelope, seal the envelope and deposit it in the Drop Box.



Blomidon Provincial Park

# To ensure everyone has a pleasant stay, please note the following Park Rules and Regulations:

## Check In and Check Out Times

Check in time is 2:00 pm.  
Checkout for all parks is 1:00 pm.  
Please make sure that your campsite is clean.

## Alcohol and Cannabis-free Period

No alcohol or cannabis are permitted at camping parks from opening date to Monday July 3, 2023. After this time, alcohol and smoking (including cannabis) are permitted on rented campsites only. Changes to this policy may occur if local issues arise. Alcohol and smoking (including cannabis) are not permitted in day-use parks.

## Camping Permits

- Campers must have a camping permit and must camp in designated sites.
- A camping permit is issued to an adult (19 years and older) who is staying at the campsite.
- A person who is 16 to 18 years of age may hold a camping permit if accompanied in the park by a person 19 years of age or older who accepts responsibility for the younger campers.
- A camping permit includes up to 6 people and one vehicle. Fees apply for extra people, unless part of one family.
- An extra vehicle needs a separate permit.
- A camping permit may be issued for up to 14 nights at the same campsite.
- A camping permit expires if a campsite is unoccupied for 48 hours.

## Dishwashing

Some parks have a dishwashing station for your convenience, located near the restrooms with showers. If you choose to wash dishes at your campsite, please dump the water at the dishwashing station; not at your campsite. For those

parks without a dishwashing station please dump the water at the restroom toilets. Dishwashing is not permitted at the restroom sinks or at the taps located within the park.

## Dogs and Other Pets

Pets are welcome when owners act responsibly and follow the rules.

- Dogs must be kept under control at all times, on a leash no longer than 2.0 metres (6 feet), including at swimming areas.
- Owners must make sure that their dog does not make excessive noise or disturb other park users.
- Owners must clean up their dog's waste and place it in a garbage container. In the off-season, owners must remove their dog's waste from the park.
- Dogs and other pets are not permitted in public structures at the park or in any area designated as pet free. Public structures include washrooms, vault toilets, cooking shelters, change houses, and administrative and program buildings. Service animals are permitted in these areas.

## Drones

Recreational use of drones is prohibited within provincial parks. Non-recreational users must apply to the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables for a Letter of Authority to use a drone within a provincial park. Applications will be considered for the following purposes: commercial photography/videography, scientific monitoring/research, training, marketing/promotions and other purposes at the discretion of the Department.



## Dump Station

Dump stations are available for use by registered campers only. Don't put anything other than the contents of your holding tanks or portable toilets into the dump station. Do not dump directly onto the dump station's apron. If you make a mess or spill, be courteous and clean up after yourself with the water tap/hose provided at the dump station.

## Firearms

Firearms are not permitted within the park.

## Fires

Fires are allowed within campsite grills only. If the site you reserve does not have a grill, you cannot have a fire. During a fire ban, you may continue to use the grill at your campsite, unless park staff tell you otherwise.

## Firewood

Buy firewood locally to prevent the spread of invasive species. Moving firewood, even just a few kilometres, can spread invasive insects and diseases to our forests.

- Don't pack wood—buy it locally
- Burn it on site
- Leave un-used wood for the next camper
- Never take wood back home

## Fireworks

The use of fireworks is prohibited.

## Fishing

Fishing is permitted with a Nova Scotia sport fishing licence.

## Garbage and Recycling

Practice waste sorting and recycling in accordance with provincial and municipal regulations. (Please note: regulations may vary between municipalities.) The required steps will be posted at the park. Propane canisters and cylinders: never put these in the garbage.

## Generators

Generators may be used between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. If you require power outside of these hours, please book a campsite with electrical service.

## Hunting and Trapping

No hunting or trapping within the park.

## Noise

Quiet time is 10:30 pm to sunrise. Noisy parties and rowdy behaviour are not tolerated.

## Regulations

The Parks Act and Regulations are enforced at all times. Those who fail to comply will be asked to leave the park.

## Selling

Selling is not permitted in the park. Advertising or operating a business within the park requires a special permit.

## Shelter Equipment

You are allowed up to three pieces of shelter equipment, space permitting.

## Showers

Showers are for registered campers only.

## Traffic Speed

Speed limit within the park is 15 km.

## Vehicles

A camping permit includes one vehicle. An extra vehicle requires a separate permit. Off-highway vehicles and unlicensed vehicles may not be operated within the park.

## Visitors/Non-Campers

Visitors may enter the park until 10:00 pm. All guests must leave by 10:30 pm.

## Tips for a safe stay

- Avoid insect bites by using insect repellent and wearing long sleeves and pants. Light coloured fabrics are less attractive to biting insects.
- Practice sun safety while visiting parks by seeking shade, slipping on protective clothing, slapping on a wide brimmed hat, sliding on sunglasses and slopping on sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Supervise children, especially around water and playground equipment.
- Keep your distance from wildlife.
- Have family members tell you when they are leaving the campsite, where they plan to go and when they'll return. If someone does get lost, be able to give a physical description – weight, height, clothing, hairstyle and colour.
- Cook and store food carefully to avoid food-borne illness. Cleaning your picnic table after meals helps prevent odors which attract insects and wildlife.
- Keep valuables out of sight in a secure area. Better yet, leave them at home.



## In Case of Emergency

An emergency evacuation plan has been prepared for all camping parks to ensure everyone can exit the park safely. The law requires that you obey directions given by park staff. Should you or a member of your group have an emergency, notify staff or call 911.

## Parks are Natural Environments

### Coastal Parks

- Use caution when walking along the beach as the tide comes in quickly. Check tide times before you head out.
- Cliff edges are constantly eroding. Approach cliff edges only at designated stations. Obey all signs and stay behind barriers.
- Beware of currents when swimming in the ocean.

### Wildlife Lives Here Year-Round

- Please respect wildlife and appreciate them from a distance. Do not tease or chase wildlife, or allow a dog to do so.
- Never feed wildlife. This can cause them to lose their natural fear of people.
- If you encounter a large mammal, do not approach it. Leave the area at once by slowly backing away in the direction from which you came.
- Avoid dune and beach areas where piping plovers may be nesting.

Mickey Hill Provincial Park



**Leave No Trace** is about respecting and caring for wildlands, doing your part to protect our limited resources and future recreation opportunities. Once this attitude is adopted and the outdoor ethic is sound, the specific skills and techniques become second nature.



## Accessible experiences and features at Nova Scotia Parks

Nova Scotia Parks are committed to promoting accessible and inclusive experiences so that everyone can enjoy nature. The types of accessible features at parks include beach access using mats, adaptive equipment available on-site, viewing areas, accessible fishing docks, washrooms, change houses, and parking.

Each year we continue to make accessibility improvements to parks and beaches. Accessibility is considered from the start of all new construction projects and when upgrading older infrastructure it is retrofitted to be more accessible.



In 2022, new barrier-free and all-gender washrooms were opened at Dollar Lake. The newly constructed facility follows a similar style to the private, self-contained washrooms at Valleyview and The Islands. Accessibility improvements were also completed at The Islands with the addition of two accessible campsites.



Rainbow Haven Beach, one of the province's most popular beaches, will be made more accessible this season, with the addition of an accessible beach mat. Beach access mats are also in place seasonally at Caribou-Munroes Island, Clam Harbour, Ellenwood Lake campground, Heather Beach, Melmerby Beach, Mira River, Pomquet Beach and Rissers Beach. At several of these

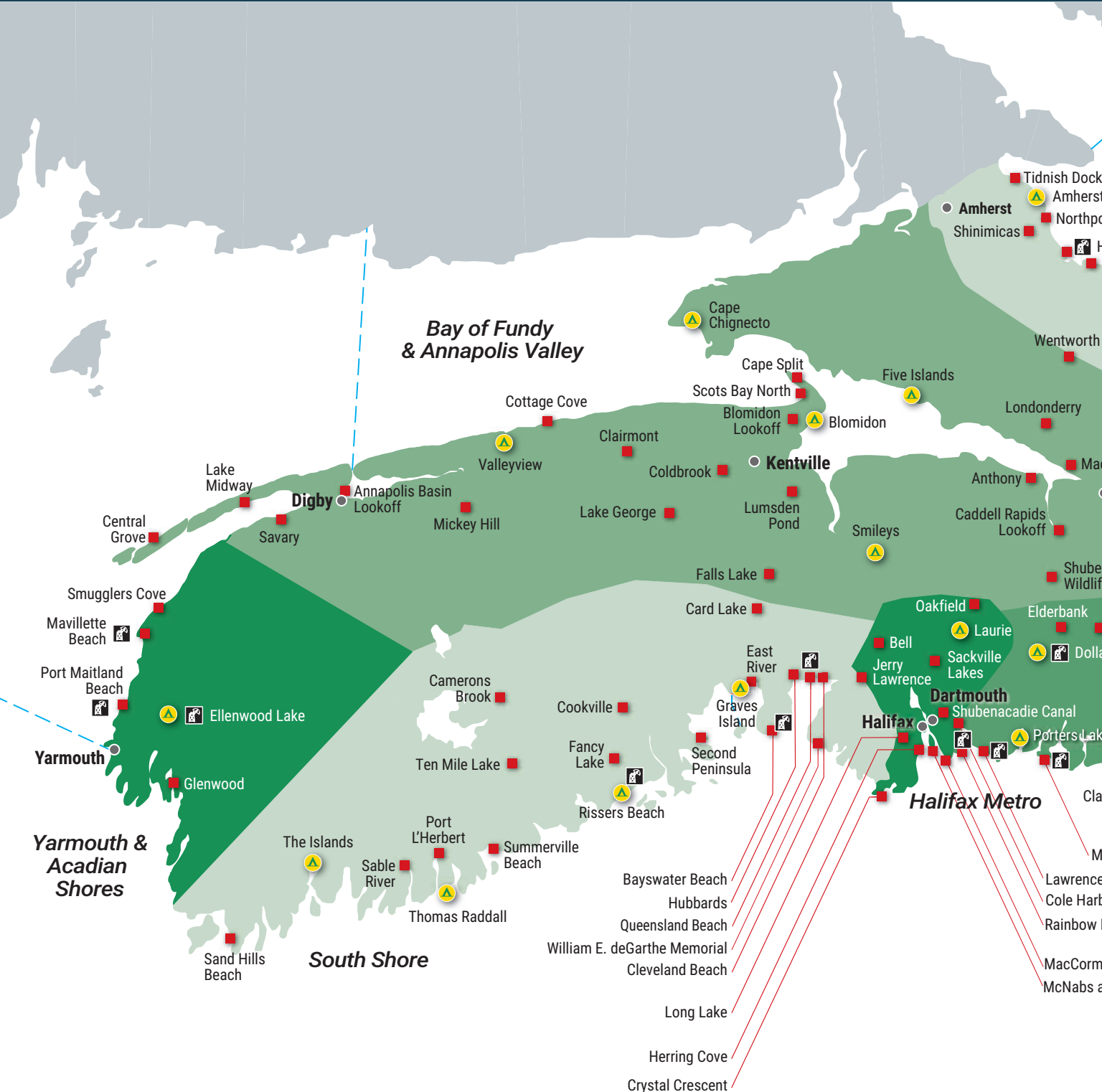
locations, beach mats and adaptive equipment are provided by partner organizations including municipalities and recreational associations. Please visit our website for a complete list of accessible experiences at provincial parks.

The work to make our provincial parks and beaches more accessible to all visitors is ongoing. Accessibility audits were first conducted at provincial parks in 2019. We are excited to continue this important work in 2023, expanding the audits to more parks and developing a standard for accessible campsites.





# Nova Scotia Provincial Parks Tourism Region Locator Map





Shore  
Port Beach  
Heather Beach  
Gulf Shore  
Fox Harbour  
Blue Sea Beach  
Rushtons Beach  
Tatamagouche  
Balmoral Mills  
Waterside Beach  
Pictou  
Caribou-Munroes Island  
Powells Point  
Melmerby Beach  
Arisaig  
Salt Springs  
Greenhill  
Truro  
Elmons Pond  
New Glasgow  
Beaver Mountain  
Pomquet Beach  
Bayfield  
MacCormack  
Port Hawkesbury  
Dundee  
Boylston  
Port Shoreham Beach  
Tor Bay  
Black Duck Cove  
Martinique Beach  
Petown Beach  
Four-Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park System  
Haven Beach  
Tracks Beach  
and Lawlor Islands

**Northumberland Shore**

**Eastern Shore**

**Cape Breton Island**

- Provincial Park
- ▲ Provincial Campground
- 🏊 Swimming (Supervised)
- City or Town

## LEARN 2 CAMP

Curious about camping...but don't know where to start?

We can help! Join us for a fun and informative overnight camping experience and learn the ropes from the pros!

when **July 15 and 16, 2023**

where **Five Islands Provincial Park, Colchester County**

For more information:

[parks.novascotia.ca](https://parks.novascotia.ca) or call 902-893-5371



It should be second nature.  
Please put waste in its place.



Keep Nova Scotia beautiful. Please sort waste properly while staying in our parks. <https://divertns.ca>

PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE



## PARK ANNIVERSARIES

In 2023 the following camping parks are celebrating these milestones years of operation:

Blomidon **50** YEARS

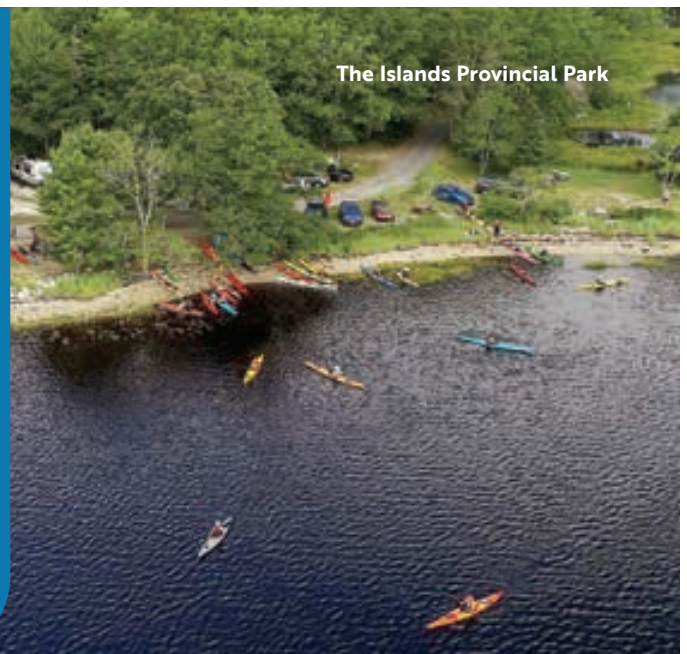
Boylston **55** YEARS

Porters Lake **55** YEARS

Rissers Beach **55** YEARS

The Islands **65** YEARS

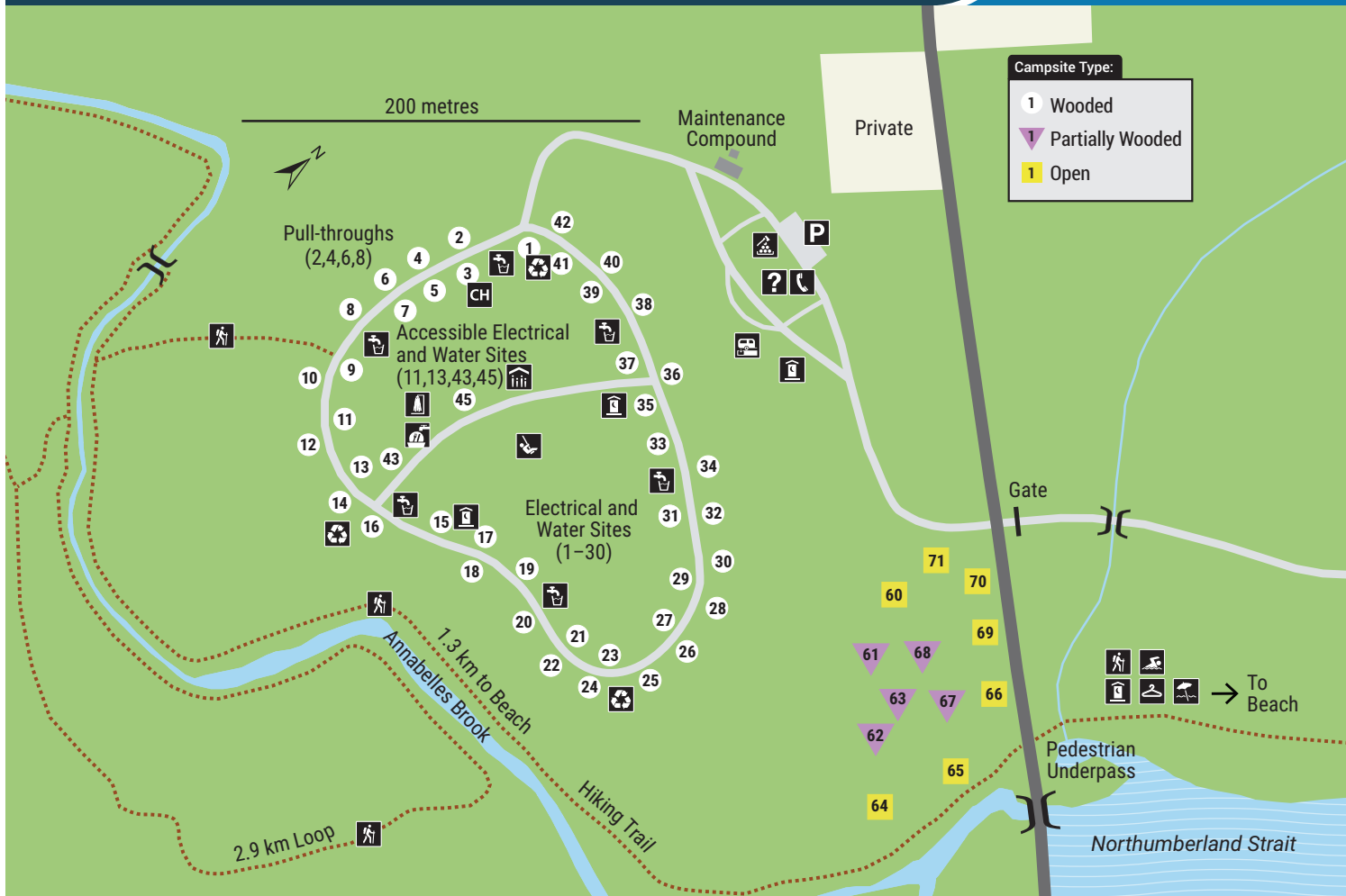
The Islands Provincial Park



# Amherst Shore Provincial Park

6596 Hwy 366, Amherst Shore, NS • 902-661-6002

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



**Campsite Types:** 44 Wooded (32 with electrical and water including 4 pull-throughs and 4 accessible) / 5 Partially Wooded / 7 Open

**Amherst Shore** offers comfortable wooded campsites and lots of things to do. Many campsites at Amherst Shore now offer electrical and water services. There are three forested trails to explore, including a 1.3 km trail to the red sand/cobble beach. For more swimming opportunities, check out the nearby provincial beach parks just a short drive away.

## Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 3 and follow Highway 366 approximately 40 km (25 mi.) to the park entrance.

## Nearby Attractions

Amherst	• Cumberland County Museum (36 km)
Tidnish Bridge	• Tidnish Information & Interpretive Center (13 km)
Oxford	• Visitor Information Centre (36 km)
New Brunswick	• New Brunswick Border (13 km)
Northport	• Northport Beach Provincial Park (7 km)
Port Howe	• Heather Beach Provincial Park (17 km)

# Battery Provincial Park

10110 Grenville St. (Hwy 4), St. Peter's, NS • 902-535-3094

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 16



**Campsite Types:** 21 Open (17 with electrical and water including 4 pull-throughs) / 9 Partially Wooded (4 with electrical and water) / 23 Wooded

**Battery** park sits on a hillside overlooking St. Peter's Bay offering views of both the Atlantic Ocean and the Bras d'Or Lakes. Points of interest at Battery include the Jerome Point lighthouse, sites of historic fortifications and early settlements. There's a small unsupervised beach along the shoreline and a series of short trails throughout the park.

## Directions

Follow Highway 104 from Port Hawkesbury (or Highway 4 from Sydney) to St. Peter's. Look for the park sign east of St. Peter's at the canal bridge.

## Nearby Attractions

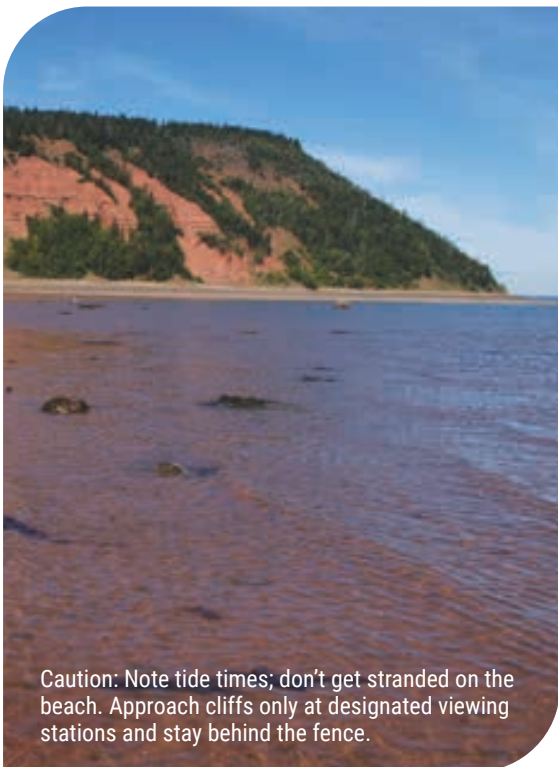
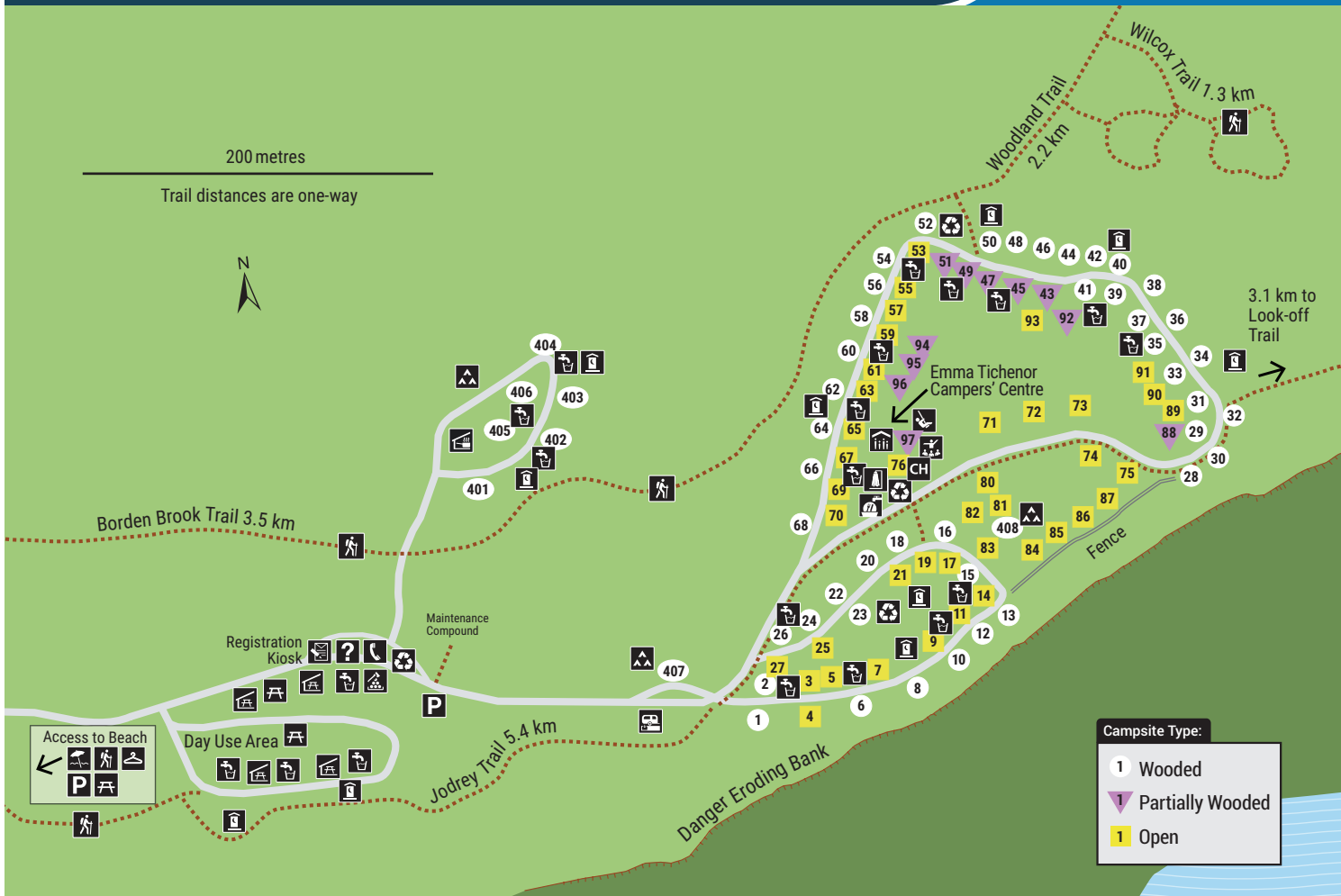
St. Peter's Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Peter's Canal (adjoining)</li> <li>• Nicolas Denys Museum (1.5 km)</li> <li>• Wallace MacAskill Museum (2 km)</li> </ul>
Point Michaud	• Point Michaud Beach Prov. Park (18 km)
Arichat	• LeNoir Forge Museum (39 km)



# Blomidon Provincial Park

3138 Pereau Rd., Canning, NS • 902-582-7319

OPEN  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



Caution: Note tide times; don't get stranded on the beach. Approach cliffs only at designated viewing stations and stay behind the fence.



**Campsite Types:** 40 Open (12 pull-throughs) / 11 Partially Wooded (1 pull-through) / 43 Wooded (1 pull-through)

**Blomidon** rises 183 metres (600 feet) above sea level providing panoramic views of the Minas Basin and the world's highest tides. Upon arrival, stop at the beach and walk on the ocean floor. Enjoy hiking one of four trails featuring scenic lookoffs, hardwood forests and a series of waterfalls. Choose a campsite with a view or a private wooded site.

## Directions

From Highway 101, take Exit 11 and follow Route 358 north to Canning. Proceed through Canning to Pereau Road which ends at the park entrance.

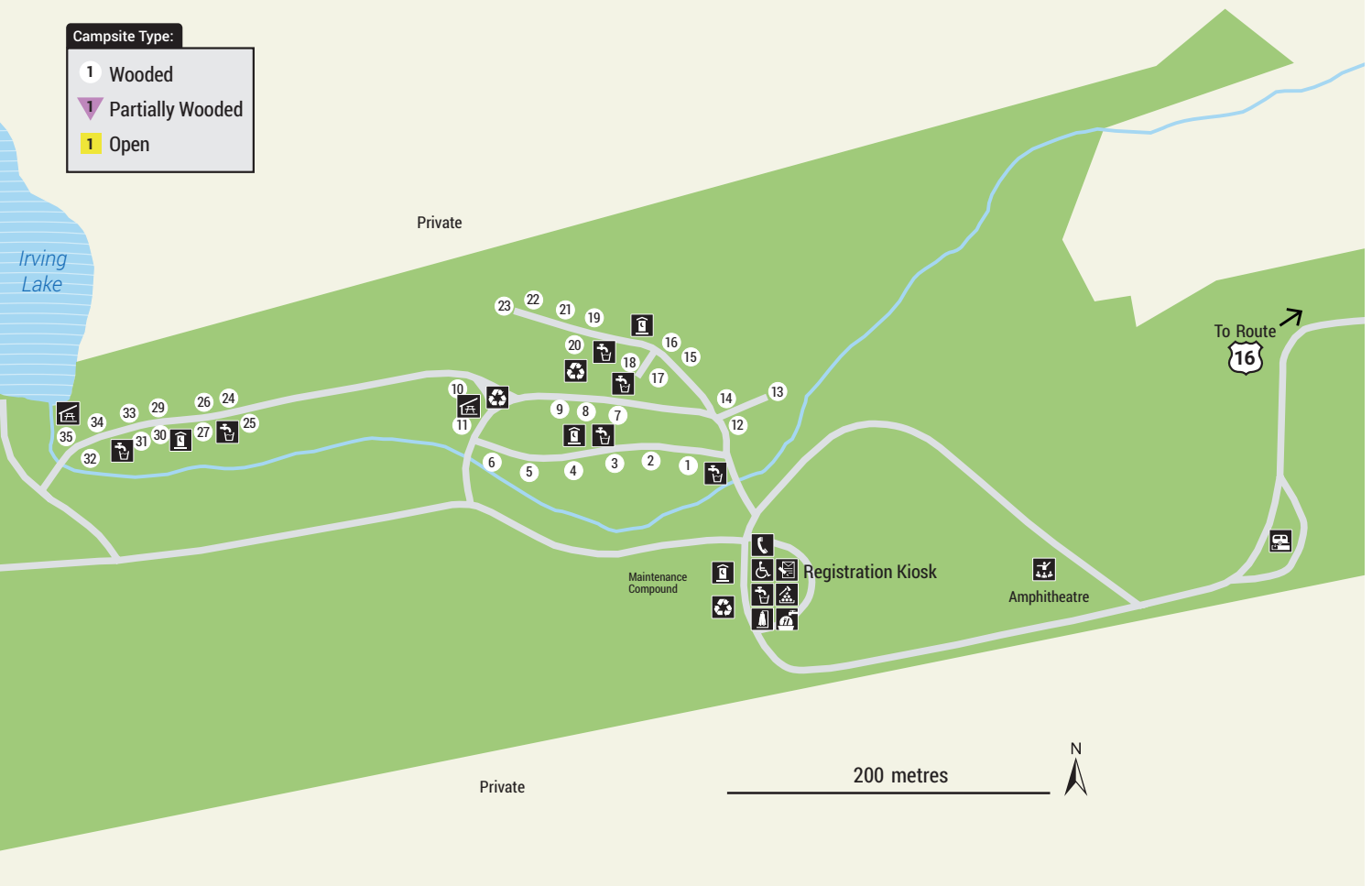
## Nearby Attractions

The Look-off	• Blomidon Look-off Provincial Park (12 km)
Scots Bay	• Cape Split Hiking Trail (20 km)
Starrs Point	• Prescott House Museum (23 km)
Wolfville (29 km)	• Atlantic Theatre Festival • Robie Tufts Nature Centre
	• Randall House Historical Museum • Acadia Botanical Gardens
Grand Pre	• Grand-Pre National Historic Site (35 km)

# Boylston Provincial Park

11131 Hwy 16, Boylston, NS

OPEN  
JUNE 2 – SEPT 11



**Campsite Types:** 34 Wooded

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables  
Guysborough Office 902-533-3503

**Boylston** invites you to relax at its open and wooded hilltop sites in a peaceful setting overlooking the Milford Haven River. Bring your canoe and fishing gear as Irving Lake is stocked annually. While here, you're just minutes away from various historical attractions.

### Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 37 and follow Highway 16 south for approximately 28 kms (17.5 mi.) to the park entrance.

### Nearby Attractions

Guysborough (7 km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mulgrave Road Theatre</li><li>• Guysborough Historical Museum</li><li>• Guysborough Marina Boat Rental</li></ul>
Canso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grassy Island National Historic Site (35 km)</li></ul>

Towering 185-metre high cliffs, sheltered coves, rare plants, and old growth forests can all be found at [Cape Chignecto Provincial Park](#). The spectacular scenery and the wilderness experience will bring you back time after time.

## Eatonville Day-Use Area

**Open May 19 – Oct 9.**

Don't forget your camera as you enjoy a day of outdoor adventure on two user-friendly trails that let you behold some of the province's best scenery. Enter via West Apple River Road. From there, take one trail to the Three Sisters sea stacks, and then take the other trail to Squally Point. Note: the Eatonville Visitor Centre is closed until further notice.

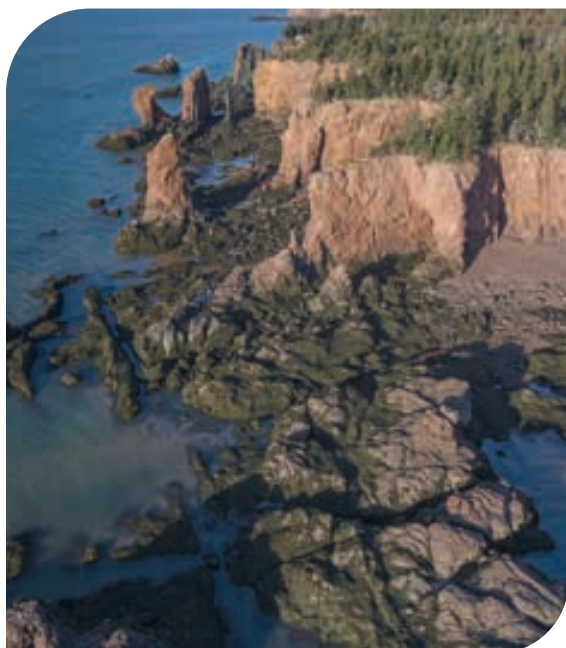
## Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 12. At Parrsboro, take Highway 209 to the park entrance. From New Brunswick on Highway 104, take Exit 4 to Highway 302 south to Highway 242 east. Then follow Highway 209 to the park entrance.

## Check Out | Check In

**Campsites:** Check-out: 4:00 PM  
(Please ensure your campsite is clean)

**Cabins and bunkhouse:** Check-in: 2:00 PM,  
Check-out: 11:00 AM



## Campsite Types:

All hike-in – 14 Open (12 kayak sites on beach) / 82 Wooded (3 cabins and 1 bunkhouse)  
When booking online, select "Backcountry Hiking" or "Backcountry Kayaking" or "Bunkhouse" as your Reservation Type.

## Backcountry Access

The backcountry is accessible only from the designated trailhead at Red Rocks unless park staff authorize an alternate route.

## Camping for Kayakers

Camping is permitted at: Refugee Cove and Seal Cove.  
Campers must register at the office.

## Group Camping Available at the walk-in site.

Requests from groups will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

**Maximum group size:** 12 persons, including tour guides.

**Maximum tent capacity:** 4 persons. Maximum number of tents:  
3 four-person or 6 two-person tents. Each tent requires a campsite permit.

## Be Careful

- The tidal range and steep coastal cliffs may trap unwary hikers. The tide rises and falls at a rate of one inch per minute.
- Hiking along the beach west of McGahey Brook is not permitted.
- Approach cliffs only at designated viewing areas. The cliff line is constantly eroding and may be unstable.
- Boil, filter or treat all water before consuming.

## Respect The Environment

- Pack out all garbage and sort garbage and recyclables.
- Most trash can be eliminated by packing food in plastic bags instead of cans, foil and bottles.
- Do not put garbage in the outhouses.
- Outhouses are provided at all campsites. In other areas, dig a hole and bury human waste at least 100 metres (300 ft) away from streams and other sources of drinking water.
- Do not bathe or wash dishes in streams or other water sources.

## Park Rules and Regulations

**To ensure everyone has a pleasant stay, please note:**

- No open fires are permitted at backcountry campsites. Fires are only permitted at designated walk-in campsites (fire grills) at New Year-mouth. Make sure your fire is out before you leave or turn in for the night.
- Occupancy is limited to one tent per pad (check with staff).
- Quiet time is 10:30 pm until sunrise.

## Nearby Attractions

Cape d'Or (12 km)

Port Greville (20 km)

Parrsboro (45 km)

Joggins (45 km)

• Age of Sail Heritage Centre

• Fundy Geological Museum

• Ottawa House Museum

• UNESCO World Heritage Site

• Fossil Cliffs & Interpretive Centre

- Back Country Trail
- Front Country Trail
- Forest Access Road

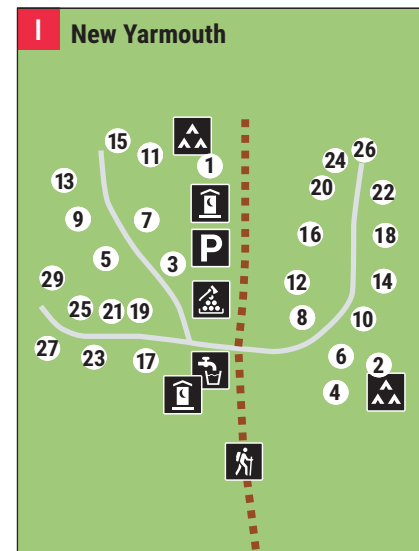
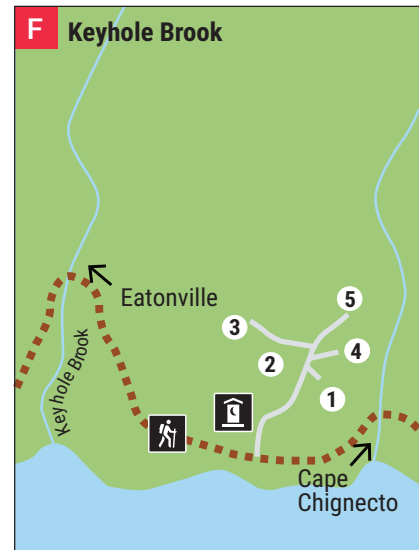
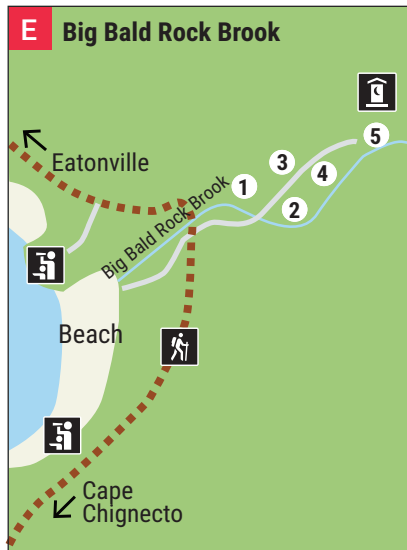
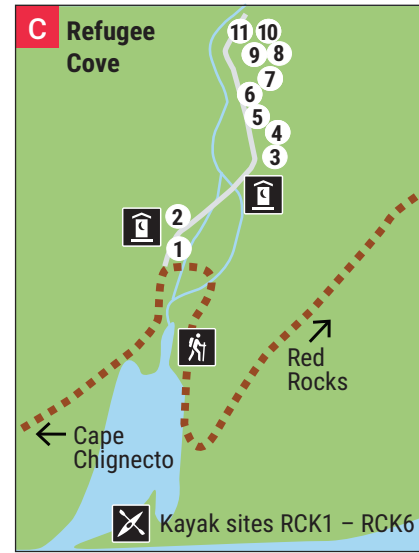
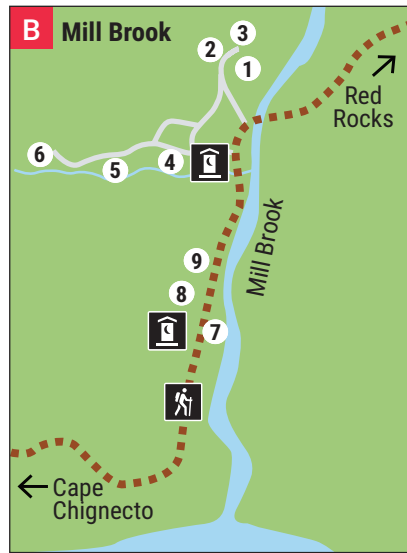
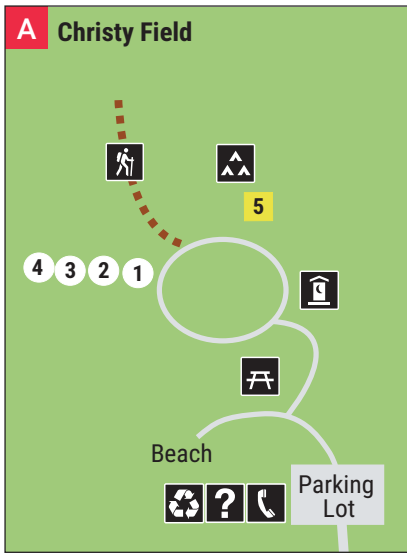
TRAILS

- 1 Red Rocks
- 2 Christie Viewpoint Trail
- 3 Fundy Ridge Trail
- 4 McGahey Brook Canyon Trail
- 5 Mill Brook Canyon Trail
- 6 Eatonville
- 7 Refugee Cove
- 8 The Cape Chignecto Coastal Trail



Campsite Type:

- 1 Wooded
- 2 Partially Wooded
- 3 Open



# Caribou-Munroes Island Provincial Park

2119 Three Brooks Rd., Caribou, NS • 902-485-6134

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



**Campsite Types:** 32 Open (20 with electrical and water) / 7 Partially Wooded (3 with electrical and water) / 57 Wooded (19 with electrical and water)

Like shoreline adventures? Love **Caribou-Munroes Island!** With its beautiful two kilometer white sand beach...the swimming is great, the beachcombing engaging, the paddling fun and the birdwatching won't disappoint. Lose your cares with a walk along the three kilometer coastal trail. Oh yes, there's places to bicycle too!

## Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 22 and follow Highway 106 to Caribou. Just before the ferry terminal turn right and then take a left onto Three Brooks Road (Route 6) to the park entrance.

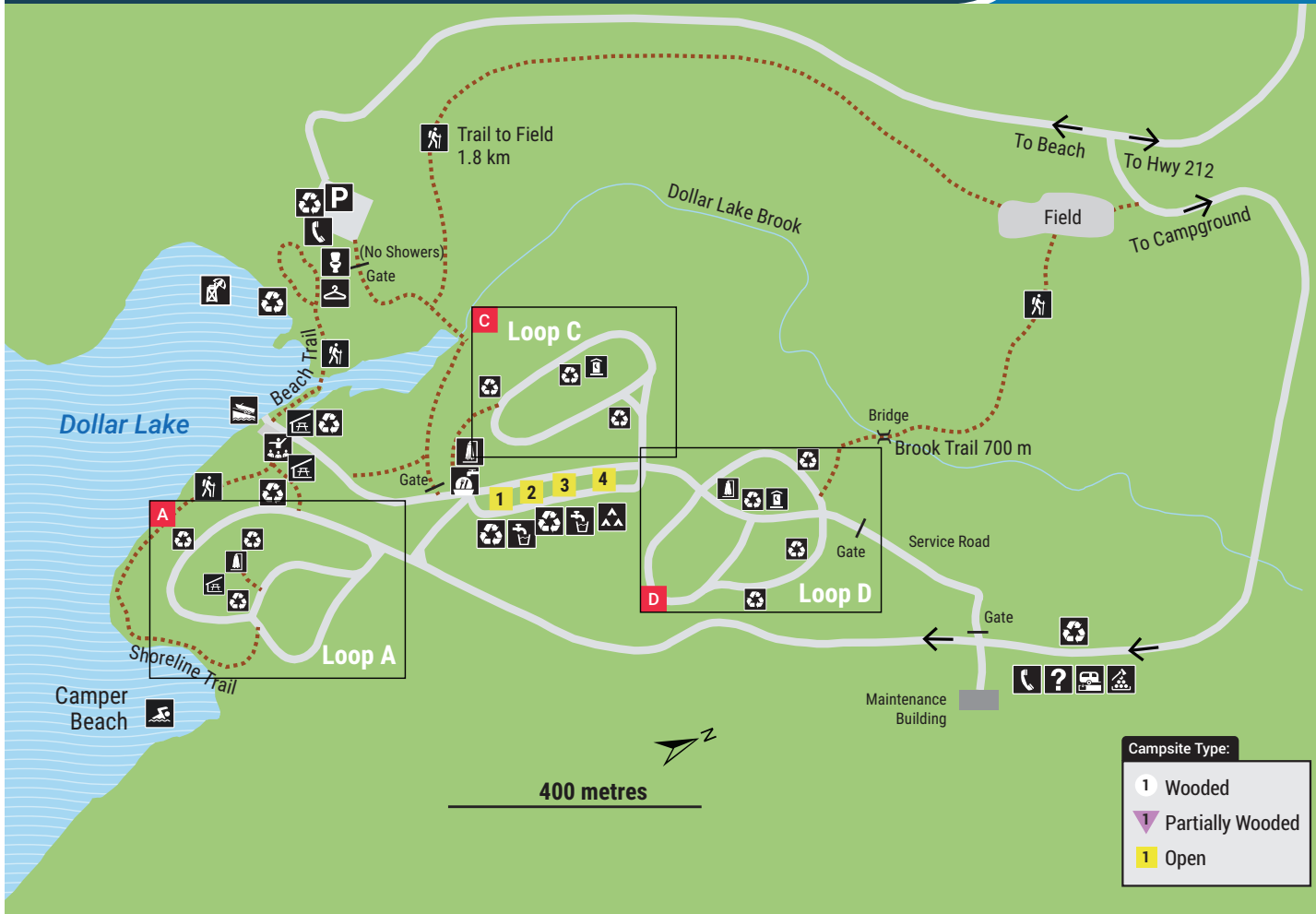
## Nearby Attractions

Pictou (6 km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hector Heritage Quay</li> <li>• McCulloch House Museum</li> <li>• Northumberland Fisheries Museum</li> </ul>
Stellarton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Museum of Industry (25 km)</li> </ul>

# Dollar Lake Provincial Park

5265 Old Guysborough Rd., Wyses Corner, NS • 902-384-2770

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



**Campsite Types:** 34 Partially Wooded (1 with electrical and water in Loop D, 8 pull-throughs) / 83 Wooded (1 pull-through)

Approximately half an hour from Halifax, yet worlds away, **Dollar Lake** invites you to relax and enjoy nature. The lake offers swimming, paddling, boating, and fishing. Four walking trails provide good opportunities to see white-tailed deer, squirrels, hares, ruffed grouse and various birds, including loons. There's even a beaver lodge visible from the trail. In winter, the road and trail network provides great cross-country skiing.

## Directions

From Highway 102. Take Exit 5A. Follow Route 212 approximately 20 km east to the park entrance.

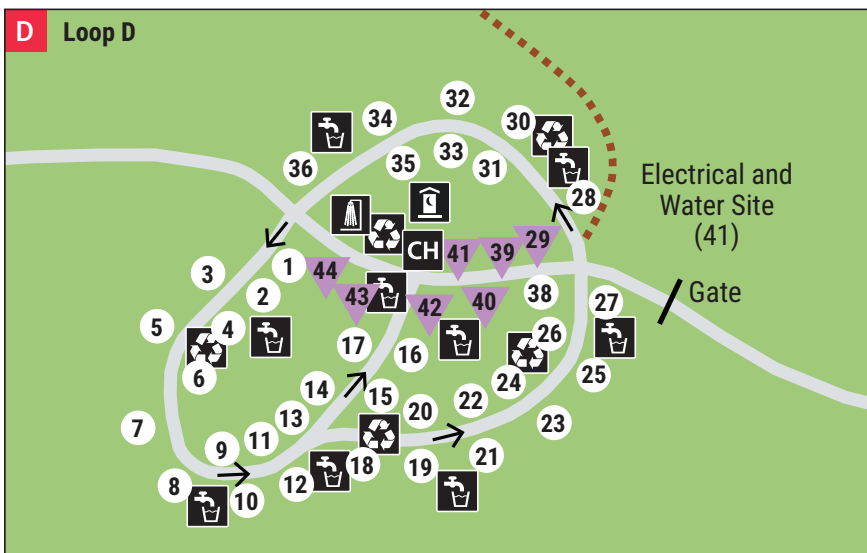
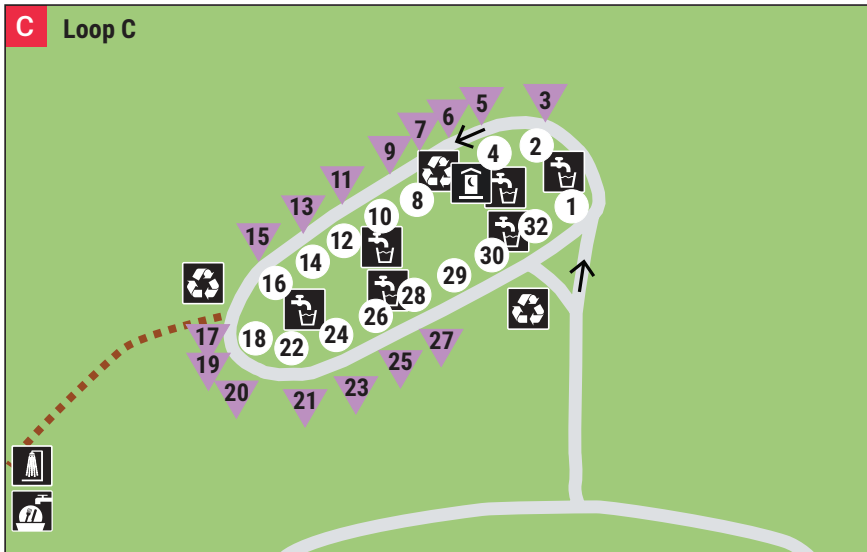
## Nearby Attractions

Enfield	• Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum/Hfx. Intl. Airport (25 km)
Middle Musquodoboit	• Bicenntennial Theatre (25 km)
Stewiacke	• Mastodon Ridge & Showcase Nova Scotia (30 km)
Meagher's Grant (8 km)	• River Oaks Golf Club (20 km)
Goffs	• Airlane Golf Club (20 km)



**Campsite Type:**

- 1 Wooded
- ▼ Partially Wooded
- 1 Open

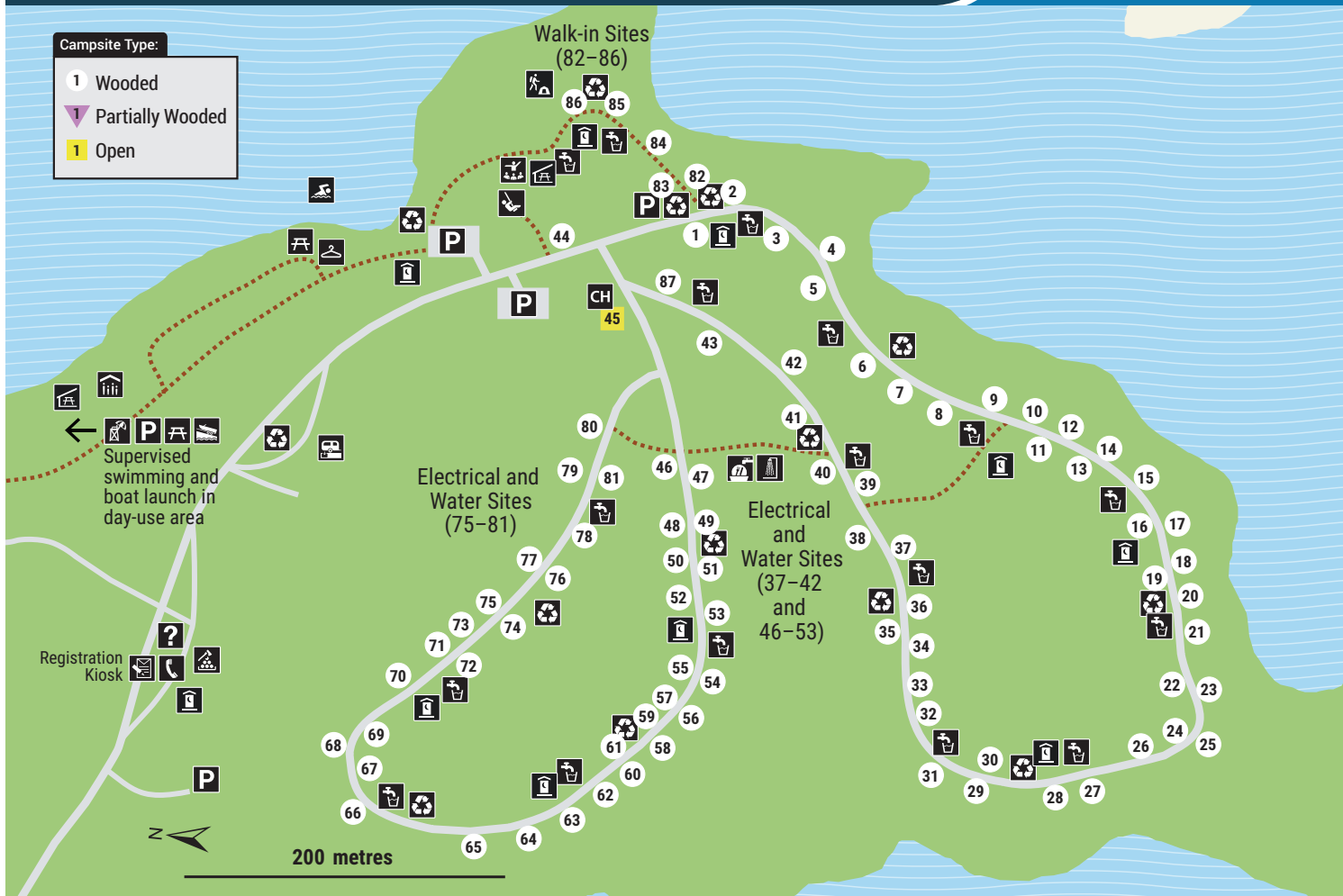




# Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park

1888 Mood Road, Deerfield, NS • 902-761-2400

OPEN  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



**Campsite Type:** 1 Open (pull-through) / 86 Wooded (21 with electrical and water, 1 pull-through)

Make [Ellenwood Lake](#) your base when exploring the western part of the province. Enjoy a peaceful camping experience at our wooded sites; some with lakeside views. There are great stargazing opportunities. Take a swim along the 61 m (200 ft) long sandy beach, or go canoeing, kayaking or fishing. On land, unwind at a comfortable pace along the 1 km wooded trail or bicycle around the park. In winter, the road network provides great cross-country skiing as the Friends of Ellenwood maintain trails. There is a plowed path for walkers.

## Directions

From Highway 101, take Exit 34 and follow Route 340 north for 6.5 km (4 mi.). Turn right on Saunders Road then right on Mood Road.

## Nearby Attractions

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| Yarmouth (15 km) | • Firefighters Museum of Nova Scotia |
|                  | • Yarmouth County Museum             |
|                  | • Cape Forchu Lighthouse             |
| Saulnierville    | • Bangor Sawmill Museum (45 km)      |

# Five Islands Provincial Park

618 Bentley Branch Rd. (Hwy 2), Five Islands, NS • 902-254-2980

OPEN  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



Trail Distances are one-way

Minas Basin



**Campsite Types:** 73 Open (36 with electrical and water including 18 pull-throughs) / 19 Wooded

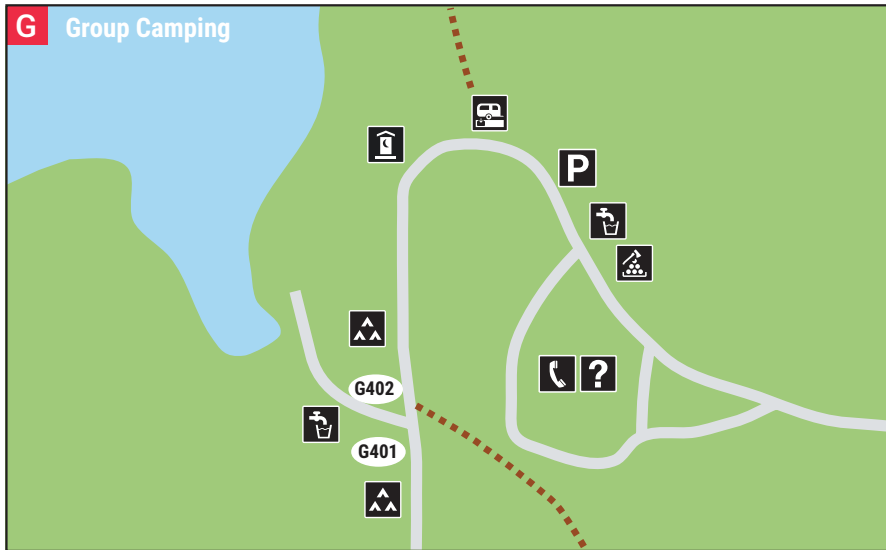
Tides, time and Mi'kmaq culture make **Five Islands** spectacular. Ninety-metre high cliffs and 225 million-year-old geological formations overlook the world's highest tides, while Mi'kmaq culture says Glooscap created the five islands. Spend days here hiking the forested and coastal trails, swimming and beachcombing the cobble/rocky coast, or kayaking to view the cliff formations. Make time to enjoy a picnic in the day-use area.

## Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 11 and follow Highway 2 to the park entrance. From New Brunswick, take Exit 4 off Highway 104 and follow Highway 2 to the park.

## Nearby Attractions

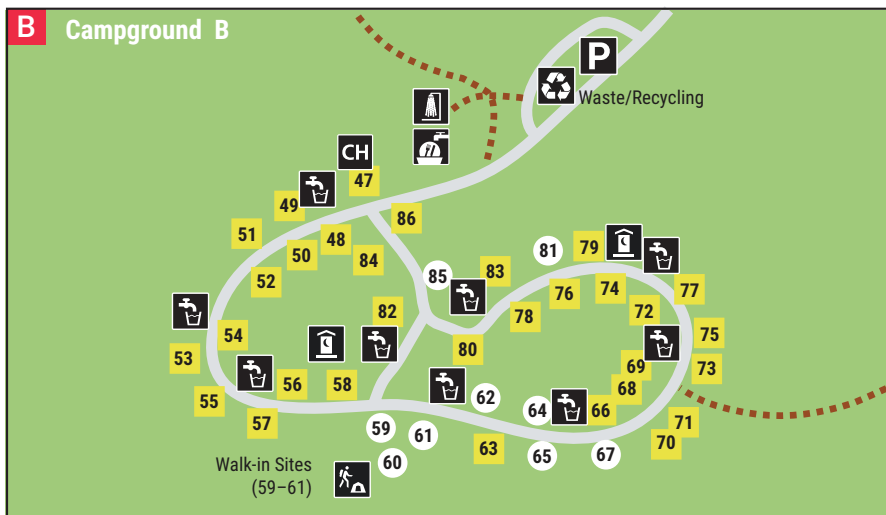
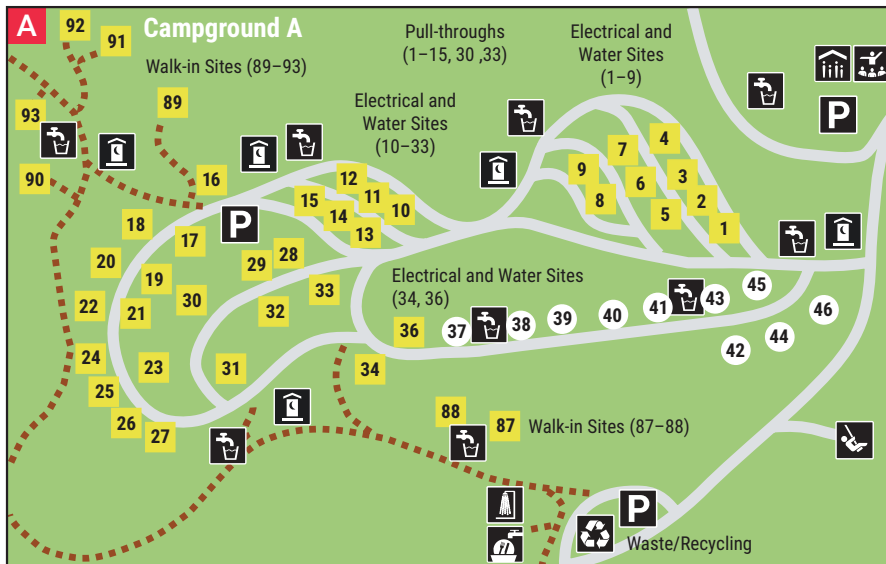
Economy	• Cobequid Interpretive Centre (10 km)
Parrsboro (23 km)	• Fundy Geological Museum
Joggins (65 km)	• Ottawa House Museum • The Ship's Company Theatre
	• UNESCO World Heritage Site • Fossil Cliffs and Museum



**Campsite Type:**

- 1 Wooded
- 1 Partially Wooded
- 1 Open

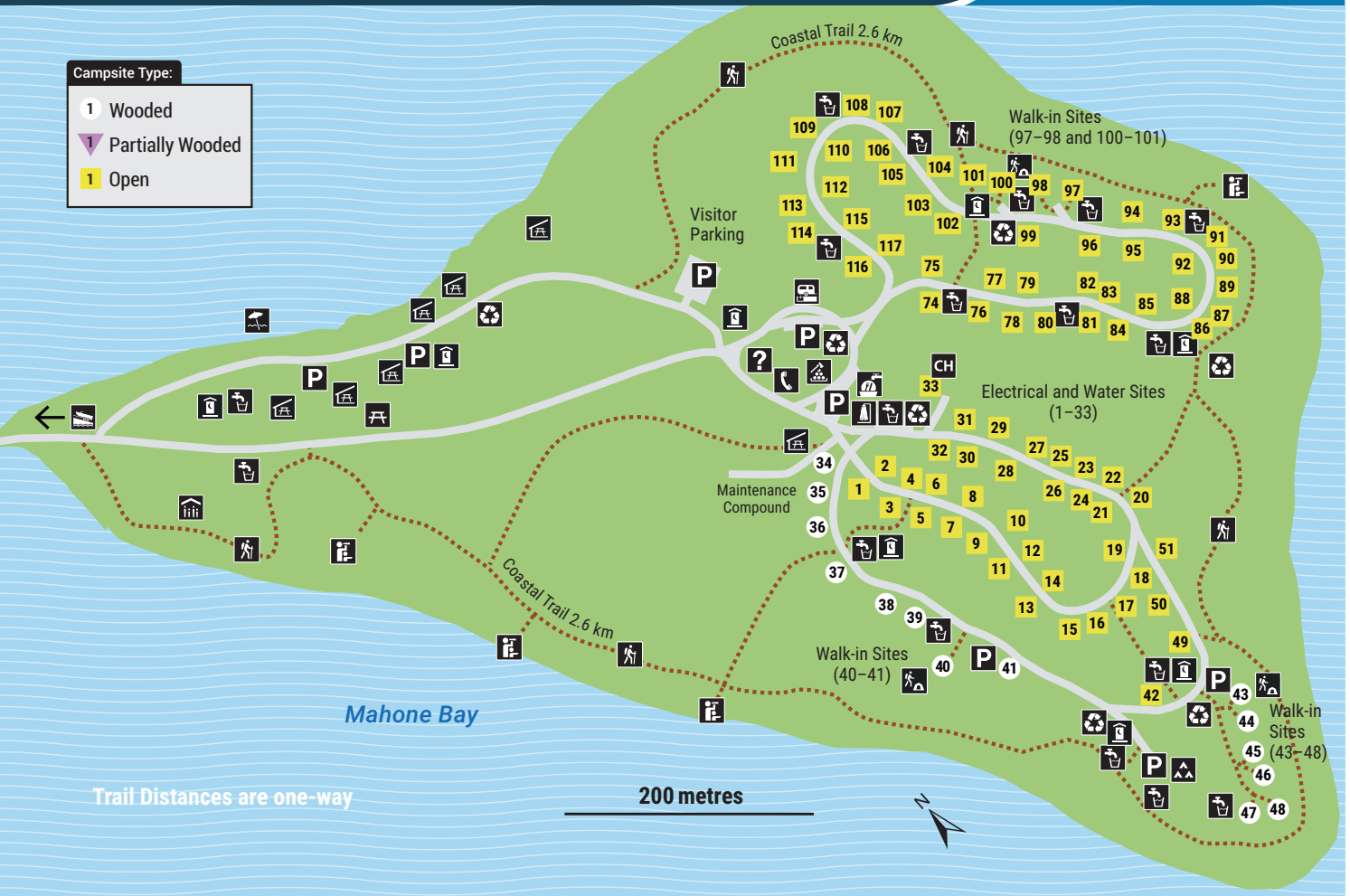
Caution: Approach cliffs only at designated viewing stations and stay behind the security fence. Tides and currents move quickly and can make swimming or walking the mud flats dangerous.



# Graves Island Provincial Park

230 Graves Island Rd., East Chester, NS • 902-275-4425

**OPEN**  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



Electronic entrance gate: Campers will be charged a \$3.00 deposit for an entrance swipe card (refundable upon check-out).

**Campsite Types:** 81 Open (33 with electrical and water) / 14 Wooded

**Graves Island** is a popular camping park in East Chester. Most campsites offer picturesque views of Mahone Bay and its sailboat traffic. Bring your walking shoes – you'll want to stroll the 3.2 km gravel trail, or ride your bike. There's rocky/coastal beach access, as well as a boat launch for kayaking, canoeing, boating, fishing or swimming.

### Directions

From Highway 103, take Exit 7 and follow Route 3 south to the park entrance.

### Nearby Attractions

Lunenburg (44 km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DesBrisay Museum</li> <li>Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic</li> <li>Knaut Rhuland House Museum</li> </ul>
New Ross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross Farm Museum (44 km)</li> </ul>

# Laurie Provincial Park

4949 Hwy 2, Grand Lake, NS

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – SEPT 11



**Campsite Types:** 63 Wooded (1 with electrical)

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables Waverley Office 902-861-2560.

Looking for restful lakeside camping near metro Halifax’s attractions? **Laurie** won’t disappoint! Settle in amid the gorgeous pines. After a day in the city, unwind here with a refreshing swim, a peaceful paddle, a bike ride around the park, or a stroll along the trail. Explore the day-use park.

### Directions

Southbound: From Highway 102, take Exit 7 and follow Highway 2 south to the park entrance. Northbound: From Halifax on Highway 102, take Exit 5 and follow Highway 2 north to the park.

### Nearby Attractions

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|-----------------|---|
| Enfield (10 km) | • Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum             |
|                 | • Halifax Stanfield International Airport     |
| Dartmouth       | • Shubenacadie Canal/Fairbanks Centre (20 km) |
| Halifax (25 km) | • Citadel, Museums, Province House            |
|                 | • Public Gardens • Sports Hall of Fame        |

# Mira River Provincial Park

439 Brickyard Road, Albert Bridge, NS • 902-563-3373

**OPEN**  
MAY 26 – OCT 16



**Campsite Types:** 50 Open (43 with electrical and water) / 41 Partially Wooded (16 with electrical and water including 10 pull-throughs) / 65 Wooded (1 pull-through)

Like the renowned river it's named after, **Mira River** is bound to leave an impression. There's lots to see and do here: canoeing, kayaking, boating, fishing, snorkeling, or swimming at the quiet cobble beach. Wildlife enthusiasts may spot fox, deer, ducks and loons. When you're ready to explore, you're just a short drive to Sydney, Glace Bay, and Fortress Louisbourg, one of the nation's historic gems.

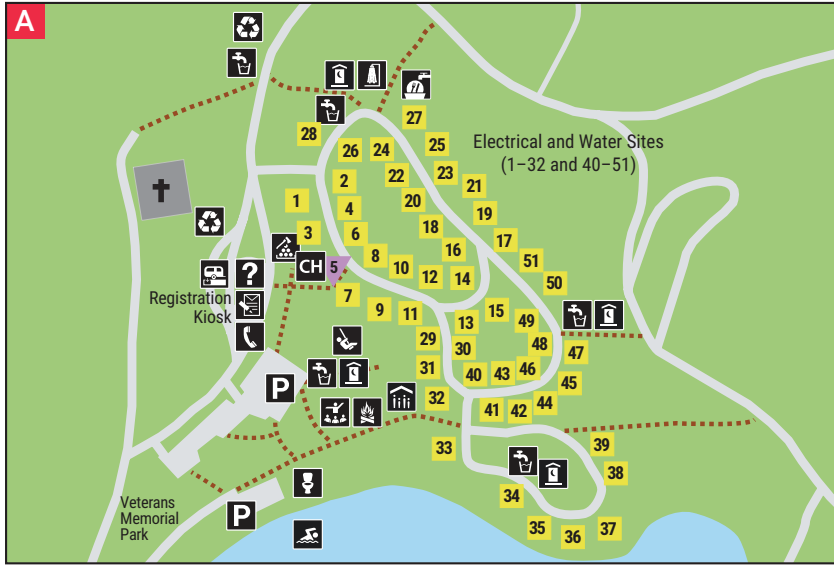
## Directions

From Highway 125, take Exit 8. Follow Highway 22 south and turn left on Brickyard Road and drive 3 km (2 mi.) to the park entrance.

## Nearby Attractions

Louisbourg	• Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site (12 km)
Marion Bridge	• Two Rivers Wildlife Park (25 km)
Glace Bay (30 km)	• Marconi National Historic Site
	• Miners Museum
Sydney	• Cossitt House Museum (22 km)

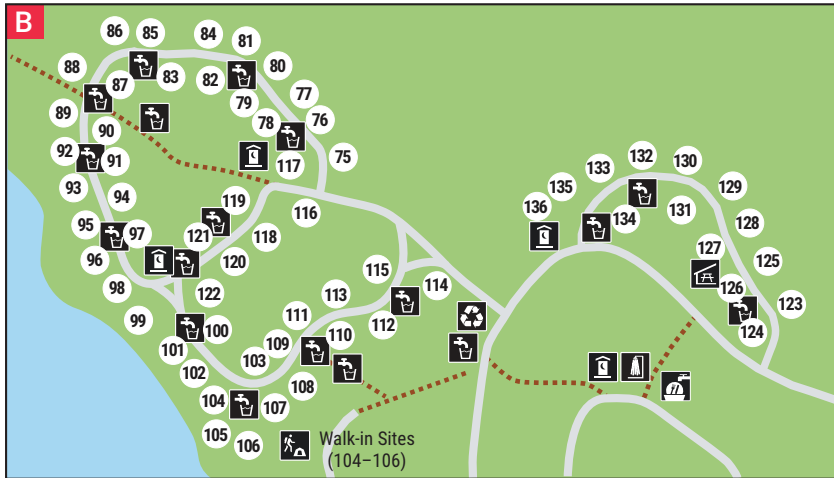
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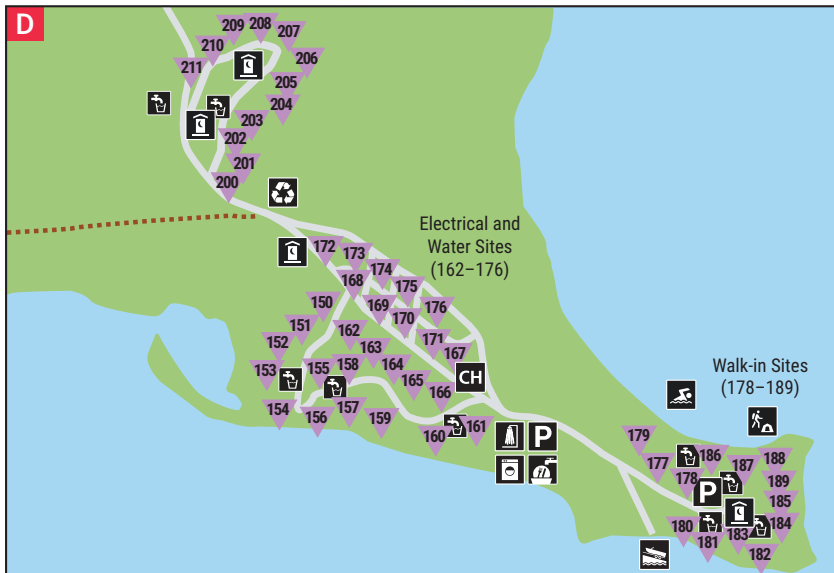
**Campsite Type:**

- 1 Wooded
- 1 Partially Wooded
- 1 Open

## PENINSULA LOOP



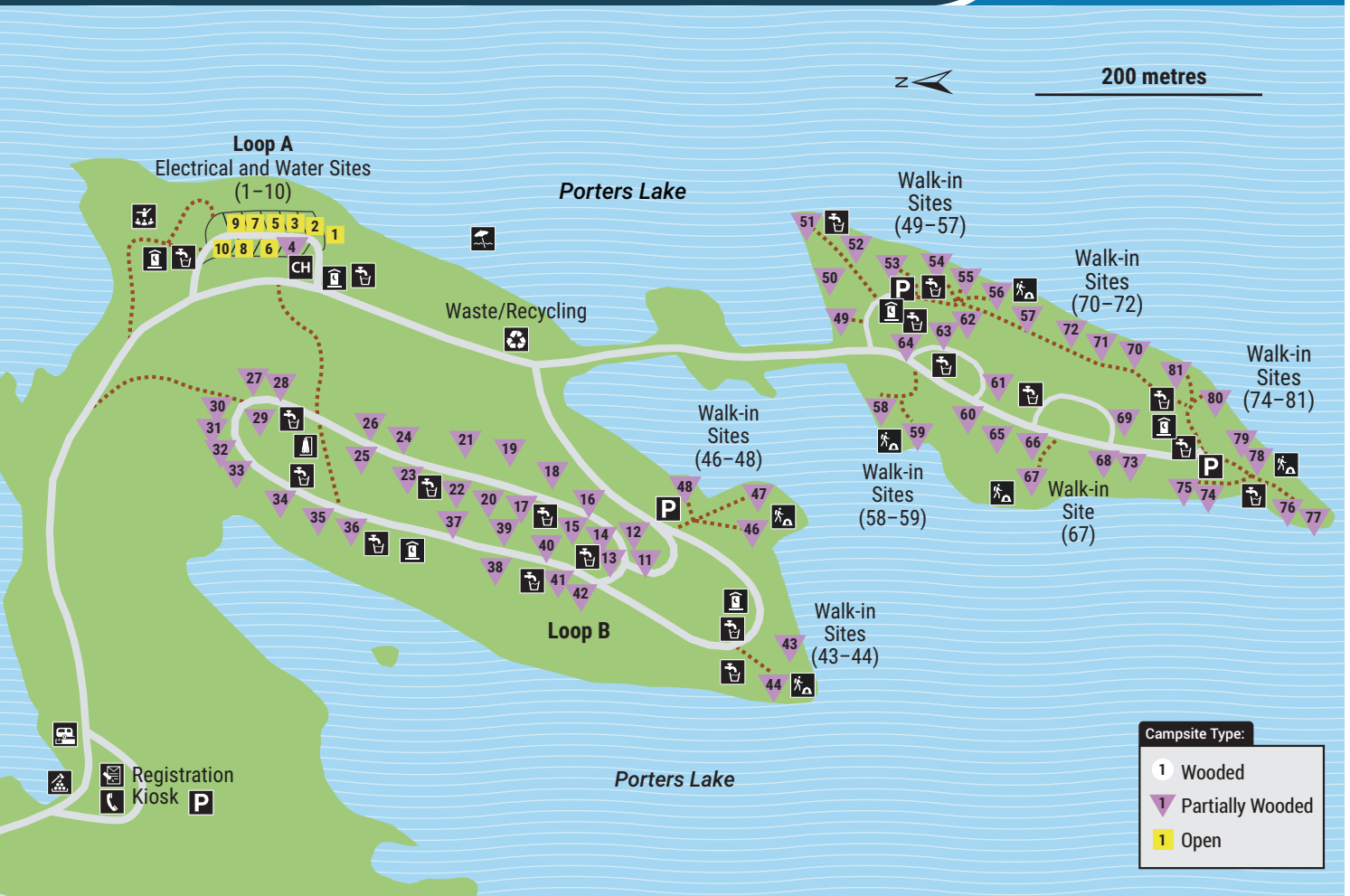
## BRICKYARD POINT LOOP



# Porters Lake Provincial Park

1160 West Porters Lake Rd., Porters Lake, NS

**OPEN**  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



**Campsite Types:** 9 Open (9 pull-throughs with electrical and water) / 71 Partially Wooded (1 pull-through with electrical and water)

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables Jeddore Office 902-889-2332

**Porters Lake** is a welcoming base from which to access the Halifax area, and many Eastern Shore attractions. The park overlooks a large lake with easy canoe/kayak access. Wake to birdsongs, witness busy woodpeckers, or catch a glimpse of one of the many snowshoe hare that live here. Don't miss the nearby Cole Harbour/Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park System which provides access to hiking trails, sandy beaches, coastal salt marches and eroding headlands.

## Directions

From Highway 107, take Exit 19 and travel 4 km (2.8 mi.) south on West Porters Lake Road to the park entrance.

## Nearby Attractions

Porters Lake (5 km)

Musquodoboit Harbour

Shearwater/Eastern Passage (32 km)

Jeddore Oyster Pond

• Musquodoboit Railway Museum (21 km)

• Fisherman's Cove • Shearwater Aviation Museum

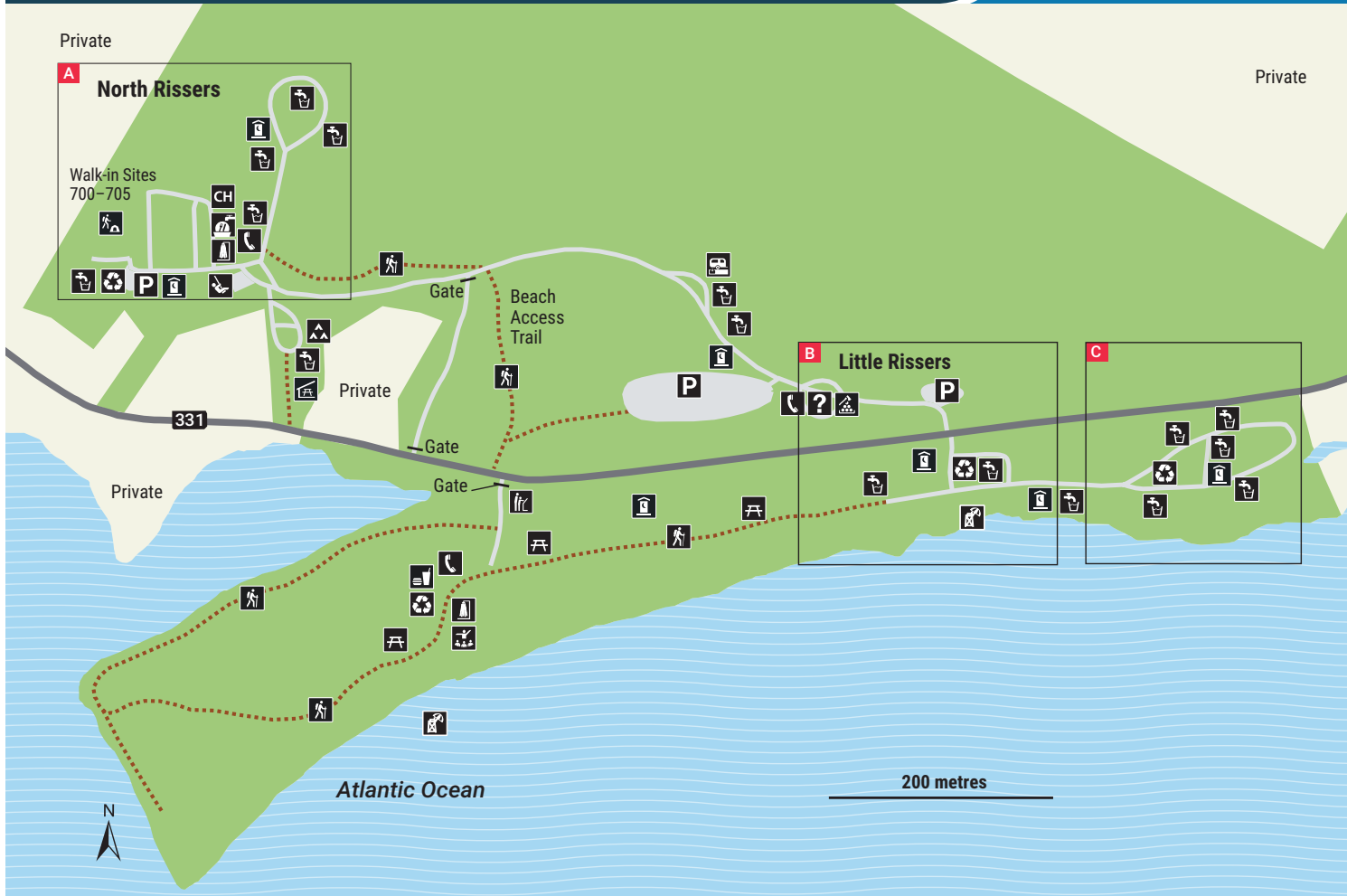
• Fisherman's Life Museum (33 km)



# Rissers Beach Provincial Park

5366 Hwy 331, Petite Riviere, NS • 902-688-2034

OPEN  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



**Campsite Types:** 52 Open (18 with electrical and water including 13 pull-throughs) / 21 Partially Wooded (1 with electrical and water) / 26 Wooded (2 pull throughs)

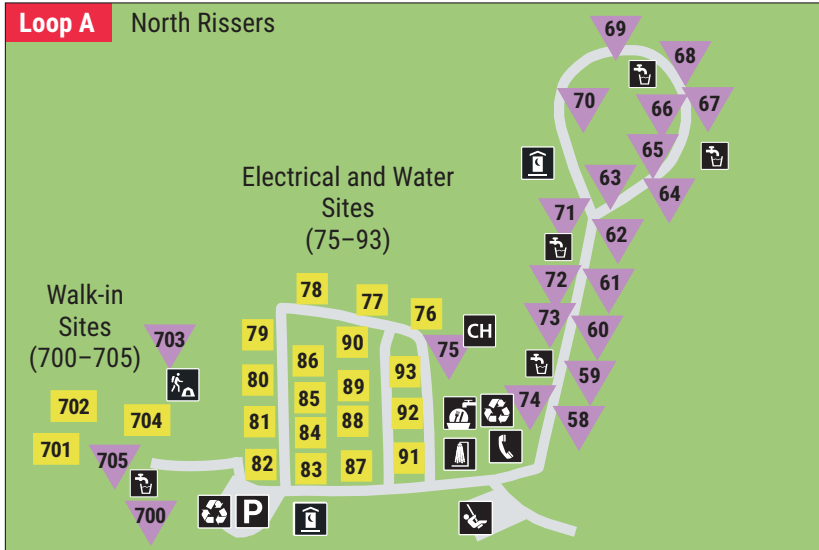
**Rissers Beach** is legendary for its white sand beach and selection of open and wooded sites that overlook the Atlantic. The north campground now offers serviced sites, as well as walk-in camping opportunities. You'll find lots to do here: swim, canoe, kayak, fish, windsurf, dive, snorkel, beachcomb, watch shore birds...plan to stay for several days! **Caution:** Please protect the park's delicate dune system by using the boardwalks.

## Directions

From Highway 103, take Exit 15 and follow Highway 331 approximately 14 km (9 mi.) south to the park entrance.

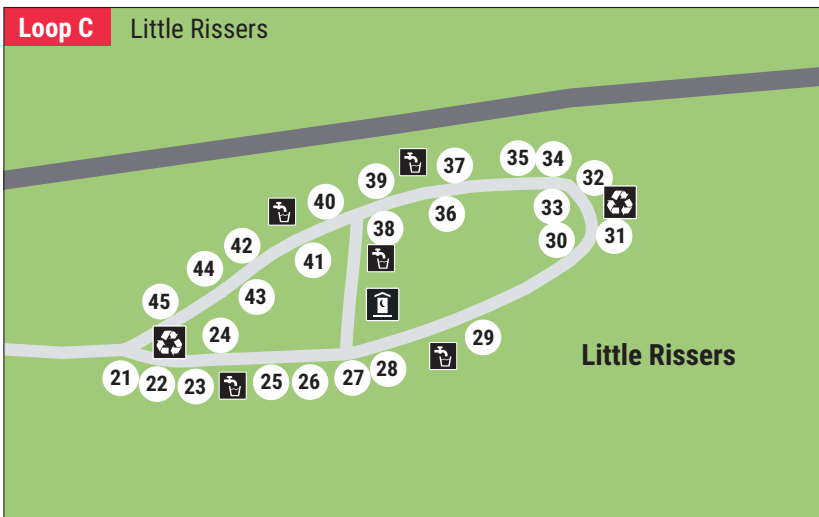
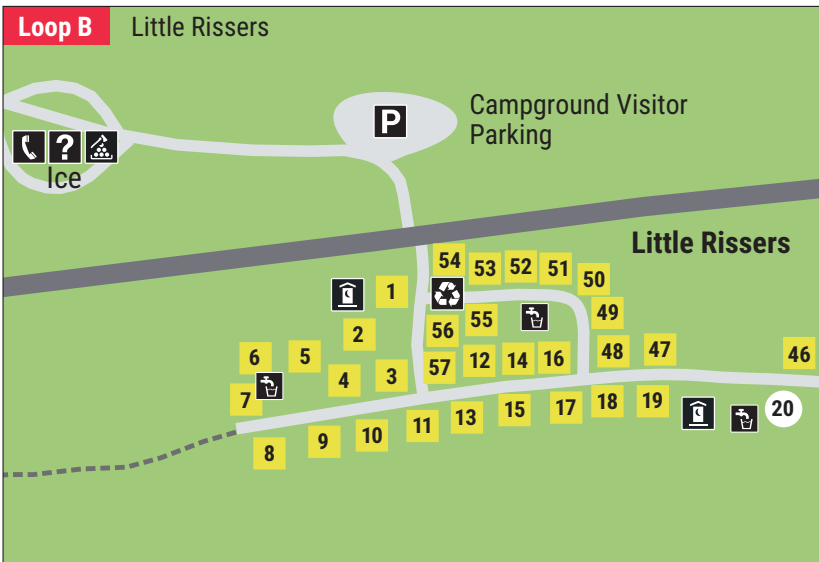
## Nearby Attractions

Bridgewater (30 km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DesBrisay Museum</li> <li>• Wile Carding Mill</li> </ul>
Liverpool (50 km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hank Snow Country Music Centre</li> <li>• Perkins House Museum</li> </ul>
Lunenburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic (50 km)</li> </ul>



**Campsite Type:**

- 1 Wooded
- 1 Partially Wooded
- 1 Open



# Salsman Provincial Park

15641 Hwy 316, Country Harbour, NS

OPEN  
JUNE 2 – SEPT 11



**Campsite Type:** 32 Open / 2 Partially Wooded / 6 Wooded

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables Guysborough Office 902-533-3503

If you're looking for quiet relaxation, **Salsman** is the place to find it. Enjoy tranquility amid nature's splendor along the scenic Eastern Shore. Most of the spacious campsites offer water views. Access the boat launch and try the fishing, or go for a peaceful paddle along the Country Harbour River. Seldom crowded; enjoy camping the way you like it.

## Directions

From Highway 104, take Exit 35 and follow Highway 316 approximately 50 km (31.5 mi.) to the park entrance.

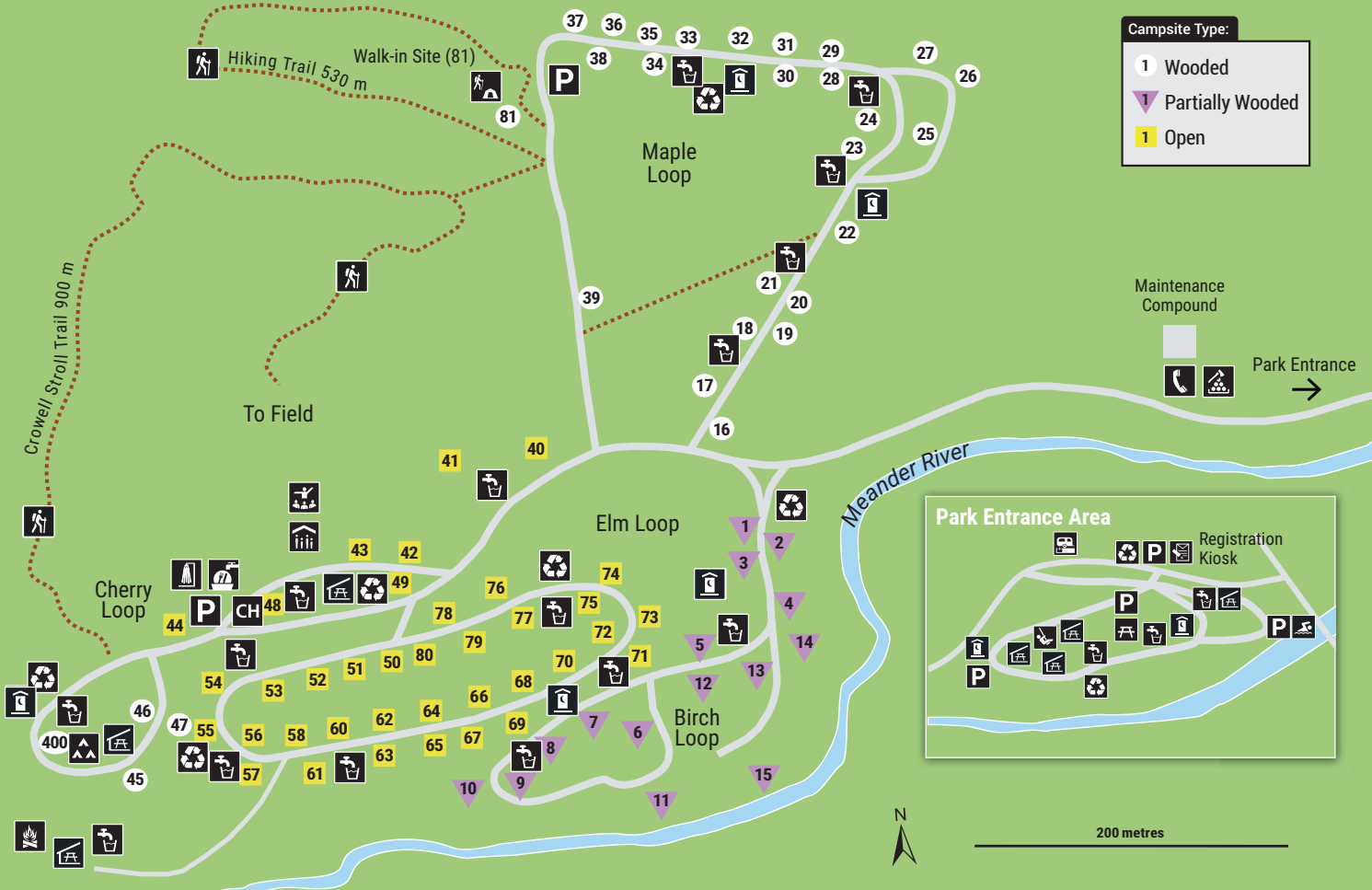
## Nearby Attractions

Tor Bay	• Tor Bay Provincial Park (46 km)
Sherbrooke	• Sherbrooke Village (45 km)
Antigonish (65 km)	• Heritage Museum
	• Festival Antigonish

# Smileys Provincial Park

109 Clayton McKay Rd, Hwy 14, Brooklyn, NS

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – SEPT 18



**Campsite Types:** 37 Open (28 pull-throughs) / 15 Partially Wooded (11 pull-throughs) / 28 Wooded (5 pull-throughs)

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables Windsor Office 902-798-2016

No place says fun family times like **Smileys**. Nestled amid rolling hills alongside the Meander River, you can fish, use the playground, hike the 1.5 km walking trail, or try gold panning.

### Directions

From Highway 101, take Exit 4 and follow Hwy 1 east for 3 km (2mi.). Turn left on Hwy 215 for 3.4km (2mi.) to McKay Road (on right). Follow McKay Road for 4 km (2.5 mi.). Turn left on Clayton McKay Road and travel 0.5 km (0.31) to the park entrance.

### Nearby Attractions

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| Windsor (24 km)       | • Hockey Heritage Centre • Museums & Theatre            |
| Mount Uniacke (26 km) | • Uniacke Estate Museum & Park • Bell Park Hiking Trail |
| Halifax               | • Halifax Citadel, Museums, Public Gardens (65 km)      |

# The Islands Provincial Park

183 Islands Park Rd. (off Hwy 3), Shelburne, NS

OPEN  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



**Campsite Type:** 55 Wooded (2 pull-throughs) / 9 Partially Wooded

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables Shelburne Office 902-875-2501.

At **The Islands** you can relax in a natural environment while looking across the harbour at Shelburne, one of Nova Scotia's most historic towns. Naturally, water-related recreation reigns here – canoe, kayak or use the boat launch for your motorized craft and do some fishing or sightseeing. For those who prefer land, the gorgeous Roseway River walking trail can be accessed just 200 metres from the park entrance.

## Directions

From Highway 103, take Exit 26 and follow Route 3 west to the park entrance.

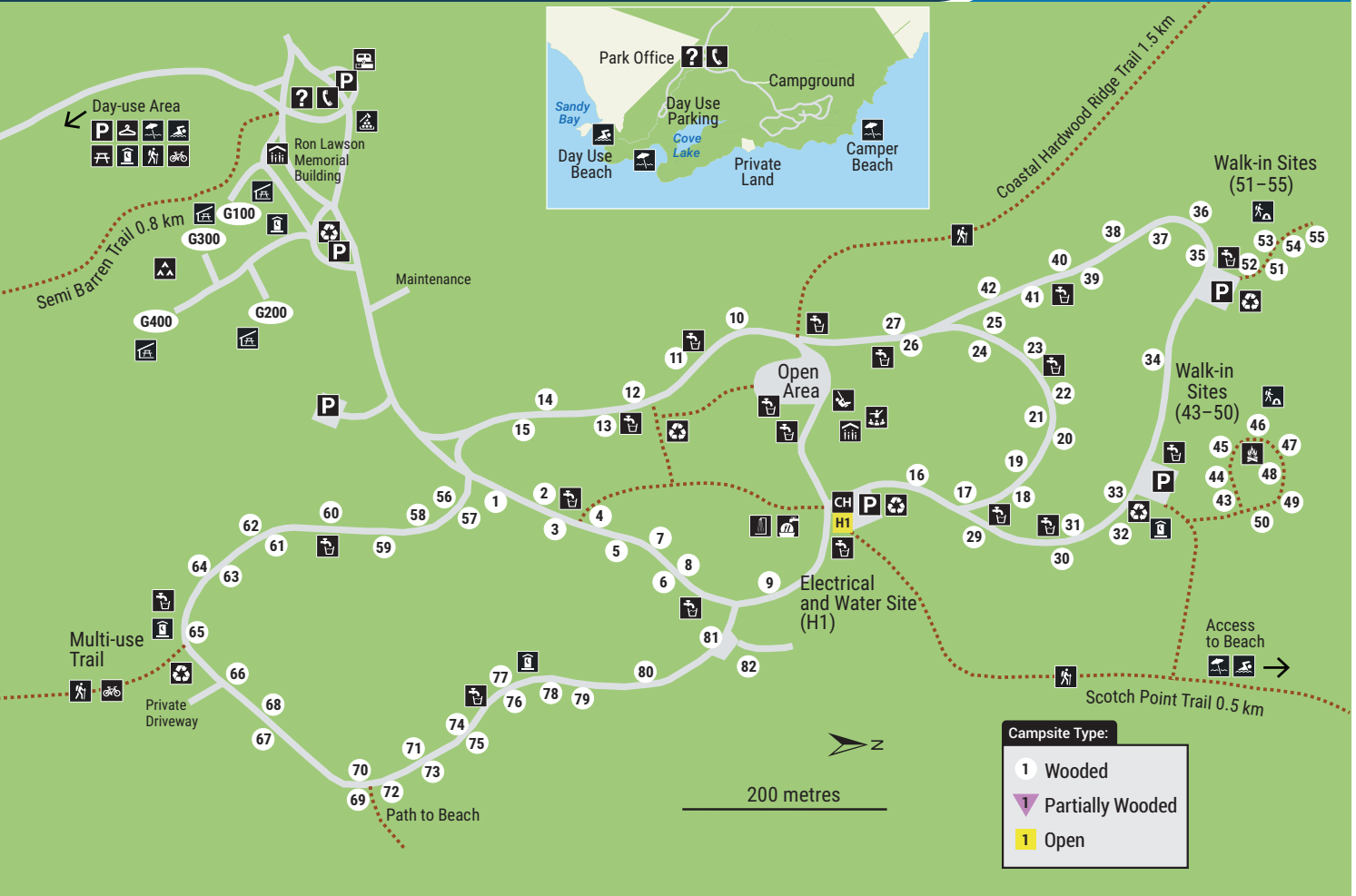
## Nearby Attractions

Shelburne	• Museums & Roseway River Trail (3 km)
Birchtown	• Black Loyalist Heritage Center (5 km)
Barrington	• Woolen Mill Museum (25 km)
Pubnico	• Le Musée Acadien (45 km)

# Thomas Raddall Provincial Park

529 Raddall Park Rd., Port Joli, NS • 902-683-2664

**OPEN**  
MAY 19 – OCT 9



**Campsite Type:** 1 Open with electrical and water / 81 Wooded (1 pull-through)

**Thomas Raddall** may be off the beaten path but there's no shortage of things to do. Both white sand and rocky beaches invite swimming, beachcombing, canoeing and kayaking. Hike or bicycle along a diverse trail network to see fascinating geology, forests, barrens and the intriguing plants and animals that call these areas home. **Caution:** Help protect the dune system, and piping plover nesting areas, by walking close to the water's edge or on established trails.

## Directions

Take exit 22 from Highway 103 and proceed to the East Port L'Hebert Road and proceed to the park entrance

## Nearby Attractions

Liverpool (32 km) • Hank Snow Country Music Centre  
• Liverpool Historical Walking Tours  
• Rosignol Cultural Centre

Shelburne  
• The Dory Shop Museum (40 km)  
• Black Loyalists Heritage Society (45 km)

Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct (10 km)

Liverpool Golf & Country Club (17 km)

# Valleyview Provincial Park

960 Hampton Mountain Rd., Bridgetown, NS • 902-665-2559

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 9



**Campsite Type:** 30 Wooded (13 with electrical and water) / 1 Open with electrical and water

**Valleyview's** mountain-top setting offers splendid views of the Annapolis Valley. You'll appreciate the solitude and often cooler temperatures found here. Stroll around the 1 km forested trail, listen to the bird songs, or perhaps catch a glimpse of white-tailed deer. In the evening, the nine-noted hoot of a barred owl may serenade you as you snuggle around the campfire.

## Directions

From Highway 101, take Exit 20 and follow Route 1 west. In Bridgetown, take Church Street and proceed north to the park entrance.

## Nearby Attractions

Annapolis Royal (23 km) • Historic Sites & Gardens

• Tidal Power Project

• Golf courses (2)

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• Oaklawn Farm Zoo (40 km)

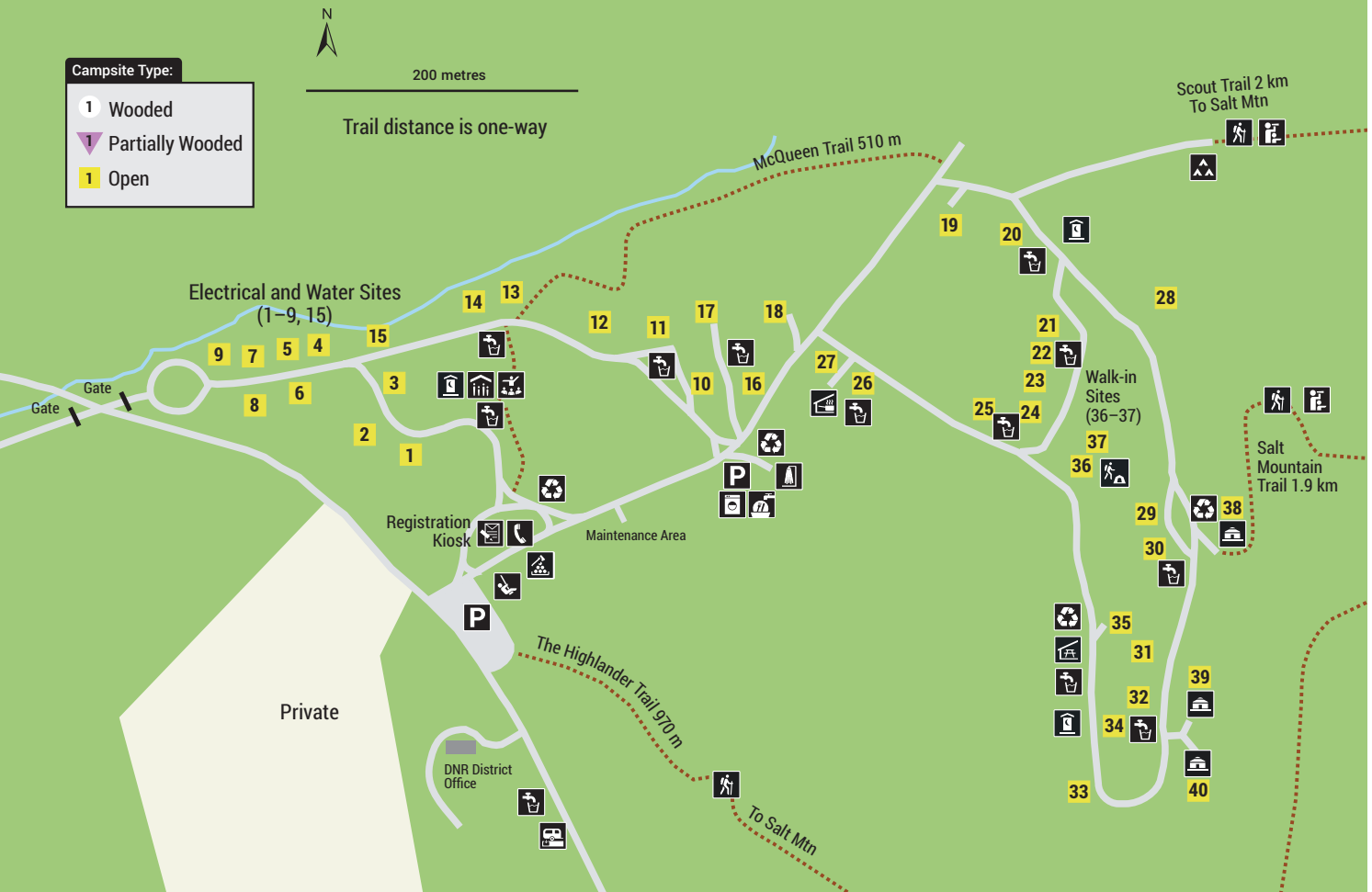
Upper Clements Theme Park (30 km)

Port Royal National Historic Site (33 km)

# Whycocomagh Provincial Park

89 Provincial Park Rd., Hwy. 105, Whycocomagh, NS

**OPEN**  
JUNE 2 – OCT 16



**Campsite Types:** 40 Open (3 Yurts / 10 with electrical and water)

**Self-registration park:** General inquiries contact Natural Resources and Renewables  
Whycocomagh Office 902-756-2339

**Whycocomagh** appeals to both doers and dreamers. Walkers and hikers can challenge themselves on the invigorating trails to the top of Salt Mountain, while paddlers can ply the quiet waters of Whycocomagh Bay. Those seeking restful refuge will enjoy the spectacular views of land and lake, or marvel at bald eagles as they soar over the water.

## Directions

On Highway 105, just east of Whycocomagh, take Provincial Park Road to the park entrance.

## Nearby Attractions

Orangedale	• Railway Station Museum (12 km)
Baddeck	• Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site (35 km)
Inverness	• Horse Racing and Golf (40 km)
Iona	• Highland Village Museum (40 km)





Day-use parks provide access to nature and a variety of recreational opportunities. There are boat launches, picnic parks, beaches, swimming, and trails.

For more information on accessible features please visit our website.

- Unless otherwise posted, day-use parks close one hour after sunset.
- No admission fee
- Open fires, camping and consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed.
- Swimming is unsupervised (unless otherwise noted), and at your own risk.
- Supervised swimming, where offered, is July-August (subject to change). See page 2 for a list of supervised beaches.



### Off-season use:

Visitors are welcome to explore parks in the off-season. However, there are no staff, services, winter maintenance or parking. Please be good stewards of the environment and pack-in, pack-out.

# Day-use Parks

## Halifax Metro

### Crystal Crescent

Three white-sand crescent beaches or take a 10 KM hike (each way) to Pennant Point.



223 Sambro Creek Rd., Sambro

### Herring Cove

Short, rugged coastal hike, just 15 minutes from Halifax. Enjoy the fresh ocean air and remember to keep off the slippery black rocks.



John Brackett Drive, Herring Cove

### Jerry Lawrence

Accessible opportunities on Lewis and Round Lakes; latter stocked with brook and rainbow trout.



4775 St. Margarets Bay Rd (Hwy 3)  
Upper Tantallon

### Laurie

Quiet lakeside setting offering canoeing, water skiing, fishing and swimming.



4949 Hwy 2, Grand Lake

### Long Lake

Small carpark (HRM) off St. Margarets Bay Road. Additional entrance with a large parking lot located at the Dunbrack Street/Cowie Hill intersection and provides access to the 5 km long graveled Lakeview Trail.



St Margarets Bay Road and  
at Dunbrack Street/Cowie Hill  
intersection

### MacCormacks Beach

Stroll the boardwalk and see beautiful views of McNabs, Lawlors and Devil's islands and Halifax Harbour.



1641 Shore Rd, Eastern Passage.

### McNabs and Lawlor Islands

Old forts and dwellings, intriguing wildlife, and 22 KM of trails, all within view of the city. No drinking water.



Halifax Harbour (Commercial boat  
service from various points in HRM.)

### Oakfield

Small beach. Ample parking and recreation area.



366 Oakfield Park Rd, Oakfield.

### Sackville Lakes

Forested natural environment park with managed walking trails. Limited parking.



440 First Lake Dr, Lower Sackville.

## South Shore

### Bayswater Beach

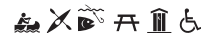
White-sand beach.



4015 Hwy 329, Bayswater  
(Hwy 103, Exit 7).

### Camerons Brook

Shaded rest area under a canopy of pine and hardwoods.



7900 Hwy 8, South Brookfield.

### Card Lake

Small beach near a canopy of softwoods.



3895 Hwy 14, Card Lake  
(Hwy 103, Exit 8).

### Cleveland Beach

Attractive sandy beach. Limited parking.



8878 Hwy 3, Queensland  
(Hwy 103, Exit 6).

### Cookville

Access to the LaHave River for water sports. Community operated.



1119 Hwy 10, Cookville.

### East River

Picturesque stop on a sheltered ocean cove.



2177 Hwy 3, East River  
(Hwy 103, Exit 7)

### Fancy Lake

Freshwater beach access for swimming or non-motorized craft.



854 Conquerall Mills Rd.,  
Conquerall Mills.

### Hubbards

Convenient boat launch 3 KM west of Queensland Beach Provincial Park



Hwy 3, Hubbards.

### Port L'Hebert

A 2.1 KM looped trail through hardwoods and granite boulders with coastal view.



11183 Hwy 103, Granite Village.

### Queensland Beach

Popular beach. Limited parking.



9600 Hwy 3, Hubbards.

### Sable River

Pine canopy over picnic area. Brook changes direction with the tide.



140 West Sable River Rd, Sable River.  
(Hwy 103, Exit 23)

Sable River Provincial Park

Summerville Beach Provincial Park

### Sand Hills Beach

A 2.5 KM white-sand beach and protected dune system. Please use boardwalks and marked paths.



28 Sand Hills Beach Park Rd., Villagedale. (Hwy 103, Exit 29)

### Second Peninsula

Softwood forested park with ocean views.



781 Second Peninsula Rd., Second Peninsula. (Hwy 103, Exit 10)

### Summerville Beach

A 1 KM sandy beach backed by dunes and an open saltmarsh. Please keep on designated paths to protect piping



plover habitat.  
7533 Hwy 3, Summerville Centre.

### Swissair Memorial Site

**(Bayswater)** Monument to the 1998 crash of Swissair Flight 111. Facilities located across the road at Bayswater Beach park.



4100 Hwy 329, Bayswater.

### Swiss Air Memorial Site

**(Peggys Cove)** Short path through iconic rock formations to monument.



(Limited parking)  
8250 Peggys Cove Rd, Peggys Cove.

### Ten Mile Lake

Relax beneath a pine/hemlock stand.



3933 Hwy 8, Middlefield.

### William E. deGarthe Memorial

Small park within Peggys Cove that protects rock carving done by William E. deGarthe, a long-time resident of the area, in honour of seafarers.



109 Peggy's Point Road, Peggys Cove.

## Yarmouth & Acadian Shores

### Glenwood

Relaxing park located on Rickers Lake.



5570 Hwy 3, Lower Argyle. (Junction of Hwys 3 and 103)

### Mavillette Beach

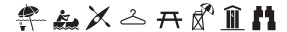
Sandy beach backed by fragile dune system. Extensive sand flats at low tide. No picnic tables.



295,336,395 John Doucette Rd., Mavillette.

### Port Maitland Beach

Sand and cobble beach.



3297 Shore Rd, Port Maitland. Hwy 101 (Exit 33)

### Smugglers Cove

Site reputedly used by rum runners in the early 1900s. Cove accessible by stairs at low tide.



7651 Hwy 1, Meteghan.



Mavillette Beach Provincial Park



Smugglers Cove Provincial Park

# Day-use Parks

## Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley

<b>Annapolis Basin Look Off</b> Scenic views of the Annapolis Basin.		260 Shore Rd, Digby.
<b>Anthony</b> Red sand beach on Cobequid Bay. Wharf for viewing opportunities.		6889 Hwy # 215, Lower Selma.
<b>Blomidon Look Off</b> On a clear day see a panoramic view of five counties.		3374 Hwy 358, Arlington.
<b>Caddell Rapids Look Off</b> Eagle habitat overlooking the Shubenacadie River.		1609 Riverside Rd, Stewiacke.
<b>Cape Split</b> Significant landmark overlooking the Bay of Fundy. Minas Basin Trail is 6.2 KM one way and Scots Bay Trail is 7 KM one way, including look-off visits. Wear sturdy footwear and layered clothing. Stay on the trail.		Carry plenty of drinking water. 999 Cape Split Rd, Scots Bay.
<b>Central Grove</b> Located on Long Island, 0.8 KM trail leads to view of the Bay of Fundy.		1731 Hwy 217, Central Grove.
<b>Clairmont</b> Relax in the shade under a stand of red pine.		1405 Hwy 1, Kingston. (Hwy 101, Exit 16 or 17)
<b>Coldbrook</b> Relax under a canopy of pine; located near take-out restaurants.		7073 Hwy 1, Coldbrook, Hwy 101, Exit 14
<b>Cottage Cove</b> Overlooking the Bay of Fundy, 13 KM north of Middleton.		11935 Shore Rd, Port George.
<b>Eatonville</b> One KM trail leads to Three Sisters, 1.5 KM trail leads to Squally Beach.		2375 Eatonville Road

<b>Falls Lake</b> Swimming and access for non-motorized watercraft.		1541 New Ross Rd Hwy 14, Vaughan.
<b>Lake George</b> Fresh water sandy beach; non-motorized boating.		125 North River Rd., Lake George.
<b>Lake Midway</b> Roadside park with seasonal trout fishing.		7600 Hwy 217, Lake Midway
<b>Londonderry</b> Wayside memorial park with an interpretive display on site of former iron works.		1776 Station Rd., Londonderry (Hwy 104; Exit 11)
<b>Lumsden Pond</b> Small park offering easy access for swimming.		2530 Corcum Burns Rd., Black River.
<b>MacElmons Pond</b> A 1 KM trail meanders through old fields, pine forest and alongside the pond.		219 MacElmon Rd., Lower Onslow.
<b>Mickey Hill</b> Gravel trail, boardwalks, steep staircases lead to river.		7956 Hwy 8, Graywood. (Hwy 101; Exit 22)
<b>Savary</b> A picturesque site overlooking St. Mary's Bay. Beachcomb along the rocky shoreline.		7401 Hwy 1, Plympton.
<b>Scots Bay North</b> Watch the world's highest tides rise and fall.		16 Wharf Rd., Scots Bay.
<b>Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park</b> Woodland setting featuring 30+ species of native animals and birds. Waterfowl and wetlands displays.		149 Creighton Rd, Shubenacadie.

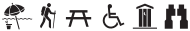









Eatonville, Cape Chignecto Provincial Park



Mickey Hill Provincial Park



## Northumberland Shore

<p><b>Arisaig</b></p> <p>Discover four million years of earth history through fossils.</p>	<p></p> <p>5704 Hwy #245 Arisaig.</p>
<p><b>Balmoral Mills</b></p> <p>Adjacent to the Balmoral Grist Mill Museum.</p>	<p></p> <p>544 Peter Macdonald Rd, Balmoral Mills.</p>
<p><b>Bayfield</b></p> <p>Sand and pebble beach; supervised swimming on weekends.</p>	<p></p> <p>151 Bayfield Beach Rd, Bayfield. (Hwy 104, Exit 36)</p>
<p><b>Beaver Mountain</b></p> <p>Impressive view of Antigonish and Cape Breton Island. Trail system is 6 KM long; some paved.</p>	<p></p> <p>472 Beaver Meadow Rd, James River (Hwy 104, Exit 30).</p>
<p><b>Blue Sea Beach</b></p> <p>Sand and cobble beach for swimming.</p>	<p></p> <p>660 Blue Sea Rd, Malagash Point.</p>
<p><b>Fox Harbour</b></p> <p>Small sandy beach on warm water.</p>	<p></p> <p>865 Fox Harbour South Rd, Wallace.</p>
<p><b>Greenhill</b></p> <p>Magnificent view of the Pictou County farmlands below.</p>	<p></p> <p>209 Dan Fraser Rd, Green Hill. (Hwy 104, Exit 20)</p>
<p><b>Gulf Shore</b></p> <p>Hilltop setting overlooking the Northumberland Strait. Sandy beach.</p>	<p></p> <p>1033 Gulf Shore Rd, Gulf Shore.</p>
<p><b>Heather Beach</b></p> <p>Located on the warm waters of the Northumberland Strait. Limited parking.</p>	<p></p> <p>700 Heather Beach Rd, Port Howe.</p>
<p><b>Melmerby Beach</b></p> <p>Popular 2 KM sandy beach. Ample parking.</p>	<p></p> <p>6280-6380 Little Harbour Rd. Little Harbour (Hwy 104; Exit 25)</p>
<p><b>Northport Beach</b></p> <p>Red sand beach (accessible by stairs) to warm water.</p>	<p></p> <p>7722 Hwy 366, Northport.</p>

<p><b>Pomquet Beach</b></p> <p>Best example of dune succession in NS. Tea room near the park; various summertime activities.</p>	<p></p> <p>432 Pomquet Beach Rd, Pomquet. Hwy 104; Exit 35 or 36</p>
<p><b>Powells Point</b></p> <p>Sandy and rocky beaches and the warmest salt water in Nova Scotia.</p>	<p></p> <p>8049 Pictou Landing Rd, Little Harbour.</p>
<p><b>Rushtons Beach</b></p> <p>Popular beach on warm salt water. Salt marsh attracts a variety of birds.</p>	<p></p> <p>723 Hwy 6, Brule.</p>
<p><b>Salt Springs</b></p> <p>Nestled against the banks of the West River.</p>	<p></p> <p>2532 Hwy 4, Salt Springs. Hwy 104 (Exit 19)</p>
<p><b>Shinimicas</b></p> <p>Take a break under stately elms along the banks of the Shinimicas River.</p>	<p></p> <p>5252 Hwy 6, Shinimicas.</p>
<p><b>Tatamagouche</b></p> <p>Near most Village of Tatamagouche attractions.</p>	<p></p> <p>2664 Hwy 6, Tatamagouche.</p>
<p><b>Tidnish Dock</b></p> <p>Historic site of eastern terminus of proposed rail transport of ships between Fort Lawrence and Tidnish.</p>	<p></p> <p>821 Tidnish Head Rd, Tidnish.</p>
<p><b>Waterside Beach</b></p> <p>Long sandy beach on warm water; seldom crowded.</p>	<p></p> <p>649 R. Grant Rd, Caribou River.</p>
<p><b>Wentworth</b></p> <p>Scenic views year-round along a small meandering river. Trails connect to Cobequid Mountain. Popular birding location.</p>	<p></p> <p>14160 Hwy 4, Wentworth. Hwy 104 (Exit 7 or 11)</p>

Tatamagouche Provincial Park



Rushtons Beach Provincial Park

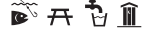


# Day-use Parks

## Cape Breton

### Barrachois

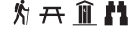
Formerly a farm, this park is situated on a knoll under a canopy of trees.



2315 Route 223, Ironville.

### Ben Eoin

Look-off with a view of East Bay.



5549 Hwy 4, Ben Eoin.

### Cabots Landing

Scenic views of Pollets Cove-Aspy Fault Wilderness Area. Historic cairn commemorates the landing of John Cabot.



1904 Bay St. Lawrence Rd, Sugarloaf.

### Cape Smokey

Spectacular views of the coast and highlands. Ten KM (return) trail takes approx. 4 hours to hike.



40301 Cabot Trail, Cape Smokey.

### Dalem Lake

A 2.2 KM trail encircling the lake and a white-sand beach.



220 New Dominion Rd, Boularderie.

### Dominion Beach

Sandy beach.



48 Lower Mitchell Avenue, Dominion.

### Dundee

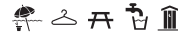
Boat launch, shore access on the Bras d'Or Lake.



2285 West Bay Road

### Groves Point

Sand and pebble beach on warm salt water.



1055 Hillside Boularderie Rd, Groves Point. Located 5 KM (3 mi) south of Hwy 105.

### Irish Cove

Roadside park on a hill overlooking Bras d'Or Lake.



16165 Hwy 4, Irish Cove.

### Lake O' Law

Inland park offering swimming and carry-in boating. Accessible fishing dock.



4830 Cabot Trail Hwy 19, Lake O'Law.

### Lennox Passage

Two KM of trails, and a lighthouse to explore.



2313 Hwy 320, Isle Madame.

### Mabou

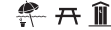
Panoramic view of the Mabou Valley.



11925 Hwy 19, Mabou

### MacCormack

Overlooking Bras d'Or Lake. View of picturesque Plaster Cove.



2481 St. Columba Rd., Iona.

### Petersfield

Cultural history park overlooking Sydney Harbour. Seven KM of trails.



1126 Westmount Rd, Sydney.

### Point Michaud Beach

Sandy beach, backed by sand dunes and cranberry bogs. Surfing opportunities.



3796 Hwy 247, Point Michaud

### Pondville Beach

A 1 KM sandy beach, backed by gentle dunes, a large lagoon and salt marsh.



219 Pondville North Rd., Arichat.

### Port Hood Station

Cobble beach with adjacent white-sand beach.



8657 Hwy 19, Port Hood.

### Ross Ferry

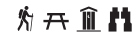
Boat launch to the Bras d'Or Lake.



Hwy 305 Ross Ferry.

### St Anns

A 500 m trail offers scenic views of saltmarsh, bay, and softwood forest.



51475 Cabot Trail, St. Anns.

### Trout Brook

White sand beach on the shores of Lake Ainslie.



2535 Hwy 395, Trout Brook.

### Uisge Bàn Falls

A 2.6 KM (round trip) trail amid hardwoods to a spectacular 15 m waterfall.



715 North Branch Rd. Baddeck Forks. Hwy 105 (Exit 9)

### West Mabou Beach

Natural environment park with large sand beach and dune system. Walking/hiking trails.



1757 Little Mabou Rd, Mabou.

MacCormack Provincial Park



## Eastern Shore

### Black Duck Cove

Day-use park with a small sandy beach and a 3.5 km (2 mi.) shoreline walking trail.



1409 Little Dover Road, Little Dover

### Clam Harbour

Long, wide sandy beach with supervised swimming on weekends.



158 Beach Rd, Clam Harbour.

### Cole Harbour-Lawrencetown Coastal Heritage Park System

Sand and cobble beaches with adjacent trails. Noted surfing area. Strong riptides and currents. Swimmers must exercise caution.



Lawrencetown Beach,  
4348 Lawrencetown Rd

### Elderbank

Non-motorized access on the Musquodoboit River.



5819 Hwy 357, Elderbank.

### Lochiel Lake

Quiet setting with wooded and open areas overlooking the lake.



13575 Hwy 7, Lochiel Lake

### Marie Joseph

Picturesque roadside park with a view of offshore islands.



1420 Hwy 7, Liscomb Mills.

### Martinique Beach

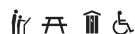
Crescent, white-sand beach. Protected area for piping plover. Limited parking on weekends.



2389 Petpeswick Rd., East Petpeswick.

### Moose River Gold Mines

The park commemorates the 1936 Moose River mine disaster.



6740 Mooseland Road,  
Moose River Gold Mines

### Musquodoboit Valley

Day-use park bordering the Musquodoboit River.



11685 Hwy 224,  
Middle Musquodoboit.

### Port Shoreham Beach

Sand and cobble beach.



1720 Hwy 344, Port Shoreham.

### Rainbow Haven Beach

Popular beach in Cole Harbour-Lawrencetown system.



2249 Cow Bay Rd (Hwy 322)

### Sherbrooke

Softwood forest beside the St. Marys River.



8407, Hwy 7, Sherbrooke.

### Shubenacadie Canal and Waterway – National Historic Civil Engineering Site

Interpretation at Fairbanks Centre.

(no showers)

54 Locks Rd, Dartmouth

### Spry Bay

Roadside stop overlooking the bay.



19310 Hwy 7, Spry Bay.

### Taylor Head

Wind swept peninsula with a variety of habitats, geological features, scenic look-offs, and secluded beaches.



20140 Hwy 7, Spry Bay.

### Tor Bay

Picturesque rocky point looking out to the Atlantic; sandy beach.



650 Hwy 316, Tor Bay.



Martinique Beach Provincial Park



Graves Island Provincial Park



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