

# **Southwest Coast**

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#### Scenic Drives 🚘

- 10 Caribou Trail Provincial parks, sandy beaches, and isolated villages, some without roads and cars. Route 480.
- Codroy Valley International Wetlands Lighthouses, hiking trails, farmland, and wetlands perfect for birdwatching. Routes 406 and 407.
- Granite Coast Drive Railway heritage, shipwrecks, heroic Newfoundland dogs, and a granite lighthouse. Route 470.
- 🗿 French Ancestors Route/La route des ancêtres français A blend of Indigenous, French, and American cultures. Festivals, hiking, and fossils. Routes 460 and 463.
- Three Rivers/Sandy Point Lookout Farmers market, ATV trails, pirate lore, and salmon fishing. Routes 404 and 405.

#### **Hiking & Walking**

- **1.** Barachois Falls Hiking Trail Boardwalk to a waterfall, Rose Blanche, 1.6km.
- 2 Boat Cove Pond Trail View the archipelago of islands that surrounds the community. Isle aux Morts.
- 3 Coastangs Trail A moderate 5.5km hike along the coastline with trail heads at Searston and St Andrew's. Block Rd., Searston.
- 4 Erin Mountain Trail Climb 340m for panoramic views of Bay St. George and the Gulf of St Lawrence. Route 1, Barachois Pond Provincial Park. Strenuous.
- 6 Grand Bay West Trail Walk alongside the ocean and take in the panoramic coastal and mountain views.
- Port aux Basques. 6 km (various exit points). Easy. Gravels Rest Stop & Danny's Trail Picnic area and 6.4km return seaside stroll, unique limestone
- formations, birdwatching, and fossils. Port au Port West. Easy.
- Harvey Trail Relaxing walk near where the Harvey family & their Newfoundland dog saved almost 200 souls in the 1800s. Isle aux Morts. 3 km return. Easy. International Appalachian Trails: 3 Grand Codroy Way 32km trail along the top of the Long Range
  - Mountains, (9) Lewis Hills a multiday trek to the Cabox, the highest point on the island of Newfoundland.
- Muskap's Walking Trail A short trail through forest on the Benoit First Nation Reserve, Wigwams, fire pit, and benches. Cape St. George.
- 10 Old Harbour Le Cou Trail 1km nature trail between two communities. Rose Blanche.
- 2 Rose Blanche Trails Short, moderate trails. Harbour views, outport houses, and fishing stages. Rose Blanche.
- 🔞 Starlite Trail Hike to the top of the Long Range Mountains. 6 km return. Near Route 407, on the TCH. Strenuous. Walk-A-Ways Park & Trails 6 trails throughout Stephenville, including the Ancient Carboniferous
- **Fossil Trees**, remnants of a tropical forest. 18km total. Easy to moderate.
- (B) Wetlands Trail Birding hotspot with lookouts and rest stops. Upper Ferry, 3.4 km return. Easy,

#### **Social Scene**

- 1 Ann Harvey Days Festival Celebrating the heroism of Ann Harvey's family and their Newfoundland dog; folk art, music & dancing. Isle aux Morts. July. (709) 698-3441/3313; isleauxmorts.ca
- 2 Bilingual Regional Folk Festival Traditional music, dance, and kids' games. First weekend of August. (709) 642-5254; francotnl.ca. Black Duck Brook.
- Music in the Church Local musicians and songwriters perform all genres of music in Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church, July & August, Port au Port West, (709) 648-2439; ourladyofmercynl.com
- Penwaaq L'nu'k Mawio'mi Traditional family pow-wow open to all. 3rd weekend of July. (709) 272-2085; benoitfirstnation.ca 🦓
- Pirate's Haven Events: Crab Festival Fresh local crab cooked onsite and live music. June 29. Pig Roast Spit fired pork and outdoor live music, July 27. Fish & Seafood Feast Variety of fish and seafood served Buccaneer style. August 4. Robinsons. (709) 649-0601. pirateshavenadventures.com 🦃
- Port aux Basques Heritage/Astrolabe Days Music, dance, storytelling, food, boat tours, and family events. Port aux Basques. August. (709) 695-5775/2214; portauxbasques.ca
- 7 Scott's Cove / Harbour Boardwalk Spend an evening at the waterfront park where locals and tourists enjoy local entertainment. Port aux Basques. (709) 695-5775/2214; portauxbasques.ca
- 3 Secret Cove Brewing Co Locally inspired taproom and Newfoundland traditions. Port au Port East. (709) 648-2683; secretcovebrewing.com 🙀
- Stephenville Theatre Festival The longest-running professional theatre company in NL. Stephenville. July. (709) 643-4982; stephenvilletheatrefestival.com
- 🔟 The Friendly Invasion Rekindle your sense of nostalgia, as World War II military installations host cultural & family friendly events. Stephenville, July & August, stephenvilleheritage.ca

### Rain or Shine

- Cercle des Memories Storyboards on the history of the French Shore, Centre Scolaire et Communautaire, Mainland/La Grand'terre. (709) 642-5254; fb.com/portauportinfo
- Codroy Valley Wetland Centre A RAMSAR site. Birding checklist available. Upper Ferry. (709) 955-2155; fb.com/wetlandcentrecodroyvalley
- 3 Country Crafts Locally made, one of a kind, items, Books, cards, carvings, and more. Grand Codroy RV/Tent Park, Doyles. (877) 955-2520; grandcodroy.com
- 4 French Bread Oven/Four à pain Taste fresh bread from the French Bread Oven, 12 2pm. Boutte du Cap Park, Cape St George, (709) 642-5254; facebook,com/portauportinfo
- K'Taqmkuk Mi'Kmaq Historical Museum Discover the journey of the Mi'kmaq people to K'Taqmkuk (Newfoundland). St George's. (709) 647-3647; sgibnl.ca 🦓
- Legge Homestead Museum & Gift Shop Tour this one-of-a-kind farmhouse, a registered heritage structure, built in the early 1900s. Cartyville. (709) 682-6648; bsghistoricalsociety.ca
- Mi'kmaqei Mawiom Mi'kmaw Centre Hub of regional Mi'kmaq Community. Spirit wind drumming, craft making, language classes. Cape St George. (709) 272-2085; fb.com/benoit1stnation 🦃
- My Dear Minnie Museum of Heritage & Culture Visit the home of Minnie White, Newfoundland's
- First Lady of the Accordion. Tompkins. (709) 955-2571 9 Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto A place of comfort and solace, flowers, statues, the Way of the Cross, and
- rosary beads constructed of buoys. Lourdes. (709) 642-5367; ourladyoflourdesparish.ca
- Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church Take a tour of the largest wooden structure in NL, built 100 years ago; and, Our Lady of Mercy Museum, Gift Shoppe & Tea Room History, folksy souvenirs, art, wearable items, homestyle sandwiches and desserts. Port au Port West. (709) 648-2439; ourladyofmercynl.com
- Railway Heritage Museum Artifacts and restored 9 car train recall the Newfoundland Railway history. Port aux Basques. (709) 695-5775; portauxbasques.ca
- Rose Blanche Lighthouse Site Only granite lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, museum, crafts/gift shop, food takeout, and coastal trails. Rose Blanche. (709) 956-2052; roseblanchelighthouse.ca
- Sisters' Dream School Museum A pop-up book of life in the past; and Mainland Cultural & Heritage Centre Home to Tea by the Sea and La Boutique de ma Grand-Mère, souvenirs, traditional food, and old-fashioned desserts. Mainland/La Grand' Terre. (709) 642-5361; facebook.com/mainlandnl
- Stephenville Regional Museum Eclectic artifacts give a glimpse into the life of early settlers of the region. Stephenville. (709) 643-9757

## **Outdoor Adventures**

- Devoe Ranch Farm tours, pony rides, scenic trail rides, and Newfoundland Ponies. Upper Ferry. (709) 955-2154; fb.com/DevoeRanchOfficial
- 2 Harmon Seaside Links 18-hole golf course bordering the scenic Gulf of St Lawrence, Stephenville, (709) 643-4322; harmonseasidelinks.com
- 3 Linkum Tours Customized itineraries, guided hiking/walking tours and unguided single/multi-day biking holidays. (877) 254-6586; linkumtours.com
- Margaree Outfitters The thrill of the open water, try cod jigging or shark fishing. Margaree. (709) 695-6764;
- Pirates Haven Adventures ATVing tours with mug up and pirate guide, ATV/SBS rentals. For beginner or
- o Port aux Basques Marine Excursions Take to the North Atlantic with expert guides, fishing, and resettlement tours. Port aux Basques. (709) 694-0563; pabme.ca

advanced riders. Robinsons. (709) 649-0601 / 645-2169; pirateshavenadventures.com

#### Sandy Beaches

- Cape Ray Beach Route 1, J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park.
- Codroy Valley Provincial Park Scenic day park. Route 407, Searston.
- 🗿 **Grand Bay West Beach** All terrain wheelchair available to rent, call (709) 695-5775. Port aux Basques.
- Sandbanks Provincial Park Route 480, Burgeo.







