

Wayfinder Map Series

Viking Trail
Gros Morne
Humber Valley

Southwest Coast

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#ExploreNL

Your guide to summer adventure on the **Southwest Coast**.



For Come Home Year events & celebrations, visit comehome2022.ca

Scenic Drives

- Granite Coast Drive.** Visit the communities of Rose Blanche, Harbour Le Cou, Burnt Islands, Isle aux Morts and Margaree, Route 470.
- Codroy Valley International Wetlands Scenic Drive.** Explore the coastal communities and migratory birds of the Codroy Valley, Route 406 and 407.
- Three Rivers Scenic Loop.** Rich in agriculture and fishing. Visit farmers markets for fresh produce, Route 404.
- French Ancestors Route.** Settled by ancestors of French and Basques fishermen, French heritage still lives in name and spirit on this coastal drive, Route 460 and 463.
- Caribou Trail & South Coast Adventure.** Tiny isolated villages, some without streets where time is caught in the past. Check ferries schedules before departing, Route 480.

Captivating Treks

- Barchois Falls Hiking Trail.** New boardwalk to a waterfall, Route 470, Rose Blanche, 1.6km.
- Coastangs Trail.** A moderate 5.5km hike along the coastline with trailheads at Searston and St. Andrew's, Route 407, Block Rd., Searston.
- Erin Mountain Trail.** Climb 340m for panoramic views of St. George's Bay and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Route 1, Barchois Pond Provincial Park; Strenuous.
- Grand Bay West Trail.** Board walk with panoramic coastal & mountain views, and interpretation of the many shipwrecks off the coastline, Route 408, Port aux Basques, 6 km (various exit points); Easy.
- Harvey Trail.** Relaxing walk near where the Harvey family & their Newfoundland dog saved almost 200 souls in the 1800s, Route 470, Isle aux Morts, 3 km return; Easy.
- Gravels Rest Stop & Danny's Trail.** Erosion has carved spectacular hoodoo shapes in the limestone cliffs. Find embedded fossils, 3.5 km seaside stroll, Route 460, Port au Port West; Easy.
- International Appalachian Trail NL.** 1 to 4 day trails throughout Western Newfoundland, from Port aux Basques to the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. Backcountry experience or guide recommended; iatnl.org
- Man-O-War Hill.** Stairs to a spectacular view of Ramea Islands and miles of surrounding coastline, Ramea; Easy.
- 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, 16.5km total. Easy to moderate.
- Wetlands Trail.** Birding hotspot with lookouts and rest stops, Route 406, Upper Ferry, 3.4 km return; Easy.

Social Scenes

- Ann Harvey Days Festival.** Celebrations commemorating the heroism of Ann Harvey's family and their Newfoundland dog; folk art, music & dancing, Isle aux Morts; July; isleauxmorts.ca; (709) 698-3441/3313
- Cape St. George & Mainland Bilingual Folk Festival.** Traditional music & dance, La musique & la danse traditionnelles, Second weekend of August; (709) 642-5254; facebook.com/portauportinfo
- The Friendly Invasion.** Rekindle your sense of nostalgia, as World War II military installations are now host to cultural & family friendly events, Stephenville, July & August; stephenvilleheritage.ca
- Pirates Haven Annual Crab Festival.** Fresh local crab cooked by a pirate, June 25th. And **Pirates Haven Annual Pig Roast.** Spit fired succulent pork cooked to perfection; volleyball, music, art, July 23rd, Robinsons, (709) 649-0601 / 645-2169; pirateshavenadventures.com
- 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; portauxbasques.ca
- Secret Cove Brewing Co.** Experience Cove Life from kitchen parties, local musical talent, and of course, craft beer, Main St., Port au Port East; (709) 648-2683; secretcovebrewing.com
- Stephenville Theatre Festival.** Big city theatre in rural Newfoundland, Stephenville; July; (709) 643-4982; stephenvilletheatrefestival.com

Rain or Shine: Unique Attractions

- Cape Ray Lightkeepers House.** Learn the history of the lighthouse and area. Craft store with handmade knitted goods, Route 480, Cape Ray, (709) 695-3072
- Codroy Valley Wetland Centre.** Site of international importance for high concentrations and large variety of waterfowl species, RAMSAR Site, Route 406, Upper Ferry; (709) 955-2155; facebook.com/wetlandcentrecodroyvalley
- French Bread Oven/Four à pain.** Taste fresh bread straight from the French Bread Oven, 12 - 2pm, weather permitting. Degustation du pain et demonstration du four traditionnel, 12 - 14h, quand il fait beau, Boutte du Cap Park, Route 460, 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), 183 Main Street, St. George's; (709) 647-3647; sgibn.ca
- Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church, Museum & Tea Room.** Largest wooden structure in the province, local history and Newfoundland craftsmanship, 101 Main St., Port au Port West; (709) 721-0200; ourladyofmercynl.com
- Railway Heritage Museum.** Artifacts and restored 9 car train recall the Newfoundland Railway history, Port aux Basques; (709) 695-5775; portauxbasques.ca
- Regional Museum of Art & History.** An eclectic collection of artifacts that provides a glimpse into the life of the early settlers in the Bay St. George Region, 45 Oregon Dr., Stephenville, (709) 643-9757
- Rose Blanche Lighthouse & Craft Store.** Enjoy a picnic "on the rocks" facing the ocean & the historic granite lighthouse, or stroll along coastal trails, Route 470, Rose Blanche; (709) 956-2052; roseblanchelighthouse.ca
- Sisters' Dream School Museum and Tea Room:** A pop-up book of life in the past; local heritage, Mainland/La Grand' Terre; (709) 642-5361; facebook.com/mainlandnl

Active Outdoor Adventures

- Birding by Season.** A local birder will take you through diverse habitats & scenic rural areas steeped in culture. Suited for beginners or experts, (709) 721-3557; facebook.com/birdingbyseason/
- 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, 31 Main St., Margaree, (709) 695-6764; margareeoutfitters.ca
- Pirates Haven Adventures.** ATVing tours with mug up and pirate guide if you desire! ATV/SBS rentals. For beginner or advanced riders, Route 404, Robinsons, (709) 649-0601 / 645-2169; pirateshavenadventures.com
- Port aux Basques Marine Excursions.** Join Skipper George on an excursion to three resettled fishing communities. On the way try your hand at fishing; spot caribou and whales, Port aux Basques, (709) 694-0563; pabme.ca

Sandy Beaches

- Cape Ray Beach.** One of the best in the province with soft sand. Protected grass-covered dunes shelter the barchois from the ocean winds, Route 1, J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park.
- Codroy Valley Provincial Park.** Scenic day park. Located at the mouth of the Grand Codroy River, Route 407, Searston.
- Grand Bay West Beach.** A beautiful sandy beach and home to the endangered Piping Plover, Route 1, Port aux Basques.
- Millville Beach.** Beautiful white sandy beach, Route 407.
- Sandbanks Provincial Park.** Some of the most magnificent sandy beaches in the province.

Coastal adventures, mountain vistas, and geological wonders galore on the **Southwest Coast**. Governed by the land and the sea, this region is home to fishers and farmers, shipwrecks and sandy beaches, lighthouses and infamous wreckhouse winds, and over 300 species of birds. Explore all the region has to offer by car, foot, boat tour, or have an ATVing adventure.

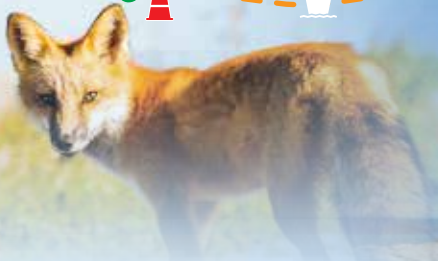
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Favorite Photo Locations

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- 1 | Boute du Cap Park.** Cliffs, whales, sea birds and sunsets on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Cape St. George, Route 460.
- 2 | Harvey Trail.** Rugged & scenic shoreline - maybe meet a Newfoundland dog. Route 470, Isle aux Morts.
- 3 | Sandbanks Provincial Park.** 7 km of Magnificent sandy beaches. Route 480, Burgeo.



Where to eat

- 1 | Emile's Pub & Eatery.** 44 Queen St., Days Inn, Stephenville. (800) 329-7466 / (709) 643-6666
- 2 | Lou's Lounge.** 19 Oregon Dr., Stephenville. (709) 643-5176
- 3 | Portside Restaurant.** 2 Grand Bay Rd., Hotel Port aux Basques, Port aux Basques. (709) 695-2171
- 4 | Pirates Haven Longhouse.** Route 404, Robinsons. (709) 649-0601
- 5 | The Captain's Room.** 146 Caribou Rd., St. Christopher's Hotel, Port aux Basques. (800) 563-4779 / (709) 695-3500



We are the Mi'kmaq people of Newfoundland. A people connected to this land, with roots that run deep and reach far. Connect to the oldest living culture in Newfoundland through nature, art, dance, myths, music, and outdoor adventure. Look for our logo to experience the tradition, culture, and the wild, rugged beauty of our land and leave transformed.