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Nova Scotia's
geological past
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Workshop**

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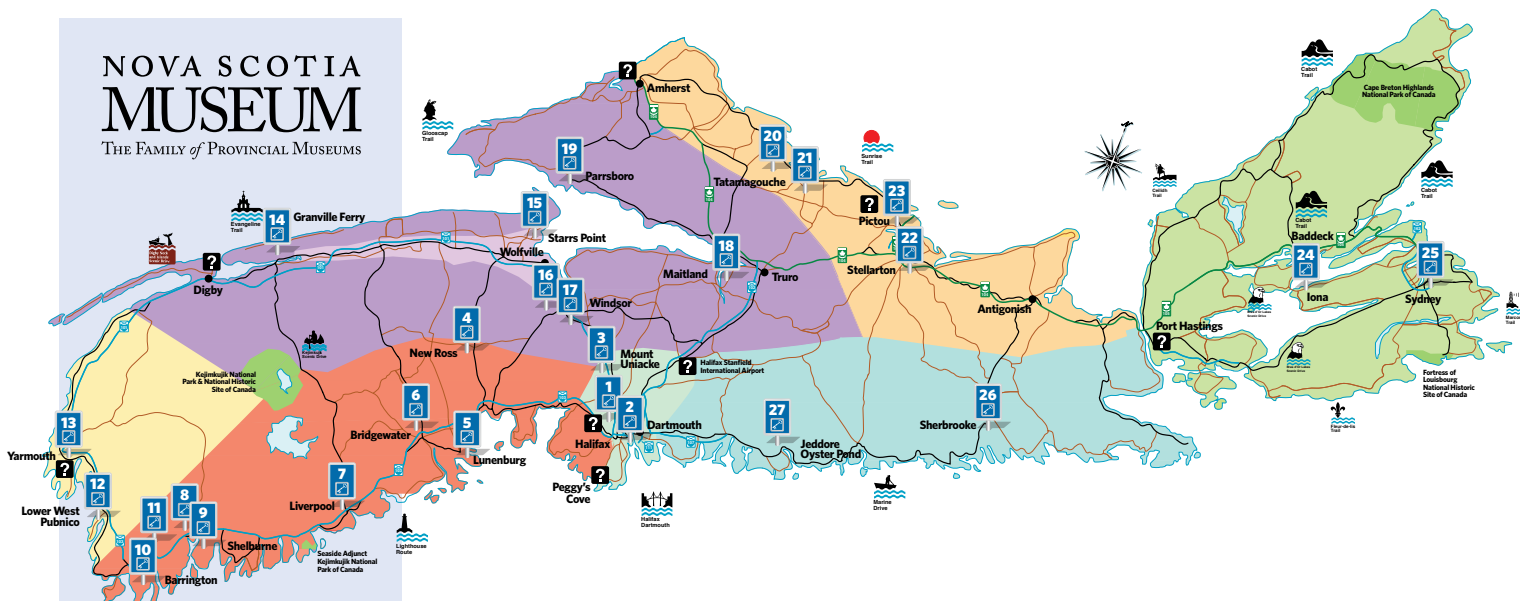
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Highland Village**

Enjoy music and more as
Highland Village hosts events
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MUSEUM
THE FAMILY of PROVINCIAL MUSEUMS



Established in 1868, the Nova Scotia Museum's (NSM) history spans more than 140 years, making it one of the oldest provincial museums in Canada. Throughout its existence, the NSM has been a national leader in its commitment to preservation, public education and community partnerships, showcasing Nova Scotia's rich history to residents and international visitors alike.

The NSM is committed to the stewardship of this province's natural and cultural heritage. Through the maintenance of the provincial collection of artifacts and specimens, the NSM strives to ensure the long-term sustainability and integrity of Nova Scotia's heritage resources.

This guide is an introduction to the Nova Scotia Museum family and an invitation to visit all of the 27 incredible sites that, together, tell the story of this province.

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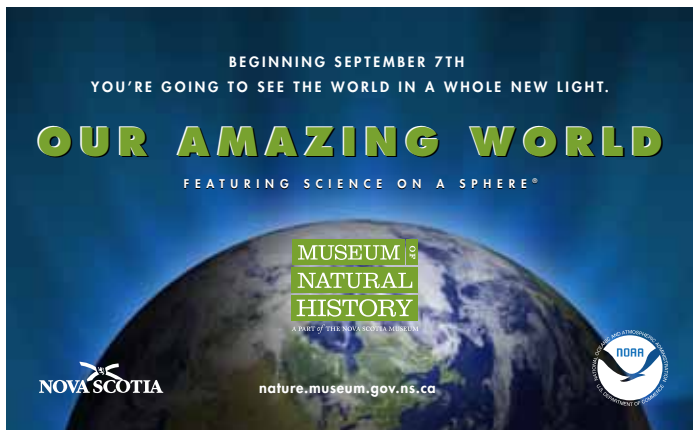
Museum of Natural History

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1747 Summer St, Halifax
Open year-round

Tel: 902 424-7353
nature.museum.gov.ns.ca

See the world in a whole new light. The Museum of Natural History is very excited to be the first museum in Canada to feature Science on a Sphere. This room-sized system, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the United States, displays environmental, geographic and atmospheric data in shows that are both entertaining and educational. This new permanent exhibit will truly celebrate our amazing world.



Find out more at nature.museum.gov.ns.ca

Our Amazing World Open House

Wed, Sept 7, 6 pm - 8 pm

The museum will host an open house to allow visitors to see the best of what Science on a Sphere has to offer and learn about the programs the museum will host in the coming months.

Hurricane Juan Anniversary

Wed, Sept 28, 7 pm

On the 8th anniversary of Hurricane Juan, the Museum of Natural History will unveil a special Science on a Sphere program about hurricanes. This series of programs will take place on Wednesday evenings throughout October, November and December.

Nocturne

Sat, Oct 15, 6 pm - 9 pm

The museum will once again be part of Nocturne. This evening arts event takes place all over HRM and the museum will remain open until midnight for special programming. The museum will also host a special project from Iriss Laboratories. For more information please visit www.nocturnehalifax.ca

Netukulimk: Find your place in the Forest

Meet live animals, enjoy interactive displays and experience new programs in the museum's forest. Inspired by Mi'kmaq culture and designed by museum staff, *Netukulimk* is the first exhibit of its kind in Canada and reminds us that all living things are connected. Visit today and find your place in the forest.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

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1675 Lower Water St, Halifax
Open year-round

Tel: 902 424-7490
maritime.museum.gov.ns.ca

Located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront, there's no better place to immerse yourself in Nova Scotia's rich maritime heritage than the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. From small craft boatbuilding to World War Convoys, the Days of Sail to the Age of Steam, the *Titanic* to the Halifax Explosion, you'll discover the stories, events and people that have come to define this province and its relationship with the sea.



Find out more at maritime.museum.gov.ns.ca

Hello Sailor! Gay Life on the Ocean Wave

Until November 27

Adapted from the exhibition created by National Museums Liverpool, *Hello Sailor!* looks at gay culture as part of merchant seafaring life. As a major international harbour, Halifax was a port of call for many of the ships and crews featured in the exhibit, which aims to explore this topic in an insightful and respectful way.

Family Sunday

Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 and Dec 11

On the second Sunday of every month, the museum is pleased to offer fun activities designed to entertain and educate families about maritime heritage. Please note, some activities have limited space. Registration takes place at 1 pm and activities begin at 1:30 pm. (Cost: Included with admission)

Model Makers Showcase

Sat, Nov 5 and Sun, Nov 6
10 am - 4 pm

Come celebrate the 29th Annual Model Makers Showcase with the Maritime Ship Modelers' Guild. This popular event offers visitors the chance to chat with talented craftsmen while observing their intricate model ships and other marine projects. (Cost: Included with admission)

Nautical Rope Wreath Workshops

Tues, Nov 15 and 29, 6:30 pm

Celebrate the festive season by learning how to make a traditional Nova Scotian nautical wreath out of rope. Call to register as space is limited. Participants should bring a pair of light garden gloves and a mat to kneel on. (Cost: \$23 HST included)

HALIFAX METRO

Uniacke Estate Museum Park

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758 Hwy 1, Mount Uniacke
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 866-0032
uniacke.museum.gov.ns.ca



Turn along the tree-lined roadway at Uniacke Estate Museum Park and feel like you're traveling back to the 1800s. Arrive at a gracious home overlooking Lake Martha, once known as a prominent estate on one of only two "great roads" in Nova Scotia.

Here, the Irish born Richard John Uniacke, a prosperous Nova Scotian attorney and politician, built his country mansion in 1816. One of the grandest homes in Nova Scotia, the house and its contents is a rare survival of a prominent family's original furniture and treasured possessions. Inside, find elegant labeled furniture from London and exquisite portraits preserved for nearly two hundred years.

Explore on-site walking trails that feature a variety of wildlife, outdoor exhibits about the estate's history and unspoiled Nova Scotia woodland. Walks range from easy to challenging and trails offer plenty of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

Find out more at uniacke.museum.gov.ns.ca

Graces, Hoops, Corsets and Petticoats

Sun, Sept 4, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Find out what people of the 1800s wore, including all of the layers underneath! No charge for outdoor activities.

Family Nature Hike

Sun, Sept 18, 1 pm - 3:30 pm

Enjoy hands-on activities and learn about the wildlife that lives on the Estate during this family hike with naturalist Heather Ramshaw. Please call to register as space is limited.

Treasure Hunt

Sun, Oct 2, 11 am - 3 pm

Take part in our family treasure hunt on this self-guided, clue-finding journey through the museum and around the extensive grounds. All participants are rewarded with a "treasure" of their own. Regular admission applies.

SOUTH SHORE

Ross Farm Museum

4568 Hwy 12, New Ross
Open year-round

Tel: 902 689-2210
Toll-free: 1-877-689-2210
rossfarm.museum.gov.ns.ca

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Come to Ross Farm to explore 60 acres of rolling farmland and discover what life was like on a Nova Scotia family farm over 100 years ago.

An authentic living heritage site, much of the farm remains the same as it was in the 1800s. From historic Rose Bank Cottage where the Ross family lived, to daily activities such as wool spinning, candle making and ox shoeing, the museum gives visitors the chance to experience yesterday's traditional farming methods, while learning sustainable ways of living for today.

Chat with costumed interpreters, hike the scenic nature trail, go on a wagon ride or winter sleigh ride, and meet the animals who live and work on the farm as you connect with Nova Scotia's rural heritage.



Find out more at rossfarm.museum.gov.ns.ca

Family Participation Days

Sat, Sept 3 to Mon, Sept 5

Don't miss this chance to step back in time and try your hand at skills our forefathers used daily. Milk a cow, learn how to write with a quill pen, make a candle, pull taffy and more. Each day will feature different activities.

Lunenburg County Pudding Making

Sat, Oct 22 & Sun, Oct 23

Discover how to prepare this traditional delicacy during one of the farm's cooking demonstrations.

Voices in the Mist

Fri, Oct 28, 7:30 pm

Ross Farm Museum and members of the New Ross Historical Society are thrilled to offer this evening of forerunners and folklore. Dress for the weather and walking at night. Contact the farm to purchase tickets. (Adults: \$7, Children: \$3, Family: \$15)

Christmas in the Country

Sat, Dec 3 & Sun, Dec 4

As part of the New Ross Christmas Festival, Ross Farm has organized a great weekend that will let the whole family experience Christmas in the Country. Sample plum pudding, sugar cookies and warm spiced cider as you enjoy Christmas carols at Rose Bank Cottage, or bundle up and head out for a horse drawn ride (weather permitting).

SOUTH SHORE

Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic

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68 Bluenose Dr, Lunenburg
Open year-round

Tel: 902 634-4794
Toll-free: 1-866-579-4909
fisheries.museum.gov.ns.ca

Come explore life at sea, up close and personal, at the Fisheries Museum in the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg.

Learn about rum-running, whales and August Gales in our galleries. Meet lobsters, flounders and cod in our aquarium. Visit the Salt Store Gift Shop or dine at the Old Fish Factory Restaurant. Browse at your leisure or take a guided tour. Come rain or shine, relax and enjoy! A fun day for the entire family!

While at the museum, learn all about Bluenose II as she undergoes her restoration at the local Lunenburg Shipyard.

Find out more at fisheries.museum.gov.ns.ca

Antique Tool Time

Sat, Oct 1, noon - 3 pm

Join members of the Atlantic Tool Collectors Association for their annual fall showcase. Stop by the popular "What's It?" table to try and guess the use of the unusual tools on display, or bring in your own odd tool and try to stump the experts. (No charge)

Ice House Theatre

Wednesdays, 10 am

Every Wednesday during the winter months, the museum will show a fishing or fisheries-related film. (No charge)

Holiday Lights

December

During the holidays, the museum's vessels will be decorated with lights to create a lovely photo opportunity.

Perkins House Museum

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105 Main St, Liverpool
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 354-4058
perkins.museum.gov.ns.ca

Every day for over 40 years, Simeon Perkins recorded details in his diary about life, family and business in Liverpool. From mentions of ships' captains, to notes about goods coming and going, to remarks about children being born, Simeon's observations provide a personal perspective of life in Nova Scotia from 1766 to 1812.

Thanks to the installation of interpretive audio visual projections, visitors can now enjoy a different kind of storytelling at Perkins House. Pick a tale from one of the memory boxes located throughout the house and be amazed as members of the Perkins household materialize before your eyes to share tales about family life in a thriving Colonial town.

Find out more at perkins.museum.gov.ns.ca

Wool Spinning

Daily

A common activity in the 18th century, spinning turns sheep wool into yarn for your favourite pair of mittens. Make a wooly craft as you discover this traditional skill.

Pirates & Privateers

Daily

Our coasts brought both pirates and privateers success, failure, riches and capture. Discover the difference between villainous pirates and patriotic privateers.

Children at Play

Daily

From spinning tops to noise makers, come learn about games that were popular during the Colonial and Victorian periods.

Lawn Bowls and Pall Mall (croquet)

Daily

A favourite activity in the 1700s, these games were most likely played by the Perkins family. Learn the rules and organize your own tournament.

Wile Carding Mill Museum

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242 Victoria Rd, Bridgewater
Open June to September

Tel: 902 543-8233
cardingmill.museum.gov.ns.ca

Be greeted by costumed interpreters who will tell you how this 19th-century water powered mill once lightened the workload for farmers by carding a season's worth of sheep's wool in one hour. See the very machine that revolutionized carding in the area and experience preparing wool for bedding and spinning. Today, the mill's overshot waterwheel still turns in its tranquil setting on Sandy Brook.

Find out more at cardingmill.museum.gov.ns.ca

Hoola Hooping

Sun, Sept 11, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Make your own hoola hoop and watch a musical "hooping" performance. Please register as space is limited.



SOUTH SHORE

Ross-Thomson House and Store Museum

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9 Charlotte Lane, Shelburne
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 875-3219
rossthomson.museum.gov.ns.ca

Travel back in time to discover 1780s Nova Scotia and the recently settled town of Shelburne. Here, thousands of Loyalist refugees began new lives after the American War of Independence. It is in this historic store that seasoned merchants George and Robert Ross carried on international trade in tea, coffee, rum, port and wine, offering both necessities and luxuries to the town's residents.

Stroll the property's gardens; step up to the store counter and ask the clerk about the kinds of goods the Ross Brothers once bartered and sold; and spend some time inside the living quarters, furnished in the sparse but elegant style of the period.

Barrington Woolen Mill Museum

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2368 Hwy 3, Barrington
Open June to September

Tel: 902 637-2185
woolenmill.museum.gov.ns.ca

In the 1800s, the Barrington Woolen Mill was a revolutionary local business that transformed raw fleece into the yarn and cloth needed to make warm and durable clothing for local fishermen.

Imagine what the bustling mill was once like, when rushing water from the mill's river would power the spinner, twister, skeiner and loom as they washed, picked, carded, spun, dyed and wove wool.



Dory Shop Museum

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11 Dock St, Shelburne
Open June to September

Tel: 902 875-3219
doryshop.museum.gov.ns.ca

Step into this authentic harbour-side factory and discover the historic Shelburne Dory. Easy to build thanks to their simple lines and able to withstand the rugged ocean, dories were once the backbone of the fishing industry, both in Nova Scotia and around the world.

One of Shelburne's great claims to fame was the town's rich dory-building traditions; a skill which still survives today thanks to the Dory Shop Museum. Learn how the town's dory-makers rivaled their Lunenburg competitors and witness the art of crafting these vessels first-hand.

Old Meeting House Museum

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2408 Hwy 3, Barrington
Open June to September

Tel: 902 637-2185
meetinghouse.museum.gov.ns.ca

For two centuries, people have gathered at the Old Meeting House for both township business and religious worship. A National Historic Site, this New-England-style meeting house is the oldest non-conformist house of worship in Canada and among the oldest in North America.

Built by Congregationalist fishermen and farmers from Cape Cod, called Planters, the meeting house was a building-in-progress for its first hundred years until the windows, doors, box pews, and a pulpit were added by the mid-1800s.

Find out more at meetinghouse.museum.gov.ns.ca

Christmas Concert and Lens Lighting

Sat, Dec 10, 6:45 pm

Since 1994, this event has become a Christmas tradition. Meet in the parking lot of the Old Meeting House Museum to see the lens at the Seal Island Light Museum come to life. Concert to follow at the Old Courthouse with mulled cider and cookies. Dress warmly, bring a small flashlight and your voice. A free will offering will be taken with money going to a local charity.

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YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

Le Village Historique Acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

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Lower West Pubnico
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 762-2530
Toll-free: 1-888-381-8999
acadianvillage.museum.gov.ns.ca



Stop in, sit down and bask in Acadian heritage at this early 1900s seaside village, situated on a beautiful 17-acre site overlooking Pubnico Harbour.

Founded in 1653 by Sieur Philippe Mius-d'Entremont, the remarkable community of Lower West Pubnico showcases the industrious and joyful spirit of the Acadian people, celebrating a language and culture that has thrived for more than 350 years.

Learn the village's history, hear Acadian spoken, experience fishing and farming traditions, explore historic wooden homes and buildings, savour home-cooked Acadian cuisine and enjoy hospitality that is second to none.

Find out more at acadianvillage.museum.gov.ns.ca

Pies Galore

Thurs, Sept 8, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Sample a variety of delicious homemade pies while you collect recipes and enjoy live music. (Cost: \$6, Members: \$5)

Harvest Festival

Wed, Oct 5, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Cranberries, apples, pumpkins and more! Sample classic fall desserts at this bottomless plate buffet. (Cost: \$6, Members: \$5)

Haunted Village

Fri, Oct 21 & Sat, Oct 22, 7 pm

Take a guided tour of the village at its spookiest! (Cost: \$10, Members: \$8)

Apple Pie Sale

Fri, Nov 4 & Sat, Nov 5

9 am-3 pm

Buy your fresh pie, heaping with apples and ready for cooking or freezing. Low calorie, diabetic pies also available. (\$6 each)

Tasting & Pairing

Fri, Nov 18, 7 pm

Enjoy a fun, informative evening and learn about fine wine and fine beer, and how to pair them with fine food. (Cost: \$25)

Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia

451 Main St, Yarmouth
Open year-round

Tel: 902 742-5525
firefighters.museum.gov.ns.ca

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Imagine the clang of the fire bell, the smell of smoke and the feel of hot steam as firefighters of the past raced to save burning homes in Yarmouth and communities across Nova Scotia.

See the types of fire engines used in Nova Scotia from the 1800s to the 1930s; marvel at antique hand-drawn and operated engines such as Canada's oldest horse-drawn steam engine, an 1863 Amoskeag Steamer; and take the wheel of a 1933 Chev Bickle pumper as you discover the history of firefighting in this province.

Find out more at firefighters.museum.gov.ns.ca

Tribute to the Yarmouth Fire Department

Until December

To help celebrate the Town of Yarmouth's year-long, 250th Anniversary Celebration, the museum will host a display about the history of the Yarmouth Fire Department.

9/11 Anniversary Memorial

Sept 1 - 30

In commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 disasters, the museum will host a memorial display.

Fire Safety Week

Oct 3 - 7

Find out how firefighting has evolved over the years and learn the important rules for fire safety today. Kids can take home a sticker and colouring sheet as reminders of their visit.



FUNDY SHORE & ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

North Hills Museum

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Granville Ferry
Open June to mid-OctoberTel: 902 532-2168
northhills.museum.gov.ns.ca

Built around 1764, the exterior of this small farmhouse looks like a typical country home, but inside it boasts a collection of fine art and furnishings that create an air of Georgian elegance.

In 1964, Robert Patterson bought this house and made it a showplace for his impressive collection of antiques. Be charmed by the history and culture found in this unique home, nestled in the heart of one of North America's most historic regions.

Find out more at northhills.museum.gov.ns.ca

North Hills Museum Road Show

Sun, Sept 18, 10 am - 4 pm

Join Roger Crowther, Louis Leroux and Rosemary Beckett for a day of antique appraising. Registration required. Cost: \$5 per item, limit of two.

Haliburton House Museum

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414 Clifton Ave, Windsor
Open June to mid-OctoberTel: 902 798-2915
haliburton.museum.gov.ns.ca

Wind your way up the tree-lined drive to visit the stylish residence that was home to Nova Scotian author Thomas Chandler Haliburton from 1836 to 1856. A prominent figure in Windsor, Haliburton was propelled to international fame when he created Sam Slick, the literary character that gave society sayings like "quick as a wink" and "it's raining cats and dogs".

New this year, hockey fans can gather at Haliburton House to learn more about the history of the sport. The Windsor Hockey Heritage Centre has temporarily moved to this location and its refreshed exhibit is ready for viewing. Covering part of two floors, the exhibit includes hockey memorabilia, jerseys and equipment from the past. The exhibit also features the Starr Trophy and highlights the diversity in hockey, featuring the contributions of women, Aboriginal Peoples and African Nova Scotians to the sport.

Find out more at haliburton.museum.gov.ns.ca

Murder Mystery

Fri, Sept 16, 8 pm - 10 pm

You are cordially invited to an evening of murder and mystery at Haliburton House. Interested guests can call the museum to register and must wear a costume to suit their assigned character. Refreshments will be served. (Cost: \$15)

Golden Gourd Hunt

Sun, Oct 9 (register at 9:30 am,
hunt begins at 10:15 am)

Celebrate the Valley PumpkinFest as you search the grounds for the Golden Gourd! This year, prizes will be awarded in contests for both children and adults. Event will take place rain or shine. (Cost: \$3)

Prescott House Museum

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1633 Starrs Point Rd, Starrs Point Tel: 902 542-3984
Open June to mid-October prescott.museum.gov.ns.ca

Come calling at "Acacia Grove", an elegant Georgian house in the picturesque Annapolis Valley. Here, horticulturalist Charles Prescott cultivated Nova Scotia's apple industry from 1811 to 1859.

Discover how his great-granddaughter, Mary Allison Prescott, rescued the derelict building in the 1930s to recreate a gracious home. A National and a Provincial historic site, the grounds provide a lovely spot to picnic or just relax.

Find out more at prescott.museum.gov.ns.ca

Open House

Sat, Sept 3, 10 am - 5 pm

Come and tour our beautiful museum and gardens free of charge. Refreshments served.

Travel Writing Workshop

Wed, Oct 5, 1 pm - 4 pm

Learn how to write a compelling travel piece during this workshop with author Christy Ann Conlin. Explore various travel writing styles, get tips on good note-keeping and find out how to get your work published. Call to register by Oct 3. (Cost: \$45)

Murder Mystery

Sat, Sept 17, 7 pm - 9 pm

Join us for murder and mayhem at the museum! Refreshments served and costumes essential! Please call to purchase tickets by Sept 12. (Cost: \$20)

Shand House Museum

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389 Avon St, Windsor Tel: 902 798-8213
Open June to mid-October shand.museum.gov.ns.ca

Built in 1890 for newlyweds Clifford and Henrie Shand, this ornate, Queen Anne-style house was once considered a modern marvel in Windsor, featuring a fancy, original indoor bathroom, central heating, and stylish furniture from the Windsor Furniture Factory.

Climb the tower for a magnificent view of the Avon River and countryside; a beautiful setting for this comfortable family home.

Find out more at shand.museum.gov.ns.ca

Christmas in September

Fri, Sept 30, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Enjoy eggnog, music and traditional decorations as Shand House celebrates Christmas in September. (Admission applies)

FUNDY SHORE & ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

Lawrence House Museum

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8660 Hwy 215, Maitland
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 261-2628
lawrence.museum.gov.ns.ca

In 1874, William D. Lawrence secured his place in marine history by constructing the largest wooden-hulled, fully-rigged ship ever built in Canada. An ardent believer in Nova Scotia's 19th-century maritime power, Lawrence highlighted the critical role played by the shipbuilding industry in this province.

Come explore his bright Victorian home and its 23 rooms, featuring photographs, exhibits and the Lawrence family's heirlooms. Discover the era of shipbuilding, as well as tales of the Golden Age of Sail in Maitland, Nova Scotia's first designated Heritage Conservation District.

Find out more at lawrence.museum.gov.ns.ca

Children's Halloween Party

Sat, Oct 8, 1 pm - 4 pm

With crafts, games, stories, treats and prizes, we're sure your little trick or treater will enjoy our 6th Annual Halloween party. Prizes awarded for the creepiest, cutest, most original and best family costumes. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register by Oct 1. (Cost: \$10 per child)

Fundy Geological Museum

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162 Two Islands Rd, Parrsboro
Open year-round

Tel: 902 254-3814
Toll-free: 1-866-856-3466
fundygeo.museum.gov.ns.ca

Learn about Nova Scotia's ancient world near the Bay of Fundy, where the world's highest tides erode the towering sea cliffs to reveal evidence of 200 million-year-old fossils and local minerals, including amethyst and agate gem stones. Discover these Jurassic and Triassic landscapes where Canada's oldest dinosaurs once roamed and unearth this province's rich geological past!



NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

Balmoral Grist Mill Museum

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Balmoral Mills
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 657-3016
gristmill.museum.gov.ns.ca

The Balmoral Grist Mill Museum will be closed to the public this fall to allow for repairs to the museum's walkway and nearby dam. The museum is expected to reopen in June 2012.

Please call 902-657-3016 or visit gristmill.museum.gov.ns.ca for more information.

Sutherland Steam Mill Museum

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Denmark, near Tatamagouche
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 657-3365
steammill.museum.gov.ns.ca

Discover Nova Scotian ingenuity in an 1894 saw mill once powered by steam. For nearly 70 years, Alexander Sutherland and his family produced carriages, sleds, windows and fancy gingerbread trim, which were shipped on the old railway line beside the mill. Today that line transports cyclists and other recreationists as part of the Trans-Canada Trail System.

Examples of the Sutherlands' resourcefulness can be found throughout the mill, like rain barrels on the roof for fire protection and a copper bathtub that was used for soaking shingles. Enjoy hands-on exhibits and see demonstrations of how power was transferred through belts and pulleys.

Find out more at steammill.museum.gov.ns.ca

The Steam Mill Session

Sat, Sept 10, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

Celebrate Celtic music during this informal jam session with the "Dock Gang".
(Cost: \$5 at the door)

Carvers' Day

Sat, Oct 1, 10:30 am - 3 pm

A day devoted to wood and the art of carving. Come meet the talented artists as they display their skills, creations and passion.
BBQ from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Museum of Industry

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147 North Foord St, Stellarton
Open year-round

Tel: 902 755-5425
industry.museum.gov.ns.ca

Come explore Atlantic Canada's largest museum to discover the people, places and machines of Nova Scotia's industrial past. Push, pull, lift, drop and laugh as you enjoy acres of exhibits and interactive displays that highlight how technology - and people - worked throughout this province's history.

Keep pace on the assembly line, get a workout at the water-powered pumps and bask in the spirit of invention as you marvel at Canada's oldest surviving steam engine. Featuring 30,000 artifacts, the Museum of Industry is the best place to find out what "Made in Nova Scotia" really means!

NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

McCulloch House Museum

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100 Old Haliburton Rd, Pictou
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 485-4563
mcculloch.museum.gov.ns.ca

Beginning in 1773, hundreds of ships carrying thousands of Scottish immigrants began arriving at Pictou Harbour, Nova Scotia. One man, Dr. Thomas McCulloch, came ashore in 1803 and soon found himself leading a monumental change in the lives of 19th-century Nova Scotians. Visit McCulloch's 200-year-old brick home and explore exhibits that detail how one man's passion launched him on a journey to create public education in this province.

Find out more at mcculloch.museum.gov.ns.ca

Tartan Truth

Mon, Wed, and Fri
10:30 am - 2 pm

Learn about the history and legend of Tartans while creating your own. (Ages 5 - 12)

Jr. Nature Guide

Fri and Sat, 2 pm

Become a Junior Nature Guide! Learn to identify plants and animals; how to read a compass; and take notes in your very own journal. (Ages 5 - 12)

A McCulloch Christmas

December

Ever wonder how they celebrated Christmas in the 1800s? Learn about the festive traditions that the McCulloch family and the residents of Pictou celebrated. Registration recommended.

CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Cossit House Museum

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75 Charlotte St, Sydney
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 539-7973
cossit.museum.gov.ns.ca

Visit this historic home to discover how a controversial Loyalist Anglican minister and his wife started a new life in the capital of a rapidly growing British colony. Get to know Rev. Ranna Cossit and his wife, Thankful, who raised their family in this modest New England-style house. Chat with costumed guides and take part in daily activities of the 1700s, like stitching a sampler or churning butter. Come explore one of the oldest homes in Sydney.



CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Highland Village Museum

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4119 Hwy 223, Iona
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 725-2272
Toll-free: 1 866-442-3542
highlandvillage.museum.gov.ns.ca

Experience Nova Scotia's Gaelic culture, heritage and hospitality at this living history museum and folk-life centre in scenic Iona, located in the heart of Cape Breton and overlooking the Bras d'Or Lakes.

Take part in a traditional céilidh, hear Gaelic singing, learn to speak Gaelic phrases, and become captivated by the spirit of pioneering Scottish Gaels. See costumed animators demonstrate skills such as weaving, quilting and rug hooking. Explore the breathtaking 43-acre site that features a Hebridean-style blackhouse, a 19th-century wooden church, period farmhouses, and rare farm animals such as Soay sheep and Highland cattle.

Find out more at highlandvillage.museum.gov.ns.ca

Pioneer Day

Sat, Sept 10, noon - 5 pm

The whole family can enjoy this festival that celebrates rural life. Learn how to make a candle, play a game of horseshoes, tap your toes to traditional Gaelic music, enjoy a corn boil and much more.

Night of the Spooks /Oidhche nam Bòcan

Oct 20, 21 & 22, 7 pm - 9 pm

Celebrate Halloween with this evening tour of the village by lamp light, complete with storytelling, skits and special effects. Prepaid reservations required. Call for tickets. (Cost: \$12 per adult, \$28 per family, \$5 per student)

Celtic Colours

The following events will take place at Highland Village as part of the Celtic Colours International Festival. For more information, visit the village's website or www.celtic-colours.com.

Joe Neil MacNeil Memorial Lecture

Fri, Oct 7, 2 pm - 3:30 pm
Cures: Practical, Magical & Mysterious with Lewis MacKinnon

Celtic Colours Céilidh

Tues, Oct 11, 2 pm - 3 pm

Celtic Colours Milling Frolic

Wed, Oct 12, 2 pm - 3 pm

Celtic Colours Céilidh & Gaelic Song Session

Thurs, Oct 13, 2 pm - 4 pm

Leave it to the Ladies

Celtic Colours Concert
Thurs, Oct 13, 7:30 pm

Natural Dye Workshop

Fri, Oct 14, 10 am - noon

Storytelling Tour

Fri, Oct 14, 2 pm - 4 pm

EASTERN SHORE

Sherbrooke Village

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Sherbrooke, Hwy 7, Guysborough Co.
Open June to mid-October

Tel: 902 522-2400
Toll-free: 1-888-743-7845
sherbrookevillage.museum.gov.ns.ca

In the 1860s, timber, tall ships and gold ruled life along the St. Mary's River, turning the community of Sherbrooke into a prosperous boom town. Today, the picturesque village still stands proud, just as it did more than 100 years ago.

Sherbrooke's past is your adventure as you explore this incredible, living site, filled with costumed interpreters and 25 original heritage buildings. Watch sparks fly as the blacksmith's hammer hits the anvil, see the weaver's nimble hands at the loom and smell the newly shaved wood in the wood turner's shop. Hitch a ride on the horse-drawn wagon and visit the animals on site.



Find out more at sherbrookevillage.museum.gov.ns.ca

Show & Shine

Sat, Sept 10 and Sun, Sept 11

A gathering of classic and antique vehicles; featuring a road rally, music, door prizes, silent auction and dance at the Lions Hall.

Photography Camp

Oct 3 - 6

Join photographer Wally Hayes for this workshop that will introduce students to basic and intermediate aspects of digital photography. Visit Wally's Blog at www.novascotiablogs.com/whereiswally/.

Road to Celtic Colours Concert

Thurs, Oct 6, 7:30 pm

The road to Celtic Colours runs through Sherbrooke Village. Get an early taste of music and magic at this pre-festival event. (Cost: \$15 at the door)

Fisherman's Life Museum

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Jeddore Oyster Pond, Eastern Shore
Open June mid-October

Tel: 902 889-2053
fishermanslife.museum.gov.ns.ca

From the crackle of wood burning in the cook stove, to the smell of the saltwater breeze, come experience the warmth and welcome of Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore in a fishing family's home.

Built in the early 1900s, this house once belonged to Ervin Myers, his wife Ethelda and their 13 daughters. Like many other families who resided along Nova Scotia's shores, the Myers' made their living off both the land and sea; fishing throughout the summer and working the woods in the winter.

Step into this charming home or take a stroll around the grounds to discover how extraordinary ordinary life used to be.



Find out more at fishermanslife.museum.gov.ns.ca

Hooked On Mats?

Sept 1 - 15

Stop in and see a display of mats that represent various designs from around Nova Scotia, including over 40 examples that are at least 100 years old.

Hook-In

Thurs, Sept 8, 10 am - 2 pm

Mat Makers are invited for a day of mat making and fun. Bring your own mat to work on or come and learn about the art of hooking from talented artists.

Children's Halloween Party

Sat, Oct 8, 1 pm - 3 pm

Little trick or treaters will love this afternoon of crafts, games, snacks and spooky stories. Prizes awarded for scariest, cutest, best homemade and best family costumes. Please pre-register as space is limited. Adult accompaniment required. (Cost: \$10)

Sign up

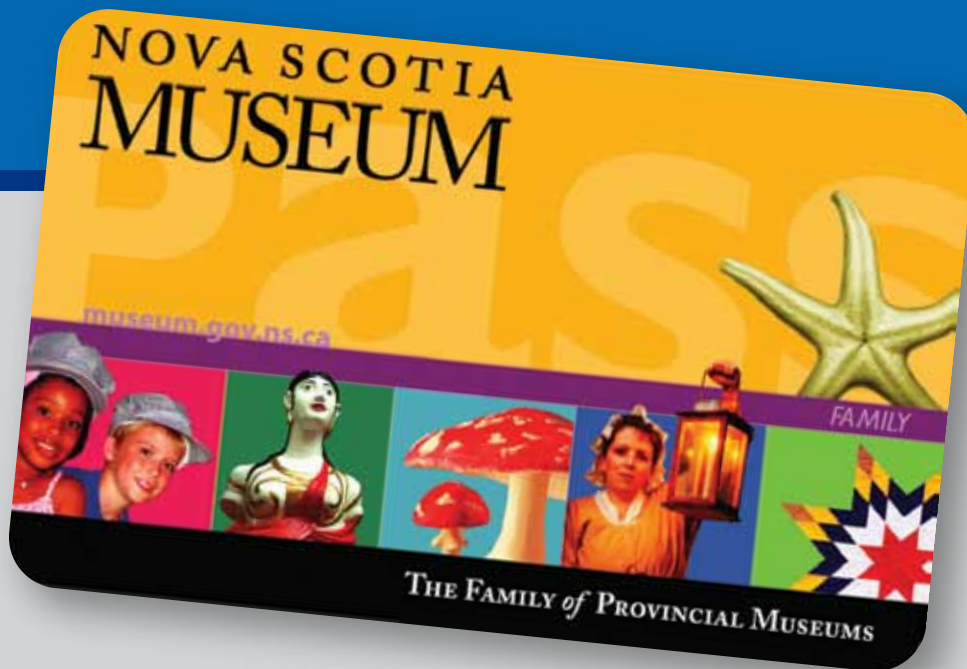
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