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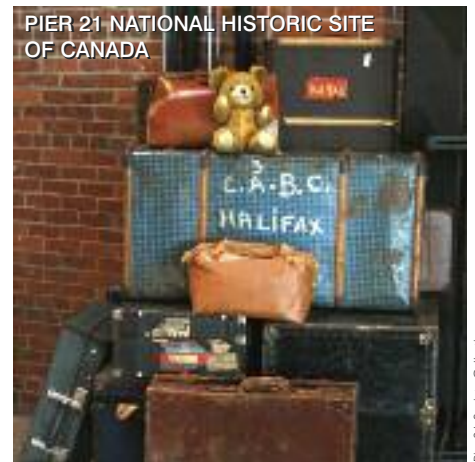
THINGS TO SEE AND DO



MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC



ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA



PIER 21 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

The Halifax Regional Municipality is a region of diverse cultures and rich history. Take a walking tour and immerse yourself in our heritage at our museums, historic sites and parks, where you'll learn about the fascinating natural, maritime and military history of one of Canada's earliest settlements. Our vibrant arts community offers a

tremendous spectrum to choose from, whether it's the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's fine collection of regional and international art or the paintings, sculpture, folk art and crafts found at numerous private galleries throughout the region. There is so much to see, take your time to experience it all. Visit www.halifax.ca/visitors for more information.

PUBLIC GARDENS



Destination Halifax



MUSEUMS, HISTORIC SITES AND ATTRACTIONS

Acadian House Museum/L'Acadie de Chezzetcook

79 Hill Rd., West Chezzetcook; 20 min. drive from Metro, Rte. 207 / (902) 827-5992 or (902) 827-2248
Experience Acadian life as lived in Chezzetcook/Grand Désert. Built in the 1850s, the museum houses displays on local heritage, complete with a period kitchen. The grounds feature artifacts, plus a cabano, outdoor oven and a wooden outhouse. Call for special occasions and weekly events. Wheelchair accessible with restrictions. Open July 1 to Aug. 31. Open Tues. to Sun. 10am to 4:30pm. Gift shop and picnic tables available. Luncheons served daily from mid-May to Sept. 30 at La Cuisine the Brigitte. Museum admission \$2/individual, \$5/family.

Alexander Keith's Nova Scotia Brewery

1496 Lower Water St., Halifax / (902) 455-1474
1-877-612-1820 / www.keiths.ca
Step back in time to 1863 and experience the remarkable life and times of Nova Scotia's first brewmaster. Actors in costume and character will give you a peek at Alexander Keith's original brewing process, then they'll escort you to the Stag's Head Inn for songs, stories, and samples of Keith's ales. All ages, group bookings welcome. Admission charged. Open daily May through October; open weekends year round. Gift shop.

Army Museum

Cavalier Barracks of the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site of Canada / (902) 422-5979 / novascotiaheritage.ca
This museum presents hundreds of artifacts reflecting Atlantic Canada's military heritage. Open daily May 7 to Oct. 31, off season by appointment. Also open, with free admission, on Remembrance Day (Nov. 11). Free admission to museum with entrance fee to Citadel from May 7 to Oct. 31.

Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum

20 Sky Blvd. Exit 6, Hwy. 102, across the highway from the airport / (902) 873-3773
www.atlanticcanadaaviation.com
Atlantic Canada's most comprehensive aviation museum, with many civilian and military aircraft

on display, as well as artifacts and exhibits depicting Atlantic Canada's vast aviation history, including a replica of the *Silver Dart*. The original, developed by Alexander Graham Bell and associates, made the first flight in Canada from Bras d'Or Lake, N.S., in 1909. Gift shop and visitor information centre. Open daily 9am to 5pm, mid-May to late September. Off-season group tours by appointment. \$5 voluntary donation.

Atlantic Playland

1200 Lucasville Rd., Hammonds Plains / (902) 865-1025
www.Playland.ns.ca
"Metro's place to play" features go-karts, bumper boats, mini golf, waterslides, batting cages along with 10 action rides. Open mid-June to Labour Day. Pay-as-you-play with attraction tickets and bracelets.

Bedford Institute of Oceanography

1 Challenger Dr., Dartmouth / (902) 426-2373
www.bio.gc.ca
Canada's largest oceanographic research centre. Requires about an hour to visit. Displays, audio-visual presentations and small aquariums. Suitable for individuals and small groups. Guided tours are available by appointment for organized groups only (in English and French). The tours include the Sea Pavilion, which houses touch tanks and viewing tanks containing native marine species. Call 426-4306 or 426-2373 for tours. Tours offered May through August, Mon. to Fri. 9am to 4pm. Free admission. Gift shop available.

Bicentennial Theatre

12390 Hwy. 224, Middle Musquodoboit / (902) 384-2424
www3.ns.sympatico.ca/bicentennial.theatre
This 230-seat theatre was originally an Oddfellows' Lodge and has been a focal point of the community since 1928. It houses a rare piece of 19th-century stage art, a backdrop painted by Halifax native William Gill. It was recently restored and is still used as a stage front curtain. Contact the theatre to arrange a showing. The theatre hosts the annual Kirk Logan Old Time Fiddling Contest, plus musical and stage acts. Open mid-May to mid-October; year-round for events and viewing by appointment.

Bishop's Park

Shore Club Rd., Hubbards / www.hubbardsheritage.ca
Located across from St. Luke's Anglican Church, the park borders the Fitzroy River and offers panoramic views of Hubbards Cove and the surrounding village. In the park you will find a gazebo, interpretation panels, picnic tables, benches, a short walking trail and a variety of shrubs and trees. Operated and maintained by the Hubbards Heritage Society. Open year-round. Free admission.

Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

1149 Main St., Dartmouth / (902) 434-6223
1-800-465-0767 / www.bcens.com
The first site of its kind in Canada, this museum, cultural and education centre is dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of African Canadian history in Nova Scotia, the birthplace of Black culture in Canada. It houses static and audio-visual displays, a library and an amphitheatre for cultural performances and lectures. Guided and self-guided tours. Gift shop. Open year-round, Tues. to Fri. 9am to 5pm. June to Sept., Sat. 10am to 3pm. Admission charged.

Casino Nova Scotia

1983 Upper Water St., Halifax / (902) 425-7777
1-888-6GAMES6 / www.casinonovascotia.com
Located on the waterfront—over 600 ways to play, from blackjack to poker to lots of slots. Casino Nova Scotia boasts two dining options, free live entertainment and new games. Open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4am; 10am Friday to 4am Monday. Table games and poker: 12pm to 4am. Must be 19 or older with government-issued photo ID.

Cathedral Church of All Saints

1320 Martello St., Halifax / (902) 423-6002
www.cathedralchurchofallsaints.com
Opened in 1910, this South End landmark is a wonderful example of Gothic architecture. Visitors are welcome to tour the church, well known for its stained glass windows, needlework, icons and the wood carvings of its pulpit and chancel. Open daily. Voluntary donation.

Christ Church

50 Wentworth St., Dartmouth / (902) 466-4270
www.christchurchdartmouth.ns.ca
The oldest church in Dartmouth (built in 1817), this registered heritage building exemplifies Georgian architectural design. The weather vane atop the steeple depicts Haley's Comet. Genealogical service available. Open by appointment.

Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum

471 Poplar Dr., Dartmouth / (902) 434-0222
www.coleharbourfarmmuseum.ca
Small, community-run museum featuring heritage buildings, farm and household artifacts, farm animals and large garden. Rose and Kettle Tearoom & Gift Shop offers lunches and teas. The site adjoins a marsh and woodland walk. Parking and picnic tables. Open May 15 to Oct. 15, Mon. to Sat. 10am to 4pm; Sun. and holidays, noon to 4 p.m. Museum services available by appointment year-round, including inquiries, tours and events. Call (902) 462-0154 regarding use of facilities and catering. Admission by donation (suggested \$2/person).

Dalhousie University Archives & Special Collections

5th floor Killam Memorial Library, 6225 University Ave., Halifax / (902) 494-3615 / www.library.dal.ca/DUASC
Archival resources include material on Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia business histories and shipping, and the paper of various Nova Scotian cultural groups. Special Collections houses extensive research collections of the works of Kipling, Haliburton, Wilde, Canadian creative writing, rare books, musical scores and recordings. Open September to April from Mon. to Thurs. 11am to 9pm; Fri. 11am to 8pm; Sat. 2pm to 5pm; Sun. 2pm to 9pm. (Archival materials required for evening use must be requested before 4pm; for weekend use by 4pm Friday.) Open May to August, Monday to Fri. 11am to 5pm. Closed between Christmas and New Year's Day. Free admission.

Dartmouth Heritage Museum, Evergreen House

26 Newcastle St., Dartmouth / (902) 464-2300
www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca
A broad range of exhibits interpret the heritage of the Dartmouth area. Special events and children's programs throughout the year. The museum is located in Evergreen House, a mid-Victorian gentleman's residence built in 1867. The house was also owned by Helen Creighton, folklore archivist and author of *Bluenose Ghosts*. Guided tours of the main floor feature Victorian furnishings and décor. Rotating exhibits in the top floor gallery highlight some of the museum's collection or feature local artist displays. Open year-round. Self-guided tour books available in off-season. Summer: Tues to Sun.



1am to 5pm. (Closed 1 to 2pm on weekends). \$2 admission (children 12 and under free). Bus groups require advance booking. Gift shop available.

Discovery Centre

1593 Barrington St., Halifax / (902) 492-4422
www.thediscoverycentre.ca
Nova Scotia's hands-on science centre is dedicated to making science fun for all ages. Interactive exhibits allow for experimentation and individual discovery. Visit the bubble room, spin on the rotating chair, experiment with magnets and see optical illusions. Live science demonstrations. Allow 60 to 90 minutes for a visit. Discovery Shop on site.

Open year-round, Mon. to Sat. 10am to 5pm, Sun. 1pm to 5pm. Closed Jan. 1, April 6, Nov. 11, Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. Admission charged.

Fairbanks Centre/Shubenacadie Canal

54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth / www.shubie.chebucto.org
This museum celebrates the 183-year history of the Shubenacadie Canal, which moved steam ships between Halifax Harbour and the Bay of Fundy. The centre is home to the municipality's Regional Trails department and is a major gateway to Shubie Park. The Centre is situated adjacent to the reconstructed Lock 3 of the canal system. From here you can take a self-guided historic walking tour.

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A research centre, gallery, café and gift shop are located on site.
Pier 21 1055 Marginal Road
Halifax (902) 425-7770

Features include 19th-century locks and an 1820s workers' camp. The Centre also offers a model of the locks, plus a detailed history and artifacts. From the Fairbanks Centre you can enter the Trans Canada Trail, the Shubie Park trail system, and trails connecting major shopping areas such as Dartmouth Crossing and Mic Mac Mall. Fairbanks Centre walking tour and park open daily year-round. Museum open June to September, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Free admission. Picnic tables available. Washroom facilities.

Fisherman's Cove

Eastern Passage, off Rte. 322 / (902) 465-6093
www.fishermanscove.ns.ca

Surrounded by an authentic 200-year-old fishing village with colourful boats and shanties,

Fisherman's Cove has an inviting collection of craft shops, an art gallery, seafood restaurant and a Marine Interpretive Centre with interactive experiences. Year-round seaside boardwalk with picnic tables available. Open daily May 1 to Oct. 31, 10am to 5pm; June 1 to Sept. 30, 10am to 8pm; Nov. 1 to Dec. 23, Fri. to Sun. 10am to 5pm. Free admission to village, charge for Marine Interpretive Centre.

Fisherman's Life Museum

58 Navy Pool Loop, Jeddore Oyster Pond
(902) 889-2053 / fishermanslife.museum.gov.ns.ca

Built in the early 1900s, this house once belonged to Ervin Myers, his wife Ethelda and their 13 daughters. They made their living off both the land and sea, fishing throughout the

summer and working the woods in the winter. At Fisherman's Life Museum, discover how extraordinary ordinary life used to be. Open daily from June 1 to Oct. 15, 9:00am to 5:00pm. Parking, picnic tables, washrooms on site. Bus tours welcome. Admission charged.

Fultz House Museum

33 Sackville Dr., Lower Sackville / (902) 865-3794
www.fultzhouse.ca

Located in a house dating back to the 1860s, this museum displays photographs and artifacts relating to Sackville and the surrounding communities. On the property are blacksmith and cooperage shops with tools, and an 1855 horse-drawn hearse. Grounds suitable for wedding services and photographs. Open daily July 1 to Aug. 31, 10am to 5pm; by appointment year-round. No admission charged (except for special functions), donations welcome. Gift shop available.

Georges Island National Historic Site of Canada

(902) 426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca

Although not open to the public, the island's fortifications are currently undergoing restoration by Parks Canada. If you take the Halifax-Dartmouth ferry, look out toward the harbour entrance to the nearest island with the small lighthouse on the side. This island played a key role in the harbour's defence system for almost 200 years.

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site of Canada

Entrance off Sackville St., Halifax / (902) 426-5080
www.pc.gc.ca

One of Canada's most visited national historic sites, the Citadel features exhibits, audio-visual presentations, guided tours, the noon gun and the 78th Highlanders & Royal Artillery Regiment. Open daily May 7 to Oct. 31, 9am to 6pm during July and Aug., 9am to 5pm during other months; admission charged May 7 to Oct. 31. Grounds open daily year-round, 9am to 5pm. Gift shop and coffee bar available.

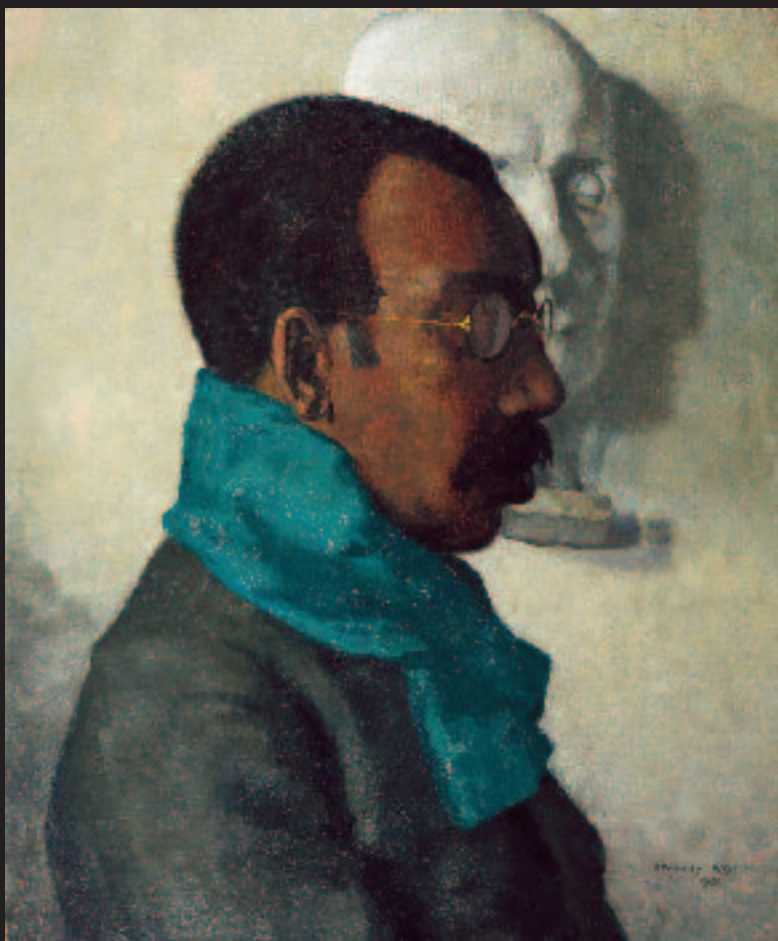
Halifax City Hall

1841 Argyle St., Halifax / www.halifax.ca
Halifax City Hall, a national historic site, dates from 1888. Designed by Edward Elliot, a Dartmouth native, it represents the Second Empire style popular in the 1870s and 1880s. City Hall is the seat of government for the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Hemlock Ravine Park

Entrance at the top of Kent Ave. off the Bedford Hwy, Bedford. (Rte. 2) / (902) 490-4000

A 75-hectare forested habitat including a rare virgin stand of hemlocks deep in the ravine. Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, who was commander-in-chief of the British forces in the Maritimes from 1794 to 1800, created a charming retreat for himself and his mistress, Julie St. Laurent. The heart-shaped Julie's Pond, the winding paths through the woods and the little white building on the shore, once a music rotunda, are the only remaining signs of this romantic interlude. Open year-round. No winter maintenance on trails. Dogs permitted on leash. Free admission.



Stanley Royle, *John Keeling*, 1932, Oil on canvas, 61.0 x 51.0 cm. Purchased with funds provided by the Government of Canada under the terms of the Cultural Property Export and Import Act, the Maritime Life Assurance Company, Senator Donald W. Oliver, Q.C. and E. Anthony Ross, 1992.

Thought Provoking

part of the collection on view at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.



Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

1723 Hollis Street, Halifax (902) 424-5280
www.ARTGALLERYOFNOVASCOTIA.CA

CSS ACADIA**HMCS Sackville**

Lower Water St., Halifax next to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Off-season at the naval dockyard. (902) 429-2132. Off-season: (902) 427-2837. www.hmcssackville-cnmt.ns.ca

This Second World War corvette is a museum and memorial to those who served in Canada's navy. Admission charged. Open May to June at Sackville Landing, Nov. to May at the dockyard.

Hydrostone

Area bordered by Young, Agricola, Duffus and Gottingen streets, Halifax / www.hydrostonemarket.ca
Designated a National Historic District, the Hydrostone was built as part of the restoration process in the aftermath of the 1917 Halifax Explosion. Completed in 1920, a total of 325 houses were built from concrete blocks known as hydrostones. The area is considered one of the more attractive and desirable parts of Halifax in which to live. The Hydrostone includes a unique collection of shops set in a European-style market. Market open daily, year-round. Picnic tables available.

IMAX

Empire Theatres, 190 Chain Lake Dr., Halifax (902) 876-4806 / www.empireimax.com/imax
Atlantic Canada's only IMAX theatre. IMAX takes people to places most have only dreamed of going. Travel above and below the earth, explore the mysteries of the world or check out conventional films that have been digitally remastered into the image and sound quality of the IMAX experience. Admission charged. Open year-round.

Little Dutch (Deutsch) Church

Corner of Brunswick and Gerrish streets, Halifax (902) 423-1059 / www.roundchurch.ca
The Little Dutch Church was the first Lutheran church in Canada, built in 1756. Open during weekday worship service, 7am and 5:30pm, June to Sept. Tours available by appointment only. Call Saint George's Parish Office (423-1059) to inquire. Donations welcome.

MacPhee House Community Museum

Highway #7, West River Bridge, Sheet Harbour (902) 885-2595
Located in the historic community of Sheet

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Harbour, the museum interprets artifacts from the late 19th through mid-20th centuries. Situated in a community park with walking trails along the beautiful West River. Adjoining visitor information centre. Open early June to mid-Sept., off season by appointment (phone 885-2478). Free admission, donations welcome.

Maritime Command Museum**Library and Archives**

Admiralty House, 2725 Gottingen St., Halifax (902) 721-8250 / www.pspmembers.com/marcommuseum
History of Canadian naval forces, especially in Halifax. Open Jan. 2 to Dec. 20, Mon. to Fri. 10am to 3:30pm. Closed on statutory holidays. Free admission. Gift shop and picnic tables available.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

1675 Lower Water St., Halifax / (902) 424-7490 maritime.museum.gov.ns.ca
Immerse yourself in Nova Scotia's rich maritime heritage. Step into the restored early 20th-century ship chandlery of William Robertson and Son or in the summer, head to the museum's docks and climb aboard *CSS Acadia*, Canada's first hydrographic vessel. From shipwreck treasures to signal flags, the *Titanic* to the Halifax Explosion, small craft boatbuilding to World War convoys, discover the stories, events and people that define this province. Open year-round, closed Mon. from Nov. 1 to April 30. Admission charged. Gift shop available.

Memory Lane Heritage Village

5435 Clam Harbour Rd., Lake Charlotte (902) 845-1937 / 1-877-287-0697 / www.heritagevillage.ca
Heritage site depicting an authentic rural Nova Scotian village in the 1940s. Sixteen buildings with period artifacts, costumed guides, audio soundscapes and traditional skills demonstrations. Cookhouse meals served all day; Tour & Chow special. Rural industries of mining, forestry, fishing and boat building represented here. Farm animals onsite. Eastern Shore archives and genealogy research centre open by appointment. Free Internet access. French and German spoken. Village and Cookhouse open daily June 15 to Sept. 15, 11am to 4pm. Off season by

appointment. Gift shop with traditional crafts and fresh bread available. Admission charged. Senior, student and group discounts available. Children under 12 free.

Moose River Gold Mines Museum

Moose River Road, from Rte. 224 near Elmsvale or from Rte. 7 east of Tangier
To confirm hours, call Middle Musquodoboit Visitor Information Centre at (902) 384-2006 / www.mvta.net
Interesting collection of gold mining artifacts and first-hand information about the famous mine disaster of 1936. The live radio broadcasts from the site were North America's first "media event" and changed the course of radio in Canada. The nearby Moose River Gold Mines Provincial Park preserves the location of the cave-in and rescue. Open July 1 to Aug. 30, daily, 10am to 5pm. Other times by appointment (contact the Middle Musquodoboit Visitor Information Centre, 384-2006). Donations welcome.

Museum of Natural History

1747 Summer St., Halifax / (902) 424-7353 (902) 424-6099 / nature.museum.gov.ns.ca
What's bigger, you or a blue whale's rib bone? Can you tell the difference between a drone bee and a worker bee? Do you know how old Gus the tortoise is? Discover the answers to these questions and many more as you explore the wonders of Nova Scotia's land and sea. See ancient fossils, gold, Mi'kmaq artifacts, sea creatures from an ocean tide pool and whale skeletons. In the summer, visit exotic butterflies in the Butterfly House or let staff introduce you to salamanders, snakes and frogs in the Nature Centre. From an eagle's nest to the ocean floor, there's something for everyone. Gift shop, parking and picnic tables. Open year-round, closed Mon. from Oct. 16 to May 31. Admission charged.

Musquodoboit Railway Museum

Musquodoboit Harbour / (902) 889-2689 novascotiarailwayheritage.com/musquodoboit.htm
Housed in the former Canadian National Railway Station circa 1918. Exhibits tell the story of Nova Scotia's railways. The collection includes memorabilia, photographs, maps, posters, tickets, artifacts and a small library. Many exhibits are

SAINT GEORGE'S ROUND CHURCH



Alan Doyle

designed for children, with more in-depth material for the serious railway buff. Part of the former rail line has been transformed into a 15-kilometre trail. Gift shop. Open daily June 1 to Sept. 30, 9am to 4pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management

Public Archives Building, 6016 University Ave., Halifax (902) 424-6060 / www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm
Holdings include inactive records of government departments and corporate bodies (churches, businesses, organizations and communities); papers of families and individuals; a 50,000-title library; newspapers; genealogical sources; documentary art and photographs; maps and architectural plans; sound recordings and moving images. Public Internet access C@P site. Open Mon. to Fri. 8:30am to 4:30pm, Wed. 4:30 to 9pm, Sat. 9am to 5pm, closed Sun., holidays and holiday weekends. Free admission.

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame

Halifax Metro Centre, 5284 Duke St., Halifax (902) 421-1266 / www.novascotiasporthalloffame.com
Adjacent to the Metro Centre box office, the hall is a state-of-the-art facility. Its 6,000 square feet include colourful displays highlighting the diverse backgrounds of Nova Scotia's athletes, builders and teams. The simulator allows visitors of all ages to test their hockey, baseball, soccer, football and basketball skills. Interactive kiosks allow visitors to access detailed information about inductees using the new website, while the theatre area showcases great moments in Nova Scotian sport. Open year-round, Mon. to Fri., 11am to 4:30pm and before all Metro Centre events. Free admission. Group visits upon request. Gift shop available.

NovaScotian Crystal

5080 George St., Halifax / (902) 492-0416
1-888-977-2797 / www.novascotiancrystal.com
In the heart of the bustling waterfront, see molten crystal being mouth-blown and hand-cut, using techniques and tools that haven't changed for centuries. Watch the craftsmen work their wonders, each piece producing an expression of the

crystallmaker's soul. Visit the showroom of Canada's only crystallmakers to view the complete line of NovaScotian Crystal. Factory and showroom open year-round; view craftsmen working Mon. to Fri. Worldwide shipping available.

The Old Burying Ground

Corner of Barrington St. and Spring Garden Rd.
(902) 429-2240

A designated National Historic Site and registered Provincial Heritage Property. The first grave was dug the day after English settlers arrived on June 21, 1749. The land was set aside as a "common burial ground" outside the stockade of the new fortified town of Halifax. This site is a visible expression of all that Halifax witnessed in its first 100 years. Open May to October. Free admission, donations welcome.

Old Hall Wilderness Heritage Centre

4694 Hwy. 7, Porters Lake / (902) 827-2364
crowbartrail@yahoo.ca
Dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the cultural and natural history of the Porters Lake area. Displays focus on wilderness heritage, natural history and outdoor recreational opportunities. Open mid-May to mid-Sept. Free admission, donations welcome. Gift shop available.

Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel

Holy Cross Cemetery, South Park and South streets, Halifax / (902) 865-6663
www.ccchalifax.com
Also known as "the Church Built in a Day," this Gothic-style chapel stands near the entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery, the city's oldest Catholic cemetery. In the early morning on August 31, 1843, more than 1,800 people gathered at St. Mary's Basilica and, after mass, walked in procession to the new cemetery. By 7pm, Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel was complete.

Pennant Point Coastal Heritage Park

20 min. from downtown Halifax, on Rte. 349
In 1990, 26 historic sites were recorded at the park, the vast majority of which are cellar depressions associated with the late 18th-century to early 20th-century fishing community of Coothe Cove. The park is home to three white sand

beaches, popularly known as Crystal Crescent Beach, and an 8.5-kilometre coastal and inland trail system. Open year-round from dawn until dusk.

Pier 21 National Historic Site of Canada

1055 Marginal Rd., Halifax / (902) 425-7770
www.pier21.ca

Follow in the footsteps of the 1.5 million immigrants and Canadian military service personnel who passed through Pier 21 between 1928 and 1971. Explore Canadian stories of immigration and nation building through interactive exhibits, multimedia presentations and activities for all ages. A research centre, gallery, café and gift shop are located on site. Open year-round. Limited hours in winter, check website for schedule. Admission charged; group rates available.

Point Pleasant Park

Entrances at the south end of Tower Rd. and the south end of Point Pleasant Dr., Halifax / (902) 490-4700
Only minutes from downtown, this magnificent 75-hectare park covers the southern tip of the Halifax peninsula, jutting into the mouth of the harbour. Features include extensive walking trails, picnic area, canteen and the ruins of several forts. Open daily, 6am to midnight, year-round. Limited winter maintenance on selected walking trails. No smoking permitted within the park.

Prince Alfred Arch

Mason's Cove, Tangier. 90km east of Dartmouth on Hwys. 107 and 7; follow the signs at Mason's Point Rd.
This monument was erected by the Tangier Gold Mines Historical Society in honour of the visit of Queen Victoria's son, Prince Alfred, on Oct. 19, 1861, on the site of Nova Scotia's first commercial gold-mining operation. Small park on site. Open year-round.

Prince of Wales Tower National Historic Site of Canada

Point Pleasant Park, Halifax / (902) 426-5080
www.pc.gc.ca
The Martello tower was built by order of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, in 1796-97 to help protect British gun batteries in Halifax. It was the first of its type in North America. The tower is accessible July 1 to Aug. 31, 10am to 6pm. Grounds open year-round.

Province House

Entrance on 1726 Hollis St., Halifax / (902) 424-4661
www.gov.ns.ca/legislature
Province House is Canada's oldest seat of government. "It was like looking at Westminster through the wrong end of the telescope," said Charles Dickens of it in 1842. Open July and Aug: weekdays 9am to 5pm, weekends and holidays 10am to 4pm. Remainder of the year: weekdays 9am to 4pm. Free admission.

The Public Gardens

Main entrance on the corner of South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd., Halifax / (902) 490-4000
www.halifax.ca
The finest original formal Victorian Public Garden in North America. Enjoy historic fountains, statuary, a natural pond system and summer Sunday afternoon band concerts, set among colourful flower beds and magnificent specimen trees. Newly renovated public

washroom (with family washroom), bus tour drop-off area (on Spring Garden Road) and Horticulture Hall. Open daily from early May until late November, 8am to dusk. Free admission.

Quaker House

57–59 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth / (902) 464-2300
www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca

Within a two-minute walk of the ferry is nestled one of the oldest houses in the region. It was built by the Quaker Whalers in 1786 and is authentically restored and furnished. Costumed guides give interpreted tours of Quaker life and the whaling industry. A “pioneer days” dress-up trunk is available for children. Also featured is the heritage herb/vegetable garden that gives a glimpse of gardening techniques used over 200 years ago. Open June to end of August, Tues. to Sun., 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm. \$2 Admission (children 12 and under free). Bus groups require advance booking.

Rev. M. W. Burke-Gaffney Observatory

Saint Mary's University, Robie at Inglis Street (entrance from Loyola Residence Desk), Halifax
(902) 496-8257 / www.ap.stmarys.ca/bgo

Free public tours if weather is clear, on the first and third Sat. of each month year-round, and every Sat. from June through Sept. Free admission.

Royal Canadian Legion Military Museum

Somme Branch 31 / 52 King St., Dartmouth
(902) 463-1050 or 430-0725

Military exhibits, artifacts and period costumes from 1756 on, including the Boer War, First World War, Second World War, Korean War and Gulf War. First level wheelchair accessible. Open June 1 to Nov. 11, Mon., Wed. and Fri. 1pm to 4pm. Closed holidays. Tours arranged by appointment off-season. Military library available. Admission charged (under 12 free).

Saint George's Round Church

2222 Brunswick St. at Cornwallis St., Halifax
(902) 423-1059 / www.roundchurch.ca

Saint George's was built in 1800 to accommodate the growing congregation of the Little Dutch Church (see separate listing). It was designed under the supervision of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent (father of Queen Victoria). It is a National Heritage Site and an elegant wooden example of a circular Palladian church. Visitors welcome. Contact the parish office for service times or to set up a tour.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

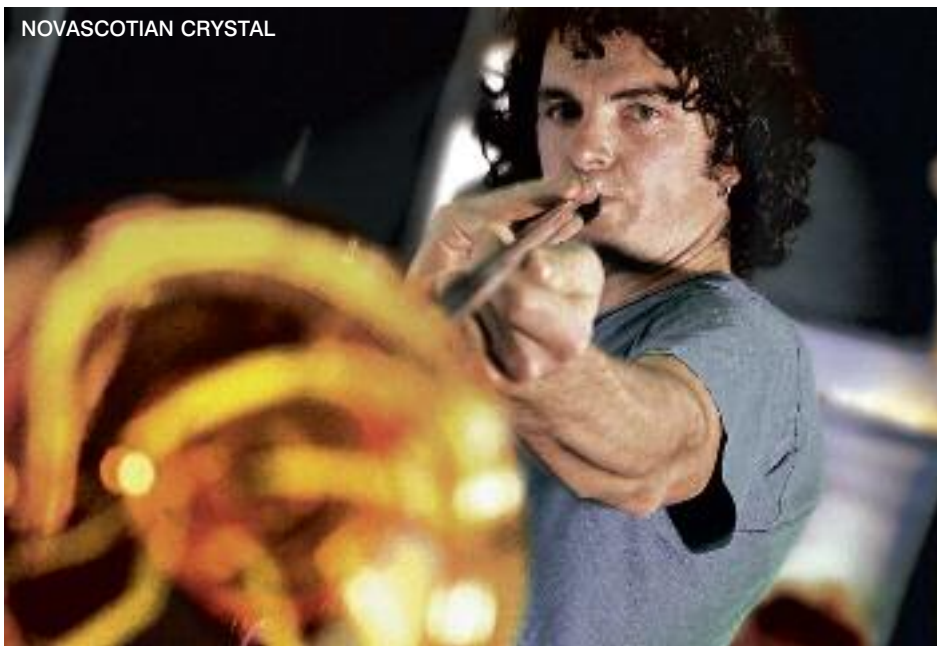
Spring Garden Rd. at Barrington St., Halifax
(902) 423-4116 / www.stmarysbasilica.ns.ca

When construction began on Saint Mary's in 1820, the design was for a much smaller, Georgian church. In the 1860s and '70s, the building was transformed, inside and out, to the grand Victorian Gothic style. The highly embellished façade was designed by acclaimed New York architect, Patrick Charles Keely, who had designed more than 500 churches in North America. The spire is the tallest polished (dressed) spire in North America, rising 38 metres above the roof. A small museum is located at the back of the altar. Open year-round.

Saint Matthew's United Church

1479 Barrington St., Halifax / (902) 423-9209
www.stmatts.ns.ca

Beginning in 1749, Protestant Dissenters (mostly



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Congregationalists from New England), were permitted to worship in Saint Paul's Church (Church of England) until they had their own place of worship. In 1754, they moved to Mather's Church at the corner of Hollis and Prince streets. After this building was lost to a fire in 1859, the congregation moved to its present site. Saint Matthew's is the oldest United (Reformed) church and oldest continuing Protestant congregation in Canada. Sunday worship at 10:30 am.

Saint Paul's Anglican Church

1749 Argyle St., Grand Parade, Halifax / (902) 429-2240
www.stpaulshalifax.org

Founded in June 1749, this is the oldest Anglican (and oldest non-Roman Catholic) church in Canada and Britain's first overseas cathedral, originally serving settlements from Newfoundland to Ontario. The crypt holds the remains of illustrious British colonials of the period 1760 to 1831. The impact of the Halifax Explosion of Dec. 6, 1917 is still to be seen in the wooden sill

embedded in the wall above the bronze doors in the narthex, and the “Explosion Window” in the west wall. Saint Paul's is an active church with worship services held weekly (for schedules, see the website). Visitors are invited to worship with the congregation on Sundays and Wednesdays, or simply to pray or meditate in the pews throughout the week. Open year-round. Guided tours Mon. to Sat. from late May to early Sept., 9am to 4:30pm. Parish liturgies open to visitors: 9am and 11am, Sun.; 11am, Wed. (unless otherwise posted). Genealogical services are available for a fee. Donations welcome.

Scott Manor House

15 Fort Sackville Rd., Bedford / (902) 832-2336
www.scottmanorhouse.ca

A Dutch colonial manor, this provincial heritage site features hand-hewn beams, wishbone chimneys and a hand-dug cellar. Built circa 1770 by Joseph Scott, it now serves as a centre for community heritage. It has a tea room with



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homemade oatcakes and fresh berries, and a well stocked reading and research room. Temporary and permanent exhibits. Open daily July 1 to Aug. 31, 1pm to 4pm. Donations welcome.

Shearwater Aviation Museum 

44 Bonaventure Ave., 12 Wing Shearwater (take Rte. 322 toward Eastern Passage) / (902) 720-1083 www.shearwateraviationmuseum.ns.ca

Displays Canadian military aviation as it evolved at Shearwater through USN, RCAF, RCN and Canadian Forces eras; including restored historic aircraft. Ground floor and library are wheelchair accessible. June to Aug., open Tues. to Fri. 10am to 5pm, Sat. and Sun. noon to 4pm; Sept. to Nov. and Apr. to May, open Tue. to Fri. 10am to 5pm, and

Sat. noon to 4pm. Other times by appointment. Gift shop open year-round. Admission by donation.

Shubie Park 

54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth / www.shubie.chebucto.org At over 399 acres of land area, Shubie Park is the largest urban wilderness park in HRM. It includes sections of the Trans Canada Trail, two lakes, islands, woodland trails and parts of the historic Shubenacadie Canal. In summer the park includes a lifeguarded beach and campground, and in winter the groomed trails and frozen lakes make excellent cross-country ski and skating areas. This park can be accessed from many locations including Waverley Road, Dartmouth Crossing, Locks Road and John Brenton Drive.

Sir Sandford Fleming Park (The Dingle) 

Dingle Rd., off Purcell's Cove Rd., on the Northwest Arm, Halifax / (902) 490-4000 Two major walking trails through four natural habitats: second-growth woodlands, a heath barren, a saltwater habitat and a frog pond. The park also includes a sandy saltwater beach with public wharf and boat launch into the Northwest Arm. The Dingle Tower, guarded by bronze lions at the foot, was commissioned by Sir Sandford Fleming. The 10-storey tower was dedicated in 1912 to commemorate 150 years of representative government in Nova Scotia. Take-out canteen (summer only). Tower open for climbing from mid-April to mid-November (depending on the weather). Picnic tables available. No winter maintenance on walking trails. Free admission.

SS Atlantic Heritage Park and Interpretation Centre 

180 Sandy Cove Rd., Terence Bay. Follow the SS Atlantic Heritage Park signs from Rte. 333 and White's Lake. (902) 852-1557 / www.ssatlantic.com

In 1873, 562 people lost their lives off the shores of Lower Prospect when the SS Atlantic sank. It was the worst single-vessel marine disaster to occur off the Canadian coast prior to the Titanic. This heritage site is the burial place for 277 of the victims and includes a park with a boardwalk and a monument to the victims and an interpretation centre with a craft shop. The park is wheelchair accessible. Park open year-round, centre open May to Oct. Free admission, donations welcome.

Thomas McCulloch Museum 

Biology Department, Life Sciences Centre, Dalhousie University, 1355 Oxford St., Halifax / (902) 494-3515 biology.dal.ca/Facilities/ThomasMcCulloch.htm Exhibit of mounted birds of Nova Scotia prepared over 150 years ago by Thomas McCulloch; collection of lifelike ceramic mushrooms created by Alma and Ernst Lorenzen of Lantz, N.S.; collections of tropical fish, butterflies and seashells. Open year-round, Mon. to Fri. 8:30am to 4:30pm, closed holidays. May open at other times by special request. Food court in building. Picnic tables available. Free admission.


Waverley Heritage Museum 

1319 Rocky Lake Dr., Waverley / (902) 861-2427 waverley.chebucto.org/museum.html Displays on gold mining and the Acadia Powder Mill Company; photographs of past residents and scenes chronicling Waverley's history. Open daily, July 1 to Aug. 31, 1pm to 5pm. Free admission, donations appreciated. Open by appointment off-season.

World Peace Pavilion 

Ferry Terminal Park, Dartmouth waterfront www.halifax.ca All the countries of the world were invited by Metro Youth for Global Unity to participate in a Peace Pavilion dedicated as a tribute to the spirit of global peace and harmony. Over 75 countries have contributed to date; includes a portion of a brick from the Great Wall of China and a piece of the Berlin Wall. Open May 1 to Nov. 1, 8am to dusk. Free admission.





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York Redoubt

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Purcell's Cove Road (Rte. 253), 25 min. from downtown Halifax / (902) 426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca

Overlooking the entrance to the harbour and McNabs Island, York Redoubt was part of Halifax's extensive defence system. Parts of the fort date from the 1790s to the Second World War, while the large cannons are from the 1860s. Magnificent harbour views, picnic grounds and an interpretive centre (open mid-May to mid-Oct., 9am to 6pm). Grounds open year-round. Free admission.

ART GALLERIES

Anna Leonowens Gallery

NSCAD University, 1891 Granville St., Halifax (902) 494-8223 / www.nscad.ca

Weekly exhibitions include contemporary art by faculty, students and visiting artists of NSCAD University. Open Mon., 5:30pm to 7pm; Tues. to Fri., 11am to 5pm; Sat. noon to 4pm. Free admission. Wheelchair accessible by appointment.

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia

1723 Hollis St., Halifax / (902) 424-7542 www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca

These renovated heritage buildings with modern gallery facilities are located across from Province House. Along with significant temporary exhibitions, Atlantic Canada's largest fine arts museum holds more than 14,000 works in a permanent collection of historic and contemporary Nova Scotian, Canadian and international art, plus an acclaimed collection of folk art. Also on site: Art Sales and Rentals Gallery, The Gallery Shop and Cheapside Café. Open daily 10am to 5pm, Thurs. until 9pm. Closed Mondays November to May. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open year-round. Admission charged.

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Craig Gallery at Alderney Landing

2 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth / (902) 461-4698 www.alderneylanding.com

On the Dartmouth waterfront next to the Metro Transit ferry terminal. Hosts exhibitions by a variety of local professional and amateur artists. Open Tues. to Fri. noon to 5:30pm, Sat. 9am to 5pm, Sun. 11am to 4pm. Free admission.

Dalhousie Art Gallery

Dalhousie Arts Centre, 6101 University Ave., Halifax (902) 494-2403 / www.artgallery.dal.ca

Changing exhibitions of historic and contemporary art. Film series every Wed. from Sept. to May. Reading room full of art periodicals and catalogues. Open Tues. to Fri. 11am to 5pm, Sat. and Sun. noon to 5pm. Free admission.

Eyelevel Gallery

2063 Gottingen St., Halifax / (902) 425-6412 www.eyelevegallery.ca

This non-profit artist-run centre focuses on the work of emerging and established contemporary artists. Open Tue. to Sat. noon to 5pm. Free admission.

Khyber Institute of Contemporary Arts

1588 Barrington St., Halifax / (902) 422-9668 www.khyberarts.ns.ca

Located in downtown Halifax in a Victorian building dating back to 1888, the Khyber ICA is a non-profit, artist-run centre. It actively supports local, regional, national and international artistic communities by presenting contemporary art in a wide variety of disciplines, including the visual arts, theatre, performance and music. View the website regarding programming and membership. Open Tue. to Sat., noon to 5pm. Free admission.

Mary E. Black Gallery

Nova Scotia Centre for Craft and Design, Suite 140, 1061 Marginal Rd., Halifax (902) 492-2522 / www.craft-design.ns.ca

Nova Scotia's only public gallery hosting local,

national and international fine craft exhibitions. Also offering classes and workshops in textiles, wood, metal, glass and pottery. Open year-round, Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4 pm. Free admission.

Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery

Seton Academic Centre, 166 Bedford Hwy., Halifax (902) 457-6160 / www.msvuart.ca

Contemporary art, notably by women and emerging regional artists. Open year-round except Christmas week. Open Tues. to Fri. 11am to 5pm, Sat. and Sun. 1pm to 5pm. Closed Mon. and holidays. Free admission.

Old Anderson House Craft Shop and Art Gallery

152 Petpeswick Rd., Musquodoboit Harbour (902) 889-3099 / theoldandersonhouse.tripod.com

Two-storey gallery showcasing Eastern Shore crafts and art. Open mid-May to mid-Oct., daily, 10am to 5pm.

Saint Mary's University Art Gallery

Loyola Building, 5865 Gorsebrook Ave., Halifax (902) 420-5445 / www.smuartgallery.ca

Exhibitions of contemporary and historical art by Nova Scotian, Canadian and international artists. Open year-round, Tues. to Fri., 11am to 5pm; weekends, noon to 5pm. Free admission.



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