

*Atlantic Canada's Premiere Fun Destination*

# Upper Clements Parks

Upper Clements Park, located five km west of Annapolis Royal, provides fun and excitement for all ages. Upper Clements Park, situated on seventy-five acres of land overlooking the Annapolis Basin, offers an entertaining, fun-filled day at very reasonable rates.

In addition to the exciting rides, it is Nova Scotia's single largest live entertainment venue in the summer. Most Saturdays, come enjoy Park After Dark, with rides open until dusk, live acts and fireworks at 11:00 pm. Also there is the magic of David Moon daily.

Some rides have height restrictions due to safety reasons so several options are available for purchasing ride tickets, attraction bracelets and Lazer Tag. With Fast pass purchases next day admission is free. A variety of food services, retail shops and a craft store are operated by local community business people.

Upper Clements Wildlife Park, located in a woodland setting surrounded by trees, ponds, lakes, and streams, is connected to Upper Clements Park via a tunnel under Highway 1.



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***Stop and Smell the Roses***

## Enjoy The Historic Gardens

Attractions Canada Provincial Award Winner and Crystal Tourism Award of Excellence recipient from the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, the Historic Gardens is a special showcase of gardening methods and plant species. Renowned as one of Canada's finest, the Historic Gardens delights visitors of all ages with themed gardens, colourful collections and unique displays.

Located in Annapolis Royal, an area rich in heritage, and home of the first permanent European settlement in Canada, the Gardens is situated in one of the first cultivated areas in North America. From its picturesque setting overlooking the wetlands and meadows of a tidal river valley, the Gardens features ten acres of display gardens and seven acres of reclaimed marshlands, enclosed by a dyke walk. Here visitors will experience local history from a horticultural perspective and the

development of gardening in Nova Scotia: from displays of native species, through methods of early Acadian farming, to innovative gardening techniques of the future.

One of the most beautiful features is the spectacular Rose Collection, with some 2,000 bushes representing more than 200 cultivars. Other favourite displays include the stunning Victorian Garden and an 18th century Governor's Garden, illustrative of the period when Annapolis Royal was the seat of English government in the province. The Knot Garden, with its intricate patterns of exquisite interlocking hedge work, reminiscent of the 16th century, is another highlight.

The Acadian section features a replica of a 1671 Acadian dwelling, complete with thatched roof, along with a garden, orchard and dyked land. This reconstructed example of pre-expulsion Acadian lifestyle is one of only a few in existence. A

sign lists the family names from the 1671 census.

The Innovative Garden is a unique resource for the home gardener. Visitors enjoy ideas for garden design, plant materials and creative gardening techniques.

The Gardens Interpretive Centre features photo displays of the development of the Gardens, and highlights the Acadian heritage of the area, including info on salt marshes, and an 18th century Acadian aboiteau, the large wooden sluiceway used by Acadians to drain water from their dyked lands. Original pre-expulsion artifacts are scarce which makes this so special.

The Historic Gardens is owned and operated by a non-profit charitable organization. Admission fees go toward operation and maintenance of the Gardens. Tickets are good for the entire day. Senior, family and group rates are also available. Info: (902) 532-7018, [www.historicgardens.com](http://www.historicgardens.com)



*Upper Clements Park offers over 20 rides and attractions as well as crafts, retail, food concessions and beautiful gardens.*

An admission fee of \$8.50 (+HST) provides access to Upper Clements Park, Upper Clements Wildlife Park, all entertainment for the day, Haunted House, train rides and complimentary shuttle-service to the nearby scenic Wildlife Park.

It is home to approximately thirty species of animals, mostly native to North America.

For more info to help you plan your trip to Upper Clements Parks, call 1-888-248-4567 or visit [www.upperclementsparks.com](http://www.upperclementsparks.com)

## Experience Annapolis Royal

Since winning the "World's Most Liveable Small Community" title in 2004 -- and being recognized as one of the Cultural Capitals of Canada in 2005 -- Annapolis Royal has received other special awards.

In 2008 the Town won the first prestigious Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award and also the international category of the renowned Communities in Bloom competition after receiving awards in national competition since 2006.

In '07 Mayflower Community Cooperation plus Community Arts and Culture awards were proudly accepted, the Prince of Wales Award in 2006, a Green Streets Canada Award in 2005-2006, plus both Sustainable Community and Event of the Year awards in 2005.



*Come enjoy the fun and see for yourself why award-winning Annapolis Royal is such a unique vacation destination. You'll be glad you did! (Fry)*