

Atlantic Canada's Premiere Fun Destination

Upper Clements Parks

Upper Clements Park, located five km west of Annapolis Royal, has provided fun and entertainment for all ages for over twenty years. Situated on seventy-five acres of land overlooking the scenic Annapolis Basin, Upper Clements Park delivers thrilling rides and exciting family entertainment all in an enjoyable outdoor atmosphere. Soar through the treetops on an exciting wooden rollercoaster or plunge down a sky-high flume ride. Crash and bang in bumper boats, get scared in the Haunted House, or whirl down a huge waterslide.

The \$9.00 admission provides access to the Park, Haunted House, transpark train and all entertainment for the day. Bracelet options range from \$21.00+HST to \$29.50+HST. Fast Passes can be ordered in advance or purchased through participating Sobeys and other Fast Pass partners listed online. Fast Pass lanes offer immediate access, one Premium Ride/Attraction Bracelet (height restrictions still apply) plus one Free Admission the following day. Rides, attractions and laster tag are not included with the Fast Pass, but upgrades are available upon arrival.



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

It is also Nova Scotia's single largest entertainment venue in the summer. Energetic live acts, great music, unique retail outlets, and an excellent selection of food services help create memorable family fun. You may want two days to enjoy it all!

Free Admission is offered to military personnel with ID on Fridays, volunteer firefighters on Sundays and you on your birthday. Receive a discount with CAA/AAA or redeem Airmiles. For info: 1-888-248-4567, www.upperclementsparks.com



Make your own special memories at the award-winning Historic Gardens, one of Canada's finest. (Fry)

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. For Info: (902) 532-7018, www.historicgardens.com

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