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O'Dell House Museum
Victorian Stagecoach Inn
 ca. 1870
 Exhibits on Annapolis Royal's History
AHS Genealogical Centre
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Tidal Power Plant

Annapolis Royal is home to the only tidal power plant in North America. Since the Bay of Fundy has the highest tides in the world, Annapolis is an ideal location with its average tide of 7 metres. It uses the world's largest straflo turbine to generate up to 30 million kilowatt-hours per year, electricity for about 4,500 homes. Nova Scotia Power is also experimenting with new in-stream tidal technology in the Bay of Fundy. To learn more about Nova Scotia Power's commitment to increase the mix of renewable energy used to provide power across Nova Scotia visit www.nspower.ca

Farmers' and Traders' & Winter Markets

Farmers' and Traders' Market is open on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, May 21 to October 8. This popular area, across from the wharf, served as a public meeting place and market square during colonial times. It is often also the site of various entertainment events. Visit with the friendly local farmers and tradespeople, sample fresh produce and tasty home baked treats and search for one-of-a-kind collectibles. The fun Winter Market begins on October 16 and is held on Saturday mornings inside the Historic Gardens' Gazebo. 532-7018.

O'Dell House Museum (1869)

The O'Dell House Museum, 136 St. George Street, is a remnant of the economic prosperity brought to the community by the railroad and also international shipping interests during the Victorian period. Built by Cory O'Dell, a former Nova Scotia Pony Express rider, it was originally a stagecoach inn and tavern and the first stop for many travelers getting off the ferry from Granville Ferry. Remains of the old ferry slip can still be seen at low tide.

The museum is displayed as a Victorian inn and tavern on the main floor. Various contemporary museum exhibits upstairs include Eugene (Bud) Hamm's Woodcarving and "Cool & Collected", featuring rarely seen odd artifacts. At holiday time, Victorian Christmas is a tradition.

Fort Anne NHS

Fort Anne, designated a National Site in 1917, is Canada's oldest. It is located in the heart of Annapolis Royal's National Historic District. A family activity booklet is available for \$2.95 where you can travel back in time with Tully Telescope on A Quest for the Keys. For more info about Fort Anne NHS see pages 1 - 3.

Port-Royal Habitation Melanson Settlement North Hills Museum

The Scenic Circle Tour on p. 19 features these three attractions located on Canada's Oldest Settlement Rd.

Historic Gardens

See feature article on p. 20.

King's Theatre

King's Theatre has been a popular area landmark since 1921. It's roots, however, go back to 1606 when Marc Lescarbot produced "The Theatre of Neptune" mainly as a diversion for the little band of adventurers at Port Royal, to be followed in later years by various performances by traveling troupes and roving thespians in this bustling seaport town.

A vital force in the life of the community, historic King's Theatre entertains the area year-round with an impressive schedule showcasing local, national and international talent in a delightful mix of live theatre, music and dance. It also features current movies and classic films. During the summer months, King's Theatre spotlights local artists in their colourful King's Theatre Art Gallery located in the lobby. The 24-hour event hotline is 532-5466. 532-7704, www.kingstheatre.ca

HMCS/CFB Cornwallis Military Museum

Cornwallis, the largest training base in the British Commonwealth, trained the sailors who served Canada's Navy, the third largest by the end of WW2. Armed Service unification dictated that it become a tri-service facility. It features memorabilia from the three branches of the armed service and the Merchant Navy, some displays unique to the museum. Open mid June until the end of Sept. Small admission fee. With a well stocked gift shop, the museum is located on the former base, midway between Annapolis and Digby on Hwy 1. Enter main gate. Follow the signs.

National Historic District

Annapolis Royal is the smallest incorporated town in Nova Scotia, but with over 135 registered heritage properties, it is the largest National Historic District in Canada. Be sure to plan to stay long enough so you can enjoy all the region has to offer. The Historical Association's popular walking tours depart the historic lighthouse weekdays at 2 p.m.

Bay of Fundy

The Bay of Fundy, renown for the world's highest tides, awaits you only 10 minutes from the heart of the Annapolis Royal National Historic District. Mi'kmaq folklore claims the tides are caused by a giant whale splashing in the water. More on this natural wonder, p. 19.

Annapolis Heritage Genealogical Centre

Housed in the O'Dell House Museum, the Genealogy Centre is open all year and offers resources for people looking for families who may have lived in the Annapolis Royal region over the past 400 years. Hard copy, microfilm and digital resources include Annapolis and the Granville township books, cemetery records, both published and unpublished genealogies, local newspapers, the Annapolis County deeds, vital statistics, funeral home records, an extensive photographic collection along with a variety of excellent on-site Acadian/Cajun files for genealogical research. 532-7754, www.annapolisheritagesociety.com

Upper Clements Parks

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C'est avec grande fierté que le conseil municipal, le personnel, et le peuple du comté d'Annapolis vous offrent un accueil chaleureux à notre pittoresque région. On espère que vous allez passer un bon séjour et on vous encourage de participer dans autant d'activités que possible.

The coastal communities, towns, villages, historic properties and parks stretching across our region make us a unique destination by any standard. We are so happy you chose to visit us. Please explore our area to its fullest and find out why we are so proud to call this place home. Enjoy your holiday, take care and return soon.

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