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### CRADLE OF OUR NATION

Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia is a beautiful waterfront community nestled in the Annapolis Valley. Originally inhabited by a strong Mi'kmaq community, in 1605 the area became home to some of North America's earliest European settlers. The Annapolis Royal area has gained a reputation as a vibrant centre for cultural activity, and over the years it has become a magnet for visual artists, craftspeople, performers and writers. We're proud of our many well-preserved heritage buildings that make up one of the loveliest streetscapes in the country. We're also pleased to be recognized as a community where volunteerism is alive and well. With an amazing history and an exciting present day, Annapolis Royal is a pleasure to behold for the visitor, a dynamic community with growing opportunity for business investment, and a home second to none for its residents.



### New Acadian Guide & 2024 World Congress

The next World Congress of Acadians will be held in the Clare/Argyle Region of Southwest Nova Scotia, August 10 - 18, 2024. The Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal Area is the "Cradle of Acadie".

Using the Annapolis Royal area as your home base, you can easily explore the Grand-Pré and Windsor (Piziquid) regions to the east and Clare and Argyle areas to the west.

The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal's Acadian Guide is included on p. 30 - 35. Plan your trip now, and be sure to book early!

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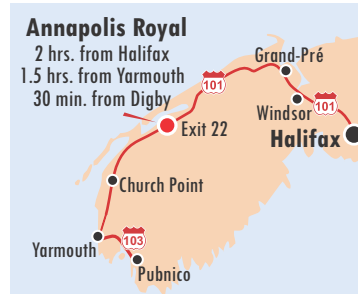
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**Friday, June 16th 6 – 8 pm:**

Music at the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre:  
Acadian Duo Madouesse.

**Saturday, June 17th 10 – 11:30 am:**

Community meet and greet at Market Square:  
Mayor Patrick Marengo and Mayor Amery Boyer.


**Sunday, June 18th 2 pm – 3 pm**

Ceremony at the Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre:  
Inauguration of the new, bilingual interpretive panel  
on the life of Dugua de Mons.



The Town of Annapolis Royal  
will be welcoming  
Mayor Patrick Marengo  
and his delegation from  
our twinned city of Royan, France,  
birthplace of Pierre Dugua,  
sieur de Mons.

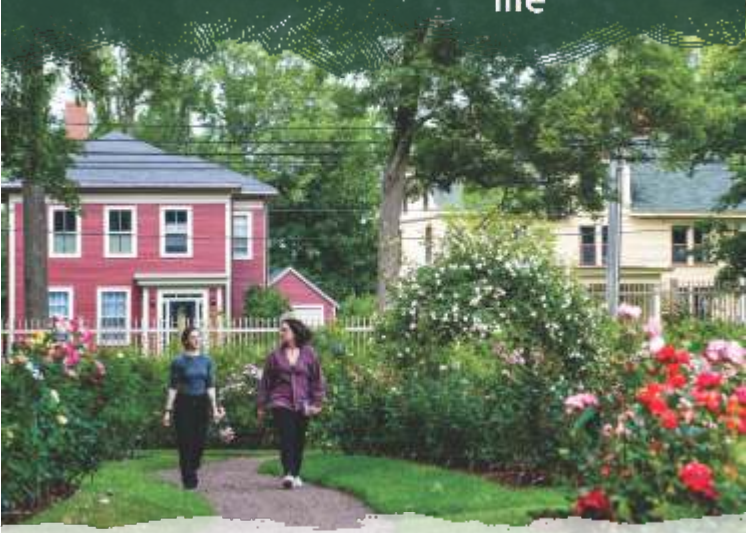




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# Festivals & Events



Farmers & Traders Market



Annapolis Royal Pride



MORE EVENTS

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## FARMARK & TRADERS MARKET

May 20 - Oct. 7

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## ANNAPOLIS ROYAL PRIDE

July 7-9

Three days of events start with the flag raising ceremony on July 7. Festivities continue on July 8 with a morning youth event, parade at 1 pm, mainstage show at The "O" at 2 pm, evening pride comedy show and dance at the Legion. A Pride church service and fundraiser BBQ for the fire department are a few highlights on July 9. Check Annapolis Royal Pride on Facebook and Instagram.

### FOR MORE 2023 EVENTS

Click Explorer QR Code Above

[www.ExploreAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.ExploreAnnapolisRoyal.com)

## ANNAPOLIS RIVER FESTIVAL

July 15 (9 am - 5:30)



The 6th annual Annapolis River Festival, sponsored by the Clean Annapolis River Project, returns to Jubilee Park in Bridgetown. It's fun for all ages with free admission, races, music, displays, kids activities and a food and drink tent. 902-532-7533 or [www.annapolisriver.ca/riverfest](http://www.annapolisriver.ca/riverfest)

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Dance moves inside to King's Theatre with Program One July 20, 8pm and July 22 (Matinée), featuring celebrated indigenous choreographer/dancer Barbara Kaneratonni Diabo (Montreal) and Rock Bottom Movement (Toronto) with a world premiere. Program Two, July 21, 8pm, and July 22, 8pm, showcases contemporary and Indian classical choreographer/dancer Tanveer Alum (Toronto) and a work for three dancers, an excerpt from Devil's Interval by visionary choreographer and dancer Lydia Zimmer (Halifax). Interact with dance and movement through workshops and artist talks. Follow on FB, IG and Twitter - @fodardance. [www.FODAR.ca](http://www.FODAR.ca)



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Th'owxiya The Hungry Dish Oct. 12

Ashley MacIsaac July 8

James Mullinger Sept. 15

**Blackfly Festival** - Legion, May 20, 1-10  
**Photo Walk** - Gardens, June 15, 4pm  
**Royan Twinning Events**  
June 16-18 (See page 3)  
**Dugua Panel Unveiling at The "O"**  
June 18, 2 - 3 pm (See page 3)  
**A Mid-Summer Night's Stroll** - Gardens  
June 23 & 24, 5pm onward. Advance book  
**Wine & Roses** - Gardens, July 15, 5-7pm  
**Bandfest** - July 21 - 23  
**Natal Days** - Aug. 4 - 7  
**de Gannes-Cosby House**  
**HSMBC Plaquing**, Aug. 19, 1 pm  
**Photo Walk** - Gardens, Aug. 19, 4pm  
**Paint the Town**, Aug. 19 - 20, See p. 8-9  
**Conker Championship**, Oct. 14, 10am

### ONGOING EVENTS ...

Music at The "O" Fri., 6-8 pm \*  
Dancing at The "O" Thurs., 7-8 pm \*  
Free Open Swims at Pool July & Aug

### MORE EVENTS ...

\* Click Explorer QR Code above for Dates, Details & More Events at King's Theatre, Historic Gardens, Galleries, Parks, Museums, The "O" & more, or see Events at:

[www.ExploreAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.ExploreAnnapolisRoyal.com)



# Historic - Scenic - Fun

Explore Port-Royal NHS, Fort Anne NHS & Kejimikujik NP/NHS. Parks Canada is fun for all ages.

## KEJIMIKUJIK NP/NHS EVENTS

Keji's Backyard Ultra - June 10  
Nat'l Indigenous Peoples - June 21  
Canada Day - July 1 - Free Entry  
Keji's Birthday - Aug. 5  
Dark Sky Weekend - Aug. 11 - 13  
Keji Triathlon - Sept. 9 & 10  
Thanksgiving Weekend - Oct. 6 - 8

## PORT-ROYAL GUIDED TOUR

Meeting with the Governor

## PORT-ROYAL NHS EVENTS

Canada Day - July 1 - Free Entry  
Traditional Music on Thurs. (1-3pm):

**Vickie Deveau**  
(Country & French) - July 6  
**Scott Henderson & Jenny Melvin**  
(Irish) - July 20  
**Jacquelyn Martell**  
(Fiddle) - Aug. 3  
**Harvey Marcotte**  
(Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin) - Aug. 17  
**Taproom Growlers**  
(Songs of the Sea) - Aug. 31

## FORT ANNE NHS EVENTS

Canada Day Free Entry & Concert  
Massed Band Concert - July 16  
Natal Day Encampment - Aug. 4 - 6  
Natal Day Tactical Battle - Aug. 5  
Natal Day Fireworks - Aug. 6  
Natal Day Parade & Prizes - Aug. 7  
Acadian Flag Raising - Aug. 15

## FORT ANNE GUIDED TOURS

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## FUN



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St. George Street you will see the National Historic District plaque and 5 National Historic Sites: the de Gannes-Cosby House, oldest wooden house in Canada (a private residence); the oldest original operating Court House in Nova Scotia; Fort Anne, Canada's oldest National Historic Site; Sinclair Inn Museum and the Iroquois Fort Monument. The Lequille Grist Mill NHS, Melanson Settlement NHS and Port-Royal NHS are nearby, and Kejimikujik NP & NHS is 45 minutes away. Other Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaques that designate historic sites, people and events are in the area. (For plaque list and locations see [www.exploreannapolisroyal.com/HSMBC.pdf](http://www.exploreannapolisroyal.com/HSMBC.pdf)) Other monuments, statues and interpretive panels are also located in the historic district.

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## Whale Watching

Whale watching adventures await you about an hour drive from Annapolis Royal from June to Sept. The Bay of Fundy's great tides create a very rich ecosystem that supports abundant wildlife, whales and seabirds. The waters off the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, from Brier Island up to Digby Neck, are important feeding areas. Enjoy minke, humpback and fin whales, harbour porpoises and Atlantic white-sided dolphins. Right whales are often seen. Sperm, sei, orca and blue whales have also been spotted.

Humpback whales, "clowns of the sea", are the most likely to be seen. They breach (jump out of the water), flipper slap and tail lob the most (bring the tail out of the water and slap it on the water). They also spy hop, coming out of the water nose first, to look at people.

Finbacks are some of the largest at 60-80 feet, second only to the Blue. Minke are the smallest of the group of whales in the Bay at about 30 feet in length. They are quite friendly and often come close to the boats to delight visitors. You might even see the rare North Atlantic Right

whale. Only about 350 are still living. You may also encounter seals, dolphins and harbour porpoises. Most often seen are the Grey Seal and Harbour Porpoise. The Grey Seal is larger with a noticeably square head. Most abundant are the Harbour Porpoises. White-sided dolphins often run with the boats, swimming playfully and jumping out of the water.

This area of the Bay of Fundy is located on the Atlantic Flyway, a major migration route for many species of sea birds, shorebirds and waterfowl. Birdwatching is a special added plus with Puffins, Gannets, Cormorants, Shearwaters, Petrels and Ducks, both common Elders and American Blacks.

## Bay of Fundy

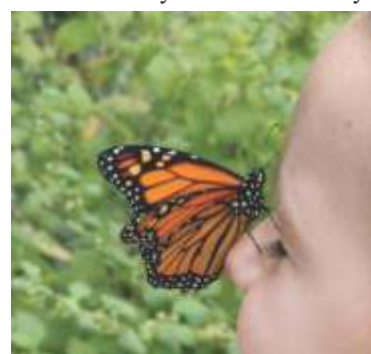
Explore the scenic shores of the Annapolis Basin and Bay of Fundy. Renowned for the world's highest tides, the Bay of Fundy awaits you only 10 min. from the heart of the National Historic District. Mi'kmaw folklore claims the tides are caused by a giant whale splashing. Hike at Delaps Cove or walk on the ocean floor at low tide at Parkers Cove.



Kejimikujik NP / NHS

## Sport Fishing

The Annapolis Basin and lower Annapolis River are noted for striped bass, white bass, sea trout and white flounder. Public access is located on Hwy 1 off the causeway.



## French Basin Trail

This scenic 1.2 km easy walking trail, co-sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, is located in the heart of Annapolis Royal just 1 block from the traffic light. Encircling the picturesque Annapolis River, this easy

trail provides improvement of the water quality, conservation of wildlife, public education and year-round eco-tourism fun for all ages.

## Ecotourism/Recreation

Enjoy a public swimming pool, golf, floating dock and boat launch at the causeway, kayaking, windsurfing, canoeing, bicycling, sport fishing, bird watching, hiking, tennis courts, baseball, soccer fields, a skateboard park and more! Stroll along the boardwalk in the National Historic District. Explore scenic hiking trails, the old rail line, Grist Mill and French Basin Trail. Cross country ski in winter. Raven Haven Beach, Mickey Hill Pocket Wilderness, Kejimikujik, Oaklawn Farm Zoo, Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail, Whale Watching & Bay of Fundy adventures are nearby. Town Recreation: 902-955-1205, Annapolis County Recreation: 902-309-0248. See pages 31, 34 and 35 for more.



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## Annapolis Royal

# Your Design Destination



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If you love design – houses, gardens, art, crafts, antiques, vintage and modern creations – you will love Annapolis Royal! The area is more than Canada's birthplace...it is a centre for the design arts...a unique design destination. Annapolis Royal and its surrounding townships are home to countless artists and designers who have moved here from other parts of Canada, the United States and Europe. They have joined the growing concentration of local artists and specialized craft and trades people in an area recognized for its beauty, quality of life, sustainable lifestyle and historic connections with the wider world.

### Handcrafts & Design

The artistic and professional quality of the work of the Annapolis Royal area design community is both sophisticated and strong. It has nationally recognized artists and

potters, award-winning heritage contractors, charming shops selling antique, vintage and modern creations to add beauty to your life.

This colourful and vibrant area has museums, markets, galleries, restaurants, a year-round theatre and is home to the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, one of the most beautiful and celebrated small gardens in North America.

### Lifestyle & Heritage

A design destination is more than just a place to buy things. It's about ideas, as well. When you come and visit Annapolis Royal, you will learn what makes this small town and its economic survival so extraordinary. Through its heritage, you'll see continuity with the past. Through its geography, you'll see unspoiled rural beauty. Through the wealth of restored and re-purposed buildings, you will see a good example of the



successful recycling of old and unwanted structures. Through its artists and craftspeople and shop owners and volunteers, you'll see intelligent, relevant cultural institutions. Through its citizens, you'll see a real community.

### Come See for Yourself!

Founded in 1605, Annapolis Royal has reinvented itself throughout four centuries, but it is still about the values you hold dear...a sense of place, a sense of permanence, an old-fashioned respect for heritage and the values of the past, coupled with an acceptance of today's different lifestyles. It is a centre of excellence for the design arts... a vibrant, creative community that would love to share its "design for living" with you!

## Annapolis Royal

The NOVA SCOTIA

**Cradle of Our Nation**

### Welcome to the Annapolis Royal Community!

The Town of Annapolis Royal and the Explorer continue a long partnership covering the events and experiences which make our home so special. We encourage you to use Annapolis Royal as home base for day trips.



The lead-up season to the World Acadian Congress of 2024 promises to have plenty of opportunities to celebrate our Francophone and Acadian communities, and explore the rich heritage and history of our area.

Our community offers a wide range of options to make your visit memorable. A short list would include free Friday concerts, the Farmers and Traders Market, the King's Theatre, the Historic Gardens, local art, festivals, and even parades!

Please check the Explorer Guide and the calendar on our website (QR code below) or contact us at 902 532-2043. We're happy to help!

Mayor Amery Boyer  
On behalf of Town Council  
and Staff

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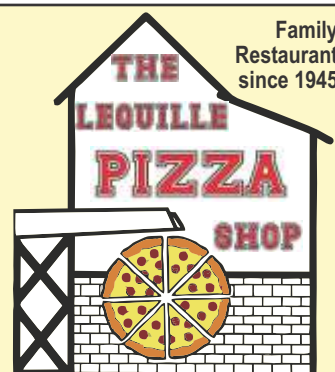
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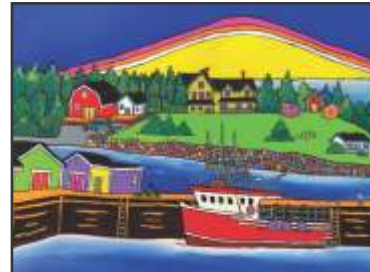
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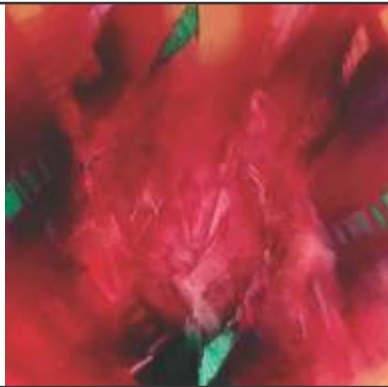
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Boat Haul-Up



King's Theatre



North Hills Museum



O'Dell House Museum

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### Fort Anne NHS

Fort Anne was designated a National Historic Site in 1917 and is Canada's oldest. It houses the Nova Scotia Charter and is located overlooking the water in the heart of Annapolis Royal's scenic National Historic District. See p. 2, 5, 19 & 27.

### Boat Haul-Up & Tides

Watch boats being repaired next to King's Theatre. Take photos at high and low tide. See about a 28' water level difference. Tide times: [www.explorerguide.ca/weather.html](http://www.explorerguide.ca/weather.html)

### Candlelight Graveyard Tour

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### National Historic District Tour

"Stroll Through the Centuries" in the National Historic District and learn about people, places and events that shaped the Cradle of Our Nation. For dates and times: 902-532-3035, [www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com)

### O'Dell House Museum, Archives & Research


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### Port-Royal NHS

Learn about the interaction between early French settlers and the Mi'kmaq. Port-Royal is the first reconstruction of a National Historic Site in Canada. p. 5, 29 & 35

### Melanson Settlement

Melanson Settlement NHS (c.1664) is located near Port-Royal NHS. It is one of Canada's best examples of a pre-deportation Acadian archaeological site. p. 29, 35







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# Things To See and Do



Annapolis Community Pool



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## North Hills Museum

One of the oldest houses in the province (c.1764). See p. 24, 29, 34, 35

## Sinclair Inn Museum

A carefully restored Painted Room is one of the highlights of Sinclair Inn Museum NHS. One of Canada's architectural and historic gems, portions date to 1710 or earlier. One of the country's oldest wood-frame structures, it is one of the few dwellings from the French regime in Acadia (prior to 1713) in existence. Two structures were combined in 1781 by Fredrick Sinclair. See 300+ years of building techniques, clay walls of the Acadians to 1950s wood paneling. Operating under many names, mainly as an inn and tavern, Canada's first Masonic Lodge meeting was held here in 1738. [www.annapolisheritagesociety.com](http://www.annapolisheritagesociety.com)

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# More To See & Do



Acadian Monument at Fort Anne

### Acadian Monument

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In 2006, Annapolis Royal was honoured with his Prince of Wales Award for outstanding stewardship of the built heritage. Over half of the buildings in Annapolis Royal are Federal, Provincial or Municipal registered heritage properties.

His Majesty King Charles III's great-great-great-great grandfather, Prince Edward the Duke of Kent, built the Officers' Quarters at Fort Anne in Annapolis Royal in 1797 while serving as commander of the British forces in Nova Scotia. The Officers' Quarters he erected now serve as the museum building

at Fort Anne, Canada's oldest National Historic Site.

One of the highlights in the museum is the 8' tall x 18' wide Heritage Tapestry. Over 4 years in the making, it was hand stitched by over 120 volunteers to commemorate 400 years of European settlement in our region. During this time in 1994, His Majesty King Charles III's mother, Queen Elizabeth II, was on her way to Victoria, British Columbia for the opening of the Commonwealth Games. She put her personal mark on Annapolis Royal when she stitched in gold thread near the heart on the image of her great-great grandmother, Queen Victoria. A piece of the tapestry was taken to Government House in Halifax where Her Majesty

graciously put in her gold stitches and signed Fort Anne's book.

The Diamond Jubilee of His Majesty King Charles III's great-great-great Grandmother, Queen Victoria, was celebrated on the grounds of Fort Anne in 1897 as depicted in the photo on the next page of children dancing around the Maypole.

One of the Diamond Jubilee events in 2012 for His Majesty King Charles III's mother, Queen Elizabeth II, was also held at Fort Anne. A special reception was hosted at the Hillsdale House Inn by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal and The Honourable Lieutenant Governor, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's representative in the province.



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His Majesty King Charles III's brother, Prince Andrew, visited Annapolis Royal in 1985 on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Parks Canada and did a walk about the grounds of Fort Anne. His

aunt, Princess Margaret, visited in 1957 and signed the guest book at St. Luke's Anglican Church.

His Majesty King Charles III is Head of The Church of England. The first Church of England service celebrated in Canada was held on the Fort Anne grounds in Annapolis Royal in October 1710.

Durline was honoured with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond and Platinum Jubilee medals. Alan Melanson received a Diamond Jubilee medal and the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada on behalf of Her Majesty. Thank you to those responsible for these lovely nominations. Learn more about the Royal visits through Durline's 19 articles and photos on the Explorer Guide website.

## ROYAL VISITS

Durline Melanson covered Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's official reception in Halifax in 2010 and The Prince Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall's 3-day tour of Nova Scotia and PEI in 2014. At a special event at Government House, she and Prince Charles discussed Her Majesty stitching on Fort Anne's Heritage Tapestry and the Town receiving his Prince of Wales award. She invited The Royal Couple to come visit in person.

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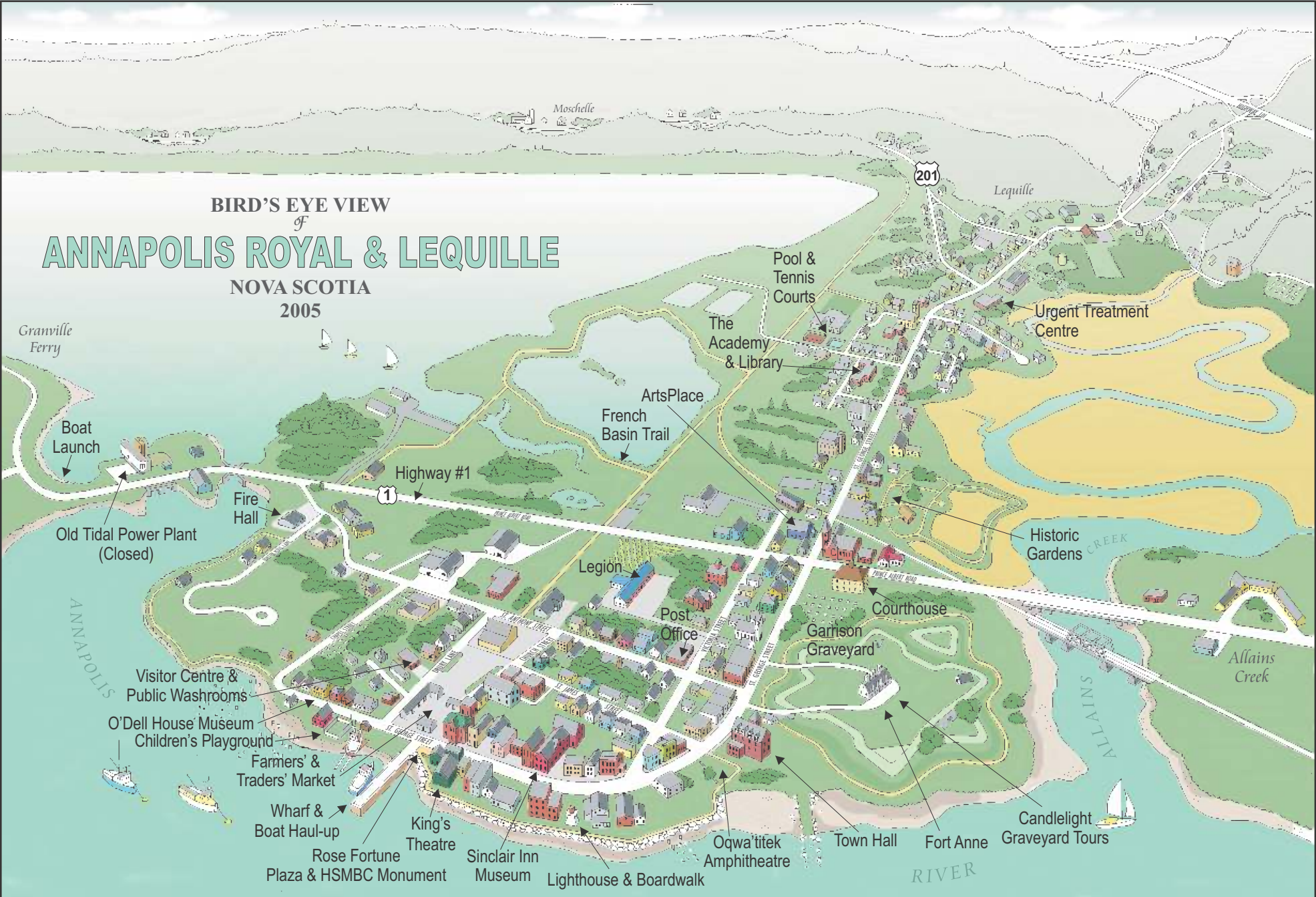
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## Annapolis Royal

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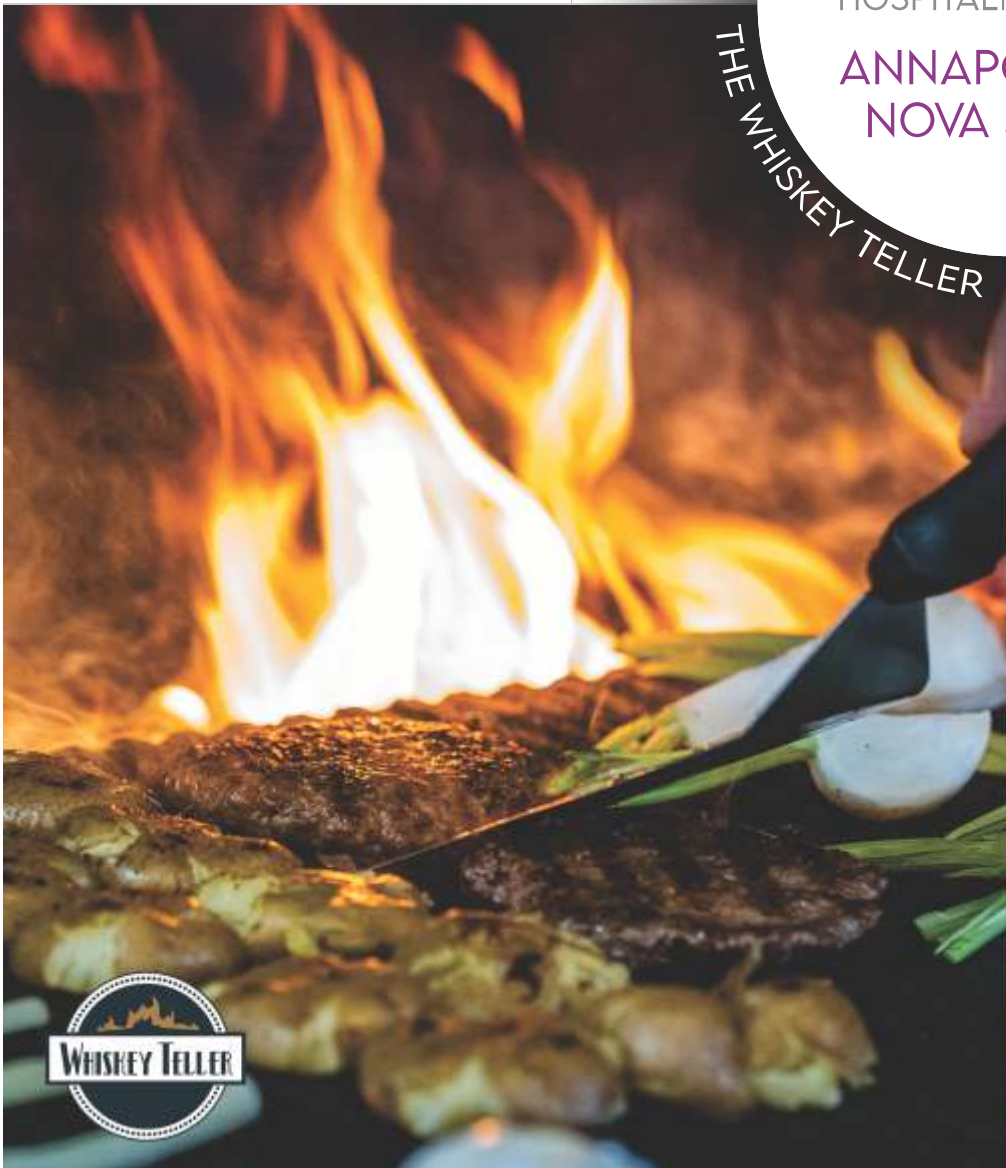
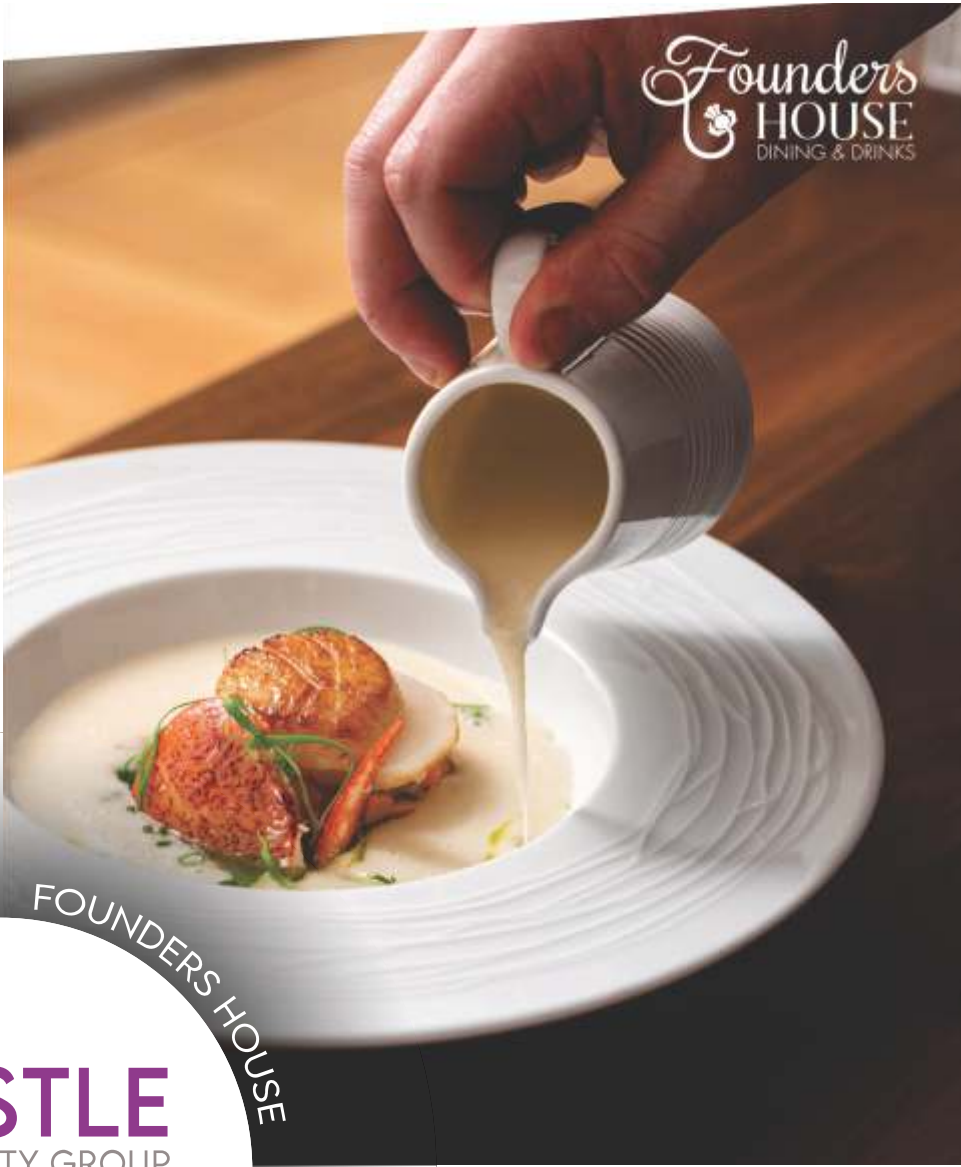
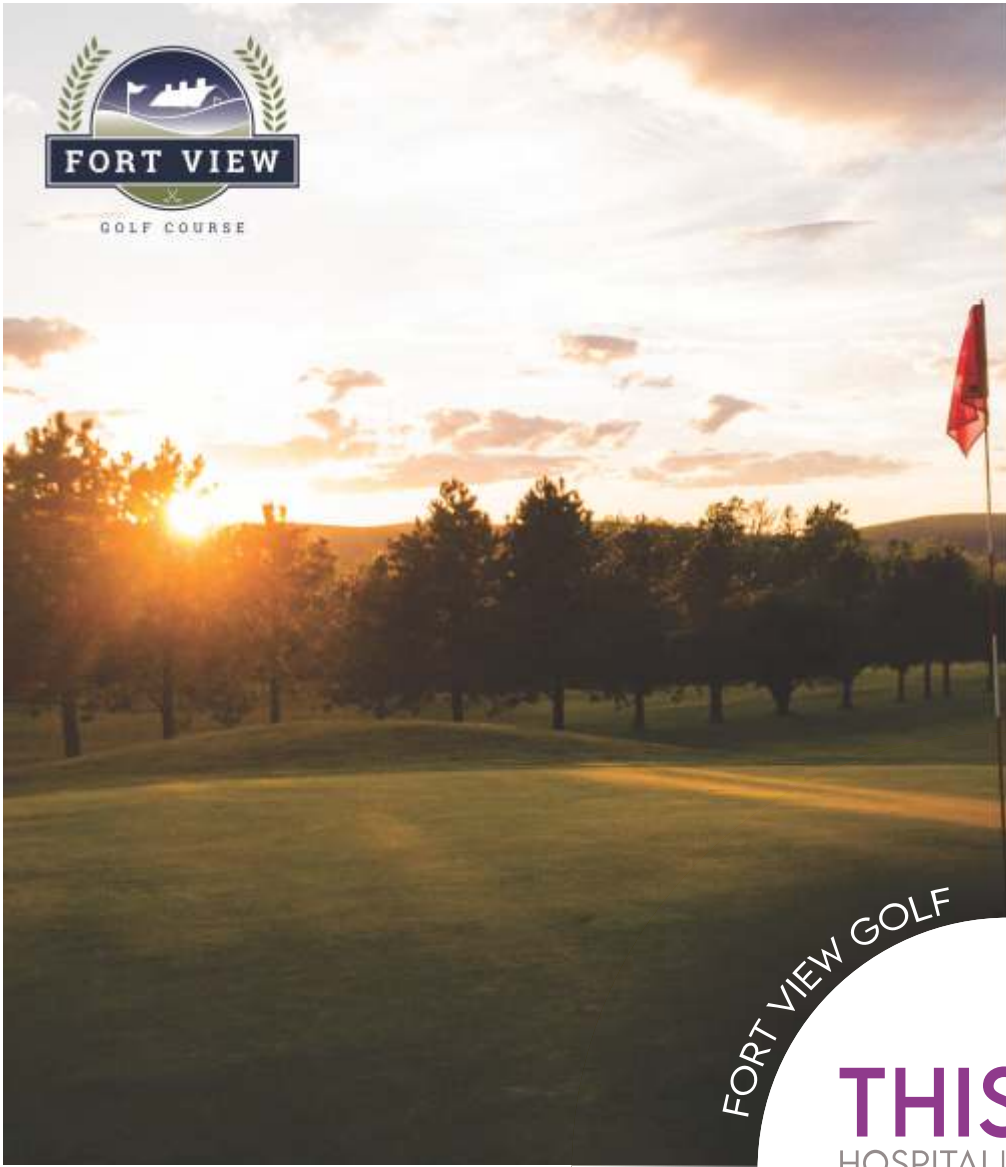
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The map shows the town of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, situated on the Annapolis River and French Basin. Key streets include Chapel St, Drury Ln, St Anthony St, St George St, Victoria St, St George St, Ritchie St, School St, Champlain Dr, Riverview Dr, Babineau Heights, and St Patricks Lane. Landmarks include Fort Anne (13), Allans River Marsh, and French Basin. Trails are marked with blue and green lines. A scale bar shows distances in feet (0 to 1000) and metres (0 to 500). A north arrow is also present.







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Port-Royal NHS

*Settled by the French in 1605, the Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal Area is one of the oldest permanent European settlements in Canada.*

## MI'KMAQ

The rhythm of the paddle breaking the water as birch bark canoes glided majestically along the waterways, and the soft sound of the mocassin quietly touching the ground during the hunt were prevalent in Mi'kmaq's long before Europeans ever set foot on this land.



Mi'kmaq's is the ancestral and unceded land of the Mi'kmaq. It encompasses the lands now known as Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Gaspé Peninsula of Québec.

The Mi'kmaq have lived in Mi'kmaq's since time immemorial. In 2017, during a ceremony at Fort Anne NHS, the Executive Director of the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Dr. Don Julian, remarked that the Mi'kmaq have been in Mi'kmaq's for 540 generations. Think about your own family, and see how far back you can count. Time immemorial or 540 generations is a long, long time, indeed – much older than ancient Rome, Greece or Egypt.

Most of the Mi'kmaq history has been passed down orally from generation to generation by elders of the community. Wampum belts were often used as “aide memoirs” to help record the story. Oral history is important because it is

told and related by those who have lived and experienced the events.

Mi'kmaq's is composed of 7 districts, and Annapolis Royal is located in the district of Kespukwitk meaning “end of flow”. The Mi'kmaq used descriptive words to name an area. In Kespukwitk, the rivers and basins flow out into the Bay of Fundy or the Atlantic Ocean. The Annapolis River was known as Tewapskik, “water flowing between rocks”. The Annapolis Basin, which stretches from Goat Island to Digby, was named Nme'juaqnek, “the place of bountiful fish”.

The Mi'kmaq lived a “hunter gatherer” way of life. They would set up encampments along the shore during spring and summer to harvest the eels, shellfish, smelts, gaspereau, porpoise and other seafood that the Great Creator had put on Mother Earth.



They gathered berries and nuts from the fields and forests and harvested birch bark, wooden poles and roots for the construction of wigwams and canoes. In winter they would go into the interior and hunt caribou, moose, game meat and fowl necessary for survival. The Mi'kmaq respected Mother Earth and all of the plants, animals, water, rocks and air she provided. When they killed an animal, they used all of its parts for food, tools, clothing and dwellings.

Unlike the Europeans who arrived in Mi'kmaq's for settlement in the early 1600s, the Mi'kmaq had no concept of land ownership.

Mi'kmaq's was created by the Great Creator to provide for the people of Mi'kmaq's. It was the philosophy and way of life of the Mi'kmaq to look after their natural environment, not only for their children and grandchildren, but for the 7 generations to come. That is how one can pay respect to the Great Creator, Mother Earth, the ancestors, future generations and ensure that Mi'kmaq's will provide into infinity.

With the arrival of Europeans, first on a seasonal fishing and trading basis in the 16th century, and later with the intent of permanent settlement in the early 17th century, the way of life for the Mi'kmaq changed. They welcomed the French, showed them how to live and survive in Mi'kmaq's and intermarried. Their way of life changed as they got caught in the middle of the conflict between France and England for control of Mi'kmaq's. When Champlain built the Port-Royal Habitation in 1605, there were more Mi'kmaq that Europeans in Mi'kmaq's. One hundred years later, over 85% of the Mi'kmaq died, not from battle, but from diseases the Europeans brought into their territory.

By 1710, when the British captured the Port-Royal Area from the French for the final time, there was a big transformation. Port-Royal became Annapolis Royal and Kespukwitk became part of the British territory of Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq had to try to survive under a British government. They signed a series of Peace, Trade and Friendship Treaties starting with the ratification of the 1725 Boston Treaty in Annapolis Royal in 1726. When Halifax was started in 1749, there was a succession of similar treaties signed between the Mi'kmaq and the British. The Mi'kmaq never ceded any land. Mi'kmaq's is the unceded ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq.

## FRENCH Arrival in Mi'kmaq's

After the voyages of John Cabot in 1497 and Jaques Cartier in 1534, French, English, Basques, Spanish and other European fishermen were bringing the bountiful harvest of cod from the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Coast of Mi'kmaq's to the European tables, long before permanent settlement was attempted. They traded European goods with the Mi'kmaq in exchange for furs to supplement their income.

The first Europeans coming to settle the present-day region of Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal (a part of Mi'kmaq's known as Kespukwitk) were the French led by Pierre Dugua Sieur de Mons and his cartographer, Samuel de Champlain. In 1604, sailing into what is now the Annapolis Basin (called Nme'juaqnek by the Mi'kmaq), Champlain named the harbour “Port-Royal”. He was struck by the beauty of the area and commented that all the vessels of the French Royal Fleet could safely anchor within its confines.

De Mons and his men built a settlement to pass the winter of

1604 - 05 on St. Croix Island at the mouth of the St. Croix River which is the present-day border river between New Brunswick and Maine. After a disastrous winter in which almost half of the men died of scurvy, the Mi'kmaq arrived with food to save the colony.

## FRENCH Settlement at Port-Royal

In the spring of 1605, they changed the location of the settlement from St. Croix Island to Port-Royal and built the Port-Royal Habitation to serve as a fur trading post and base for their operations – 2 years before Jamestown, Virginia, 3 years before the founding of Québec, and 15 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Membertou and his people welcomed the French and showed them how to survive. A trade, friendship, and military alliance that was to span the next 150 years was forged at Port-Royal. The Mi'kmaq were invited guests at the “Order of Good Cheer”, the dining club that Champlain started to ensure a good diet as well as an attempt to help pass the long winter nights through food, entertainment and camaraderie.



Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry

Located in Mi'kmaq's on the unceded ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq, Annapolis Royal has a nationally significant story to tell ~ a colourful mosaic of cultures, strength and diversity.



# Beyond Oqwa'titek



Fort Anne NHS

*French presence continued through the military stationed at “le fort de Port-Royal”. The French built 4 forts on the site of present-day Fort Anne.*



*Nova Scotia Coat of Arms granted by King Charles I in 1625.*



Historic Gardens

*The Acadians settled in this area in 1636. They constructed their homes on the uplands and built dykes to reclaim the lowland salt marshes.*

## FRENCH End of the Habitation

The Port-Royal Habitation was short-lived as it was attacked and burned down by the English from Jamestown, Virginia in the fall of 1613. Although this put an end to the first attempt at permanent European settlement in the region, some of the French such as Charles de La Tour and Charles de Biencourt stayed in the region while most of the settlers went back to France. La Tour and Biencourt both married Mi'kmaq and continued the French presence in the area.

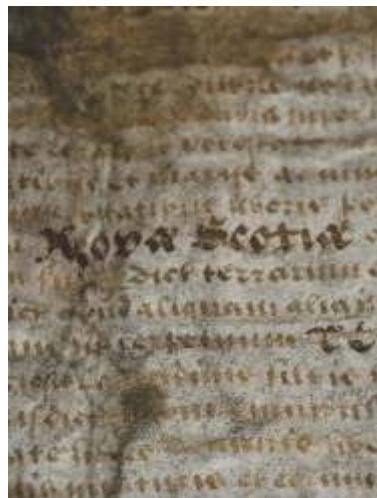
## SCOTS Origin of New Scotland

The year 2021 marked the 400th anniversary of the Royal Charter of Nova Scotia signed by King James VI of Scotland and I of England, granting the present-day Maritime provinces and Gaspé Peninsula to Sir William Alexander of Menstrie to settle the area for Scotland. Since there was a New England, a New France and a Newfoundland, the Scottish territory was called “New Scotland”. The Royal Charter (1621 copy on display at Fort Anne NHS) was written in Latin, hence the land was referred to as “Nova Scotia”.

In 1629, Sir William Alexander the younger arrived with a group of about 70 settlers including men, women and children. He built Charlesfort, named in honour of King Charles I (King James' son). Archaeological evidence indicates that Charlesfort was constructed on the front edge of present-day Fort Anne NHS in Annapolis Royal.

Shortly after their arrival, the Scots encountered two Mi'kmaq in a birchbark canoe. They brought gifts, and the Scots detected Basque and French words in their dialect.

Later in the season, Wolastoqiyik (Maliseets) came from the Saint John River and had beaver and moose hides to trade. In the fall, Claude de La Tour brought Mi'kmaq Chief Segipt, his wife and sons to England to be presented to King Charles I.



In 1632 the Treaty of Saint-Germain-en-Laye ceded the area back to the French. Although short-lived, the legacy of the 1629 Scottish settlement at Port-Royal is the name of the province, NOVA SCOTIA (Latin for New Scotland), as well as the provincial flag and coat of arms, both granted in 1625.

## ACADIANS Cradle of Acadie

The Port-Royal, now Annapolis Royal, Area is the “Cradle of Acadie”. After the short-lived Scottish settlement, 1629 - 1632, the French returned in the 1630s. Charles de Menou d'Aulnay brought French settlers to the area in 1636 including men, women and children. He later built a fort over the Charlesfort location in 1643.

The French families started settling the present-day Goat Island to Paradise section of the Annapolis River (formally called the rivière Dauphin). Building dykes to reclaim the lowland salt marshes for agricultural purposes, they developed a self-sufficient, independent lifestyle, trading their bounty from the land, forest and sea for material goods they could not produce locally. Over time, these settlers became known as the Acadians.

The Acadians developed good relations with the Mi'kmaq. By marrying into the Mi'kmaq population, they formed bonds of kinship and friendship. By building dykes and reclaiming the lowland salt marshes, the Acadians did not take over all of the traditional lands and forests of the Mi'kmaq. These actions helped forge a military alliance. The Acadians did not have to fear Mi'kmaq raids on their settlements.

In the 1670s - 1680s some Acadians started moving away from the Port-Royal Area. As families grew larger with second and third generations, some Acadians moved to larger expanses of tidal areas such as Beaubassin, Grand-Pré, Pisiquid and Cobequid to obtain land. Some Acadians also moved from the Port-Royal region to escape the constant raids by New England troops on the area. Since Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal was the capital of the colony, it bore the brunt of most of the attacks. Built in 1702, the last French fort followed the fortification principles of Vauban.

When the British were in control of the area prior to 1710, they governed from Boston. After 1710, the on-site officers sometimes married Acadian women including Major John Handfield, the British commander during the Deportation.



*1,664 Acadians were deported from Annapolis Royal in 1755. Painting by Will von Dehl courtesy of Ben Proudfoot, Breakwater Studios, Ltd.*

## STRUGGLE FOR EMPIRE Most Fought Over Land in Canadian History

The Port-Royal Area changed hands seven times between 1605-1710. The British seized it for the final time in 1710 when Colonel Francis Nicholson captured the fort from French Governor Subercase. Nicholson renamed the town “Annapolis Royal” in honour of the reigning monarch, Queen Anne. “Polis” is Greek for “city”, so we are “The Royal City of Anne”. Annapolis Royal remained the capital of Nova Scotia until 1749 when Halifax was started to counterbalance the new French capital at Fortress Louisbourg.

Friends with the Mi'kmaq, but caught in the middle of the struggle for Empire in North America between England and France, the Acadian people became victims during the Great Upheaval of 1755. On December 8, 1755, the British deported 1,664 Acadians from Annapolis Royal. In total over 10,000 were deported to the British colonies of Massachusetts and as far south as Georgia. None were deported directly to Louisiana since it was a Spanish Catholic territory at the time. The Louisiana “Cajuns” got there on their own through a series of independent migrations. Today, the majority of Acadians live in Québec, Louisiana, France, New England and the Maritime Provinces.

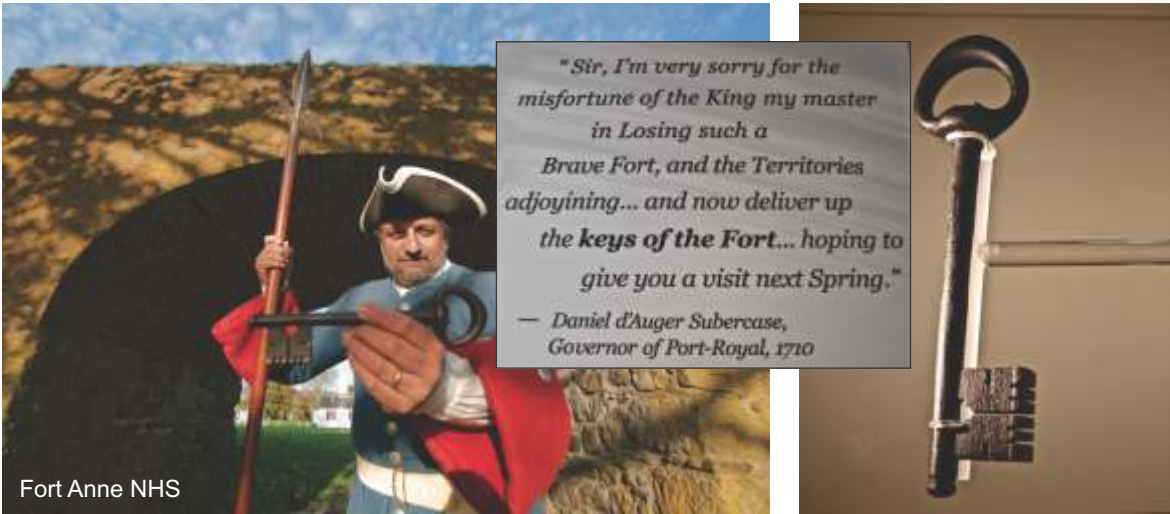


Historic Gardens

**The Port-Royal / Annapolis Royal Area was the site of colonial capitals of France, Scotland and Great Britain. Annapolis Royal was capital of Nova Scotia until Halifax started in 1749.**



# Mosaic of Cultures



Fort Anne NHS

Canada's most fought over land changed hands between the French and British 7 times over a 105 year period. In 1710, Governor Subercase handed over the key for the final time and had tea with the ladies.

## NEW ENGLAND PLANTERS

Although Nova Scotia was under British rule after the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht, its main population was composed of the Acadians and their friends, the Mi'kmaq. British settlers had not been flocking from England, New England or other Protestant areas because they did not want to be a minority in what was a British territory in name alone.

With the Deportation of the Acadians starting in 1755, the fall of Louisbourg in 1758, Québec in 1759 and Montreal in 1760, New France was now British, and Nova Scotia was a safe place for English Protestants to settle.

On Oct. 12, 1758, Governor Charles Lawrence of Nova Scotia issued a proclamation published in the *Boston Gazette* advertising free land to prospective New England settlers who could apply for land grants in Nova Scotia. A short time later, Governor Lawrence issued a second proclamation stating that families could receive 100 acres of land for the head of the household, and 50 acres for each member of the family, up to a total of 1,000 acres, tax free, for 10 years.

The population of New England had grown much more rapidly than in Nova Scotia. Some colonies were starting to run out of good farm land for fathers to leave to their offspring. The offer of land in Nova Scotia was appealing. Land agents were sent to assess the land.

Between 1759 and 1768 over 8,000 settlers came to Nova Scotia from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, referred to as the "New England Planters". "Planter"

is an Elizabethan word for "settler or colonist". The new settlers were very interested in bringing some of their New England customs. It was important to have a say in the government and be able to practice their religion in the Anglican colony of Nova Scotia. Governor Lawrence said the government was similar to theirs (though not quite true), and that all the Protestant religions could be practised in Nova Scotia.



North Hills Museum (c. 1764)

Land was given in the Townships of Annapolis Royal, Granville, Onslow, Hortonville, Cornwallis, Falmouth. Some fishermen were also interested in coming because of the good fishing grounds. They were given land in the Townships of Liverpool, Barrington and Yarmouth.

The Planters and their descendants have maintained the dykes and rich agricultural lands left behind with the Acadian Deportation. The fishermen have done well on Nova Scotia's South Shore. Some Planters have been influential clergymen, while others have gone into politics and academia, health and sciences, business and industry, and the arts and agriculture. Planter descendant, Thomas Chandler Haliburton, noted judge and author, practised law in Annapolis Royal in the 1820s. Filled with lovely Georgian antiques today, North Hills Museum is housed in a building that was built by a Planter circa 1764.

The first major migration of English colonists to settle in Nova

Scotia (coming from areas outside of the UK) left its mark on the history of the area. As Acadia University's Dr. Margaret Conrad stated in the title of one of her books, *They Planted Well*.

## LOYALISTS & BLACK LOYALISTS

Refugees displaced by war, politics and religion have been a part of the human story throughout the world for centuries. The Annapolis Royal Area has a link to a mass migration of refugees who came to Nova Scotia following the defeat of the British during the American Revolution. They came seeking independence from the dominance of oppressive governance. They are called Loyalists because they supported the British cause in the American War of Independence. Many slaves were promised their freedom if they fought with the British against the Colonists.

Following the British defeat, many Loyalists emigrated to British colonies in 1783 - 1784 to live under British rule. Nova Scotia, which at the time consisted of present-day Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, was a refuge for over 30,000 Loyalists seeking a new life.

There were 3,000 Black Loyalists in this migration. Sir Guy Carleton in New York honoured the British pledge of freedom after the war. The names of the Black Loyalists were written in the *Book of Negroes* which granted them freedom and land.

The Loyalists were promised Land Grants in Nova Scotia. Upon arrival, they outnumbered the English, Acadian, Planter and Mi'kmaq population in the area. About 500 Loyalists arrived in Annapolis Royal



Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry

whose population at the time was around 120. The harsh reality was that Nova Scotia did not have the infrastructure to accommodate such a large influx of people.

Conditions in Annapolis Royal were less than ideal. Some Loyalists also brought their slaves with them, so not everyone was free. Of the 500 Loyalists brought to Annapolis Royal, many moved down to the Digby area or to Weymouth. Elsewhere, some Loyalists went back to the United States, and about 1,200 Black Loyalists left Nova Scotia for Sierra Leone and started the community of Freetown.

New Brunswick separated from Nova Scotia in 1784. Loyalists who had settled in Saint John and along the Saint John River, started a new capital in Fredericton.

Also called British Tories, the Loyalists included people from different cultural groups including Scottish, English, Irish, German and Dutch. Some came from various religious minorities such as the Mennonites and Quakers. Mohawks and approximately 3,000 Black Loyalists also left the U.S. The Loyalists were Nova Scotia's first multi-racial refugees.

Today there are many Loyalist descendants in Nova Scotia. United Empire Loyalists throughout the world are proud of their ancestors who left their mark wherever they eventually located.

Two of the most notable Black Loyalists from Annapolis Royal are Rose Fortune and her descendant, Dr. Daurene E. Lewis, CM. For their stories see page 36.



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## BEYOND OQWA'TITEK EXPLORER GUIDE ~ Enjoy Your Journey!

**MI'KMAQ** Port-Royal NHS, Fort Anne NHS, O'Dell House Museum, Oqwa'titek Amphitheatre, Tupperville School Museum and Kejimikujik NP & NHS (45 minutes away). Nearest Mi'kmaw community is Bear River First Nation (30 minutes)

**FRENCH** Port-Royal NHS, Fort Anne NHS

**SCOTS** Fort Anne NHS, Sinclair Inn Museum NHS

**ACADIANS** Historic Gardens, Fort Anne NHS, Melanson Settlement NHS, O'Dell House Museum, Mapannapolis, Sinclair Inn Museum NHS, Saint Jean-Baptiste Parish Cemetery & Acadian Monument at Fort Anne NHS, North Hills Museum, Tupperville School Museum & Girouard/Giroir Monument, Belleisle Hall Acadian Cultural Centre, LeBlanc Monument, Thibodeau Monument. Nearby: Grand Pré NHS (75 minutes away), French Cross at Morden (1 hour), Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point (1 hour) and Fort Edward NHS (90 minutes away)

**NEW ENGLAND PLANTERS** O'Dell House Museum, Fort Anne NHS, Garrison Graveyard, Sinclair Inn Museum NHS and North Hills Museum – house construction. Nearby: King's County Museum in Kentville (1 hour away)

**LOYALISTS & BLACK LOYALISTS** Fort Anne NHS, O'Dell House Museum, Mapannapolis, Sinclair Inn Museum NHS, Garrison Graveyard, North Hills Museum, Old St. Edward's Anglican Church Loyalist Museum, Rose Fortune Plaza and HSMBC Monument, Rose Fortune Memorial Gravestone, Daurene Lewis Plaza – Sculpture and VANSDA Plaque, Colonel James DeLancey's Gravesite. Nearby: Admiral Digby Museum, Old Loyalist Cemetery & Trinity Cemetery around the Anglican Church in Digby (30 minutes away) and the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre in Birchtown (2 hours 15 minutes)

**ANNAPOLIS HERITAGE GENEALOGICAL CENTRE** Located at the O'Dell House Museum, Archives and Research Centre, the Genealogy Centre offers resources about 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, photographic collection and an outstanding variety of Acadian Cajun files for genealogical research.

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## EXPLORE The Cradle of Acadie

With the World Congress of Acadians coming to Southwest Nova Scotia in 2024, the Annapolis Royal area is a perfect destination to serve as your home base to discover the Acadian history and experience activities and festivities that the host communities of Clare/Argyle are organizing to

welcome Acadians from around the world. This five-page Acadian Guide, produced by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, highlights the things you should see and do to learn about Acadie: the arrival and settlement of the Cradle of Acadie starting in the Port-Royal area in the 1630's; the Expansion of

Acadie with the migration of Acadians from Port-Royal to the Grand-Pré and Piziquid (Windsor) region starting in the early 1680s; and the Return to Acadie after the Great Upheaval with the settling of the present-day Acadian regions of Clare and Argyle. Book early for the World Congress of Acadians.

### WHAT TO SEE & DO

1. Fort Anne NHS
2. King's Wharf (Deportation Site)
3. Acadian Monument and the Saint Jean Baptiste Parish Cemetery
4. Historic Gardens
5. 1708 de Gannes-Cosby House
6. Sinclair Inn Museum
7. O'Dell House Museum/Genealogy
8. Acadian/Mi'kmaq Tour
9. Candlelight Graveyard Tour

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## Annapolis Royal Acadian Walking Tour

# The Cradle of Acadie



*Sculptor Brad Hall is using this stone and steel to make a Deportation Monument for The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal.*

When visitors see the words “Annapolis Royal”, they do not get the impression that the former British capital of Nova Scotia has much to do with the story of the Acadians. If you explore a bit deeper, you’ll learn that the area was known as Port-Royal before the British captured it for the final time in 1710. This is “The Cradle of Acadie”. Stroll down old “rue Dauphin”, now Saint George Street, and you will discover more touchstones to the Acadian story than most towns you will visit in Nova Scotia. Explorer Guide recommends the following sites to learn more about the Acadians.

### 1. Fort Anne National Historic Site

The Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal area served as the capital of both Acadie and Nova Scotia. The Fort Anne site, known as the Fort at Port-Royal before the final British capture of 1710, was the centre of political and military power for both the French and British when they successively controlled the

region. The grass-covered star-shaped earthen walls you see were primarily built between 1702-1708 by the French and strengthened by the British after they took control in 1710. Acadians supplied much of the lumber for the construction of the buildings associated with the fort, as well as firewood to keep the soldiers warm. They even furnished some labour in the construction and maintenance of the military post. The fort is where Acadians brought their concerns to French and then British Government Officials. A few were even appointed as Deputies to represent the Acadian interests. The interpretive displays in the Officers’ Quarters offer wonderful insights into the story of the Mi’kmaq and the Acadians. One gains an understanding of the social and political interactions of the cultural groups with each other, as well the impact that French and British Military actions had on their well-being. Caught in the middle of two European powers fighting for control of Acadie/Nova Scotia led to tragic results for the Mi’kmaq and the Acadians. Walk along the pathway on the grounds of Fort Anne where interpretive panels give more insights into the Acadian story.

### 2. Annapolis Royal Acadian Deportation Site

The Kings Wharf, located at Fort Anne NHS in Annapolis Royal, is one of the major 1755 Acadian Deportation Sites. On December 8, 1755, one thousand six hundred and sixty four Acadians were deported on seven ships to the British Colonies of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Historical Association of Annapolis

Royal has contracted stone and metal artist Brad Hall to fabricate an Annapolis Royal Deportation Monument to mark the King’s Wharf as a Deportation Site. It will be in place before the 2024 World Congress of Acadians hosted by the Acadian Municipalities of Clare and Argyle in Southwest Nova Scotia. The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal will also place an interpretive panel explaining the Deportation of the Acadians from Annapolis Royal near the monument. Parks Canada will place a flagpole and fly the Acadian flag at the site.

### 3. Acadian Monument and Saint Jean-Baptiste Acadian Parish Cemetery

The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal erected a Memorial Gravestone in 2010 to mark the fact that Acadians, French Military soldiers, and some French civil servants were buried in the Saint Jean-Baptiste Acadian Parish Cemetery between 1632-1755. The Acadians used wooden crosses, so none of the markers remain. This cemetery is located in the Garrison Graveyard at Fort Anne NHS. The other Acadian cemetery was the St. Laurent Parish Cemetery, located upriver in nearby Bellefleur.

### 4. Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens

The Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens interprets the story of the Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal through various gardens that feature different time periods in our rich cultural and natural heritage. The Acadian section features a replica of a typical 1671 Acadian House. Note the thatched roof and the outside bake oven. Step inside and get a feel of how the Acadians lived in the early days of Acadie. Look out the door facing the Allain River and the adjacent salt marshes to experience a view plane similar to that seen by the early Acadians. The first census of Acadia was in 1671 and as you venture into a great example of an Acadian garden note the interpretive panel with the Acadian family names that were enumerated in the 1671 census. Be certain to take a walk on the dyke that prevents the high tide waters of the Allain River from flooding the fields of hay on the reclaimed salt marshes inside the Historic Gardens.



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### 5. de Gannes-Cosby House

Located at 477 Saint George Street, the de Gannes-Cosby House is the oldest wooden house in Canada. Built in 1708 for Major Louis de Gannes de Falaise using Acadian building techniques, the structure features large wooden beams, mud and straw insulation called bousillage and floor boards sawed on a water-powered saw mill. Twenty-one families have lived in this structure since 1708. It is a private residence, but you can take photos from the outside. The house will be plaqued by the HSMBC as a building of national historic significance on August 19 at 1 pm.

### 6. Sinclair Inn Museum

Located at 230 Saint George Street, the Sinclair Inn has evolved as a combination of structures over time with the necessary modifications and maintenance needed to ensure its integrity and usefulness. The Acadian connection is centered in the front part of the structure. Gunsmith and silversmith Jean-Baptiste Soulard was appointed the King’s Gunsmith in 1708. He married an Acadian woman named Louise Comeau in February 1710. They built their two-story house using Acadian building techniques. Colonel Francis Nicholson captured the Port-Royal area in the fall of 1710. The prospects were bleak for Jean-Baptiste and Louise so they sold the property to John Adams and moved to Québec. Go inside and explore over 300 years of building techniques, starting with the 1710 construction when Port-Royal (now Annapolis Royal) was still under French control and Acadians were still the primary civilian population in the area.

### 7. O’Dell House Museum, Archives & Research Centre

Located at 136 St. George Street, the O’Dell House Museum Archives and Research Centre,

operated by the Annapolis Heritage Society, houses excellent Acadian archival resources that can help Acadians do their genealogy and research their roots. For the World Congress of Acadians in 2024, they are planning to have a collection of Acadian artefacts from the Nova Scotia Museum on display to further enrich the Acadian experience.

### 8. Acadian/Mi’kmaq Heritage Tour

To make a personal connection with a 10th generation Acadian who has been an ambassador for the Acadian culture in Annapolis Royal for over 40 years, join Alan Melanson on the Acadian/Mi’kmaq Heritage Tour. You will gain a deeper understanding about the Acadians and Mi’kmaq, their interactions and alliances, and you will feel a connection to the “Cradle of Acadie” as you hear the story on the sites where they actually happened. For schedule and prices [www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com)

### 9. Candlelight Graveyard Tours

Join 10th generation Acadian Alan Melanson as he leads visitors by candlelight in the old Garrison Graveyard/Saint-Jean-Baptiste Acadian Graveyard at Fort Anne National Historic Site. You will learn about the history of Annapolis Royal through interesting stories that capture the cultural mosaic of our area. Of note for Acadians, you will hear a synopsis of the Acadian story when you stop at the Memorial Gravestone in Saint-Jean-Baptiste Cemetery that was erected in 2010 by The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal. You will see small granite markers that indicate the approximate boundaries of the Acadian cemetery, and the site where the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church once stood. For the tour schedule and 2023 prices visit [www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com](http://www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com)

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# The Cradle of Acadie



## EXPLORE The Cradle of Acadie



Europeans called the land Acadie. The word comes from either the Greek word “Arcadia” which was a paradise of Greek antiquity, or from the Mi’kmaw word “ekatie” meaning land of, or place of. They developed a self-sufficient, independent lifestyle by building dikes and farming the fertile reclaimed marshlands. With successive generations born in Acadie, and with very little immigration from France, the settlers become known as the Acadians.

The Port-Royal/Annapolis Royal area is the “Cradle of Acadie” because it is along the tidal shores of the rivière Dauphin (now the Annapolis River), in the section spanning from Goat Island (across from Port-Royal NHS) to Paradise (paradis terrestre), that French colonists came under the leadership of Charles de Menou D’Aulnay to settle and make the area their home.

The Mi’kmaq, inhabitants of these lands since time immemorial, showed the new settlers how to adapt and survive in this land of abundance.



These are suggestions of places to visit in the Annapolis Royal area to gain an understanding of the early Acadian story.

### WHAT TO SEE & DO

1. Port-Royal NHS
2. Melanson Settlement NHS
3. North Hills Museum
4. Belleisle Acadian Cultural Centre
5. LeBlanc Family Monument
6. Bloody Creek Monument
7. Girroir Family Monument
8. Thibodeau Family Monument
9. Lequille Gristmill
10. View of Allain River
11. Au Coeur de l’Acadie Map
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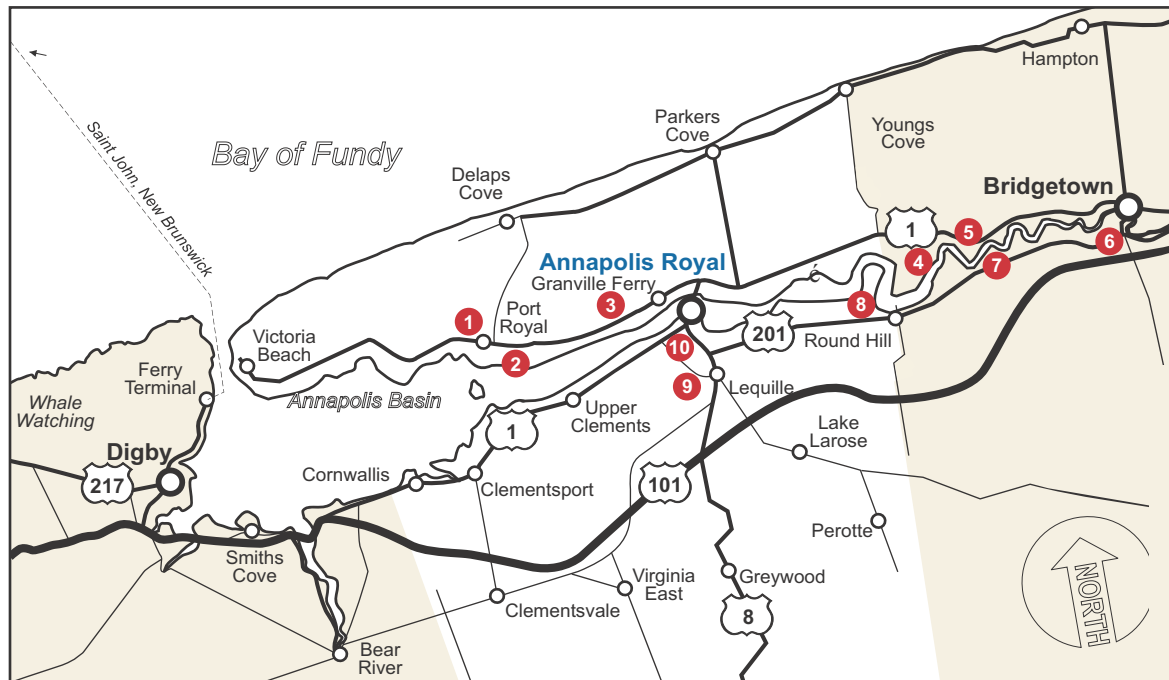
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## Acadian Circle Biking or Driving Tour

# The Cradle of Acadie



### 1. Port-Royal NHS

Located a 12 minute drive from Annapolis Royal at 53 Historic Lane in Port-Royal, the site interprets early French settlement before the arrival of the Acadians, as well as the trade and social interactions between the French and the Mi'kmaq between 1605-1613. The Port-Royal Habitation was burned down in 1613 by the British from Jamestown, Virginia. Although the Port-Royal Habitation is not an Acadian site, it laid a foundation for the French families who came with Charles de Menou d'Aulnay in the 1630s and settled in the Port-Royal (now Annapolis Royal) area along the Dauphin River (now Annapolis River) between Goat Island to Paradis Terrestre (now Paradise). After second and third generations of settlement these French settlers became the Acadians.

### 2. Melanson Settlement NHS

Located an 11 minute drive from Annapolis Royal on the Granville

Road in Port-Royal, Melanson Settlement was established by Charles Melanson and Marie Dugas in 1664. The Melanson Settlement archaeological site is the most thoroughly documented Acadian site. It commemorates Acadian settlement along the Dauphin River, now the Annapolis River.

### 3. North Hills Museum

Located a 6 minute drive from Annapolis Royal at 5065 Granville Road in Granville Ferry, the site was the location of the Abraham Bourg farm. It is operated by the Annapolis Heritage Society. A section of an aboiteau from the Melanson Settlement is on display in the interpretive barn. The other section is part of the displays in the interpretive centre at Grand-Pré National Historic Site.

### 4. Bellefleur Acadian Cultural Centre

Located an 11 minute drive from Annapolis Royal on former Savoie/Savoy land at 16 Little Brook Lane in Bellefleur, the cultural

centre is an engaging place to meet, interact, and learn about the Acadian culture. The building has a kitchen, stage, chairs, tables, artifacts, plaques and washrooms, so it is a great location for concerts, presentations and gatherings. A special feature is a working old-fashioned Acadian oven fabricated by Charlie and Jennifer that they use to create savoury offerings.

### 5. LeBlanc Monument

Located a 12 minute drive from Annapolis Royal at 71 Marshland Road in Bellefleur, the LeBlanc Monument marks the ancestral home of Daniel LeBlanc and Françoise Gaudet, the ancestors of all Acadian LeBlancs. The Acadian Flag flies proudly at the site, and there is an interpretive panel explaining the history.

### 6. Bloody Creek NHS

Located a 17 minute drive from Annapolis Royal on Highway 201 in Centrelea, the site commemorates two attacks on the British Garrison posted at Annapolis Royal. The first attack occurred on June 11, 1711 when an Abenaki militia attacked British soldiers. The second attack took place on December 9, 1757 when an Acadian militia and a Mi'kmaq militia battled members of the British Garrison.

### 7. Girouard/Giroir Village Monument & Tupperville School Museum

Located a 13 minute drive from Annapolis Royal at the Tupperville School Museum (2663 Highway 201), the granite monument honours the Girouard/Giroir Village, established circa 1690 by Jacques Girouard and Marguerite Gautrot. The monument was unveiled in Tupperville as part of the Girouard Family Reunion during the World Congress of Acadians in 2004.

### 8. Thibodeau Monument

Located a 9 minute drive from Annapolis Royal on Highway 201 in Round Hill (formerly Pré-Ronde), the monument marks the lands of Pierre Thibodeau and his wife Jeanne Theriot. Pierre Thibodeau built a water-powered mill to grind grains grown in the area. He started the Acadian village of Chipoudy in 1698 and died in 1704 at Pré-Ronde.

### 9. Lequille Grist Mill

Located 4 minutes from Annapolis Royal on the Dugway Road in Lequille, one finds a hydroelectric power station built by the Nova Scotia Power Corporation in the form of an early French Grist Mill. The French at the Port-Royal Habitation grew wheat where the present-day Fort Anne National Historic Site is located in Annapolis Royal. In 1607, Poutrincourt built a gristmill in this general location to grind the wheat into flour using water power. When the families who became the Acadians came to the region with d'Aulnay in the 1630s, they harnessed water and wind as a source of power for sawmills and gristmills.

### 10. View of Allain River from Lequille Gristmill Site

Located a 4 minute drive from Annapolis Royal on the Dugway Road is a pristine view of the Allain River and marsh (named after Louis Allain). Louis built a water-powered gristmill and a water-powered sawmill on the river. Take a photo and encapsulate the view plane that our Acadian ancestors would see from this particular

vantage point. If you continue for a couple of minutes until the Dugway Road comes back to Highway 1, turn right and drive 1 minute back to Annapolis Royal. As you cross the Allain River Bridge, you see the Allain River and marsh from a different perspective as you look right. Looking left, you will see the mouth of the Allain River as it flows into the Annapolis River.

### 11. 1707 Au Coeur de l'Acadie Map

Created for the 2004 Acadian World Congress by Craig Brigley, a student at the College of Geographic Sciences in nearby Lawrencetown, the map correlates the 1707 Census of Port-Royal Map drawn by deLabat showing the Acadian families living along the Dauphin River with the modern roads and geographic structures. The scale and placement of the Acadian houses on the modern map gives Acadians a sense of place of where their ancestors lived in 1707. Some Acadians will not find their family names because many had moved to other tidal regions such as Grand-Pré, Beaubassin, Piziquid, and Cobequid by 1707.

### 12. Mapannapolis

Mapannapolis is a volunteer group that does an excellent job of presenting the history of Annapolis County through their StoryMaps, Videos, Blogs, Research and interesting presentations as well as hands-on learning and active participation. Explorer Guide encourages anyone who has an interest in the Acadian story to visit their website [www.mapannapolis.ca](http://www.mapannapolis.ca)



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# WHAT LIES BENEATH?



Annapolis Royal is home to the Garrison Graveyard, one of Canada’s most historically significant burial grounds. It includes an unmarked Acadian and French cemetery, in use from the

1630s until 1755, and a British cemetery, used as a community burial ground from 1710 to 1940. The graveyard contains more than 2,000 burials. Over 230 headstones remain from the British cemetery,

but many graves are unmarked. Where are these Acadian and French graves located? What lies beneath?  
In 2018, an investigation was launched by Mapannapolis and

Parks Canada in hopes of finding evidence of the unmarked Acadian burials located in the Garrison Graveyard. Boreas Heritage used Ground-Penetrating Radar [GPR] to detect subsurface anomalies in the ground. Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was also analysed in an effort to identify buried features in the vicinity of the cemetery. This information allowed the research team to establish a grid, about 18m x 20m, designed to intersect the suspected location of the Acadian cemetery.  
Researchers from the Applied Geomatics Research Group of the Nova Scotia Community College then conducted an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle [UAV] survey of the burial ground to assist the GPR investigation with high-resolution imagery of the grid area.  
Anomalies believed to be the remains of 19 unmarked burials were identified, and the geophysical survey was expanded to search for other buried features at Fort Anne National Historic Site,

including the St. Jean-Baptiste parish church.  
Having detected a buried feature believed to be in the location of the Acadian church, Boreas Heritage did an archaeological excavation, which revealed the original ground surface on which the church was built and artifacts dating to the Acadian occupation of the area. With thousands of people all over the world sharing lineage tied to Acadie, these findings play a significant role for those wanting to discover more about their Acadian ancestors and cultural heritage. For more visit [www.mapannapolis.ca](http://www.mapannapolis.ca)



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**EXPANSION OF ACADIE**  
With the birth of second and third generation Acadians, the population of the Port-Royal area started increasing. Most of the fertile salt marshland had been diked and reclaimed. They had to start looking for larger expanses of tidal marshland. In the 1670s at Beaubassin (Amherst area) and continuing in the 1680s with Grand-Pré, Piziquid (Windsor) and Cobequid (Truro), the Acadians started expanding along the tidal shores and basins of the Bay of Fundy.

England Planters.  
Some Acadians who returned to Nova Scotia settled in Argyle starting in 1767, while others began settling in Clare in 1768. Fishing replaced farming as the primary industry. The Pubnico area in Argyle is the only region in Nova Scotia where Acadians still live on the same lands on which their ancestors resided. Clare is the largest of the French-speaking Acadian areas of Nova Scotia.  
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**RETURN TO ACADIE**  
After the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1763, ending the Seven Years’ War, the only place that remained French territory in North America were the small islands of Saint Pierre et Miquelon located off the coast of Newfoundland. Acadians returning from exile could not resettle on the rich farmlands they had called home. The Governor of Nova Scotia gave the Acadian lands to 8,000 settlers from the British Colonies of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, known as the New

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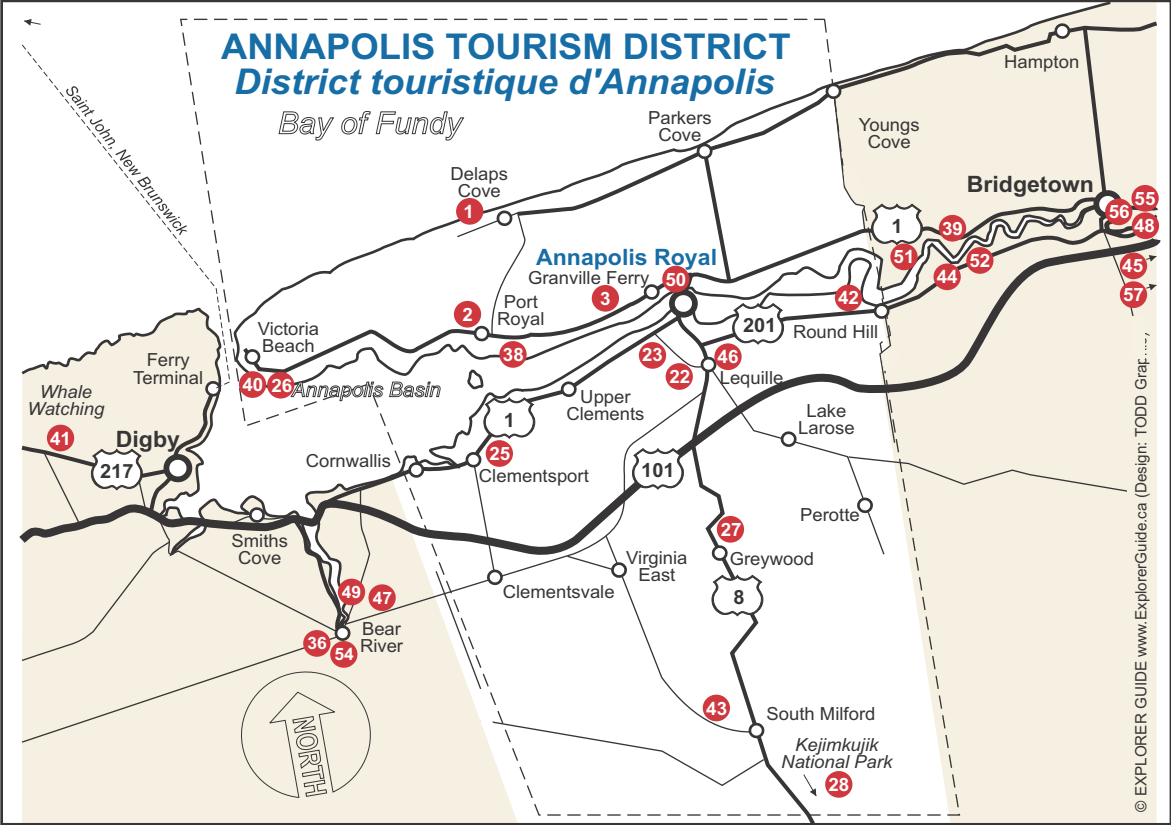
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**Highway 1 to Fort View Golf Course & Whale Watching**  
Fort View Golf Course (23) is located on Highway 1, only about 2 minutes from the Annapolis Royal stoplight en route to Digby. Visit Old St. Edward's Loyalist Church (25) in Clementsport and continue on for Whale Watching expeditions (41) with Mariner Cruises in Westport on Brier Island (2 hours from Annapolis). If you're going whale watching, be sure to allow plenty of time since ferry schedules are involved. Refer to page 6 for whale watching and pages 10, 11 and 12 for other area attractions.


**Explore Digby and the Bay of Fundy**  
Travel West on Highway 101 or Highway 1 to discover the streetscapes and seascapes of Digby (only 30 minutes away) and the Bay of Fundy. Stop at the Admiral Digby Museum for information about the Loyalists.

**Route 8 to Raven Haven Beach & Kejimikujik National Park & National Historic Site**  
Take Route 8 towards Kejimikujik National Park. The Grist Mill (22), on the Dugway Road in Lequille, is located only about 5 minutes from the Annapolis Royal stoplight. Continue on Route 8 towards Kejimikujik (28), only 45 minutes from Annapolis Royal. Be sure to also stop and enjoy Mickey Hill Pocket Wilderness (27) and Raven Haven Beachside Family Park (43). For more information on these attractions see page 31.

**Artists' Studios & Galleries Tour & Champlain's Good Cheer Trail**  
See p. 9 for a self tour of nearby Art Galleries & Artists' Studios. The Map on p. 17 shows their locations in Annapolis Royal. Dawn Oman's Art Gallery (55) and Angela Prive Glass Art (56) in Bridgetown are 20 min. from Annapolis. Blue Mind Gallery (54) and Flight of Fancy (36) in Bear River are about 23 min. away. For those driving further up the Annapolis Valley, The Art Shack (57) is in Margaretsville, 44 min from Annapolis Royal & 14 min from Middleton. Champlain's Good Cheer Trail locations (p.13) include Still Fired Distilleries (46) on Hwy 8 in Lequille, 3 min. from Annapolis; Lunn's Mill Beer Company (48) in Lawrencetown via Hwy 201, 28 min. away; Casa Nova Fine Beverages (47) in Bear River East, 20 min; and Bear River Vineyards (49), 23 min away.

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North Hills Museum, Port-Royal NHS, Parkers Cove, Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail, and Tupperville School Museum are popular area attractions.

### Annapolis Royal to Granville Ferry

About a quarter mile past the old Tidal Power Plant, turn left for Port Royal, Canada's Oldest Settlement Road and a Fundy Coast adventure. In Granville Ferry you'll discover many picturesque homes, several of which are now B&Bs. You can even take a pasta making class. (See p. 10.) Parking areas offer scenic vistas of Annapolis Royal across the river. About a half mile after Granville Ferry Community Hall, be sure to stop and visit lovely North Hills Museum.

### North Hills Museum

Operated by the Nova Scotia Museum and Annapolis Heritage Society, North Hills is one of the province's oldest houses. Built by a Planter (c.1764), the small, square, salt-box house is now full of Georgian treasures, mostly from England. It showcases 1700s and 1800s art, 1714 through 1830 porcelain, 1700s glassware, plus elegantly crafted oak, walnut and mahogany furniture. An Acadian aboiteau from the Melanson Settlement NHS is also on display.

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Delaps Cove

### Port-Royal to Victoria Beach

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### Port-Royal to Fundy Shore

Going back toward Granville Ferry, turn left onto Hollow Mountain Road. Travel through five miles of woodland over the North Mountain to reach the scenic Bay of Fundy. Turn left to visit Delaps Cove for camping and hiking adventures.

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### Hampton to Bridgetown to Annapolis Royal

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Re-cross the North Mountain to Valleyview Provincial Park for great views, picnic tables and washrooms. Continue to Bridgetown for a visit to Dawn Oman's Art Gallery, Angela Prive Glass Art and Junction Sixteen Kitchen & Bar. Lunn's Mill Craft Beer Brewery is nearby in Lawrencetown. Return to Annapolis Royal on Hwy 1 for LeBlanc Monument and the Belle Isle Hall Acadian Cultural Centre or on Hwy 201 for The Lequille Pizza Shop, DeLancey Gravesite, the Thibodeau and Giroir Monuments and Tupperville School Museum (p. 10), used 1869 - 1970. See map, p. 34.

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