

# NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM

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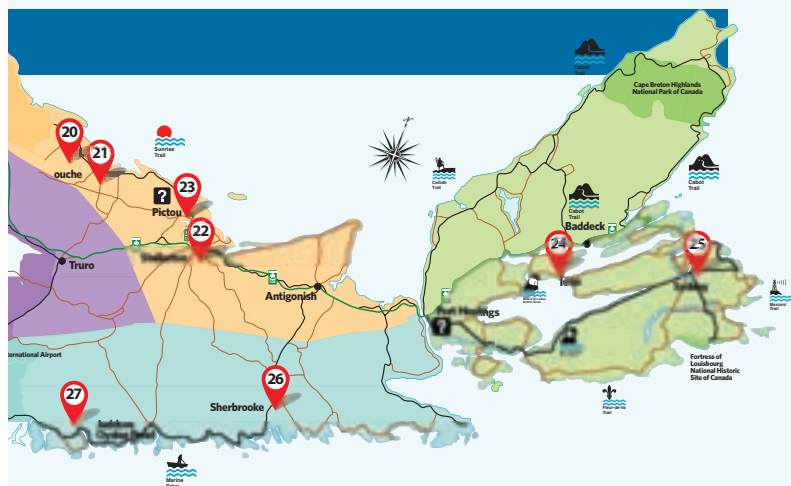
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fundygeological.novascotia.ca

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660 Matheson Brook Rd  
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balmoralgristmill.novascotia.ca

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highlandvillage.novascotia.ca

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Tel: 902 539-7973  
cossithouse.novascotia.ca

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Toll-free: 1-888-743-7845  
sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca

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fishermanslife.novascotia.ca

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blackloyalist.novascotia.ca

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# Welcome to the Nova Scotia Museum

Established in 1868, the Nova Scotia Museum's (NSM) history spans more than 150 years, making it one of the oldest provincial museums in Canada. Throughout its existence, the NSM has been a national leader in its commitment to preservation, public education and community partnerships, showcasing Nova Scotia's rich history to residents and international visitors alike.

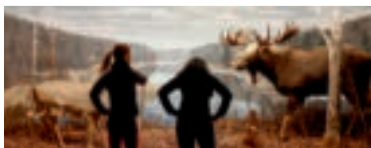
The NSM is committed to the stewardship of this province's natural and cultural heritage. Through the maintenance of the provincial collection of artifacts and specimens, the NSM strives to ensure the long-term sustainability and integrity of Nova Scotia's heritage resources.

This guide is an introduction to the Nova Scotia Museum family and an invitation to visit all 28 incredible sites that together, tell the story of this province.





Learn about and experience other Nova Scotian stories by visiting the many community museums located across the province.

For further information please go to:

**[ansm.ns.ca/member-museums.html](https://ansm.ns.ca/member-museums.html)**



# Museum of Natural History

-  **1747 Summer St, Halifax**
-  **44° 38.714'N 063° 35.110'W**
-  **902 424-7353**
-  **[naturalhistory.novascotia.ca](http://naturalhistory.novascotia.ca)**

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Step into the forest, dive under the sea, and travel around the world when you visit Halifax's Museum of Natural History.

Home to a number of animals from around the province, the museum's live displays include snakes, frogs, turtles, an incredible permanent bee colony, and the museum's resident Gopher Tortoise, Gus.

The museum also has one of the only Science on a Sphere projection units in Canada. Shows on this amazing system allow visitors to observe live weather, tectonic plate movements, earthquakes, and much more.

In addition to the permanent collections, the museum regularly hosts important regional, national and international travelling exhibits.

## Things to know

- Open year-round  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Pay parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Free Wi-Fi

Visit The Museum Shop which features field guides, books, toys, candy, souvenirs and nature-themed gifts.





# Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

 **1675 Lower Water St, Halifax**

 **44° 38.858'N 063° 34.280'W**

 **902 424-7490**

 **[maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca](http://maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca)**

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Located in the heart of Halifax's historic waterfront, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is Canada's premier maritime museum. Here, you can immerse yourself in the stories, events and people that define Nova Scotia's relationship with the sea.

The museum is home to several respected exhibits that explore historical events and topics such as the sinking of the *Titanic*, the Halifax Explosion, the Navy, Days of Sail, and the Age of Steam.

In the summer months, visitors can step aboard and tour the museum's largest artifact, *CSS Acadia*, Canada's longest serving hydrographic vessel.

During your visit, meet the museum's Rainbow Macaw, Merlin, learn about the creation and restoration of the museum's model ship collection, and take part in guided tours, programs and events that celebrate Nova Scotia's seafaring traditions.

## Things to know

Open year-round

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Wheelchair accessible

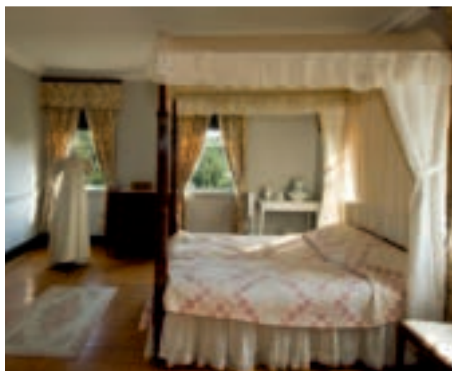
Outdoor observation deck (seasonal)

Facility rentals available





Gift shop

Free Wi-fi

Visit the Nova Scotia Marine Heritage Store to find books, keepsakes and gifts with a maritime theme.



# Uniacke Estate Museum Park

-  **758 Hwy 1, Mount Uniacke**
-  **44° 90.218'N 063° 84.0906'W**
-  **902 866-0032**
-  **[uniacke.novascotia.ca](http://uniacke.novascotia.ca)**

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Turn along the treed roadway and feel as though you've arrived back in the 1800s when you discover Uniacke Estate Museum Park.

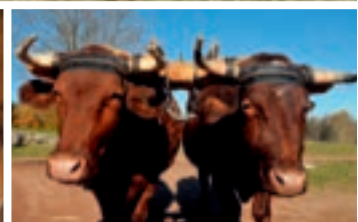
Once one of the grandest houses in Nova Scotia, this country mansion was built between 1813 and 1815, with full occupancy in 1816, by prosperous Irish-born politician, Richard John Uniacke.

As part of your visit, explore the site's hiking trails which range from easy to challenging and offer plenty of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.




## Things to know

- Open June to September  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Hiking trails
- Picnic area
- Free Wi-fi

Visit the Post Road Tea Room and Museum Shop to enjoy a sandwich or tasty treat and find a souvenir of your visit.



# Ross Farm Museum

-  **4568 Hwy 12, New Ross**
-  **44° 43.610'N 064° 27.410'W**
-  **902 689-2210 (Toll-free 1-877-689-2210)**
-  **rossfarm.novascotia.ca**

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Come to Ross Farm Museum to explore 60 acres of rolling farmland and discover what life was like on a Nova Scotia family farm over 100 years ago.

An authentic, living heritage site, much of the farm remains the same as it was in the 1800s. From historic Rose Bank Cottage where the Ross family lived, to daily activities such as wool spinning, barrel making and blacksmithing, the museum gives visitors the chance to experience yesterday's traditional farming methods, while learning sustainable ways of living for today.

Chat with costumed interpreters, hike the scenic nature trail, take a wagon ride or winter sleigh ride, and see the animals who live and work on the farm as you connect with Nova Scotia's rural heritage.

Visit the Learning Centre which features changing exhibits, traditional skills workshops, and a working hearth.

## Things to know

Open year-round

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible parking and washrooms

Hiking trails

Picnic area





Gift shop

Free Wi-Fi

The Pedlar's Shop stocks high-quality Nova Scotia made products including barrels made in the farm's cooperage and items forged in the blacksmith shop.



# Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic

-  **68 Bluenose Dr, Lunenburg**
-  **44° 22.570'N 064° 18.710'W**
-  **902 634-4794 (Toll-free 1-866-579-4909)**
-  **[fisheriesmuseum.novascotia.ca](http://fisheriesmuseum.novascotia.ca)**

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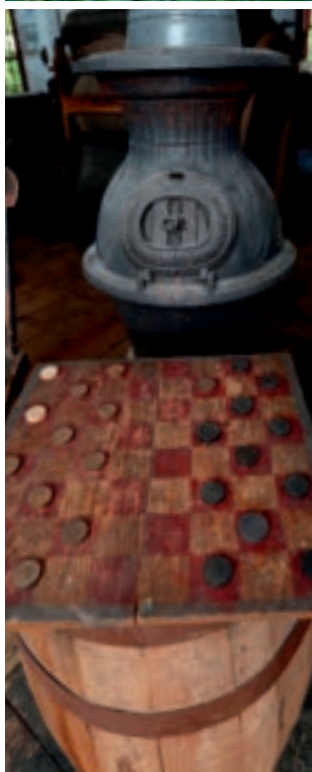
Come and explore life at sea, up close and personal at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in the UNESCO World Heritage Town of Lunenburg, one of Nova Scotia's most celebrated fishing communities.

Housed in a former fish processing plant, exhibits and interpreters tell the stories of Nova Scotia's diverse fishing heritage and our coastal way of life. Highlights include a display on the Mi'kmaq fishery, an aquarium, the Ice House Theatre, and a seasonal touch tank. On the nearby wharf, step aboard the *Theresa E. Connor*, Canada's oldest saltbank schooner and the trawler *Cape Sable* to meet retired fishermen and captains and hear about their experiences at sea. When in port, visit the *Bluenose II*.

## Things to know

- Open June to October  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Pay parking on-site
- Research library
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift Shop
- Restaurant
- Free Wi-Fi

Visit the Salt Store Gift Shop for a wide selection of nautical-themed gifts, souvenirs and mementos, or satisfy your hunger with a delicious meal at the on-site restaurant, the Old Fish Factory.





# Wile Carding Mill Museum

 **242 Victoria Rd, Bridgewater**

 **44° 22.573'N 064° 31.919'W**

 **902 543-8233**

 **[cardingmill.novascotia.ca](http://cardingmill.novascotia.ca)**

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In 1860, a young man named Dean Wile opened the Wile Carding Mill and made life easier for Nova Scotian families.

Carding is the process of breaking up clumps of raw wool so that it can be used to make batting, felt and yarn. Traditionally done by hand, carding was a time-consuming chore, but water-powered mills like Wile Carding provided a valuable service by using machinery to process wool in a fraction of the time.

Today, the mill's overshot water wheel still turns in its tranquil setting on Sandy Brook, a reminder of a once vibrant industrial centre. Come enjoy hands-on programs, costumed interpreters, activities for young visitors, and wool crafts.

## Things to know

Open June to September

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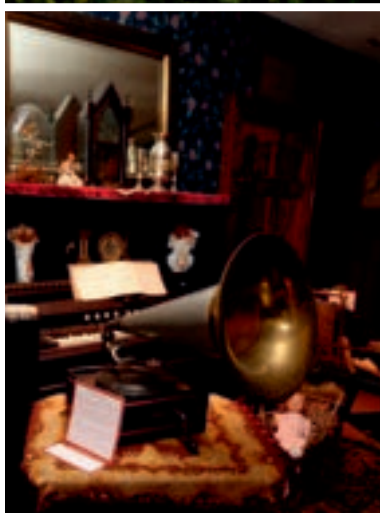
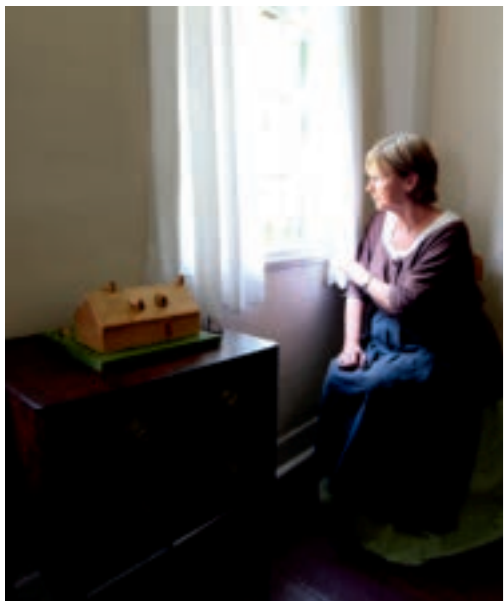
Admission charged

Parking on-site

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area

Gift shop



# Perkins House Museum

-  **105 Main St, Liverpool**
-  **44° 02.423'N 064° 42.738'W**
-  **902 354-4058**
-  **[perkinshouse.novascotia.ca](http://perkinshouse.novascotia.ca)**

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This Connecticut-style house was built in 1766 and is the oldest one in the Nova Scotia Museum collection. It is where Simeon Perkins, a merchant, judge and Member of the Legislative Assembly, recorded details in his diary about life, family and business in Liverpool, providing a unique and personal perspective on colonial life in Nova Scotia from 1766 to 1812.

## Things to know

**This season, Perkins House Museum will be closed to visitors for structural renovations.**

Visitors are invited to come to the nearby Queen's County Museum where museum interpreters will be on-hand to talk about Simeon Perkins and show visitors his diary.

For further information go to:  
**[queenscountymuseum.com](http://queenscountymuseum.com)**  
or call (902) 354-4058.



# Ross-Thomson House Museum & Store

 **9 Charlotte Lane, Shelburne**

 **43° 45.662'N 065° 19.422'W**

 **902 875-3141**

 **[rossthomson.novascotia.ca](http://rossthomson.novascotia.ca)**

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Travel back in time to discover 1780s Nova Scotia and the recently settled town of Shelburne, where thousands of Loyalist refugees began new lives after the American War of Independence.

It is in this historic store that seasoned merchants George and Robert Ross carried on international trade in tea, coffee, rum, port and wine, offering both necessities and luxuries to the town's residents.

Stroll the property's gardens. Step up to the store's counter and ask the clerk about the kinds of goods the Ross Brothers once bartered and sold. Spend time inside the living quarters, furnished in the sparse but elegant style of the period and visit the Militia Room above the shop where you might meet a 1780s militia guard.

## **Things to know**

Open June to October

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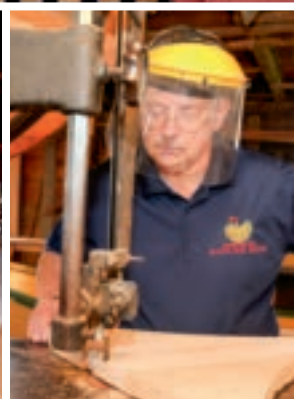
Admission charged

Parking nearby





Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area

Gift shop



# Dory Shop Museum

-  **11 Dock St, Shelburne**
-  **43° 45.639'N 065° 19.448'W**
-  **902 875-4003**
-  **[doryshop.novascotia.ca](http://doryshop.novascotia.ca)**

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Step into this authentic harbourside dory factory to discover the historic Shelburne Dory and the world of the Grand Banks fishery as it existed from 1880 to 1971.

Lightweight and versatile, dories are small, shallow-draft boats with flat bottoms, high sides and sharp bows. Easy to build, thanks to their simple lines, and able to withstand rugged ocean waves, dories were once the backbone of the fishing industry, both in Nova Scotia and around the world.

One of Shelburne's great claims to fame is the town's rich dory-building traditions, a skill which still survives today thanks to the Dory Shop Museum. Known for its exceptional strength, the Shelburne Dory was the preferred dory of local fishermen, making it the most popular small craft in the Atlantic Provinces for almost a century.

Learn how the town's dory makers rivaled their Lunenburg competitors by using the dory clip and witness the art of crafting these vessels first-hand.

## Things to know

Open June to October

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged





Parking nearby

Partial wheelchair access





# Barrington Woolen Mill Museum

-  **2368 Hwy 3, Barrington**
-  **43° 34.073'N 065° 34.685'W**
-  **902 637-2185**
-  **[woolenmill.novascotia.ca](http://woolenmill.novascotia.ca)**

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In the 1800s, the Barrington Woolen Mill was an important local business that used machinery and water power to turn raw fleece into the yarn and cloth needed to make warm, durable clothing.

Powered by the mill's rushing river, machines like the spinner, twister, skeiner and loom made it possible to wash, pick, card, spin, dye and weave wool in a fraction of the time it took to do by hand.

Today, visitors can step inside the preserved mill to see the original machinery, hear stories about the mill workers' day-to-day lives, enjoy demonstrations of handspinning, dyeing, processing, and weaving of wool, and discover how small manufacturing operations like this helped shape Nova Scotian communities by offering valuable services and jobs.

## Things to know

Open June to September

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged





Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible

Picnic area



# Old Meeting House Museum

-  **2408 Hwy 3, Barrington**
-  **43° 33.989'N 065° 34.781'W**
-  **902 637-2185**
-  **[meetinghouse.novascotia.ca](http://meetinghouse.novascotia.ca)**

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For two centuries, people have gathered at the Old Meeting House for both township business and religious worship. A National Historic Site, this New England-style meeting house is the oldest non-conformist house of worship in Canada and among the oldest in North America.

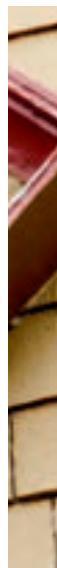
Built by Congregationalist fishermen and farmers from Cape Cod called Planters, the meeting house was a building-in-progress for its first hundred years until the windows, doors, box pews, and pulpit were added by the mid-1800s.

During your visit, go on a guided tour to learn how this area was settled and hear stories about the original townspeople.

A non-denominational religious service, open to everyone, is held annually on the third Sunday in August.

## Things to know

- Open June to September  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area





# Le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse

## *Historic Acadian Village of Nova Scotia*



19 Old Church Rd, Lower West Pubnico



43° 38.196'N 065° 47.627'W



902 762-2530 (Toll-free 1-888-381-8999)



[levillage.novascotia.ca](http://levillage.novascotia.ca)

Experience Nova Scotia's unique Acadian heritage on this breathtaking 17-acre point of land overlooking picturesque Pubnico Harbour. Founded in 1653 by Sieur Philippe Muis d'Entremont, this remarkable community showcases the industrious and joyful spirit of the Acadian people, celebrating a language and culture that has thrived for more than 350 years.

Step back in time and experience what life was like in an Acadian village a century ago. Interact with costumed animators as they demonstrate the traditional skills of Acadian fishermen including the building of boats, lobster-fishing traps and mending fishing nets. Hear Acadian spoken, experience early farming traditions and savour home-cooked Acadian cuisine and hospitality. Walk the trail system and observe the site's natural ecosystem, shorelines and marshlands.

### **Things to know**

Open June to September

(Check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible

Picnic area

Walking trail

Gift Shop & Café



# Firefighters' Museum of Nova Scotia



451 Main St, Yarmouth



43° 50.423'N 066° 07.141'W



902 742-5525



[firefightersmuseum.novascotia.ca](http://firefightersmuseum.novascotia.ca)

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Visit the Firefighters' Museum in Yarmouth to discover the history of firefighting in this province.

Through original photographs, personal recollections and thousands of artifacts, you will be able to imagine the clang of the fire bell and the smell of smoke as firefighters of the past raced to save burning homes in communities across Nova Scotia.

See vintage fire engines and equipment from the 1800s to the 1930s. Marvel at antique hand-drawn and operated engines such as Canada's oldest horse-drawn steam engine, an 1863 Amoskeag Steamer.

Take the wheel of a 1935 Chev Bickle pumper and enjoy collections of antique toy fire engines, uniforms, shoulder crests, patches and badges, some from fire departments around the world.

## Things to know

Open year-round

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Bus tours welcome

Wheelchair accessible





# North Hills Museum

 **5065 Granville Ferry Rd, Granville Ferry**

 **44° 44.537'N 065° 32.290'W**

 **902 532-2168**

 **[northhills.novascotia.ca](http://northhills.novascotia.ca)**

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Built in the 1760s, the exterior of this small farmhouse looks like a typical country home but inside it boasts a collection of fine art and furnishings that create an air of Georgian elegance.

In 1964, Robert Patterson bought North Hills and made it a showcase for his impressive collection of antiques, including English porcelain and oak, mahogany and walnut furniture.

Through his efforts to establish a local restoration society, Patterson became a popular and valued member of the community and was an early member of the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust.

Visit North Hills Museum and be charmed by the history and culture found in this unique home, located in the heart of one of North America's most historic regions. Public talks, concerts and family workshops are held each season with further information posted on the museum's website.

## Things to know

Open from June to October

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission by donation

Parking on-site

Bus tours welcome

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



# Prescott House Museum

 **1633 Starr's Point, Port Williams**

 **45° 06.657'N 064° 22.741'W**

 **902 542-3984**

 **[prescotthouse.novascotia.ca](http://prescotthouse.novascotia.ca)**

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Come calling at *Acacia Grove*, an elegant Georgian house in the picturesque Annapolis Valley. Here, horticulturalist Charles Prescott cultivated Nova Scotia's apple industry from 1811 to 1859.

Discover how his great grand-daughter, Mary Allison Prescott, rescued the derelict building in the 1930s to recreate a gracious home. See family portraits, antique furnishings and Miss Prescott's collections of hand-stitched samplers and tribal Oriental carpets. Delight in the garden and lush countryside surrounding this special place.

A National and Provincial Historic Site, the grounds provide a lovely spot to picnic or just relax.

## Things to know

Open from June to September

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



# Haliburton House Museum

-  **414 Clifton Ave, Windsor**
-  **44° 59.382'N 064° 08.354'W**
-  **902 798-2915**
-  **[haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca](http://haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca)**

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Wind your way along the tree-lined drive to Haliburton House, the home of Nova Scotian author Thomas Chandler Haliburton from 1836 to 1856.

Born in Windsor in 1796, Haliburton was a prominent business man and judge whose popular fictional writings propelled him to fame as Canada's first international best-selling author.

Explore the twists and turns of this architectural gem, filled with antiques and memorabilia. The estate features an orchard, pond, walking trail and a nine-hole disc golf course that visitors are welcome to enjoy as part of their admission.

Learn about the history of hockey in a special exhibit housed in part of the museum. Interpreters from the Windsor Hockey Heritage Society tell the diverse stories of Canada's favourite sport and the contributions of Windsor and its hockey heroes through its collection of artifacts and memorabilia.

## Things to know

Open June to September

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Walking trails

Frisbee disc golf course

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



# Shand House Museum

-  **389 Avon St, Windsor**
-  **44° 59.482'N 064° 08.553'W**
-  **902 798-2915**
-  **[shandhouse.novascotia.ca](http://shandhouse.novascotia.ca)**

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This Queen Anne-style house was built in 1890 for newlyweds Clifford, a businessman and pioneer cyclist, and Henrie Shand. At the time, it was considered a modern marvel with its fancy, original indoor bathroom, central heating, and stylish furniture from the Windsor Furniture Factory. Generations of the Shand family lived here until 1983, when Gwendolyn Shand, a pioneer in the establishment of the Maritime School of Social Work, bequeathed it to the Province of Nova Scotia.

## Things to know

Shand House Museum is open by appointment and for special events. Admission by donation.

Please visit nearby Haliburton House Museum, 414 Clifton Avenue, Windsor, NS, another architectural gem. It also features a popular exhibit about Windsor's history as the birthplace of hockey.

For further information visit or contact:

Haliburton House Museum  
**[haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca](http://haliburtonhouse.novascotia.ca)**  
(902) 798-2915





# Lawrence House Museum

-  **8660 Hwy 215, Maitland**
-  **45° 19.349'N 063° 30.114'W**
-  **902 261-2628**
-  **[lawrencehouse.novascotia.ca](http://lawrencehouse.novascotia.ca)**

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On October 27, 1874, William Dawson Lawrence secured his place in marine history by constructing and launching the largest wooden-hulled, fully-rigged ship ever built in Canada, the *William D. Lawrence*.

A ship designer, builder, owner and ardent believer in Nova Scotia's 19th-century maritime power, Lawrence highlighted the critical role played by the shipbuilding industry in this province.

Visit his expansive Victorian home which features photographs, family heirlooms, and exhibits about Nova Scotia's shipbuilding era and its Golden Age of Sail. See a scale model of the *William D. Lawrence* and hear stories of Lawrence's life, his trials and triumphs from museum interpreters.

Situated in Nova Scotia's first municipally-designated Heritage Conservation District, the museum boasts a view of the spectacular Bay of Fundy and the place where Lawrence's 'great ship' was launched.

## Things to know

- Open from June to September  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area
- Gift shop



# Fundy Geological Museum

-  **162 Two Islands Rd, Parrsboro**
-  **45° 23.983'N 064° 19.423'W**
-  **902 254-3814 (Toll-free: 1-866-856-3466)**
-  **[fundygeological.novascotia.ca](http://fundygeological.novascotia.ca)**

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Unearth Nova Scotia's rich geological past at Fundy Geological Museum, situated along the north shore of the Bay of Fundy where the world's highest tides have eroded towering sea cliffs to reveal half a billion years of geological history, exposing fossils and local minerals.

Walk through the museum's gallery and discover the events that helped shape the landscape around us through interactive exhibits for all ages. Walk along the footprints and see the skeletons of Canada's oldest dinosaurs. Watch as staff carefully uncover evidence of the Jurassic period in the museum lab. See the museum's collection of Nova Scotia's minerals including amethyst and agate.

Take part in a guided walk along the shore to see ancient fossils and minerals cliff or visit the renowned Nova Scotia's Gem and Mineral Show held each August in Parrsboro.

## Things to know

- Open year-round  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Wheelchair accessible
- Gift shop
- Picnic area



# Balmoral Grist Mill Museum

 **544 Peter Macdonald Rd, Balmoral Mills**

 **45° 38.730'N 063° 11.679'W**

 **902 657-3016**

 **[balmoralgristmill.novascotia.ca](http://balmoralgristmill.novascotia.ca)**

Visit Balmoral Grist Mill Museum, a three-storey mill tucked away in a wooded gorge on Matheson's Brook and experience how it would have been when Alexander McKay opened it in 1874. Hear the whir of wooden gears as shafts and pulleys turn the Scottish granite millstones. Watch as the miller demonstrates how grains are ground, sifted and turned into flour. Sample the flavour of oats toasted on the cast-iron floor of the kiln and purchase a bag of flour to take home and make your favourite recipes.

## Things to know

Open from June to September

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Walking trail

Partial wheelchair access





Wheelchair accessible washroom

Picnic area

Gift shop



# Sutherland Steam Mill Museum

-  **3169 Hwy 326, Denmark (near Tatamagouche)**
-  **45° 42.558'N 063° 09.565'W**
-  **902 657-3365**
-  **[sutherlandsteammill.novascotia.ca](http://sutherlandsteammill.novascotia.ca)**

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Discover Nova Scotian ingenuity when you visit this 1894 sawmill, once powered by steam. Listen and watch how steam power was transferred to a system of belts and pulleys situated throughout this historic building. Rain barrels on its roof provided fire protection, a copper bathtub was used for soaking shingles and a recycled cream separator was converted into a band saw.

For nearly 70 years, Alexander Sutherland and his family produced carriages, sleds, windows, and fancy gingerbread trim which were shipped on the old railway line beside the mill. Today, this rail line is part of the Trans-Canada Trail system, enjoyed by cyclists and hikers. Museum visitors can borrow its adult and youth bicycles to explore the trail and surrounding nature, included with admission.

## Things to know

- Open June to September  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Walking/biking trail
- Partial wheelchair access
- Picnic area





# Museum of Industry

 **147 North Foord St, Stellarton**

 **45° 34.079'N 062° 39.557'W**

 **902 755-5425**

 **[museumofindustry.novascotia.ca](http://museumofindustry.novascotia.ca)**

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Discover the people, places and machines of Nova Scotia's industrial past in Atlantic Canada's largest museum.

Push, pull, lift, drop and laugh as you enjoy acres of exhibits and interactive displays that highlight how technology and people worked throughout this province's history.

Keep pace on the assembly line, test your strength at the weights and pulleys stations, get a workout at the water-powered pumps and bask in the spirit of invention as you marvel at Canada's oldest surviving steam engine.

With its collection of 36,000 artifacts, there's no better place to find out the true meaning of "Made in Nova Scotia" than the Museum of Industry.

## Things to know

Open year-round

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Wheelchair accessible

Gift shop

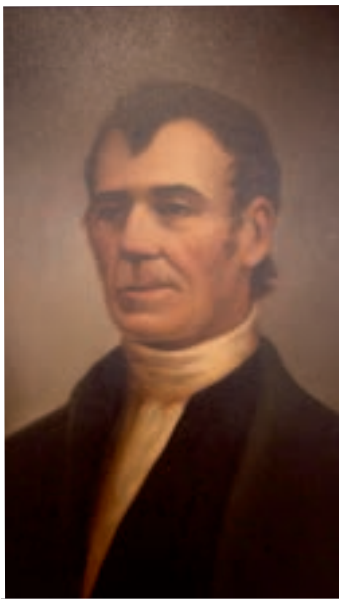
Picnic area

Air-conditioned

Bilingual exhibits

Free Wi-Fi





# McCulloch House Museum

 **100 Old Haliburton Rd, Pictou**

 **45° 40.587'N 062° 43.332'W**

 **902 485-4563**

 **[mccullochhouse.novascotia.ca](http://mccullochhouse.novascotia.ca)**

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Beginning in 1773, hundreds of ships carrying thousands of Scottish immigrants began arriving at Pictou Harbour, Nova Scotia. One man, Dr. Thomas McCulloch, came ashore in 1803 and soon found himself leading a monumental change in the lives of 19th-century Nova Scotians.

An immensely important figure in this province's and Canada's history, McCulloch lobbied for equal access to education, a crusade that led to the establishment of Nova Scotia's first public school.

McCulloch was also an avid naturalist. His natural history collection, which includes a framed print given to him by James Audubon, is featured in the museum along with artifacts and interactive exhibits that tell the story of Scottishness in Nova Scotia.

Come visit this 200-year-old brick home where McCulloch and his wife, Isabella, raised their family and learn how one man's passion launched a journey to create public education in this province.

## Things to know

Open from June to October

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Walking trail


Partial wheelchair access



# Baile nan Gàidheal

## *Highland Village*

### *Museum*

-  **4119 Hwy 223, Iona, Cape Breton**
-  **45° 56.873'N 060° 49.042'W**
-  **Tel: 902 725-2272 (Toll-free 1-866-442-3542)**
-  **[highlandvillage.novascotia.ca](http://highlandvillage.novascotia.ca)**

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Experience the culture, heritage and hospitality of Nova Scotia's Gaels and the daily lives of these early Scottish settlers from the mid 1700s through to the early 1900s when you visit this unique outdoor living history site.

Take part in a traditional céilidh, listen to Gaelic singing, learn Gaelic phrases and watch as costumed animators demonstrate traditional skills such as spinning, wool-dyeing and open-hearth cooking or work with traditional livestock. Meet museum staff as you wander the grounds and visit the eleven heritage buildings that populate this 43-acre site including a Hebridean-style black house, store, carding mill, blacksmith forge and church.

Marvel at the panoramic views of the Bras D'Or Lake, a UNESCO Biosphere, in the heart of Cape Breton Island.

#### **Things to know**

- Open June to October  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Limited wheelchair access
- Gift shop

Visit the Village's gift shop for a wide selection of souvenirs, unique gifts and East Coast music, or consult the site's genealogical service, Roots Cape Breton.



# Cossit House Museum

 **75 Charlotte St, Sydney, Cape Breton**

 **46° 08.600'N 060° 11.891'W**

 **902 539-7973**

 **[cossithouse.novascotia.ca](http://cossithouse.novascotia.ca)**

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Built in 1787, Cossit House is one of the oldest surviving houses in Sydney and possibly, one of the oldest buildings on Cape Breton Island. Named for its original owner, Reverend Ranna Cossit, the house depicts 18th-century life and serves as the cornerstone of the city's North End Heritage Conservation District.

Following the American Revolution, Reverend Cossit was assigned to the British colony in Cape Breton which at the time, was separate from mainland Nova Scotia. Accompanied by his wife, Thankful, and their growing family, Cossit became the region's first Anglican minister and assumed a key role in Sydney's social and political development.

Join costumed interpreters for a tour of this remarkable house and discover first-hand what life was like for one family during the early days of settlement in Sydney.

Take part in demonstrations of traditional skills like lace-making, quilting, butter-churning, weaving and stitching a sampler.

## **Things to know**

Open from June to October

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)





Admission charged

Parking on-site





# Sherbrooke Village Museum

-  **42 Main St, Sherbrooke**
-  **44° 59.482'N 064° 08.553'W**
-  **902 522-2400 (Toll-free 1-888-743-7845)**
-  **[sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca](http://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca)**

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In the 1860s, timber, tall ships and gold ruled life along the St. Mary's River, turning the community of Sherbrooke into a prosperous boom town. Today, this picturesque village still stands proud, just as it did more than 100 years ago.

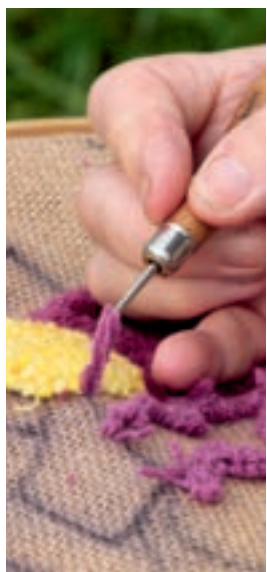
Experience hands-on learning as you explore this incredible living history site where costumed interpreters bring history to life in 25 original heritage buildings. Watch sparks fly as the blacksmith's hammer hits the anvil, see the weaver's nimble hands at the loom, smell the newly-shaved wood in the woodturner's shop, and hear the thump of the printer's manual press. Dress in period costume, apprentice with the local blacksmith or potter and immerse yourself in life as a villager in 1867.

Make our past your adventure by taking part in one of our many daily activities or by signing up for a multi-day learning camp.

## Things to know

- Open June to September  
(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)
- Admission charged
- Parking on-site
- Partial wheelchair accessible
- Picnic area
- Gift shop
- Restaurant

Visit the gift shop for a wide selection of souvenirs and unique, handcrafted gifts or enjoy a delicious meal at the Village's restaurant.



# Fisherman's Life Museum

 **10309 Hwy 7, Jeddore Oyster Pond**

 **44° 46.632'N 063° 00.960'W**

 **902 889-2053**

 **[fishermanslife.novascotia.ca](http://fishermanslife.novascotia.ca)**

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Discover how extraordinary ordinary life used to be.

Nestled on a small peninsula in the community of Jeddore Oyster Pond, Fisherman's Life Museum preserves the heritage and legacy of Nova Scotia's inshore fishery through the stories of one family.

The site was once the home of Ervine Myers, his wife Ethelda and their 13 daughters who, like many families along the eastern shore, made their living off the land and sea, fishing throughout the summer and working the woods in the winter.

Step inside their charming home where interpreters will tell you about the Myers family and show samples of the traditional skills and artifacts that were part of their lives. Stop by the barn to see the chickens and sample what's growing in the kitchen garden. Enjoy the picturesque view of Navy Pool from the property's fish house and wharf.

## **Things to know**

Open June to September

(check website for events, dates and hours of operation)

Admission charged

Parking on-site

Partial wheelchair access

Picnic area



# Black Loyalist Heritage Centre



**119 Old Birchtown Rd, Shelburne**



**43.7444° N 65.3822° W**



**902 875-1310 (Toll-free 1-888-354-0772)**

The Black Loyalist Heritage Centre tells the story of the world's largest and most influential communities of free Black people outside of Africa, which existed from 1783 to 1791 in Nova Scotia.

A multimedia presentation tells the story of the Black Loyalist journey from Africa to the American colonies then to Nova Scotia and back to Africa. Explore the virtual copy of the Carlton's Book of Negroes and search for your ancestor who may have experienced part of this incredible journey. Discover our impressive archaeological pit containing the material evidence of this compelling story. These archaeological artifacts were excavated here in Birchtown in the 1990's.

Enjoy a guided tour and talk to our staff some of whom are descendants of the Black Loyalists. Search for your ancestral roots and learn about these courageous Nova Scotians. Before you leave, create a virtual quilt square that will tell us about your experience and how this story has impacted you.

Walk the Heritage Trail, visit the church and pause to reflect at the National Historic Monument that commemorates the Black Loyalist Landings of Nova Scotia.

## Things to know

Open year-round  
(Check website for events,  
dates and hours of operation)  
Admission charged  
Parking on-site  
Air-conditioned

Bilingual Exhibits  
Free Wi-Fi  
Wheelchair accessible  
Gift shop  
Walking Trail  
Picnic area

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