HALLI-FACTS

• An amalgamated area comprised of Dartmouth, Sackville, Bedford, and everything in between Hubbards to Ecum Secum.
• The economic hub of Maritime Canada.
• Canada’s 7th busiest airport servicing 3.5 million passengers annually.
• Highest ratio of universities to population in North America with 6 degree granting institutions.
• World’s second largest natural deepest year-round ice free harbour.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

With a population of close to 396,000, Halifax Regional Municipality is the largest city east of Quebec and north of Boston. Since its founding in 1749, Halifax has played a key role in the economic and cultural development of Canada and the northeastern seaboard. Today, the city is known as Canada’s Atlantic Gateway.

GETTING HERE

Car
The map on page 8 shows the region’s approaches. From the north, Highway 102 brings you to downtown Halifax via Bayers Road. Highway 118 from Highway 102 connects with Highway 107 to the Eastern Shore and Highway 111 (the Circumferential Highway circling Dartmouth). Highway 111 then leads to downtown Halifax via the MacKay Bridge. Highway 103 come from Yarmouth via the South Shore. Highway 101 comes from Yarmouth via the Annapolis Valley. For information on highway conditions, dial 511 in Nova Scotia.

Air
Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport (www.hiaa.com) offers direct service to destinations in North America and Europe. The airport is 35km from downtown Halifax on Highway 102, and approximately 30km from downtown Dartmouth. Airpor (www.airporl biz) provides shuttle service between the airport and hotels in Metro. For more information: (902) 873-2091.

Rail
Halifax is the East Coast terminus for Via Rail (www.viarail.ca). There is one train daily, departing at 12:15pm except Tuesday (subject to change), with connections to destinations across North America. The station is located at 1161 Hollis Street. For more information: 1-888-842-7245.

Sea
Many cruise lines visit Halifax. Consult your travel agent. For private boats, find mooring information on page 92.

Several ferries also connect to Nova Scotia.

Bay Ferries
Saint John, N.B., to Digby, N.S. (year-round)
1-888-249-7245 / www.nl-ferry.com

Northumberland Ferries
Wood Islands, P.E.I., to Caribou, N.S. (May to December)
1-888-249-7245 / www.nl-ferry.com

Marine Atlantic
Port aux Basques, Nfld. (year-round) and Argentia, Nlfd. (mid-June to late September) to North Sydney, N.S.
1-800-341-7981 / www.marine-atlantic.ca

Bus
The Acadian Lines (www.acadianbus.com) terminal is located at 1161 Hollis Street. Connections span the country. For ticket information: (902) 454-9321.

Entering Canada

Non-Canadian Pleasure Crafts
Non-Canadian pleasure craft must register with the Canadian Border Services Agency. Call 1-888-226-7277 upon entering Canadian air or water.
GETTING AROUND

Driving
Speed limits and distances are in Metric (1 km = 0.62 miles). Unless otherwise posted, it is legal in Nova Scotia to turn right on a red light after making a full stop. Seat belts are compulsory. Driving under the influence of alcohol is illegal, as is using a mobile phone while driving, unless it’s a hands-free device. It’s illegal to smoke in vehicles carrying children. Daytime running lights are mandatory. Child safety seats are required for children under 40 lbs., booster seats required for children under age 9 or 4’9”. Refer to www.gov.ns.ca/tra.nl.

Bridges
Two toll bridges connect Halifax and Dartmouth: the A. Murray MacKay Bridge and Angus L. MacDonald Bridge. The toll is 75¢ (at time of printing). Only the Macdonald Bridge allows pedestrians and cyclists.

Public Transit

Taxis/Limos
You’ll find taxi stands in high-traffic areas throughout the city and it’s possible (although sometimes difficult) to hail cabs in high-traffic areas. A one-way trip between Stanfield International Airport and the city centre is $53 by taxi and $56 by limo (at time of printing).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Year-round information centres:
• Halifax Waterfront on the Boardwalk at Sackville Landing at 1655 Lower Water Street in Halifax 424-4248.
• Halifax Stanfield International Airport at Exit 6 off of Highway 102, 873-1223 or 873-1224.

Consult www.halifax.ca/visitors for and www.novascotia.com for more information.

ACCESSIBILITY

Need-A-Lift Transportation Services (www.needalift.ca) provides wheelchair accessible bus and taxi service in Metro. Phone (902) 222-5438. VoicePrint (www.voiceprintcanada.com) brings audio versions of printed materials to people with vision difficulties. Phone (902) 444-7359.

The Interpreter Service for the Deaf is available from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Phone (902) 429-5752.
Email: interpreterservices@ns.sympatico.ca Emergencies: (902) 498-1198 (pager).

DESTINATION HALIFAX

Destination Halifax (www.destinationhalifax.com) provides support services for meeting planners. Call 1-877-422-9334.
Greater Halifax has a rich and varied cultural mosaic, woven from the histories of 36 different ethnic groups.

The region’s Mi’kmaw and Algonquin natives are direct descendants of our earliest people, who hunted and fished our bountiful lands and waters 10,000 years ago. Traces of their early settlement can be found throughout Halifax Regional Municipality.

The first European visitors arrived in 1497 with John Cabot, one of the first explorers to map the province’s coast. As early as 1520 the Portuguese were coming for the rich fishing area surrounding Halifax Harbour, which they named Ribera de jardines. And in 1605, the French established Canada’s first permanent European settlement at Port Royal, calling the province Acadie.

William Alexander, a powerful Scot, also attempted colonization in 1624, naming the province New Scot Lande. In 1713, the Treaty of Utrecht gave the British a strong foothold in this part of the New World, and they founded the town of Halifax in 1749 in an effort to counteract the growing French presence in the region. They offered nearby land to German and Swiss farmers to provide food for the town but the farmers soon relocated to the more fertile land of the South Shore. In their biggest show of dominance over the French, in 1755 the British deported Nova Scotia’s 10,000 Acadians for their refusal to swear loyalty to the Crown. Longfellow immortalized this tragic event in his epic poem Evangeline.

More than 5,000 New England families, both black and white, took up these vacant Acadian farms and fishing grounds—these 10,000 New England Loyalists, fleeing the American Revolution from 1774 to 1776, significantly changed the colony and culture of Halifax.

In 1796, the Maroons arrived with British forces from the Caribbean. Attracted by the promise of land and a new life, they instead found the land unworkable, and many found alternate employment rebuilding the Halifax Citadel. In 1802, the majority of this group of settlers relocated to another British colony—Sierra Leone in Africa.

Settlers from Ireland arrived as early as 1749, but the largest Irish immigration to the area came during the construction of the Shubenacadie Canal (from 1826 to 1846) when labourers were needed for the hard work.

Since the Age of Steam, well over a million immigrants from around the globe have arrived through the Port of Halifax at Pier 21, the “Gateway to Canada.” Many remained here, enhancing Nova Scotia with their skills, experience and cultural distinction. For more information visit Pier 21 (page 36).

Each June, these distinct groups come together to celebrate their heritage and diversity at the Multicultural Festival on the Dartmouth waterfront. For a list of cultural associations, contact the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia (www.mens.ns.ca) at (902) 423-6534.
Classic Attractions
See pages 30-39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
1723 Hollis St., Halifax
www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca
Art lovers and history buffs alike will love this collection of regional, national and international art. Atlantic Canada’s largest fine-art museum holds more than 14,000 works: historical and contemporary pieces, plus an acclaimed selection of folk art. The historic downtown building dates from 1864, resplendent with a Victorian Italianate façade.

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
Sackville St., Halifax
www.pc.gc.ca
This star-shaped hilltop fortress has presided over Halifax since the early 1800s, when the city was a key British naval stronghold. Today, it’s one of the most-visited Historic Sites in Canada. The pageantry of the kilted 78th Highlanders and precision of the Royal Artillery Regiment will immerse you in another time. The firing of the noon gun is a daily ritual since the mid-19th century. Guided tours, audio-visual presentations and exhibits; fine collection of British and Canadian military artifacts at the on-site Army Museum.

Historic Properties/Privateers Wharf
Upper Water St., Halifax
www.historicproperties.ca
Historic Properties’ cobbled courtyards and waterfront boardwalk offer living history at its best. In the early 19th century, this was a bustling port, welcoming traders and privateers from around the world. This National Historic Site preserves the wharf and its adjacent collection of heritage buildings dating from the early 1800s, including the ironstone warehouse that once held privateers’ booty. The area now offers shops, cafés and pubs.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
1675 Lower Water St., Halifax
museum.gov.ns.ca/mm
Dive into Nova Scotia’s fascinating seafaring history. Step into a restored early 20th-century ship chandlery or head outside to the museum’s docks and climb aboard CSS Acadia, Canada’s first hydrographic vessel. Explore shipwreck treasures, signal flags, Titanic artefacts, the Halifax Explosion, boatbuilding, war convoys and more. This is the place to discover the stories, events and people that define Nova Scotia.

Pier 21: Canada’s Immigration Museum
1055 Marginal Rd., Halifax
www.pier21.ca
From 1928 to 1971, Pier 21 was Canada’s front door for over a million immigrants, refugees, troops, war brides and their children. Follow in their footsteps and experience the emotional stories of immigration and nation building through award-winning interactive exhibits, works by visiting artists, multimedia presentations, community events and activities for all ages.
Scenic Photo Spots
See pages 30–39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Bishop's Park
Shore Club Rd., Hubbards
The charming gazebo across from St. Luke's Anglican Church offers a panorama of Hubbards Cove's sparkling blue waters and the picturesque Fitzroy River.

Dartmouth Common
Off Alderney Dr., Dartmouth
Follow the path to the top of the hill for a breathtaking vantage of the harbour, Halifax's skyline and the lush flora of Leighton Dillman Scenic Garden.

Fisherman's Cove
Eastern Passage, off Route 322
www.fishermanstcove.ns.ca
Colourful boats and shanties line the wharves of this 200-year-old fishing village, sharing space with an inviting collection of shops, restaurants and an art gallery. Stroll the boardwalk with an ice-cream cone, stop to smell the wild roses mingling with the salt-scented air, and watch the waves roll in to the sandy beach.

Granville Mall
North end of Granville St., Halifax
Cobblestones pave this lovely pedestrian plaza, which is decked out with vibrant flower boxes, wrought-iron benches, a bubbling fountain and some of the finest Victorian-Italianate façades in Canada. Inside, a network of arched brick passageways connects shops, pubs and NSCAD University.

Halifax City Hall and Grand Parade
1841 Argyle St., Halifax
www.halifax.ca
A fine example of Victorian architecture—designed in 1888 in the Second Empire style, this stately building remains the city's seat of government. Stretching south is the tree-lined Grand Parade, a military parade ground from Halifax's earliest days that's still a public gathering place (and where the giant Christmas trees goes up every November). The big white structure is St. Paul's Church, built in 1750 and Halifax's oldest standing building.

Halifax Public Gardens
Spring Garden Rd. at South Park St.
www.halifaxpublicgardens.ca
An oasis in the heart of the city—enjoy the shady tranquility of a bench. Winding pathways lead past duck ponds, sparkling fountains, regal trees and formal Victorian flowerbeds. There is also a charming red-roofed bandstand in the centre of the Gardens, where bands play on summer Sunday afternoons. Open from May to November.

The Old Town Clock
Brunswick St. at George St.
One of Halifax's most famous landmarks, this turret clock at the base of Citadel Hill was manufactured to keep the garrison and townspeople punctual. It has watched over the city since 1803.
Outdoor Adventures
For more outdoor fun, see our listing of Tours on page 92.

Hiking at Point Pleasant Park
Point Pleasant Dr., Halifax
Lace up your sneakers, grab a water bottle and head to this 75-hectare park on the south tip of the Halifax peninsula. Joggers, dog-walkers and cross-country skiers flock here year-round. Some 39 km of trails wind past the ruins of early fortifications, the wind-swept shores of Halifax Harbour and, often, seals sun-bathing on the rocks. Pack a Frisbee and a picnic—make a day of it.

Golfing at Glen Arbour
40 Clubhouse Lane, Hammonds Plains
Practice your drive and hit the links at one of the top 100 golf courses in Canada, where the combination of natural hazards, elevation changes and bentgrass greens will challenge players of all skill levels. Glen Arbour hosts marquee golf events, including the LPGA’s Canadian Ladies’ Open in 2005. See page 94 for booking information.

On the water at Shubie Park
54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth
Shubie’s extensive network of woodland walking trails border the banks of the historic Shubenacadie Canal, which once connected Halifax Harbour with the Bay of Fundy through a series of lakes and locks. Canoe or kayak in tranquil Lake Charles, or take a dip at the sandy beach. In winter, the wide, groomed pathways are ideal for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, while the frozen lakes offer ice skating (but safety varies depending on conditions—ensure the ice is solid).

Surfing at Lawrencetown Beach
Hwy. 207, Lawrencetown
Wind-swept Lawrencetown Beach, with its strong currents and dependable waves, has earned a reputation for world-class surfing year-round. Whether you’re a beginner looking to ride your first wave or a life-long addict seeking a righteous point break, this surfing scene satisfies. Gear and board rentals are available nearby. Turn to page 92 for beach listings.

Whale-watching
Meet the local marine life—minke and pilot whales, dolphins, sharks, seals and seabirds—on a nature-watching excursion. You’ll find a variety of boat tours and deep-sea fishing charters offered by operators in Fisherman’s Cove in Eastern Passage and at Cable Wharf in downtown Halifax. See page 97 for a list of tours.

TAYLOR HEAD PROVINCIAL PARK
Off Hwy. 7 in Spry Bay
A superb way to experience the coast is to hike the trails or take a dip at Taylor Head Provincial Park. On a spectacular peninsula, the park’s lovely sand beach is sheltered from the direct force of the waves, making it ideal for swimming (unsupervised). Several back-country hiking trails, ranging from 2 to 8 km, follow the edge of Mushaboom Harbour through a diverse array of natural habitats, rising above the shoreline to offer unparalleled views of the open ocean. Some say this is the finest coastal trail anywhere on North America’s eastern seaboard. See Provincial Parks on page 92.
Activities for Rainy Days
See pages 30–32 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Alexander Keith’s Nova Scotia Brewery
1496 Lower Water St., Halifax / www.keiths.ca
Enter the historic Brewery through the North Arch and step back in time to 1863. The vaulted corridor leads to a labyrinth of ironstone buildings that housed the original operations of Nova Scotia’s first brewmaster. Actors in period costume will guide you through all the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a working brewery, and then escort you to the Stag’s Head Inn for songs, stories and ale samples.

Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum
20 Sky Blvd., Enfield / www.atlanticcanadaaviationmuseum.com
Explore hundreds of aviation artifacts, including civilian and military aircrafts and simulators, from the earliest balloons and gliders to modern airplanes. Check out the replica of the Silver Dart. The plane developed by Alexander Graham Bell made the British Empire’s first airplane flight right here in Nova Scotia.

Moose River Gold Mines Museum
Moose River Rd., off Route 224 near Elmsvale
In the late 1800s gold was discovered along the Eastern Shore and mining became a thriving—but dangerous—industry. The museum chronicles the industry’s rise and fall, commemorating the 1936 mine disaster that trapped three men and became North America’s first live radio “media event.” The nearby park preserves the location of the rescue.

Musquodoboit Railway Museum
Route 7, Main St., Musquodoboit Harbour
Learn the story of Nova Scotia’s railways through photographs, maps, posters, tickets, artifacts—housed in a series of railway cars and the former Canadian National Railway station. Many exhibits are designed for children, with in-depth material for serious buffs.

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame
Halifax Metro Centre, 5284 Duke St., Halifax
www.novascotiasporthalloffame.com
Test your hockey, baseball, soccer, football and basketball skills on the sports simulator. Learn about Nova Scotia’s athletes and sports heroes through interactive kiosks and colourful displays. Highlights include the Avco Cup, the championship of the erstwhile World Hockey Association.

Province House
1726 Hollis St., Halifax / nslegislature.ca
Take a tour of Nova Scotia’s legislature and Canada’s oldest seat of government. Built between 1811 and 1818, this Georgian building is the birthplace of responsible government in the British Empire. “It was like looking at Westminster through the wrong end of the telescope,” Charles Dickens said on an 1842 visit.

Shop ‘til you drop
Halifax offers a huge variety of vibrant shopping experiences, each blending made-in-Nova Scotia flavour with cosmopolitan flair. From the upscale boutiques of Spring Garden Road to the brand-name meccas of Atlantic Canada’s largest shopping malls, you’ll find retail therapy that suits your style. See pages 46–47 for a map of Halifax’s shopping districts.

Memory Lane Heritage Village
5385 Clam Harbour Rd., Hwy. 7, Lake Charlotte
heritagevillage.ca
A perfectly restored 1940s-era village: visit the general store, the one-room schoolhouse, the boat shop and the community hall. Explore 16 buildings filled with period artifacts, chat with costumed guides, learn traditional skills and sample some comfort food in the Cookhouse. Revel in the nostalgia of a simpler time and way of life.
Experience Our History / Heritage Attractions

See pages 30–39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia
1149 Main St., Dartmouth / www.bccns.com
Explore the long and fascinating history of black culture in Nova Scotia, dating back to the 1600s. Through audio-visual displays, exhibits, educational workshops and cultural performances, the museum preserves and promotes African-Canadian heritage and contributions.

HMCS Sackville
Sackville Landing off Lower Water St. (in summer), Halifax
www.hmcssackville-cnmt.ns.ca
Climb aboard this convoy escort corvette, which was among the defenders of the great convoys of ships that brought relief supplies to Europe during the Second World War. Fully restored, it is now a floating museum and memorial to those who served in Canada's navy.

Maritime Command Museum Library and Archives
Canadian Forces Base Stadacona
2725 Gottingen St., Halifax
The stately Georgian mansion overlooking Halifax's Naval Dockyard, known as Admiralty House, shelters an extensive collection of Canadian military artifacts including uniforms, model ships, ships' bells, weapons and medals, plus an extensive research library.

The Old Burying Ground
Corner of Barrington St. and Spring Garden Rd.
The city's oldest graveyard, where the first grave was dug just one day after English settlers arrived on June 21, 1749. This site is a visible expression of all that Halifax witnessed in its century of European settlement. Interpretive signs highlight graves of historical significance; take paper and chalk, and make grave rubbings of some of the more ornate markers. The large stone arch with the lion atop is the Welsford-Parker Monument (1857), a memorial to the Crimean War.

Prince of Wales Tower National Historic Site
Point Pleasant Park, Halifax / www.pc.gc.ca
The round, thick-walled Martello tower, built in 1796 to protect British gun batteries, was the first of its type in North America. Climb its winding staircase to reach the roof and a panorama of the coastline.

York Redoubt National Historic Site
Purcell's Cove Road, off Route 253 / www.pc.gc.ca
Roam among the ramparts and bunkers of this 200-year-old fortification, built on the cliff overlooking the harbour approaches and McNabs Island. The British first fortified this site in 1793. Later, it was the nerve centre of the harbour defences when German U-boats menaced the North Atlantic during the Second World War. Enjoy the magnificent harbour views along several hillside walking trails, leading to the ocean below.
Experience our Culture / Cultural Attractions

See pages 30–39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

The Craig Gallery at Alderney Landing
2 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth
www.alderneylanding.com/gallery/index.html
Rotating exhibitions by a variety of local professional and amateur painters, sculptors and interactive multi-media artists, in a volunteer-run gallery on the Dartmouth waterfront, next to the Metro Transit ferry terminal.

Eyelevel Gallery
2063 Gottingen St., Halifax / www.eyelevelgallery.ca
This non-profit artist-run centre focuses on the work of emerging and established contemporary visual artists and provides a salon-like forum that’s an alternative to the practices of established art institutions.

Mary E. Black Gallery
Nova Scotia Centre for Craft and Design
1061 Marginal Rd., Halifax / www.craft-design.ns.ca/mebgal.html
Explore Nova Scotia’s only public gallery hosting fine craft exhibitions—textiles like hooked rugs and art quilts, sculptures in stone and metal, wooden and ceramic vessels, stained glass and intricate jewellery.

Studio 21 Fine Art
1223 Lower Water St., Halifax / www.studio21.ca
This airy waterfront gallery has exhibited original contemporary Canadian art, in a variety of media, for more than 20 years.

Viewpoint Gallery
1272 Barrington St., Halifax / www.viewpointgallery.ca
Thought-provoking contemporary photography abounds at this artist-run co-op. Frequently changing exhibits showcase the work of regional photographers in a variety of styles.

Zwicker’s Gallery
5415 Doyle St., Halifax / www.zwickersgallery.ca
Pore over the fascinating antique nautical charts, maps, engravings and other historical art at Halifax’s oldest commercial gallery, founded in 1866. The gallery also features a selection of Inuit and native works, sculptures, ceramics and antiques.

DID YOU KNOW?

NovaScotian Crystal
5080 George St., Halifax / www.novascotiancrystal.com
You can visit Canada’s only crystal manufacturer and experience the timeless old-world craft of glass blowing up close. In the heart of the bustling waterfront, you can watch the craftsmen work their wonders. See molten crystal being mouth-blown and hand-cut, using techniques and tools that Irish craftsmen perfected over centuries, turned into sparkling creations you’re going to want to take home.
Kid Picks / Family Fun

See pages 30–39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Atlantic Playland
1200 Lucasville Rd., Hammonds Plains / www.playland.novasc.ca
Need a place for the kids to blow off steam? Playland’s waterslides, go-carts, bumper boats, mini-golf, batting cages and many other attractions will keep ’em hopping all day long.

Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum
471 Poplar Dr., Dartmouth (off Route 207) / coleharbourfarmmuseum.ca
This charming heritage museum is dedicated to preserving Cole Harbour’s agricultural past. Stop by the blacksmith shop, visit the farm animals in the barn or the duck pond, and see what’s growing in the vegetable patch. Take a woodland stroll through the adjoining marsh to whet your appetite for a snack at the Rose and Kettle Tearoom.

Discovery Centre
1593 Barrington St., Halifax / www.discoverycentre.novasc.ca
Get ready for some hands-on science fun: make some giant bubbles or fire triangles, freeze a banana with liquid nitrogen, experiment with magnets and watch yourself shrink like Alice in Wonderland in the optical illusions room. Interactive exhibits foster experimentation and individual discovery—learning disguised as play.

Hatfield Farm Cowboy Adventures
1840 Hammonds Plains Rd., Hammonds Plains / www.hatfieldfarm.com
Yee-haw! With 30 horses and 12-km of woodland trails, you can enjoy trail rides on horseback, wagon/sleigh rides, a petting pen, cookouts—even an overnight adventure under the stars. It’s a rustic good time for the whole family.

Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History
1747 Summer St., Halifax / museum.gov.ns.ca/mnh
What’s bigger, you or a blue whale’s rib bone? Can you tell the difference between a drone bee and a worker bee? What do mealworms taste like? Find out here! See ancient fossils and Mi’kmaq artifacts, sea creatures from an ocean tide pool and whale skeletons. Meet wriggly salamanders, snakes, frogs and Gus the tortoise. In the summer, be sure to visit the exotic butterflies in the Butterfly House.

Shearwater Aviation Museum
44 Bonaventure Ave., 12 Wing Shearwater
Route 322, Eastern Passage / www.shearwateraviationmuseum.novasc.ca
Kids will love exploring the restored historic aircraft—there’s a Sikorsky Horse, Fairy Firefly and McDonnell Banshee, among others—before testing their hand-eye coordination on the flight simulator. The museum and gallery display Canadian military aviation as it evolved at Shearwater.

Theodore Too
Cable Wharf, Lower Water St., Halifax / www.mtcw.ca
Along the waterfront, you’ll find a bright yellow tugboat wearing a jaunty red cap. Based on the popular children’s TV show Theodore Tugboat, this full-size replica’s tours bring “the Big Harbour” to life. See page 97 for tour details.
A Night Out
See pages 30–39 for details and contact information for these and other attractions.

Bicentennial Theatre
12390 Hwy. 224, Middle Musquodoboit
www.bicentennialtheatre.ca
This 230-seat theatre was originally an Oddfellows’ Lodge and has been a focal point of the community since 1928. It houses a rare piece of 19th-century stage art, a backdrop painted by Halifax native William Gill. It was recently restored and is still used as a stage front curtain.

Casino Nova Scotia
1973 Upper Water St., Halifax / www.casinonovascotia.com
Find a mix of blackjack, poker, roulette and more than 700 slot machines. Have a casual bite at the Trapeze restaurant or take in some free live entertainment at the bar or a special event in the Schooner Room.

Downtown pub crawl
Halifax is renowned for its vibrant nightlife. You’ll find live music, cold beer and warm hospitality at dozens of pubs and bars that dot the downtown core. Start at the Lower Deck in Historic Properties. An iconic waterfront watering hole, this is where you’ll experience Halifax’s quintessential social party. Then just work your way uphill, stopping whenever your thirst needs quenching. Whether you favour Celtic folk tunes, or classic pop is more your flavour, there’s a place where you can host a glass and sing along with your new BFFs. Turn to page 87 for more nightlife options.

Neptune Theatre
1593 Argyle St., Halifax / www.neptunetheatre.com
Atlantic Canada’s largest professional theatre, Neptune offers a broad range of theatrical experiences, from musicals to world and Canadian premieres, to dramas and popular comedies. Lavish productions such as The Wizard of Oz, Romeo and Juliet and A Christmas Carol have all graced the main stage, while smaller-scale, edgier works are mounted in its Studio Series.

The Shore Club
250 Shore Club Rd., Hubbards / www.shoreclub.ca
This is one of Canada’s last great dance halls, hosting the perennially popular Nova Scotia Lobster Supper, and drawing folks from around the province to the dance floor every summer Saturday night since 1946. A laid-back, feel-good spot.

DID YOU KNOW?

Shakespeare by the Sea has been staging summer performances in Point Pleasant Park since Canada Day 1994. From July to September check out classic drama, comedy and family theatre performed al fresco in the park.
Going for a Stroll
See page 96 for more walking trails.

**Hemlock Ravine Park**
Kent Ave., Bedford
Just off the Bedford Highway, you can stroll through the setting of one of the city’s most romantic tales. Mysterious Hemlock Ravine is a 75-hectare forested habitat including a towering stand of rare virgin hemlocks. Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, was commander-in-chief of the British forces here from 1794 to 1800. He created this charming retreat for himself and his mistress, Julie St. Laurent. Follow the graceful pathways from heart-shaped Julie’s Pond, through the woods. This, and the little music rotunda on the shore, are the only remaining signs of this romantic interlude.

**Sir Sandford Fleming Park (The Dingle)**
Dingle Rd., off Purcell’s Cove Rd., Halifax
When you hear Haligonians refer to “the Dingle,” this is the place they mean. Gentle walking trails in this stately park lead through four natural habitats: second-growth woodlands, a heath barrens, a saltwater marsh and a frog pond. The 10-storey Dingle Tower, guarded by bronze lions at the foot, was commissioned by Sir Sandford Fleming, inventor of standard time zones. Climb to the top for an outstanding view of Halifax’s Northwest Arm.

**SS Atlantic Heritage Park**
180 Sandy Cove Rd., Terence Bay (off Route 333)
www.ssatlantic.com
When the SS Atlantic sank off the shores of Lower Prospect in 1873, 562 people lost their lives. It was the worst single-vessel marine disaster to occur off the Canadian coast prior to the Titanic. This heritage site marks the burial place for 277 of the victims, with a peaceful oceanfront park, complete with a wheelchair accessible boardwalk, provides a fitting memorial.

**HOT NEW THING**

**Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market**
Pier 20, Marginal Rd., Halifax / halifaxfarmersmarket.com
Folks have been gathering at North America’s oldest farmers’ market for over 250 years. Join the tradition and get a taste of authentic Nova Scotia culture at the market’s brand new purpose-built home at Pier 20. Brimming with fresh produce, tempting treats and the colourful wares of local artisans, it bustles with the lively chatter of market-goers and over 200 vendors. Get a sweet start to your morning with a gooey cinnamon roll, warm from the oven, and a cup of locally roasted java. Or pick up some luscious smoked salmon, a crusty baguette and a wedge of cheese for a picnic on the waterfront boardwalk. The market is open daily from 7am until 1pm, with full market days on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.
Halifax Harbour Islands
Exploring Halifax Harbour’s features from shore or by boat, you’ll notice four distinct islands. Closest to downtown is compact Georges Island, with the small lighthouse on the side. It played a key role in the harbour’s defense system for almost 200 years. Although not open to the public, it has been named a National Historic Site and the federal heritage department is currently restoring its fortifications.

A little farther out in the harbour is McNabs Island, another important part of the harbour defense system that was also home to several generations of independent settlers. Today a 22-km network of hiking trails leads past the island’s lighthouse, ruined fortress and batteries, sand beaches and abandoned homesteads. A ferry from Eastern Passage or charter boats from Cable Wharf can take you there for a day of exploring—but be sure to pack a picnic lunch, because there are no services out here.

Between McNabs and the mainland at Eastern Passage lies Lawlor Island, the protected woodland home of deer and osprey. Finally, tiny Devil’s Island shimmers on the horizon at the harbour’s mouth. Helen Creighton, the celebrated folklorist, spent decades gathering stories of mysterious happenings on this ominously named island, once the seasonal home of several fishermen. Find collections of her famous tales at independent book sellers along your route.

LOCALS’ PICK

The Hydrostone Market
5509-5555 Young St., Halifax
www.hydrostonemarket.ca

1917’s Halifax Explosion destroyed almost all of Halifax’s North End. From the rubble rose the Hydrostone District, now one of the city’s most attractive neighbourhoods. Bordering its south side, a European-style market offers a charming collection of shops and eateries where you’ll find everything from French pastries and gourmet pizza to antiques and fine art.
St. Margaret’s Bay

All along the rugged coastline of St. Margaret’s and Prospect bays, you’ll notice the brightly coloured hulls of resident sea kayakers bobbing on the crystal-clear water. Rent a kayak from local outfitters or join a guided paddling tour to explore the bays’ many rocks and coves, sheltered coves, and offshore islands. Tour operators are listed on page 97.

Peggys Cove

Peggys Cove is a place of great rugged beauty, hewn by the forces of nature. Dominated by its famous lighthouse, this tiny fishing community clings to land’s edge. Moss and lichens creep across a barren landscape peppered by huge boulders called “erratics,” remnants left 10,000 years ago by receding glaciers at the end of the last Ice Age. Crashing waves batter the rocky shoreline as soaring gulls cry overhead.

Amid this unforgiving landscape, the Peggys Cove Lighthouse endures. Nestled in a blanket of mist, this iconic white-and-red beacon is a must for every visitor’s photo album and draws thousands of sightseers annually. Explore the rocks with care, though, as rogue waves can be treacherous.

Who was Peggy? According to local folklore, the village was named after the lone survivor of a schooner that sank here in 1800. Or it might simply be the diminutive form (Peggy) of St. Margaret’s Bay.

The village’s most famous resident was William deGarthe, a Finnish artist and sculptor who carved a memorial to the courage of the local fishermen. The sculpture covers a 30-metre granite outcrop and depicts St. Michael (guardian angel of fishermen), several fishermen, their wives and children.

Peggys Cove’s breathtaking natural beauty has made it one of the province’s premier tourist destinations—and one of the most photographed attractions in Canada.

Scenic Drive South

The Lighthouse Route leads you through the distinctive cultures of Nova Scotia’s South Shore, where life revolves around the sea as it has for centuries. Follow the shore of Halifax Harbour toward the ocean, taking Purcell’s Cove Road (Route 253) from the Amherst Rotary as it winds along the Northwest Arm. At Herring Cove, Route 253 joins Route 349 and continues south through Portuguese Cove, Duncan’s Cove, Ketch Harbour and Sambro. Today, these picturesque fishing communities are also home to thriving craft and artisan communities. Shutterbugs should allow plenty of time to snap the coastal colour in the tiny villages that dot the route.

Branching off Route 3, Route 333 leads you to some of the area’s most iconic fishing villages, where you will learn of shipwrecks, lighthouses, old churches, and the lives of those who settled here. Head southwest and travel through lovely Prospect, perched on the shores of its namesake bay, to Peggys Cove. The most famous of all these fishing communities—indeed, it’s become an icon of Nova Scotia—locals here have earned their living from the sea since 1811.
Olde-Time Religion
(Historic Church Walk)
See page 33 for details on historic churches.

There is much to learn about a city's heritage and its people by exploring its historic places of worship. Several churches in Halifax's downtown core are registered heritage buildings, and they are best surveyed by taking a leisurely stroll.

Our tour starts on Barrington Street at the Grand Parade. Tidy and white, Saint Paul's Church at the square's south end dates from 1750 and is the oldest building in Halifax. The impact of the 1917 Halifax Explosion can still be seen in the wooden sill embedded in the wall above the bronze doors in the narthex, and the "Explosion Window" in the west wall.

Travel south on Barrington Street to Spring Garden Road, and you'll see Saint Matthew's United Church on your left, which is the oldest United (Reformed) church and the oldest continuing Protestant congregation in Canada. Turn right up Spring Garden Road and the impressive façade of Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica will rise up to greet you. A stunning example of Victorian Gothic architecture, it boasts the tallest polished granite spire in North America, rising 38 metres above the roof.

Continue west on Spring Garden until you reach Victoria Park, and then turn left down Tower Road. At the end of this block-long greenspace, look to your right and take in the dark Gothic face of Cathedral Church of All Saints. Visitors are welcome to tour the church, well known for its stained glass windows, needlework, icons, and the wood carvings of its pulpit and chancel.

Back in Victoria Park, cross onto South Park Street and walk one block south to Holy Cross Cemetery. Inside, you'll find the charmingly diminutive Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, built in a single day in 1843 by 1,800 Catholic volunteers.

These are just a few of Halifax's architectural gems and historic buildings. Throughout your travels, look for the blue oval plaques that designate our registered heritage buildings.

DID YOU KNOW?
Tucked away in North End Halifax, Cornwalls Street Baptist Church is a key landmark in Nova Scotia's religious history. Richard Preston founded the church in 1832. Preston was a slave in Virginia during the War of 1812. In 1816, he escaped in search of his mother and eventually settled in Halifax. He studied for the ministry in England and became a leading voice in the early Abolitionist movement. He returned to Halifax where he championed the cause, and founded 11 Baptist churches around Nova Scotia. Today, the Cornwalls Street Baptist Church is considered the mother church of African United Baptist Association.
**ATTRACTIONS**

**Alexander Keith's Nova Scotia Brewery**
1496 Lower Water St., Halifax
455-1474 / 877-612-1820 / www.keiths.ca
Tour the original operations of Nova Scotia's very first brewmaster. All ages, group bookings welcome. Open daily June through October, weekends year-round. Gift shop.
Admission charged.

**Atlantic Playland**
1200 Lucasville Rd., Hammonds Plains
865-1025 / www.playland.ns.ca

**Bicentennial Theatre**
12390 Hwy 224, Middle Musquodoboit
384-2819 / www.bicentennialtheatre.ca
The theatre hosts the annual Kirk Logan Old Time Fiddling Contest, plus musical and stage acts. Open mid-May to mid-October; year-round for special events and viewing by appointment.

**Bishop's Park**
Shore Club Rd., Hubbards
www.hubbardsheritage.ca
Located across from Saint Luke's Anglican Church, you will find a gazebo, interpretation panels, picnic tables, benches, a short walking trail and a variety of shrubs and trees.

Operated and maintained by the Hubbards Heritage Society. Open year-round. Free admission.

**Casino Nova Scotia**
1983 Upper Water St., Halifax
425-7777 / 888-6GAMES6
www.casinonovascotia.com
Located on the Halifax waterfront, with over 600 ways to play. Dining, live entertainment. Open Sunday to Thursday, 10am to 4am; Friday and Saturday, open 24 hours. Tables games and poker: 12pm to 4am, craps: Friday and Saturday from 6pm to 2am. Must be 19 or older with government-issued photo ID.

**Dartmouth Common**
Bordered by Alderney Drive, Nantucket Avenue, Victoria Road and Park Avenue. Originally reserved in the 18th century for settlers to graze their livestock, the Common remains a pleasant spot. A cannon commemorates the 1750 landing of 353 settlers from the ship Alderney and the founding of the original town of Dartmouth.

**Georges Island National Historic Site**
426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca
Currently closed to the public, the island's fortifications are undergoing restoration by Parks Canada. The innermost of the harbour's islands, it has a small lighthouse on the west side.

**Granville Mall**
Destroyed by fire in 1859, the buildings on this block at the end of Granville Street were rebuilt in the Italianate style. It features a variety of restaurants, pubs and shops with an attractive pedestrian plaza with a fountain and benches.

**Halifax City Hall**
1841 Argyle St., Halifax
www.halifax.ca
The seat of government for the Halifax Regional Municipality. City Hall dates from 1888 and is a National Historic Site.

**Halifax Public Gardens**
South Park St. at Spring Garden Rd., Halifax
490-4000 / www.halifax.ca
The finest original formal Victorian Public Garden in North America. Newly renovated public washroom, bus tour drop-off area (on Spring Garden Road) and Horticulture Hall. Open daily from early May until late November, 8am to dusk. Free admission.
Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market
Pier 20, Marginal Rd., Halifax
www.halifaxfarmersmarket.com
Over 200 vendors of fresh fruit and produce, organic meats and cheeses, baked goods and artisan crafts. Open daily from 7am until 1pm, with full market days on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

Hatfield Farm Cowboy Adventures
1840 Hammonds Plains Rd., Hammonds Plains
835-5676 / 877-835-5676
www.hatfieldfarm.com

Hemlock Ravine Park
Kent Ave., off Bedford Hwy., Bedford
490-4000

Historic Properties
1889 Upper Water St., Halifax
429-0530 / www.historicproperties.ca
This National Historic Site is comprised of three square blocks of restored heritage buildings. Open daily.

The Hydrostone Market
5505-5555 Young St., Halifax
www.hydrostonemarket.ca
Designated a National Historic District, the Hydrostone was built as part of the restoration process in the aftermath of the 1917 Halifax Explosion. Completed in 1920, a total of 325 houses were built from concrete blocks known as hydrostones. The area is considered one of the more attractive and desirable parts of Halifax in which to live. The Hydrostone includes a unique collection of shops set in a European-style market. Market open daily, year-round. Picnic tables available.

McNabs and Lawlor Islands Provincial Park
Halifax Harbour
Accessible by ferry from Eastern Passage and Halifax, McNabs features over 22km of trails, a variety of forested and coastal settings, historic sites and limited day-use facilities. Open May 21-October 11. Lawlor Island is not open to the public.

Neptune Theatre
1593 Argyle St., Halifax
429-7070 / 800-565-7345
www.neptunetheatre.com
Atlantic Canada’s largest professional theatre, offering a broad range of theatrical experiences, from musicals to world and Canadian premiers, to dramas and popular comedies.

NovaScotian Crystal
5080 George St., Halifax
492-3044 / 888-977-2797
www.novascotiancrystal.com
Factory and showroom open year-round; view craftsmen working Monday to Friday. Worldwide shipping available.

The Old Burying Ground
Barrington St. at Spring Garden Rd.
429-2240
A National Historic Site and registered Provincial Heritage Property. Open May to October. Free admission, donations welcome.

The Old Town Clock
Brunswick St. at the top of George St. Located at the base of Citadel Hill, this Halifax landmark has watched over the city ever since its workings arrived from England in 1803. The dashing Duke of Kent, head of the garrison at Halifax from 1794 to 1800 and eventual father of Queen Victoria, designed the timepiece that’s now a Halifax icon.

Pennant Point Coastal Heritage Park
20 min. from downtown Halifax, on Rte. 349
In 1990, 26 historic sites were recorded at the park, the majority of which are cellar depressions associated with the late
18th-century to early 20th-century fishing community of Coote’s Cove. The park is home to three white sand beaches, popularly known as Crystal Crescent Beach, and an 8.5-kilometre coastal and inland trail system. Open year-round from dawn until dusk.

**Point Pleasant Park**

Entrances at the south end of Tower Rd. and the south end of Point Pleasant Dr., Halifax 490-4700

Only minutes from downtown, this magnificent 75-hectare park covers the southern tip of the Halifax peninsula, jutting into the mouth of the harbour. Features include extensive walking trails, picnic area, canteen and the ruins of several forts. Open daily, 6am to midnight, year-round. Limited winter maintenance on selected walking trails.

**Prince of Wales Tower National Historic Site**

Point Pleasant Park, Halifax 426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca

The Martello tower was built by order of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, in 1796–97 to help protect British gun batteries in Halifax. The tower interior is accessible July 1 to August 31, 10am to 6pm. Park grounds open year-round.

**Province House**

1726 Hollis St., Halifax 424-4601 / www.gov.ns.ca/legislature

Canada’s oldest seat of government and home to Nova Scotia’s legislature. Open July and August: weekdays 9am to 5pm, weekends and holidays 10am to 4pm. Remainder of the year: weekdays 9am to 4pm. Free admission.

**Shore Club**

250 Shore Club Rd., Hubbards 857-9555 / www.shoreclub.ca

A landmark on Nova Scotia’s South Shore since 1946, the Shore Club hosts traditional Maritime lobster suppers and dances with live musical entertainment. Doors open for dances at 9:30pm. Lobster suppers from May to October, Wednesday to Sunday, 4pm to 8pm (Saturday to 7pm). Reservations recommended.

**Shubie Park**

54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth

www.shubie.chebucto.org

Shubie is the largest urban wilderness park in the Halifax area, including sections of the Trans Canada Trail, two lakes, islands, woodland trails and parts of the historic Shubenacadie Canal. In summer the park includes a lifeguarded beach and campground. This park can be accessed from many locations including Waterley Road, Dartmouth Crossing, Locks Road and John Brenton Drive.

**Sir Sandford Fleming Park (The Dingle)**

Dingle Rd., off Purcell’s Cove Rd., on the Northwest Arm, Halifax / 490-4000

Walking trials, a sandy saltwater beach with public wharf and boat launch into the Northwest Arm. Tower open for climbing from mid-April to mid-November (depending on the weather). Picnic tables available. Take-out canteen (summer only). No winter maintenance on walking trails. Free admission.

**SS Atlantic Heritage Park and Interpretation Centre**

180 Sandy Cove Rd., Terence Bay 852-1557 / www.statlantic.com

Follow the signs from Route 333 and White’s Lake. The park is wheelchair-accessible and open year-round. Centre open May to October. Free admission, donations welcome.

**J. Willy Krauch & Sons Smoked Salmon**

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HISTORIC CHURCHES

Cathedral Church of All Saints
1330 Martello St., Halifax
423-6002
www.cathedralchurchallsaints.com
Opened in 1910, this South End landmark is a wonderful example of Gothic architecture. Open daily. Voluntary donation.

Christ Church
50 Wentworth St., Dartmouth
466-4270
www.christchurchdartmouth.novasc.ca
The oldest church in Dartmouth (built in 1817), this registered heritage building exemplifies Georgian architectural design. The weather vane atop the steeple depicts Haley’s Comet. Genealogical service available. Open by appointment.

Little Dutch (Deutsch) Church
Corner of Brunswick and Gerrish streets, Halifax
423-1059 / www.roundchurch.ca
The Little Dutch Church was the first Lutheran church in Canada, built in 1756. Open during weekday worship service, 7am and 5:30pm June to September. Tours available by appointment. Call Saint George’s Parish Office (423-1059) to inquire. Donations welcome.

Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel
Holy Cross Cemetery, South Park and South streets, Halifax
865-6663 / www.ccchalifax.com
Known as "the Church Built in a Day," this Gothic-style chapel stands near the entrance of Holy Cross Cemetery, the city's oldest Catholic cemetery. In the early morning on August 31, 1843, more than 1,800 people gathered at St. Mary's Basilica and, after mass, walked in procession to the new church. By 7pm, Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel was complete.

Saint George’s Round Church
2222 Brunswick St. at Cornwallis St., Halifax
423-1059 / www.roundchurch.ca
Saint George's was built in 1800 to accommodate the growing congregation of the Little Dutch Church (see separate listing). It was designed under the supervision of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent (Father of Queen Victoria). It's a National Heritage Site and an elegant wooden example of a circular Palladian church. Visitors welcome. Contact the parish office for tours.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica
Spring Garden Rd. at Barrington St., Halifax
423-4116 / www.stmbasilica.com
When construction began on Saint Mary’s in 1826, the design was for a much smaller, Georgian church. In the 1860s and 70s, the building was transformed, inside and out, to the grand Victorian Gothic style. The highly embellished façade was designed by acclaimed New York architect, Patrick Charles Keely. A small museum is located at the back of the altar. Open year-round.

Saint Matthew's United Church
1479 Barrington St., Halifax
423-9209 / www.stmatthews.novasc.ca
Beginning in 1749, Protestant Dissenters were permitted to worship in Saint Paul’s Church (Church of England) until they had their own place of worship. In 1754, they moved to Market Church at the corner of Hollis and Prince streets. After this building was lost to fire in 1859, the congregation moved to its present site. Sunday worship at 10:30 am.

Saint Paul’s Anglican Church
1749 Argyle St., Grant Parade, Halifax
429-2240 / www.stpaulhalifax.org
Founded in June 1749, this is Britain’s first overseas cathedral, originally serving settlements from Newfoundland to Ontario. The crypt holds the remains of illustrious British colonials. Visitors can worship with the congregation on Sundays and Wednesdays, or simply to meditate in the pews throughout the week. Open year-round. Guided tours Monday to Saturday from late May to early September, 8am to 4:30pm. Parish offices open to visitors 9am and 11am, Sunday, 11am, Wednesday (unless otherwise posted). Genealogical services available for a fee. Donations welcome.

MUSEUMS AND SCIENCE CENTRES

Acadian House Museum / L’Acadie de Chezzetcook
79 Hill Rd., West Chezzetcook (Rte. 207)
827-5992 / 827-2248
A 20 minute drive from Metro, experience Acadian life as lived in the Chezzetcook area. Built in the 1850s, the museum houses displays on local heritage, complete with a period kitchen. The grounds feature artifacts, plus a cabana, outdoor oven and a wooden outhouse. Call for special occasions and weekly events. Wheelchair accessible with restrictions. Open July 1 to August 31. Open Tues. to Sun. 10am to 4:30pm. Gift shop and picnic tables available. Luncheons served daily from mid-May to September 30 at La Cuisine the Brigitte. Museum admission $2/individual, $5/family.

Army Museum
Cavalerie Barracks of the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site of Canada
422-5979
This museum presents hundreds of artifacts reflecting Atlantic Canada’s military heritage. Open daily May 7 to October 31, off season by appointment. Also open with free admission on Remembrance Day (November 11). Admission included with entrance fee to Citadel from May 7 to Oct. 31.

Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum
20 Sky Blvd. Exit 6, Hwy. 102, across the highway from the airport
873-3773 / www.atlanticcanadaaviation.com
Comprehensive aviation museum, with many

ATTRACTIONS

Enjoy a Getaway Cruise across Halifax Harbour

Metro Transit welcomes all visitors and local residents alike to come aboard the oldest salt water ferry service in North America. The ferry offers a unique view from the water with a ten-minute ride (each way) across the harbour!

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For more details call our HRM Call Centre 490-4000, 7 days a week, between 7:00 am - 11:00 pm.
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Dartmouth Heritage Museum
Evergreen House, 26 Newcastle St., Dartmouth / 462-2300
www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca
A broad range of exhibits interpret the heritage of the Dartmouth area. Special events and children’s programs throughout the year. The museum is located in Evergreen House, a mid-Victorian gentleman’s residence. The house was also owned by Helen Creighton, folklorist and author of Bluenose Ghosts. Guided tours of the main floor feature Victorian furnishings and décor. Rotating exhibits in the top floor gallery highlight some of the museum’s collection or feature local artist displays. Open year-round. Self-guided tour books available in off-season. Summer: Tuesday to Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. (Closed 1 to 2 pm on weekends.) $2 admission (children 12 and under free). Bus groups require advance booking. Gift shop available.

Discovery Centre
1593 Barrington St., Halifax
492-4422 / www.thediscoverycentre.ca
Nova Scotia’s hands-on science centre is dedicated to making science fun for all ages. Allow 60-90 minutes for a visit. Discovery Shop on site. Open year-round; Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 1pm to 5pm. Closed January 1, April 16, November 11, December 25 and 26. Admission charged.

Fairbanks Centre/Shubenacadie Canal
54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth
www.shubie.chebucto.org
This museum celebrates the 183-year history of the Shubenacadie Canal, which moved steam ships between Halifax Harbour and the Bay of Fundy. The centre is situated adjacent to the reconstructed lock 3 of the canal system. From here you can take a self-guided historic walking tour. Features include 19th-century locks and an 1820s workers’ camp. From the Fairbanks Centre you can enter the Trans Canada Trail, the Shubie Park trail system, and trails connecting major shopping areas such as Dartmouth Crossing and Mic Mac Mall. Fairbanks Centre walking tour and park open daily year-round. Museum open June to September, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Free admission. Picnic tables available. Washroom facilities.

Fisherman’s Life Museum
58 Navy Pool Loop, Jeddore Oyster Pond
889-2053 / fishermanслиfe.museum.gov.ns.ca
Built in the early 1900s, this house once belonged to Ervin Myers, his wife Ethelda and their 13 daughters. They made their living off both the land and sea, fishing throughout the summer and working the woods in the winter. At Fisherman’s Life Museum, discover how extraordinary ordinary life used to be. Open daily from June 1 to Oct. 15, 9:00am to 5:00pm. Parking, picnic tables, washrooms on site. Bus tours welcome. Admission charged.
Fultz House Museum
33 Sackville Dr., Lower Sackville
865-3794 / www.fultzhouse.ca
Located in a house dating back to the 1860s, this museum displays photographs and artifacts relating to Sackville and the surrounding communities. On the property are blacksmith and cooperage shops with tools, and an 1855 horse-drawn hearse. Grounds suitable for wedding services and photographs. Open daily July 1 to August 31, 10am to 5pm; by appointment year-round. No admission charged except for special functions; donations welcome. Gift shop available.

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site of Canada
Entrance off Sackville Street, Halifax
426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca
One of Canada's most visited national historic sites, the Citadel features exhibits, audiovisual presentations, guided tours. Open daily May 7 to October 31, 9am to 6pm during July and August, 9am to 5pm during other months; admission charged May 7 to October 31. Grounds open daily year-round, 9am to 5pm. Gift shop and coffee bar available.

HMCS Sackville
Lower Water St., Halifax
www hmcs sackville cnmt ns ca
This Second World War corvette is a museum and memorial to those who served in Canada's navy. Admission charged. Open May to June at Sackville Landing, next to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and November to May at the naval dockyard.

MacPhee House Community Museum
Hwy. 7, West River Bridge, Sheet Harbour
885-2595 / 885-2478
Located in the historic community of Sheet Harbour, the museum interprets artifacts from the late 19th through mid-20th centuries. Situated in a community park with walking trails along the beautiful West River. Adjoining visitor information centre. Open early June to mid-September, off season by appointment. Free admission, donations welcome.

Maritime Command Museum Library and Archives
Admiralty House, 2275 Gottingen St., Halifax
721-8250
www sppmembers com / marcom museum
History of Canadian naval forces, especially in Halifax. Open January 2 to December 20, Monday to Friday 10am to 3:30 pm. Closed on statutory holidays. Free admission. Gift shop.

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
1675 Lower Water St., Halifax
424-7490 or 424-7481
www maritime museum gov ns ca

Memory Lane Heritage Village
5425 Clam Harbour Rd., Hwy. 7, Lake Charlotte
845-1937 / 877-287-0697
www heritage village ca
Moose River Gold Mines Museum
Moose River Road, from Rte. 224 near Elmsvale or from Rte. 7 east of Tanger
Interesting collection of gold mining artifacts and first-hand information about the famous mine disaster of 1936. Open July 1 to August 30, daily, 10am to 5pm. Other times by appointment (contact the MUSQOOBOIIT Visitor Information Centre, 384-2006 / www.musqaboit.net). Donations welcome.

MUSQOOBOIIT Railway Museum
Main St., Hwy. 7, Musquodoboit Harbour 889-2689
www.novascotiarrailwayheritage.com/ musqaboit.htm
Housed in the former Canadian National Railway Station circa 1918. Exhibits tell the story of Nova Scotia's railways. Part of the former rail line has been transformed into a 15-km trail. Gift shop. Open daily June 1 to September 30, 9am to 4pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

Nova Scotia Archives & Records Management
6016 University Ave., Halifax 424-5060 / www.gov.ns.ca/nasm
Holdings include inactive records of government departments and corporate bodies (churches, businesses, organizations and communities); papers of families and individuals; a 50,000-title library; newspapers; genealogical sources; documentary art and photographs; maps and architectural plans; sound recordings and moving images. Public Internet access site. Open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, Wednesday 4:30 to 9pm, Saturday 9 am to 5pm, closed Sunday, holidays and holiday weekends. Free admission.

Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History
1747 Summer St., Halifax 424-7353 / 424-6099
www.nature.museum.gov.ns.ca

Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame
Halifax Metro Centre, S284 Duke St., Halifax 421-1266 / www.nsshf.com
Adjacent to the Metro Centre box office, the hall is a state-of-the-art facility. Colourful displays highlighting the diverse backgrounds of Nova Scotia's athletes, builders and teams. A new exhibit is dedicated to hockey superstar Sidney Crosby, from Cole Harbour. Open year-round, Monday to Friday, 11 am to 4:30pm and before all Metro Centre events. Free admission. Group visits upon request. Gift shop available.

Pier 21: Canada's National Immigration Museum
Explore Canadian stories of immigration and nation building through interactive exhibits, multimedia presentations and activities for all ages. A research centre, gallery, cafe and gift shop are located onsite. Open year-round. Limited hours in winter, check website for schedule. Admission charged; group rates available.

Quaker House
55-57 Ochterlenoye St., Dartmouth 464-2300
www.dartmouthheritagemuseum.ns.ca
Within a two-minute walk of the ferry is nestled one of the oldest houses in the region. It was built by the Quaker Whalers in 1786 and is authentically restored and furnished. Costumed guides give interpretive tours of Quaker life and the whaling industry. A "pioneer days" dress-up trunk is available for children. Also featured is the heritage herb/vegetable garden that gives a glimpse of gardening techniques used over 200 years ago. Open June to end of August, Tuesday to
Sunday, 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm. $2 Admission (children 12 and under free). Bus groups require advance booking.

Royal Canadian Legion Military Museum
Sommere Branch 31
52 King St., Dartmouth
463-1050 / 209-0089
Military exhibits, artifacts and period costumes from 1756 on, including the Boer War, First World War, Second World War, Korean War and Gulf War. First level wheelchair accessible. Open late May to November 11, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1pm to 4pm. Closed holidays. Tours arranged by appointment off-season. Military library available. Admission charged (under 12 free).

Scott Manor House
15 Fort Sackville Rd., Bedford
832-2396 / www.scottmanorhouse.ca
A Dutch colonial manor, this provincial heritage site features hand-hewn beams, whitewashed chimneys and a hand-dug cellar. Built circa 1770 by Joseph Scott, it now serves as a centre for community heritage. It has a tea room with homemade scones and fresh berries, and a well-stocked reading and research room. Open daily July 1 to August 31, 10am to 4pm; other times by appointment. Donations welcome.

Shearwater Aviation Museum
44 Bonaventure Ave., 12 Wing Shearwater (take Rte. 322 toward Eastern Passage) 720-1083
www.shearwateraviationmuseum.novascotia.ca
Displays Canadian military aviation as it evolved at Shearwater. Restored historic aircraft on site. Ground floor and library are wheelchair accessible. June to August, open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday noon to 4pm; September to November and April to May, open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm, and Saturday noon to 4pm. Other times by appointment. Gift shop open year-round. Admission by donation.

Waverley Heritage Museum
1319 Rocky Lake Dr., Waverley / 861-2427
www.waverleyheritagemuseum.org
Displays on gold mining and the Acadia Powder Mill Company, photographs of past residents and scenes chronicling Waverley's history. Open daily, July 1 to August 31, 1pm to 5pm. Free admission, donations appreciated. Open by appointment off-season.

York Redoubt National Historic Site
Purcell's Cove Road (Rte. 253)
426-5080 / www.pc.gc.ca
Overlooking the entrance to the harbour and McNab's Island, just 25 minutes from downtown. York Redoubt was part of Halifax's extensive defence system. Parts of the fort date from the 1790s to the Second World War, while the large cannons are from the 1860s. Magnificent harbour views, picnic grounds and an interpretive centre (open mid-May to mid-October, 9am to 6pm). Grounds open year-round. Free admission.

GALLERIES

Argyle Fine Art
1559 Barrington St., Halifax
425-9456 / www.argylefa.com
One of Halifax's most progressive galleries, showcasing contemporary art by established and emerging Canadian painters, photographers, sculptors and fibre artists.

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
1723 Hollis St., Halifax
424-7542 / www.artgallerynovascotia.ca

The Craig Gallery at Alderney Landing
2 Ochterloney St., Dartmouth
461-4698 / www.alderneylanding.com
On the Dartmouth waterfront next to the Metro Transit ferry terminal. Hosts exhibitions by a variety of local professional and amateur artists. Open Tuesday to Friday noon to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sun. 1am to 4pm. Free admission.
Shopping Districts

Weekend Markets
21 Sackville Downview Mall ........ A2
Sackville Plaza, Sackville Drive, Sackville
year-round, indoor (Sunday) 9am-2pm
463-1406 | www.fleamarketsandauctions.com
22 Halifax Forum ......................... C4
2901 Windsor Street, Halifax
year-round, indoor (Sunday) 9am-2pm
463-1406 | www.fleamarketsandauctions.com
23 Alderney Landing ..................... C5
Dartmouth Farmers’ Market (Saturday)
Dartmouth Waterfront
year-round, 8am-1pm
461-4698 | www.alderneylanding.com
24 Historic Farmers Market ........... E4
Brewery Market,
1496 Lower Water Street, Halifax
year-round, Saturday 7am-1pm
492-8772 | www.historicfarmersmarket.ca
25 Harbourview Weekend Market ... E4
42 Canal Street, Dartmouth
year-round, indoor (Saturday and Sunday)
9am-4pm
407-3323 | www.harbourviewmarket.com

Waterfront Shopping Areas
26 Historic Properties ............... D5
1868 Upper Water Street, Halifax
27 Ferry Boat Lane ................. D5
Upper Water Street, Halifax
28 Bishop’s Landing ............ E4
Lower Water Street, Halifax
29 Halifax Seaport Farmers’ Market ....
1209 Marginal Rd., Halifax
year-round; open Wednesday, Friday to Sunday
halifaxfarmersmarket.com
30 Fisherman’s Cove .......... F6
Eastern Passage
200 Government Wharf Road, Dartmouth

Legend
Spring Garden Area
Quinpool Road
Downtown Halifax
Downtown Dartmouth
Other Shopping Areas
Business Parks
Parks

Historic Areas
26 Historic Properties ............ D5
1868 Upper Water Street, Halifax
31 Granville Mall .................. D4
Granville Street / Hollis Street, Halifax
32 Hydrostone Market ........... C4
5515-5547 Young Street, Halifax
Refer to the maps on pages 54-56 for details of
downtown Halifax and Dartmouth or for more
information follow the to the heart of
downtown’s Halifax Waterfront Information
Visitor Centre.