

# On the Land and in the Sea: A Resource Guide to Nova Scotia's Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries Destinations and Activities, 2011

## Agricultural and Fisheries Education

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### **Fundy Shore & Annapolis Valley**

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#### **Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens**

PO Box 278, Annapolis Royal

Telephone: 902-532-7018

Fax: 902-532-7445

Web site: [www.historicgardens.com](http://www.historicgardens.com)

This 10-acre provincial botanical showcase is located in the beautiful town of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. The theme gardens and displays reflect the history of the area. Special features include the Victorian Garden, Governor's Garden, Rose Collection, Innovative Garden and Acadian Cottage and Garden. Open mid-May to mid-October. Admission charged (off-season by donation).

#### **Blair House Museum**

Kentville Agricultural Centre

Telephone: 902-679-5333

The Blair House Museum is comprised of two principal exhibits: a history of the Kentville Research Station and a history of the fruit growing industry in Nova Scotia. It is operated by the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association and is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. during the summer months. The house is named after the first superintendent of the Research Station, Dr. William Saxby Blair. The museum offers the visitor a well-rounded look at the Nova Scotia apple industry - both past and present.

#### **Lady Vanessa Fisheries Exhibit**

34 Water Street, Digby

Telephone: 902-245-4950

Fully restored 30 m wooden scallop dragger permanently mounted on the waterfront boardwalk. Visitors can walk through from bow to stern. Many exhibits and a 40 minute video on fishing, complete with underwater footage. Admission. Open May 15 - October 15.

#### **Prescott House Museum**

1633 Starr's Pt. Road

Port Williams, Nova Scotia B0P 1T0

Telephone: 902-542-3984

Web site: [prescott.museum.gov.ns.ca](http://prescott.museum.gov.ns.ca)

Both a national and a provincial site. This gracious Georgian house was built by the Hon. Charles Prescott in 1812. Prescott was a merchant and horticulturist who introduced better varieties of apples and helped established the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association. The gardens and grounds in this lush part of the Annapolis Valley provide a lovely spot to picnic and relax. Admission charged.

## Northumberland Shore

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### **Ballantyne's Cove Tuna Interpretive Centre**

Ballantyne's Cove

Telephone: 902-863-1101

Interpretive panels describing life cycle of tuna, history of tuna fishing; video; life-size model of tuna. Fresnel lens from 1800's lighthouse. Open Jun 1–Oct 30.

### **Balmoral Grist Mill Museum**

660 Matheson Brook Road, Tatamagouche, NS

Nova Scotia B0K 1V0

Telephone: 902-657-3016

Fax: 902-657-3016

Web: [museum.gov.ns.ca/bgm](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/bgm)

This wonderful grist mill near Tatamagouche has been in production since 1874. It is located in a picturesque gorge on Matheson's Brook. The mill boasts a Scottish kiln where oats are toasted using maple wood as fuel, giving the oats a flavour that guarantees the best Scottish oatcakes. At the Museum Shop, you can purchase freshly ground flour and baked goods made with the mill's products. Admission charged.

### **Fraser Mills Fish Hatchery**

Hwy 104 to Rte 316

Telephone: 902-783-2926

Web site: [www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/)

The visitor interpretation centre, located in the hatchery building, provides an opportunity to learn more about the hatchery and other aspects of recreational angling in Nova Scotia. Visitors can view photographs, posters, artifacts and displays on a variety of subjects. Open year round 9 am to 4 pm daily.

### **Northumberland Fisheries Museum**

71 Front Street, Pictou

Telephone: 902-485-4972

Web: [www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.com](http://www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.com)

Guided tour of over 2000 fishing related artifacts that pay tribute to the fishing industry and the fisher folk all along the Northumberland Strait. Contains an original fisherman's bunkhouse. Admission. Open May 15 - October 15, 9am to 6pm daily.

### **Sugar Moon Farm Maple Products and Pancake House**

Alex MacDonald Road, Earltown

Telephone: 902-657-3348 or 1-866-816-2753

Web: [www.sugarmoon.ca](http://www.sugarmoon.ca)

Sugar Moon Farm is a working maple farm and woodlot. We produce quality food in a manner that supports local agriculture and community, and respects land and water. To this end, we buy local, use a composting system for our public washrooms and employ draft horse power on our farm. Members of the Atlantic Economusee Network "Artisans at Work". Sugar Moon Farm is a maple farm for all seasons: learn about the history and craft of maple sugaring in the sugar camp, hike up through the sugar woods, enjoy our famous pancakes in the log pancake house, check out our maple retail area.

### **Wild Blueberry and Maple Center**

105 Lower Main Street, Oxford

Nova Scotia B0M 1G0

Telephone: 902-447-2908

Fax: 902-447-2485

The Wild Blueberry and Maple Center showcases the wild blueberry and maple industries in our region. The self-guided tour covers the natural history, harvesting, processing and uses static and interactive displays and a (glass encased) live beehive. Products for sale.

## **Cape Breton Island**

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### **Highland Village Museum / An Clachan Gàidhealach**

4119 Hwy 223, Iona, NS B2C 1A3

Telephone: 902-725-2272

Fax: 902-725-2227

Web: [museum.gov.ns.ca/hv/](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/hv/)

The Highland Village is a 43-acre museum and cultural center dedicated to the culture of the Gaelic speaking Scot that settled in Nova Scotia. Part of the museum contains a farm area including interpretive barn and period farm animals including highland cattle, Soay sheep, pigs, etc. Open June 1 to mid October, daily, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

### **Margaree Fish Hatchery**

115 Hatchery Rd.

Margaree Valley, NS

BOE 2CO

Tel: (902) 248-2845

Fax: (902) 248-2236

Web: [www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/)

### **Margaree Salmon Museum**

60 East Big Intervale Rd, North East Margaree, Nova Scotia

Telephone: 902-248-2848, 248-2765, 248-2623

Web: [www.margareens.com/margaree\\_salmon.html](http://www.margareens.com/margaree_salmon.html)

Through audio, visual and verbal interpretation, we promote the conservation of the Atlantic salmon and trout. Exhibits relate to salmon angling on the Margaree River. Open June 15 - Oct. 15, 9am-5pm.

### **La Pirogue Fisheries Museum**

Cheticamp Nova Scotia

Telephone: 902-224-3349

Web: [cbmuseums.tripod.com/id58.html](http://cbmuseums.tripod.com/id58.html)

Exhibits and interactive displays in the fishing industry of the area, Acadian homestead, and Gallery of the Sea. Open May through October 9 am - 9 pm daily. Admission charged.

### **Main-a-Dieu Fisherman's Museum**

886 Louisbourg-Main-a-Dieu Road, Main-a-Dieu

A fascinating, moving insight into the changes and challenges to the fishing industry in the last 100 years. Visit the ship replica and learn about the local history of fishing in Main-a-Dieu and area - the lobsterland of the Maritimes. Admission free. Open daily, year round.

## Eastern Shore

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### **Fisherman's Life Museum**

58 Navy Pool Loop, Jeddore Oyster Ponds

Telephone: 902-889-2053

Web site: [museum.gov.ns.ca/flm](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/flm)

Experience the warmth and welcome... Sense the pleasures, imagine the hardship of an inshore fishing family and a way of life that still survives ; close to the sea and close to the land. Open June 1 - October 15. Mon- Sat 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sun 1-5:30 pm.

### **Sherbrooke Village**

Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia B0J 2C0

Telephone: 902-522-2400

Fax: 902-522-2974

Web site: [www.sherbrookevillage.ca](http://www.sherbrookevillage.ca)

Sherbrooke Village portrays life in a rural Nova Scotia village between 1860-1914. During this period agriculture was important to all communities. The village contains a farm yard display with various animals on site. Open June 1st - October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, 7 days a week. Admission charged.

### **St. Mary's River Association, Education & Interpretive Centre**

8404 Hwy 7. 0.5 km from Sherbrooke Village

Telephone: 902-522-2099

Exhibits related to salmon angling on the St. Mary's River. A/V presentation on fishing and conservation. Large fish tank. Admission by donation. Open June 1-October 15 9:00am-5:30pm October 16-May 31 by appointment. Admission charged.

## Halifax Metro

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### **Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum**

471 Poplar Drive. Cole Harbour/Dartmouth

Telephone: 902-434-0222

Fax: 902-434-0222

Web: [www.coleharbourfarmmuseum.ca](http://www.coleharbourfarmmuseum.ca)

The museum interprets 200 years of market gardening on the outskirts of Halifax; marketing produce in the city; using the nearby saltmarsh for fishing, clam digging, hunting, cutting salt hay; evolution of small local dairies selling milk products door-to-door and at the Halifax City Market. There is a large garden on site, a small complement of farm animals and an assortment of agricultural tools and equipment as well as an archive and large photo collection. Open May 15 - October 15.

### **Fisherman's Cove**

30 Government Wharf Road

Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1M7

Phone: 902-465-6093

Web: [www.fishermanscove.ns.ca/site/](http://www.fishermanscove.ns.ca/site/)

Set in a working fishing village, Fisherman's Cove provides interpretation of the fishery (past and present), a fresh and salt water aquarium with local marine species; marine based educational experience (eg. puppet show, traditional music).

## South Shore

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### **Acadian Maple Products**

13578 Peggy's Cove Rd, Upper Tantallon,

Phone: 902-826-2312

Toll-free: 888-276-2753

Website: [www.acadianmaple.com](http://www.acadianmaple.com)

Maple Interpretive Centre. History and production methods of the maple syrup industry; videos and live presentations; a learning experience for the whole family.

### **Barrington Woolen Mill Museum**

2368 Hwy #3, Barrington Nova Scotia

Telephone: 902-637-2185

Web: [museum.gov.ns.ca/bwm](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/bwm)

Experience a water powered mill with an ocean view. Discover how wool was made into warm clothes and blankets a hundred years ago. June 1 - Sep. 30, Mon. to Sat. 10 am to 6 pm, Sun. 1-6 pm.

Admission charged.

### **The Dory Shop Museum**

Dock St. Shelburne

Telephone: 902-875-3219

Web [museum.gov.ns.ca/dory](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/dory)

Step into this authentic harbour-side dory factory and experience the world of the famous Grand Banks fishery, 1880 to 1971. June 1 - September 30, daily 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Admission charged.

### **Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic**

68 Bluenose Drive, Lunenburg Waterfront

Telephone: 902-634-4794 or 1-866-579-4909

Web: [museum.gov.ns.ca/fma](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/fma)

The museum is based in a former fish processing plant. It celebrates the rich fishing heritage of Atlantic Canada through our vessels at the wharf, exhibits and visitor activities. The aquarium provides the opportunity to explore the world of sea creatures which have been the basis of the Atlantic coast fishery. All vessels, exhibits and activities are manned by retired fishermen and informed interpreters.

Open daily May - mid October, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm (til 7:00 pm Jul/Aug), as well as off season hours.

### **McGowan Lake Fish Hatchery**

Telephone: 902-682-2576

Web site: [www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/stocked/)

Raceways, hatchery building, interpretive centre, intake control house and nature trail. About 1,000,000 trout fry are hatched annually. Open daily, year-round.

### **Milton Blacksmith Shop Museum**

PO Box 572, Milton, Nova Scotia BOT 1P0

Telephone: 902-350-0268

Web: [www.qcis.ns.ca/blacksmith/](http://www.qcis.ns.ca/blacksmith/)

The Milton Blacksmith Shop was built in 1903 and houses a wide array of equipment and tools of the farrier, blacksmith and wheelwright trades which accurately represent the work done here in over 70 years of service to the community. The museum has on display a number of items which are agricultural in nature - plows, seeders, harrows, wheelbarrows, hoes, grubbers, scythes, etc. Open June -

October. Check for hours and dates. Admission \$1 for adults.

**Ross Farm Living Museum of Agriculture**

RR#2, 4568 Hwy 12, New Ross

Telephone: 902-689-2210

Fax: 902-689-2264

Web Site: [museum.gov.ns.ca/rfm](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/rfm)

Ross Farm Museum is a 24-hectare (60-acre) historic, working farm illustrating pioneer farm life of rural Nova Scotia. The site and interpreters portray the operations of a typical family farm from the late 1800's to early 1900's. Growing cereal crops and livestock and operating a farm kitchen garden are part of the operations, but the site also has an active program showing other skills typical of this area. These activities include coopering, woodlot management, ox handling and training, ox shoeing, black smithing, and family life skills. Ross Farms also offers exhibits of farm equipment used throughout Nova Scotia. Visitors can see animals from historic breeds such as Canadian horses, oxen, Cotswold and Southdown sheep, and Berkshire pigs and rare poultry breeds, including Cochins and Hamburgs. Open May 1 - Oct. 31, check for hours. Admission charged.

**Wile Carding Mill Museum**

242 Victoria Road, Bridgewater

Telephone: 902-543-8233 Off season 902-543-4033

Web: [museum.gov.ns.ca/wcm](http://museum.gov.ns.ca/wcm)

This water-powered mill operated at the height of sheep shearing in the late 1800s. People arrived by ox-cart with their bags of wool to have it carded for spinning, knitting, weaving or made into batts for wool beds and quilts. Hands on program with costumed interpreters. Admission. Open June 1 - September 30. Check for hours. Admission charged.

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