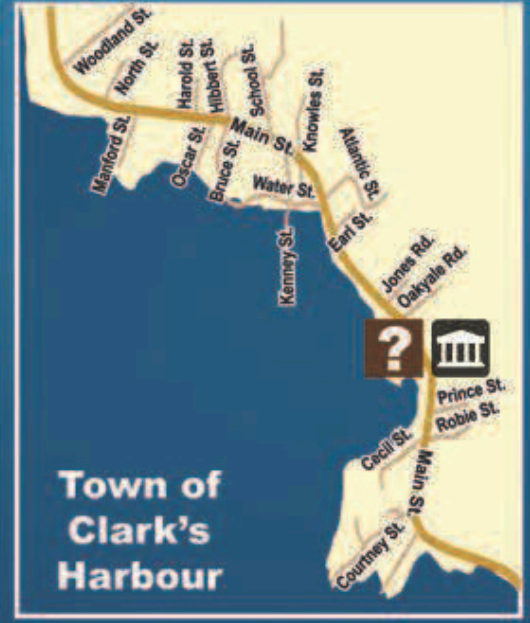
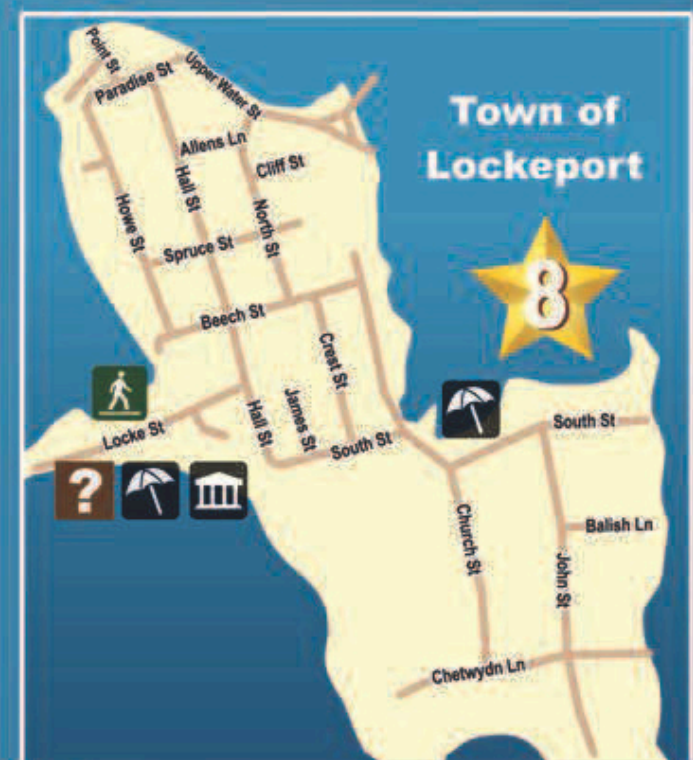




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ATLANTIC OCEAN

# Your Love Affair with Nova Scotia begins here.

Welcome to Shelburne County, where a fabulous coastal holiday adventure awaits you on the breathtaking southern tip of Nova Scotia.

Escape the ordinary and settle in to a more natural way of life where your alarm clocks are the seagulls flying overhead and you are soothed to sleep by the sound of the waves splashing against the shore.



Here you will become enchanted by our unspoiled panoramic views; whether it's from one of our many pristine and white sandy beaches, strolling historic Dock Street in the Town of Shelburne, floating down a river or from the top of a lighthouse.

Our Maritime hospitality, culture and heritage are celebrated all year long through our many festivals and events. Come and experience our seafaring history either from the bow of an 18th Century Longboat or donning a sou'wester and testing the oars of a dory. Explore our picturesque coastline where we are home to one of the best birding locations in Nova Scotia.

Whether you rent a cottage by the sea, cozy up in a beautiful Inn or Bed & Breakfast, relax in a motel or camp out under the stars; whatever you choose, Shelburne County is the best place to see and experience maritime life at its finest and we know you'll love it here!



## Birchtown & Area

Featuring secluded beaches, superb bird watching stops and many coastal views. The Shore Road is a travel way that connects the historic town of Shelburne to the fishing villages of Barrington. History begins in Birchtown, home of the Black Loyalists, the largest free black settlement outside of Africa c. 1783. People voted with their feet for freedom; to day you can learn the fascinating, heroic story of these brave settlers at the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre. Birchtown is the actual site where the Book of Negroes story unfolded. Continuing on through Gunning Cove to Port Saxon you will drive through fishing villages that were once the inlets and coves that pirates of the 1600's and 1700's used as hideaways. Pirate Ned Lowe (whom the character Jack Sparrow of Pirates of the Caribbean movies are created after) famously stopped in Shelburne Harbour and McNutt's Island to "take a day off". Shelburne Harbour was known as a "Haven for the pirates" of the Atlantic; a place of rest and holiday.

### MUST DO

- Explore our white sand beaches
- Bike the Shore Road scenic travel way
- Visit the Black Loyalist Heritage Museum

### HIDDEN GEM

- 5 Swim the warm fresh water channel at Roseway Beach or surf and swim in the breakwater.



## Shelburne

Immerse yourself in our local culture and heritage and as our Loyalist forefathers before us, explore our unique town, its authentic 18th century architecture and waterfront scenery on our historic Dock Street. Begin with a self guided walking tour which is the most significant location of the largest concentration of pre 1800 wooden buildings anywhere in Canada. While on the tour visit the museum complex where you can learn why our Shelburne Dory is different than the Lunenburg dory. Enjoy a culinary experience at any of our fine restaurants, browse our specialty shops for that rare handmade souvenir and end the day with a live show at the Osprey Arts Centre.

### MUST DO

- Our waterfront comes alive during our Founders' Days and unique Whirligig & Weathervane Festivals.
- Take a boat tour of Shelburne Harbour to McNutt's Island and explore this interesting island full of history and folklore.
- Trace your roots or learn about Shelburne's rich history at the Shelburne Genealogical Archives Society.
- Be captivated by an authentic 18th Century Re-enactment Military drill practice.

### HIDDEN GEMS

- 6 Hike Shelburne's Rail Line Trail through town, over the Roseway River to Islands Provincial Park.



## Shelburne Area

From ocean to forest travel this scenic drive which combines our heritage of forestry in the Ohios to our traditional maritime fishing culture in Jordan Bay. You can paddle down the famous Roseway River and explore the shoreline of the third largest natural harbour in the world all in one day! Photograph the sailboats as they sail past the Sandy Point Lighthouse at sunset. Grab your picnic basket and swim suit and spend the day at Welkum Park, a perfect setting for an exceptional vacation experience.

### MUST DO

- Experience our "down home" hospitality at a community breakfast at the Sandy Point Lighthouse Community Centre and at other community group facilities.
- Celebrate with us at our Shelburne County Lobster Festival.
- Paddle the Roseway River
- Bike the route from Shelburne through Sandy Point and Jordan Bay

### HIDDEN GEM

- 7 Welkum Park - A Sand Beach tucked away on Welkum Lake, this park is great for a family excursion.



## Lockeport

Often referred to as a small town in a spectacular setting, this historic fishing village is home to one of Nova Scotia's most famous beaches. Crescent Beach, a mile long white sandy beach was once featured on the back of the Canadian \$50 bill. Lockeport also boasts Nova Scotia's only Provincially Registered Historic Streetscape and is one of Shelburne County's top birding destinations. The Town really comes alive during the summer months when it becomes host to many festivals and events including their ever popular Lockeport and Area July 1st celebrations.

### MUST DO

- Experience our festivals - July 1st celebrations, Harmony Bazaar - Festival of Women & Song and Lockeport Sea Derby
- Enjoy our Roods Head Park, historic murals and the Widow's Walk Look-Off
- Explore the Little School Museum and visit the Crescent Beach Centre

### HIDDEN GEM

- 8 Nova Scotia's most walkable Town - Take a self guided historic walking tour with interpretive signage along the Boardwalk/Back Harbour/Trestle.



## Sable River & Area

Winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award, Sable River welcomes you to Shelburne County!

Once the site of a bustling lumber and shipbuilding industry and a popular railway stop, Sable River abounds with outdoor activities and adventure, including hiking, birding, canoeing & kayaking. The loop for the Foot Bridge and Tom Tigney Trails features Nova Scotia's only swinging bridge. You can listen to the sound of the Tom Tigney River which flows past the picturesque historic mill now a lovely craft co-op or why not stop for a stroll along the sandy shores of Louis Head Beach or drive out to Hemeon's Head from Little Harbour for a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean?

Continue around the Lockeport Loop and stroll along the Jordan River Trail to view marsh lands and wildlife while taking in the scenic beauty of the Jordan River

### MUST DO

- Relax on Louis Head Beach - ½ mile of sandy beach
- "Going around the River" - hike the Tom Tigney Trail and the Foot Bridge Trail
- Shop locally at the Sable River Farmers' Market (Saturdays May-October)

### HIDDEN GEM

- 9 Sable River Swinging Bridge - Nestled among the Pine Trees you will find Nova Scotia's only pedestrian suspension bridge.



## SHELBURNE COUNTY

Nothing you heard about our magnificent OceanSide environment compares to actually being here and seeing it for yourself!



## Clyde River & Area

Once a major logging hub, Clyde River and area is now a place of leisure for both residents and visitors alike. Capture wonderful memories tubing the river with friends, catching a trout for dinner with the kids, exploring by canoe or kayak, hiking to the next geocache or teeing off at our picturesque 18-hole golf course. As part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, here you have a spectacular blend of wilderness and sea all for you to experience!

### MUST DO

- Get a taste of local produce at our U-picks - strawberries and blueberries (in season)
- Go tubing through rapids and the flowing waterway of the Clyde River
- Play 18 holes at River Hills Golf & Country Club



Photo courtesy of Kathy Johnson

### HIDDEN GEM

- 4 Hike or bike the old Railway trail across the bridge high over the Clyde River beginning in Port Saxon and follow it through to Clements Pond.



## Barrington & Area

Welcome to the Lobster Capital of Canada! The Municipality is made up of many small coastal villages and towns, surrounded by sandy beaches, boats, wharfs and many lighthouses. Explore the Barrington Bay Trail which takes you along the shore inviting you to wonderful vistas and spectacular ocean views. A beautiful white sand beach awaits you on your stroll along the boardwalk at North East Point beach. Discover our lighthouses and museums which offer a glimpse into the rich history of the area. Take a scenic drive to Baccaro; on the way stop at Fort St. Louis, a National Historic Site in Port La Tour; Crow's Neck Beach a great spot to view Piping Plovers and then continue on to the Baccaro Lighthouse, a top destination to view the surf during hurricane season and is a great birding destination.

### MUST DO

- Climb to the top of a lighthouse and take in the spectacular view of Barrington Bay at the Seal Island Light Museum.
- Research your roots at the Cape Sable Historical Society.
- Enjoy some fresh local seafood in our many restaurants.
- Festival of Lights - celebrate Christmas with a spectacular display of fireworks over the Cape Sable Island Causeway and visit our Lobster Trap Christmas Tree.

### HIDDEN GEM

- 3 As the tide comes up over the warm flats, go for a swim in some of the warmest waters in Nova Scotia at Sandhills Provincial Park.



## Clark's Harbour & Cape Sable Island

Welcome to the birthplace of the world renowned Cape Sable Island fishing boat. Stroll through the Town of Clark's Harbour and visit their working waterfront where you can stop and have a "yarn" with the local fishermen or take in a baseball game or two. Take a coastal drive to the Hawk, one of the best birding sites in Nova Scotia and a designated Important Bird Area, you will also view Nova Scotia's tallest lighthouse from here. Where the Bay of Fundy meets the Atlantic, Cape Sable Island offers you miles of white sand beaches with breathtaking ocean views.



### MUST DO

- Learn to row a dory with the Queen of Hearts Dory Club at the Cape Sable Island Causeway
- Dumping Day - take part in an amazing spectacle as our Lobster Fishing fleet leaves the wharf on the first day of Lobster Season. (November)
- Immerse yourself in the culture and heritage of Cape Sable Island at the Archelaus Smith Museum & the Seaside Heritage Centre.
- Enjoy the many activities during the Clark's Harbour Canada Day Festival, including boat races, dory races, entertainment, games, parades & fireworks.

### HIDDEN GEM

- 2 The Drowned Forest - The Hawk. Seen only during low tide discover this ancient fossilized forest.

## Shag Harbour & Wood's Harbour Area

You will gain a true sense of our way of life as you travel through the coastal fishing communities from Doctor's Cove to Charlesville. Visit the Shag Harbour UFO Interpretive Centre and learn about the Canadian Government recognized UFO sighting which occurred in 1967 off the coast of Shag Harbour. Climb the steps of the Sea Tower of the Chapel Hill Museum and marvel at the breathtaking view which includes at least 4 of our lighthouses. Watch as fishing boats return from sea to unload their daily catch at the many wharves along the route. Sea Kayaking and Island exploring add to the recreational opportunities in the area.

### MUST DO

- Learn of our seafaring heritage at the Samuel Wood Museum in Wood's Harbour
- Learn of life on Bon Portage Island through the stories of Evelyn Richardson at the Chapel Hill Museum.
- Celebrate our communities during Wood's Harbour Days (June) and the UFO Festival (Aug).
- Tap your toes at a Wednesday Night Kitchen Party at the Wood's Harbour Community Centre.

### HIDDEN GEM

- 1 Visit the site of the 1967 UFO Incident - watch fishing boats in the harbour and take in the most glorious sunsets in the County as you watch the sun sink into the Atlantic.



## SHELBURNE COUNTY Beyond the Ordinary



A Journey  
of Gems  
Itinerary  
BEACHES  
MUSEUMS  
ACTIVITIES  
BIRDWATCHING  
FESTIVALS  
and so much  
MORE!



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BLACK LOYALIST  
HERITAGE CENTRE  
and where the Book  
of Negroes story  
unfolded

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES**

**Barrington** - 2447 Highway 3, Barrington  
902-903-0494

**Shelburne** - Shelburne Museums by the Sea  
20 Dock Street, Shelburne  
902-875-3219

**Lockeport** - 157 Locke Street, Lockeport  
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