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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!



Dawson Falls, Ellershouse, Hants Co. NS

Ranging from a torrent during heavy rain and spring run-off, to a trickle during a very dry season, these falls are easy to find. **At your own risk (as any outdoor pursuit is)**, stop 3 kms east of the Ellershouse overpass (close to St. Croix exit) on Hwy 101. Looking south, locate metal gateposts and walk down the dirt road between them less than a km until you reach Dawson Brook. Without crossing the brook, turn right and follow the brook to the falls (10 minutes). **Respect any signs that are posted, and if you pack it in, pack it out!** Enjoy!



Caroline Beach, near Baxter's Harbour, Kings Co. NS

Approximately 2-3 kms east of Baxter's Harbour, there is a spot called Caroline Beach, which was witness to a grisly scene 177 years ago. The schooner Caroline set sail from Digby in December 1831, carrying 14 people (men, women and children) and a cargo of livestock, beef and apples. Bound for Saint John, New Brunswick, the damaged vessel drifted ashore at Caroline Beach three days later carrying only five frozen bodies on board, with no sign of the remaining passengers and crew. The ship was believed to have encountered a vicious winter storm during its voyage. The bodies onboard the beached vessel were supposedly buried somewhere above the reach of the Fundy tides, above where the granite monument now stands to commemorate the tragic event. To find Caroline Beach and its lonely stone monument, be prepared to park near the shore in Baxter's Harbour, then trek eastward along the shoreline. **WATCH THE TIDE TIMES!!!**



First UFO Sighting in Nova Scotia - New Minas!

This account - over two hundred years old - is taken from the diary of Simeon Perkins, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, who writes about an unusual event occurring at New Minas in the Annapolis Valley in October, 1786:

"A strange story comes from the Bay of Fundy that ships have been seen in the air. Mr. Darrow is lately come from there by land. I enquired of him. He stated that they were said to be seen at New Mines [sic] near Mr. Ratchford's by a girl about sunrise. The girl cried out and two men who were in the house came out and saw them. There were 15 ships and a man forward with his hand stretched out. They made to the eastward. They were so near people saw their sides and ports. The story did not obtain universal credit, but some people believed it."



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Homegrown Trivia

1. What two ships collided with catastrophic results in Halifax Harbour on Dec 6, 1917?
2. Off what Caribbean nation's shores is the final resting place of the original Bluenose?
3. *Les Suetes* are a wind phenomenon found on what Nova Scotian island?
4. The St. Croix gypsum cliffs in Hants County are leftover deposits from what ancient sea?
5. Where in Nova Scotia was the world's highest tide recorded?
6. What Nova Scotian discovered how to distill kerosene from oil shale, and later became the first chemistry professor at Dalhousie University?

(Answers at bottom of page)

Hiking Etiquette

- Let somebody know where you're going and what time you expect to be back.
- If you know you're hiking on private land, try to get the landowner's permission. Failing that, at least respect the property - don't litter!
- Pack it in, pack it out. Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.



Outdoorosophy

"I have travelled around the globe. I have seen the Canadian and American Rockies, the Andes, the Alps and the Highlands of Scotland, but for simple beauty Cape Breton outrivals them all." - Alexander Graham Bell



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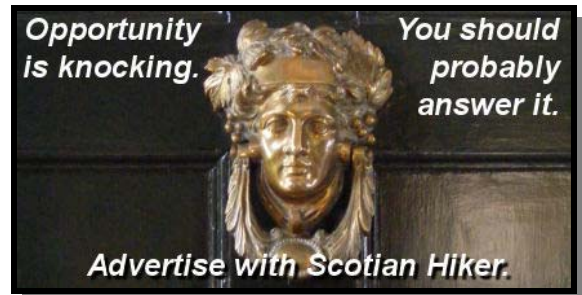
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What's Going On Out There!?

List your event here for free!

Valley Catchers' Coffee and Chat
Wednesday, March 18th at New Minas Superstore Community Room, 6:30 to 8 pm -
Geocachers' meet-n-greet and story swap!

Windsor Elms Village Fundraiser for Therapeutic Garden
Sunday, March 29th at Avon View High School, 2 to 4 pm - The Northwood Players in
concert! For more information, contact the Windsor Elms at (902) 798-2251 ext 228,
or visit www.windsorelms.com



WANNA RACE?

Be sure to visit www.scotianhiker.com every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM AST for the latest TREASURE TREK! Beginning March 14th. Don't miss out!

Trivia Answers: 1. Mont Blanc and Imo 2. Haiti 3. Cape Breton 4. Windsor Sea 5. Burntcoat Head 6. Abraham Gesner