



There's No Place Like Home To Roam



"Enchanted Forest", Pennant Point NS

Take Highway 349 from the Armdale Rotary in Halifax and proceed to Sambro and then on to Crystal Crescent Provincial Park and its famous beaches (incl. the well-known "clothing-optional" beach), where you'll find the Pennant Point hiking trail that leads past both sand beaches and continues southward along the granite boulders next to the ocean. After 10-15 mins of walking, you'll arrive at the "Enchanted Forest", a wide stand of gnarled, skeletal trees that were ravaged by fire, then polished by wind and rain and bleached by the sun over the years.



"...A man from Gaspereau", Gaspereau, Kings Co. NS

On June 7, 1852, several geology students and Professor Isaac Chipman from Acadia College in Wolfville, as well as crew members Perez Coldwell and George Benjamin, were returning from a field trip at Cape Blomidon by sailboat when bad weather arose and subsequently caused the boat to sink in the Minas Basin. All aboard the sailboat drowned, with the exception of George Benjamin. In his memorial address, Acadia President Dr. Cramp mourned the loss of "six precious souls and a man from Gaspereau." Was he implying that Perez Coldwell, the man from Gaspereau, was not a "precious soul" whereas the students and professor were? Or was it just an unfortunate mistake or ambiguity in the wording? To find this monument to Perez Coldwell, follow Gaspereau Avenue from Wolfville over the ridge and down into Gaspereau Valley. Cross the bridge over the river and turn right. The cemetery is a short distance uphill on the left, across from the school.



1816 - The Year Without A Summer

With crops devastated by mice in 1815, Nova Scotians were pinning their hopes on the growing season of 1816. Mother Nature had other plans. Major snowfall occurred in early and mid-June, accompanied by cold and bitter weather throughout the month that caused a number of deaths. July was even colder; according to published reports, ice was measured at quarter of an inch thick. By August, it was half an inch thick. As a result, the theory was widely circulated that the sun was cooling down, and that summer would never return. It wasn't until September that the climate seemed to improve. The actual cause of the phenomenon, which affected North America and Europe, was the cataclysmic eruption of Mount Tambora, Sumbawa, Indonesia in 1815. This was the most powerful eruption in recorded history.



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Homegrown Trivia

1. What is the previous name (used by English settlers) of Cape Blomidon?
2. What unsolved nautical mystery has been witnessed on the Northumberland Strait by people from Nova Scotia and PEI?
3. What island boasts the world's longest-running treasure hunt?
4. What community is the birthplace of Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada from 1911 to 1920?
5. Bedford Basin was once a freshwater lake. True or False
6. What geological fault line is responsible for a number of waterfalls on the Parrsboro side of the Minas Basin?
7. What Scottish nobleman likely visited Nova Scotia in 1398?

(Answers at bottom of page)

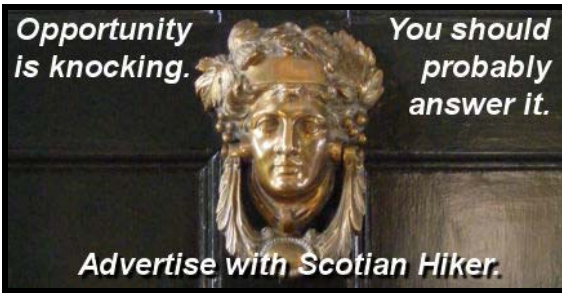
Photography Tips

- The midday sun can be too harsh for photos. A good rule of thumb is to shoot before 10am and after 2pm
- To shoot waterfalls and achieve that ethereal, smooth-flowing water effect, switch to Manual and lower your shutter speed and ISO, but close your aperture (if there is too much light). A neutral density filter and tripod make a LOT of difference.



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"Give me the man who will go rambling over his own country and find in its features a fund of interest - who will clamber over its rocks and plunge into its forests, who will dip his digits in its streams and tear his breeches in its brambles." - Joseph Howe



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ZX 10K Greenwood Road Race

Sunday, April 26th at 14 Wing Fitness & Sports Center, Greenwood NS, 10 a.m. Visit <http://www.zx10k.ca>, phone (902) 760-1013, or email eric.travis@forces.gc.ca for more info.

Across The Highlands MTB Challenge - 6th Edition

Saturday, July 18 2009, Cheticamp Cape Breton, NS. Call (902) 562-8137 or email info@velocapebreton.com for more details.



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Congratulations to Kieran Cooley and Kirstin Borgerson, the winners of the March 14 Treasure Trek!

Trivia Answers: 1. Cape Porcupine 2. Burning ghost ship 3. Oak Island 4. Grand Pre 5. True 6. Cobequid Fault 7. Prince Henry Sinclair