



There's No Place Like Home To Roam



The Bay of Fundy Tides

Nova Scotia is home to the highest tides in the world, and even though many of us who live here take it for granted, watching our tidal rivers, coves and basins fill up and empty out twice a day is an awesome spectacle that must be seen to be believed! At high tide, our Fundy coastline is submerged under 100 billion tonnes of seawater; at low tide, six hours later, we can walk on the seafloor. We love having visitors from afar and new residents come to Nova Scotia, but if you explore the Fundy seashore at low tide, please be aware of the tide schedule so you don't end up getting caught in cold rising seawater.

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Explore Georges Island 2009

On Saturday June 13 & Sunday June 14, 2009, Georges Island will again be open to public visitation. Once a key element of Halifax's naval defense system, the island was designated a national historic site in 1965. Great views of the city can be found here. For details, visit www.otans.com/events or buy your tickets at www.ticketatlantic.com. Worth seeing!

The Berlin Wall

After World War II, the city of Berlin, Germany was deep inside Soviet Union-controlled territory, and East Berlin itself was occupied by Soviet forces. Over the next decade, many Germans living under Soviet occupation fled to Allied-occupied West Berlin and freedom, embarrassing the Soviet Union to the extent that, in 1961, it ordered the construction of a fortified wall between East and West Berlin to stop the exodus. In addition to the concrete barrier, anyone attempting to escape had to contend with land mines, guard towers, machine guns, and attack dogs. In its day, it was the most heavily guarded border in the world. Sadly, many East Germans were subsequently killed attempting to cross the Berlin Wall in the years that followed. After the wall was dismantled in 1989 as a result of a popular uprising, these sections made their way to downtown Truro, presented to the town by local businessman Mr. Martin Young in the hopes of advancing the cause of world peace.



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Scotian Hiker Photo Contest

Are you an amateur or hobbyist photographer? Do you have any photos of the Nova Scotian outdoors or outdoor activities? Pick one and enter the Photo Contest! Submissions deadline is May 31. Grab your camera and get shooting! Visit: www.scotianhiker.com/photocontest.htm for more information.



Homegrown Trivia

1. When did Nova Scotia join Confederation?
2. To help measure destructive power, the Halifax Explosion was studied by the designers of what weapon?
3. Nova Scotia was once Canada's wealthiest province. True or False?
4. What town is singer Anne Murray from?
5. Nova Scotia threatened to rebel against and sever all ties with Great Britain - and place itself under American protection - shortly after Confederation. True or False?
6. On what road has the ghost of an old man allegedly appeared in front of - and occasionally, in the backseats of - cars driving along it at night?


(Answers at bottom of page)

What's New @ Scotianhiker.com

- A new video - Waterfall Weekend - is now playing; coming soon, Tupperville Falls!
- The Photo of the Day changes daily, as the name suggests. Missed a POTD? Check the photo album on the Scotian Hiker Facebook profile.
- New Blog entries for outdoor ideas and submissions from readers. Follow Scotian Hiker on Twitter!



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"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature." - Anne Frank

"The richness I achieve comes from Nature, the source of my inspiration." - Claude Monet

"To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug." - Helen Keller

Be wise.



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What's Going On Out There!? Event Listings

Another Waterfall Weekend! May 16 – 17. Visit 5 amazing waterfalls in one weekend- for free. For more information and to sign up, visit: www.scotianhiker.com/waterfallweekend.htm

Valley Youth 5K Fun Run, Saturday May 23 2009. Ages 6 - 14. Registration begins at 9:30AM at Lockhart Ryan Park in New Minas; run starts at 11:00AM. Contact Anna Sherwood, 679-6121 or: http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/pasr/valley/youth_valley_fun_run.pdf

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