

Wayfinder Map Series

Viking Trail
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Rose Blanche Lighthouse

Your guide to summer adventure on the **Southwest Coast.**



Scenic Drives

- 1 Granite Coast Drive** Visit the communities of Rose Blanche, Harbour Le Cou, Burnt Islands, Isle aux Morts and Margaree. Route 470.
- 2 Codroy Valley International Wetlands Scenic Drive** Explore the coastal communities and migratory birds of the Codroy Valley. Route 406 and 407.
- 3 Three Rivers Scenic Loop** Rich in agriculture and fishing. Visit farmers markets for fresh produce. Route 404.
- 4 French Ancestors Route** Settled by ancestors of French and Basques fishermen, French heritage still lives in name and spirit on this coastal drive. Route 460 and 463.
- 5 Caribou Trail & South Coast Adventure** Tiny isolated villages, some without streets where time is caught in the past. Check ferries schedules before departing. Route 480.

Hiking & Walking

- 1 Barchois Falls Hiking Trail** New boardwalk to a waterfall. Route 470, Rose Blanche. 1.6km.
- 2 Coastangs Trail** A moderate 5.5km hike along the coastline with trailheads at Searston and St. Andrew's. Route 407, Block Rd., Searston.
- 3 Erin Mountain Trail** Climb 340m for panoramic views of Bay St. George and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Route 1, Barchois Pond Provincial Park; Strenuous.
- 4 Grand Bay West Trail** Walk alongside the ocean and take in the panoramic coastal and mountain views. Route 408, Port aux Basques. 6 km (various exit points); Easy.
- 5 Harvey Trail** Relaxing walk near where the Harvey family & their Newfoundland dog saved almost 200 souls in the 1800s. Route 470, Isle aux Morts. 3 km return; Easy.
- 6 Gravels Rest Stop & Danny's Trail** Picnic area and 3.5km seaside stroll, unique limestone formations, bird watching, and fossils. Route 460, Port au Port West; Easy.
- 7 International Appalachian Trail NL** 1 to 4 day trails throughout Western Newfoundland, from Port aux Basques to the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. Backcountry experience or guide recommended; iatnl.org
- 8 Starlite Trail** Hike to the top of the Long Range Mountains. 6 km return. Near Route 407, on the TCH; Strenuous.
- 9 Walk-A-Ways Park & Trails** 6 trails throughout Stephenville, including the **Ancient Carboniferous Fossil Trees**, remnants of a tropical forest. 18km total. Easy to moderate.
- 10 Wetlands Trail** Birding hotspot with lookouts and rest stops. Route 406, Upper Ferry. 3.4 km return; Easy.

Social Scene

- 1 Ann Harvey Days Festival** Celebrations commemorating the heroism of Ann Harvey's family and their Newfoundland dog; folk art, music & dancing. Isle aux Morts; July; isleauxmorts.ca; (709) 698-3441/3313
- 2 Cape St. George & Mainland Bilingual Folk Festival** Traditional music & dance. La musique & la danse traditionnelles. First weekend of August; (709) 642-5254; facebook.com/portauportinfo
- 3 The Friendly Invasion** Rekindle your sense of nostalgia, as World War II military installations are now host to cultural & family friendly events. Stephenville. July & August; stephenvilleheritage.ca
- 4 Pirate's Haven Crab Festival & Canada Day Celebrations** Fresh local crab, entertainment, and craftspeople. July 1st, Robinsons. (709) 649-0601 / 645-2169; pirateshavenadventures.com
- 5 Scott's Cove / Harbour Boardwalk** Spend an evening at the waterfront park where locals and tourists enjoy local entertainment. Port aux Basques; (709) 695-5775; portauxbasques.ca
- 6 Secret Cove Brewing Co** Experience Cove Life from kitchen parties, local musical talent, and of course, craft beer. Main St., Port au Port East; (709) 648-2683; secretcovebrewing.com
- 7 Stephenville Theatre Festival** The longest-running professional theatre company in NL, celebrating 45 years in 2023. Stephenville; July; (709) 643-4982; stephenvilltheatrefestival.com

Rain or Shine

- 1 Cercle des Memories** Storyboards on the history of the French Shore. Centre Scolaire et Communautaire, Mainland/La Grand'terre. (709) 642-5254; fb.com/portauportinfo
- 2 Codroy Valley Wetland Centre** A RAMSAR site. Birding checklist available. Route 406, Upper Ferry; (709) 955-2155; fb.com/wetlandcentrecodroyvalley
- 3 Country Crafts** Locally made, one of a kind, items. Books, cards, carvings, and more. Grand Codroy RV/Tent Park; (877) 955-2520; Route 406, Doyles. grandcodroy.com
- 4 French Bread Oven/Four à pain** Taste fresh bread straight from the French Bread Oven. 12 – 2pm, weather permitting. Degustation du pain et demonstration du four traditionnel. 12 – 14h, quand il fait beau. Boutte du Cap Park, Route 460, Cape St. George; (709) 642-5254; facebook.com/portauportinfo
- 5 K'Taqmkuk Mi'kmaq Historical Museum** Discover the journey of the Mi'kmaq people to K'Taqmkuk (Newfoundland), St. George's; (709) 647-3647; sgjbnl.ca
- 6 Mi'kmaquei Mawiom - Mi'kmaq Centre** The hub of regional Mi'kmaq Community; spirit wind drumming, craft making, language classes. Cape St. George; (709) 272-2085; fb.com/benoit1station
- 7 My Dear Minnie Museum of Heritage & Culture** Visit the home of Minnie White, Newfoundland's First Lady of the Accordion. Route 407, Tompkins. (709) 955-2571.
- 8 Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** A place of comfort and solace, flowers, statues, The Way of the Cross, and rosary beads constructed of buoys. Lourdes. (709) 642-5367. ourladyoflourdesparish.ca
- 9 Our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church, Museum & Tea Room** Local musicians perform in the largest wooden structure in the province. Gift shop on-site. (709) 649-9071/9187; ourladyofmercynl.com
- 10 Railway Heritage Museum** Artifacts and restored 9 car train recall the Newfoundland Railway history. Port aux Basques; (709) 695-5775; portauxbasques.ca
- 11 Rose Blanche Lighthouse Site** Historic granite lighthouse, museum, crafts/gift shop, food takeout, and coastal trails. Route 470, Rose Blanche, (709) 956-2052, roseblanchelighthouse.ca
- 12 Stephenville Regional Museum** Eclectic artifacts give a glimpse into the life of early settlers of the region. Stephenville; (709) 643-9757
- 13 Sisters' Dream School Museum, Tea Room & Craft Shop** A pop-up book of life in the past; local heritage. Mainland/La Grand'Terre; (709) 642-5361; facebook.com/mainlandnl

Outdoor Adventures

- 1 Devoe Ranch** Farm tours, pony rides, scenic trail rides, and Newfoundland Ponies. Route 406, Upper Ferry. (709) 955-2154; fb.com/DevoeRanchOfficial
- 2 Harmon Seaside Links** 18-hole golf course bordering the scenic Gulf of St. Lawrence. Stephenville; (709) 643-4322; harmonseasidelinks.com
- 3 Linkum Tours** Customized itineraries, guided hiking/walking tours and unguided single/multi-day biking holidays. (877) 254-6586; linkumtours.com
- 4 Margaree Outfitters** The thrill of the open water, try cod jigging or shark fishing. Margaree. (709) 695-6764; margareeoutfitters.ca
- 5 Pirates Haven Adventures** ATVing tours with mug up and pirate guide. ATV/SBS rentals. For beginner or advanced riders. Route 404, Robinsons. (709) 649-0601 / 645-2169; pirateshavenadventures.com
- 6 Port aux Basques Marine Excursions** Take to the North Atlantic with expert guides, fishing, and resettlement tours. Port aux Basques. (709) 694-0563; pabme.ca

Sandy Beaches

- 1 Cape Ray Beach** One of the best in the province with soft sand. Route 1, J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park.
- 2 Codroy Valley Provincial Park** Scenic day park. Located at the mouth of the Grand Codroy River. Route 407, Searston.
- 3 Grand Bay West Beach** A beautiful sandy beach and home to the endangered Piping Plover. Route 1, Port aux Basques.
- 4 Millville Beach** Beautiful white sandy beach. Route 407.
- 5 Sandbanks Provincial Park** Some of the most magnificent sandy beaches in the province. Route 480, Burgeo.

Coastal adventures, mountain vistas, and geological wonders galore on the **Southwest Coast**. Governed by the land and the sea, this region is home to fishers and farmers, shipwrecks and sandy beaches, lighthouses and infamous wreckhouse winds, and over 300 species of birds. Explore all the region has to offer by car, foot, boat tour, or have an ATVing adventure.

>> Numbers on the map correspond to numbers and colours on the descriptions.



Pirates Haven Adventures

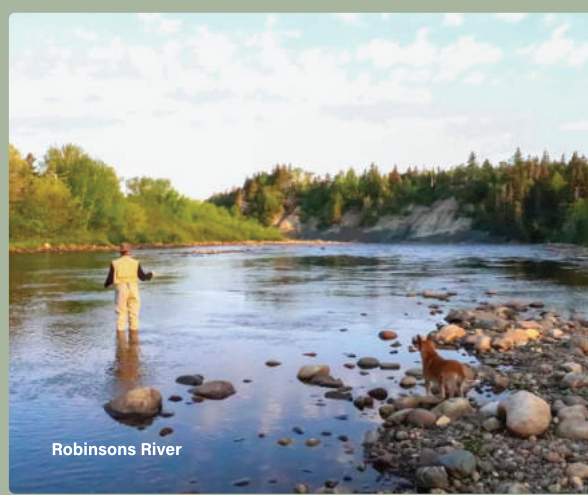


Favorite Photo Locations

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- 1 | **Boutte du Cap Park** Cliffs, whales, sea birds and sunsets on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Cape St. George, Route 460.
- 2 | **Rose Blanche Lighthouse** The only granite lighthouse in Atlantic Canada. Route 470, Rose Blanche.
- 3 | **Sandbanks Provincial Park** 7 km of Magnificent sandy beaches. Route 480, Burgeo.

Long Range Mountains



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Where to eat

- 1 | **Emile's Pub & Eatery** 44 Queen St., Days Inn, Stephenville. (800) 329-7466 / (709) 643-6666
- 2 | **Lu's Lounge** 19 Oregon Dr., Acadian Hotel, Stephenville. (709) 643-5176
- 3 | **Portside Restaurant** 2 Grand Bay Rd., Hotel Port aux Basques, Port aux Basques. (709) 695-2171
- 4 | **Pirates Haven Longhouse** Route 404, Robinsons. (709) 649-0601
- 5 | **The Captain's Room** 146 Caribou Rd., St. Christopher's Hotel, Port aux Basques. (800) 563-4779 / (709) 695-3500

Boutte du Cap