



**Parks Canada Campout
TMAC PRESS TRIP
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This press trip will take you on an historical and natural journey exploring some of the most historic spots in Nova Scotia brought to you by Parks Canada. Depart Halifax and spend your first day learning about the many cultures that helped shape Nova Scotia including the British, Scots, French, Mi'kmaq and Acadian peoples as you explore Grand-Pré National Historic Site, Port-Royal National Historic Site and Fort Anne National Historic Site. Make your way to Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site and set yourself up for 2 nights in your private oTENTik accommodations (part tent, part cabin), nestled amongst leafy canopies along the shore of Kejimikujik Lake. Spend a day exploring hiking trails through old growth forests, gentle biking trails, some with mountain bike features, and historic canoe routes, perfect for the seasoned or beginner paddler. Learn why it's the only National Park in Canada that is also a National Historic Site on a guided tour of the Petroglyphs. This is where the Mi'kmaq made their mark thousands of years ago, leaving stone carvings on the shores of Kejimikujik Lake. Enjoy two campfire cookouts complete with authentic Nova Scotia ingredients. When the sun goes down, experience the astronomical depth of this Royal Astronomy Society of Canada (RASC) designated Dark-Sky Preserve. Your private guide will share Mi'kmaw stories/myths/legends and assist you in gazing at brilliant celestial bodies and discover how stars have inspired centuries of story, song, and legend in Southwest Nova Scotia.

Your itinerary has been arranged by Parks Canada in cooperation with various industry partners. Your itinerary has been arranged by Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Tourism Association in cooperation with various industry partners.

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The itinerary is subject to change.

Travel Insurance: It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate travel insurance to cover you for all activities you will be participating in during the trip.

Dress: Nova Scotia has a temperate climate with summer daytime temperatures in the range of 18-28°C to evening lows of 15-25°C. Please be sure to bring medium-weight, comfortable clothing that can be layered and a good pair of walking shoes; raincoat; sweater / sweatshirt and a light jacket. Bring clothing suitable for recreational activities including a swimsuit if you want to go swimming.

Internet and Phone: Complimentary internet access available at your hotels. Local phone calls are complimentary, but you may incur charges for long distance calls. Cell phone coverage can be limited in Kejimikujik, complimentary Wifi is available at the Visitor Centre.

Accommodations: Upon check-in at your hotel you may be asked to provide a credit card to pay for any incidental charges not included as part of the itinerary at your own expense. IE: gratuities, mini-bar, room service, phone calls, movies, spa, etc. At Kejimikujik, the washroom/showers are approximately 100 metres from the oTENTik units. A pit privy is approximately 10 metres. Towels and bedding including sleeping bag with liner, pillow and fitted sheets to cover the mattress will be provided as well as a small lantern.

Meals: Meals provided where indicated in the itinerary. All other expenses are the responsibility of the guest.

Activities: The activities outlined in the itinerary require minimal to moderate physical activity and durability.



Sunday June 19, 2022	
	<p>Arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.</p> <p>Meet your host in the arrivals area to transfer to downtown Halifax. (Driving Time: Airport to Downtown Halifax – 30 minutes)</p> <p>Welcome to Halifax, a city that deftly blends the past with the present to produce a skyline dotted with elegant 18th- and 19th- century architecture alongside ultra-modern towers of glass and steel. The heart of Halifax is perfect for exploring on foot, with treelined streets, international restaurants, galleries, libraries and museums.</p>

<p>6:00 PM</p>	<p>Inviting sidewalk cafés beckon you to while away a few hours amid park-like, waterfront, and historic settings in the busy downtown, often with a backdrop of the bustling harbour, which entertains ship traffic from every corner of the globe.</p> <p>WELCOME RECEPTION: MUIR Autograph Collection Hotel 1709 Lower Water St, Halifax, NS https://muirhotel.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a guided tour of this new and exciting new property in downtown Halifax. Reception includes hors d'œuvre, signature cocktails and more. • Situated in the centre of downtown Halifax in the new Queen’s Marque district, Muir juts dramatically over the waterfront, heralding unprecedented views and direct ocean access. With bespoke interiors and furniture, ultra-premium fitness and vitality centre, exclusive guest-only art gallery and enviable location in the epicentre of the new culinary district, Muir is a gracious host and one-of-a-kind destination. • Reception concludes 8:00 pm. <p>OVERNIGHT: The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax 1700 Grafton St, Halifax, NS B3J 2C4 Phone: (902) 932-7548 https://www.suttonplace.com/halifax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situated within the Nova Centre, The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax offers unmatched modern luxury in the heart of downtown. The hotel’s contemporary and elegant design is a complementary reflection of the design-forward flagship Nova Centre, its shared relationship with the Halifax Convention Centre, and the European culture of Argyle Street. • Upon entering the hotel, guests will be welcomed into a modern and spacious lobby complete with an elegant décor of sparkling Italian marble walls and extravagant lighting. This freshly modern and elegant design style is also found in each of the 262 guestrooms and suites, where guests can enjoy exceptional comfort with built-in and automated in-room amenities, spa-inspired bathrooms, and floor to ceiling windows that perfectly capture the spectacular views of downtown, Halifax Waterfront Harbour, and historical Citadel Hill. • Besides the unlimited choice of culinary delights that can be found along Argyle Street and throughout downtown Halifax, guests can also dine at the on-site restaurant, Chop Steakhouse & Bar. While enjoying a delicious and award-winning steak or seafood entrée, guests will notice the large custom, hand-painted mural illustrating the awestruck wonder of a maritime storm.
<p>Monday June 20, 2022</p>	
<p>10:00 AM</p>	<p>Breakfast at leisure. Depart Halifax for Grand-Pré</p>

	<p><i>(Driving Time: Downtown Halifax to Grand-Pré – 1 hour)</i></p> <p>The lush Annapolis Valley is Nova Scotia’s agricultural heartland. You’ll discover rolling green farms, orchards, valleys and vineyards. Juicy apples, robust pumpkins and award winning wines all combine to inspire local chefs. Nova Scotia boasts several UNESCO World Heritage Sites including the Landscape of Grand-Pré in the Annapolis Valley. Comprising 1,300 hectares of fecund agricultural landscape, claimed from the sea by early Acadian settlers, the landscape is an iconic place of remembrance of the Acadians. Take the opportunity to view the spectacular scenery as you approach your destination.</p>
<p>11:00 AM</p>	<p>TOUR: Grand-Pré National Historic Site https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/grandpre/index 2205 Grand Pré Rd, Grand Pré, NS Contact: Mireille Doiron, Parks Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand-Pré National Historic Site is your gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Landscape of Grand-Pré, recognized for its exceptional universal value. Join us on a guided tour to discover the history of the Acadian Deportation, visit the 100-year-old memorial church marking the 17th century Acadian village, participate in hands-on unique artistic and cultural interpretation programs and take a stroll through the beautiful Victorian gardens. • Following your guided tour, you’ll have free time to wander the Grand-Pré grounds and the Harvest Moon Trailway. The 110-kilometre (68 miles) Harvest Moon Trailway traverses the Annapolis Valley through beautiful towns along the former rail-bed, connecting Grand Pré to the historic seaside town of Annapolis Royal.
<p>2:00 PM</p>	<p>LUNCH: Parks Canada Perfect Picnic @ Grand Pre National Historic Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy a locally sourced Parks Canada Perfect Picnic while enjoying your tour of Grand-Pré National Historic Site • https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/grandpre/activ <p>Depart Grand-Pré and continue your drive through the picturesque Annapolis Valley to Kejimkujik in Maitland Bridge. <i>(Driving Time: Grand-Pré to Kejimkujik – 1 hr 45 mins)</i></p>
<p>4:00 PM</p>	<p>Arrive Kejimkujik National Park & National Historic Site, Maitland Bridge https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/kejimkujik/index</p> <p>Check into your accommodations for 2 nights – private oTENTik units at Jim Charles Point.</p>
<p>4:30 PM</p>	<p>Kejimkujik Welcome! As part of Parks Canada’s \$3 billion infrastructure investment program, Kejimkujik underwent a major project to replace the washroom and utilities in Jeremy’s Bay Campground in 2020. Enjoy a brief guided tour of the new inclusive and accessible facilities and new roofed accommodations in Jim Charles Point with Parks Canada staff.</p>

<p>6:00 PM</p>	<p>DINNER: Campfire Dinner at Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally inspired and locally sourced, enjoyed in the great outdoors.
<p>9:55 PM</p>	<p>Drive to Sky Circle in Jeremy’s Bay Campground</p>
<p>10:00 PM</p>	<p>TOUR: Guided Dark Sky experience https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/kejimkujik/activ/reserve-etoile-sky-preserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the darkness of night, delve into distant celestial bodies in Nova Scotia’s only Dark-Sky Preserve. Designated in 2010 by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), guides will blend science and storytelling to create an experience as unique as a shooting star.
<p>11:00 PM</p>	<p>Return to Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point</p> <p>OVERNIGHT: Kejimkujik National Park & National Historic Site Hwy #8, 3005 Main Parkway Maitland Bridge, NS B0T 1B0 Phone : (902) 682-2772 https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/kejimkujik/index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With 381 square km of rolling hills, old growth hemlocks and interconnected waterways, Keji, as it’s known in Nova Scotia, is a gentle wilderness that has been welcoming generations of families to canoe, camp and connect with nature. Uniquely designated a National Historic Park and a National Historic Site, Kejimkujik is the only National Park with a dual designation. Not only does the park protect a unique sample of the Acadian forest and a diverse ecosystem, it also preserves and presents a cultural landscape, celebrating the presence of the Mi’kmaq from time immemorial. Hear the tales of the Mi’kmaq, carved in stone and shared through stories and legends. It is truly a one of a kind destination to explore and experience within the UNESCO South West Nova Biosphere.

Tuesday June 21, 2022 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

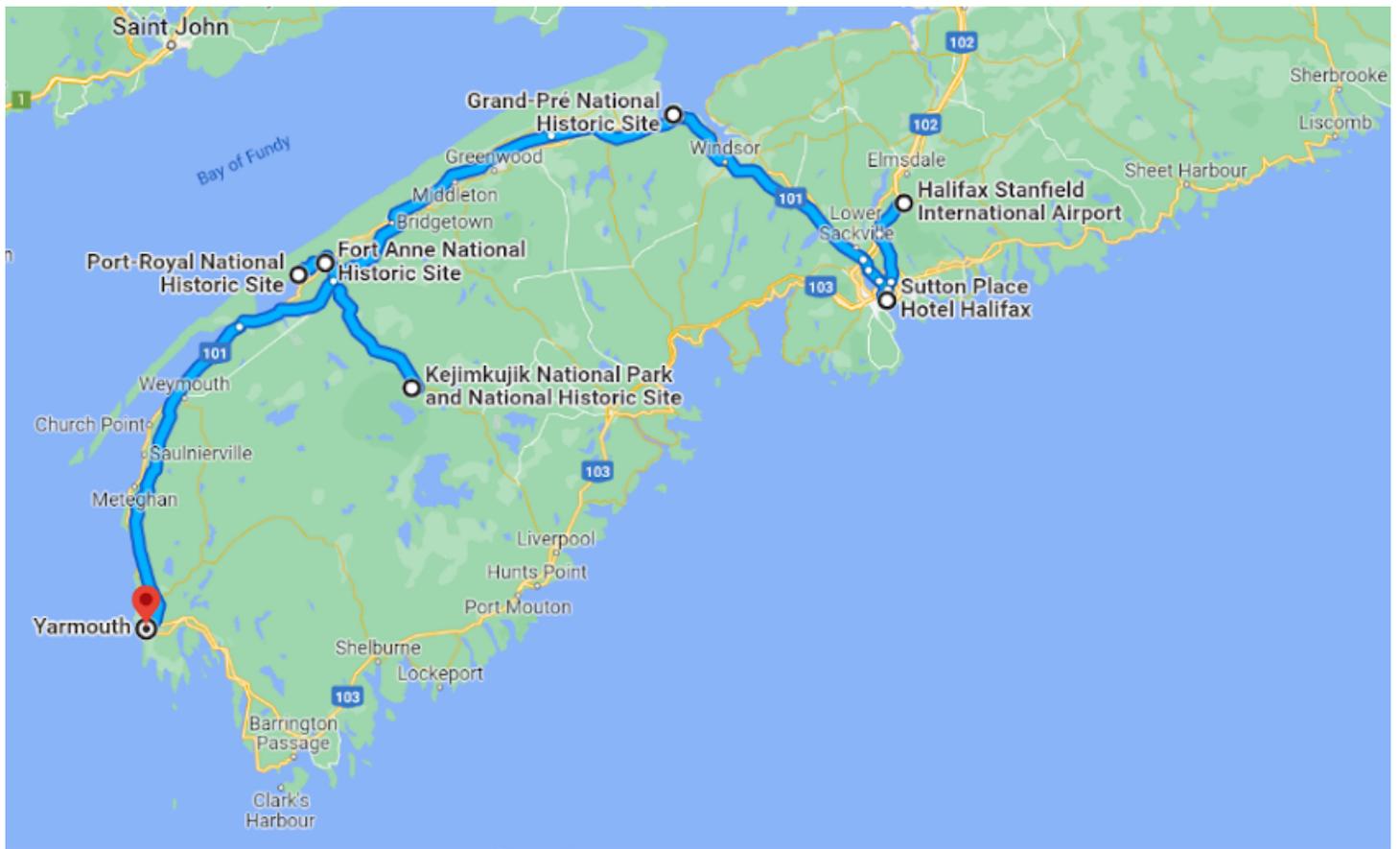
<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Breakfast provided at Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point</p>
<p>9:20 AM</p>	<p>Depart Jim Charles Point, Drive to Merrymakedge P1 for guided Petroglyph Tour (Driving Time: 10 mins)</p>
<p>9:30 AM</p>	<p>TOUR: Guided Petroglyph Tour https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/kejimkujik/activ/culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four millennia of Mi’kmaw history awaits. Kejimkujik is home to the largest collection of Mi’kmaw rock carvings known as petroglyphs. Join a cultural guide on an engaging tour of the petroglyphs that will reveal ancient stories etched in stone.

<p>11:30 AM</p>	<p>LUNCH: Parks Canada Perfect Picnic @ Merrymakedge https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/ns/kejimkujik/activ/piquenique-picnic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to drop into special programming commemorating Indigenous Peoples Day.
<p>1:00 PM</p>	<p>An afternoon of self-guided and/or semi-guided recreational activity – Hiking, biking, paddling! Pre-select 1 or 2 activities. Rentals provided by Whynot Adventure, the Keji Outfitters, Jakes Landing, https://www.whynotadventure.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiking: Kejimkujik is home to 12 front country hiking trails each showcasing a unique sample of the Acadian forest. Choose the iconic Hemlocks & Hardwoods Trail and enjoy a 5 km hike through Kejimkujik’s old growth forest. When the oldest of these majestic old-growth hemlocks were sprouting, the Mi’kmaq were the only people to inhabit the Kejimkujik landscape. Shuttle to and from trail head provided from Jim Charles Point. • Paddling: The interconnected rivers, lakes and streams offers some of the finest paddling for canoeing and kayaking in Atlantic Canada – perfect for the beginner and seasoned paddler. Choose a canoe, kayak or Stand-up Paddleboard and head up the Mersey River or out into Kejimkujik Lake. <i>(TBC 2 hr. guided experience with outfitter)</i> • Biking: Head to the Ukme’k Trail (pronounced “ook-may-k”), Kejimkujik’s newest Mountain bike trail with intermediate-level challenges that beginners can easily bypass. Ukme’k means ‘twisted’ in Mi’kmaq and connects riders, hikers and trail runners from Jakes Landing to Mill Falls, and beyond. You’ll ride over Kejimkujik’s rainbow crosswalk, a symbol of Kejimkujik’s support and recognition for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and an enduring symbol of diversity and inclusiveness.
<p>6:00 PM</p>	<p>DINNER: Campfire Dinner at Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally inspired and locally sourced, enjoyed in the great outdoors.
<p>9:00 PM</p>	<p>After dinner, enjoy a short walk to Kedge Beach in Jim Charles Point for a quintessential Kejimkujik campfire and story-telling experience</p> <p>OVERNIGHT: Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point</p>

Wednesday June 22, 2022

<p>8:00 AM</p>	<p>Breakfast provided at Kejimkujik oTENTik Village, Jim Charles Point Pack up/Check out</p>
<p>9:30 AM</p>	<p>Depart Kejimkujik for Annapolis Royal (Driving Time: Maitland Bridge to Annapolis Royal – 1 hr)</p>
<p>10:30 AM</p>	<p>TOUR: Fort Anne National Historic Site 323 St George St, Annapolis Royal, NS https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/fortanne/index</p>

	<p>Contact: Paul Paquette, Parks Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Anne is Canada’s oldest national historic site designated in 1917. One of the most contested places in North America; this has always been Mi’kmaw territory. A key meeting place for cultures and a focal point for historic power struggles and treaty negotiations, Fort Anne played a key role in the forces and events that shaped this community, this province and this nation. Enjoy a guided tour (1 hr) of Fort Anne National Historic Site and come and walk in the footsteps of those who came before.
<p>11:30 AM</p>	<p>Depart Annapolis Royal for Port-Royal (pick up Parks Canada Perfect Picnic enroute) (Driving Time: Annapolis Royal to Port-Royal – 15 mins)</p>
<p>12:00 PM</p>	<p>TOUR: Port-Royal National Historic Site 53 Historic Ln, Granville Ferry, NS https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/portroyal/index Contact: Paul Lalonde, Parks Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada’s first major historical reconstruction completed during the 1940’s, the Habitation at Port-Royal depicts one of the earliest European attempts at settlement in North America dating back to 1605. The Mi’kmaq lived on the land for thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. The Mi’kmaq were key trading partners and shared their vast knowledge of the resources that their territory offered. Discover how the small group survived in this new world, how the Order of Good Cheer rallied their spirits and learn about their relationship with the Mi’kmaw on a guided tour (1 hr) of Port-Royal National Historic Site.
<p>2:00 PM</p>	<p>LUNCH: Parks Canada Perfect Picnic @ Port-Royal National Historic Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/ns/fortanne/activ/piquenique-picnic <p>Depart Port-Royal and continue your drive along the Bay of Fundy to Yarmouth. (Driving Time: Port-Royal to Yarmouth - 1 hr 45 mins)</p>
<p>4:00 PM</p>	<p>Check into your TMAC Conference Host Hotel</p>



Contact Cheat Sheet

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