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Mainland Minute

Bringing you Canada's natural and historic treasures in Mainland Nova Scotia...
Halifax Citadel NHS, Kejimikujik NP & NHS, Fort Anne NHS, Port-Royal NHS, Grand-Pré NHS, and more!

March 29, 2023

WHAT'S NEW AT KEJIMKUJIK NATIONAL PARK AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:



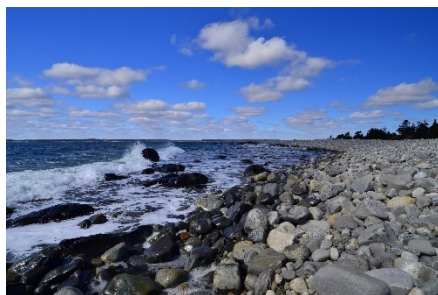
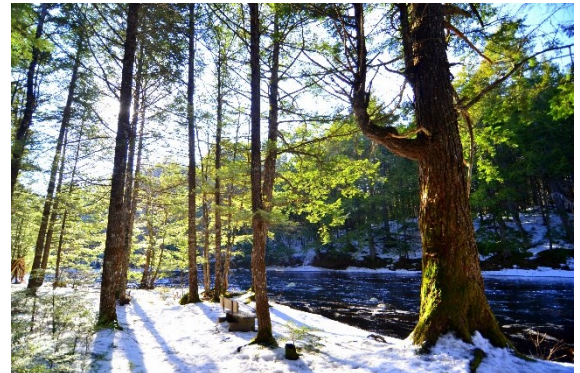
Parks Canada Reservations

Parks Canada Reservations for Kejimikujik open this Friday, March 31 @ 8:00 am AST!

Before you book, make sure you're prepared! You must create a new account to access this year's updated reservation system – [check out all the details here!](#) **Kejimikujik re-opens for overnight camping Friday, May 19th.**

Kejimikujik is a great destination (weather permitting) for day-use activities in the spring including hiking, biking, picnicking, or stargazing - Full details regarding visiting during the off-season are available [online](#).

Visitors are responsible for their own safety while visiting Kejimikujik during this time. Trails are not maintained or patrolled and visitors may encounter icy patches, washed out or flooded sections, and/or downed trees. Most facilities and services are closed including all camping and roofed accommodations. Keep close tabs on the changing weather with the help of the **Friends of Keji webcam**.



Those interested in hiking at **Kejimikujik Seaside** in Port Joli should note that the entrance area and parking lot is not maintained during the off season. If the parking lot is inaccessible, vehicles may park on the side of the road just before the entrance.

All visitors to **Kejimikujik inland** and **Kejimikujik Seaside** should be prepared for changing weather conditions, be aware of hazards, and have adequate information and equipment to ensure a safe visit. Visit [AdventureSmart.ca](#) for tips on how to prepare for your favourite activity. For more information regarding visiting Kejimikujik safely, [check online](#),



email: kejimkujik@pc.gc.ca, or call 902-682-2770 Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Order your 2023 Kejimkujik Season Pass at the ‘Early Bird’ special rate before May 19 - You can get your seasonal pass for Kejimkujik by emailing kejimkujik@pc.gc.ca or calling 902-682-2770, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Seasonal passes are the most economical way to experience Kejimkujik!

For more information visit www.parkscanada.ca/kejimkujik

WHAT’S NEW AT FORT ANNE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:

Get ready...the annual Annapolis Royal ‘Eggstravaganza’ Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8th! - Join the Easter Bunny and the Town Crier as **children 10 years and under** explore the grounds at Fort Anne to seek out the elusive Easter eggs in the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt starts at 1:30 pm, rain or shine! Meet at the entrance to Fort Anne. Easter ‘Eggstravaganza’ is organized by community volunteers.



For more details re Easter weekend events in Annapolis Royal, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=581038660729881&set=a.551599013673846>

For more information, call **902-532-2321** or visit www.parkscanada.ca/fortanne

WHAT’S NEW AT HALIFAX CITADEL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:

There are many ways to enjoy the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site during the early spring months - Enjoy an energetic stroll up and around Perimeter Road or venture into the 19th century fort and enjoy the view from the ramparts and the firing of the noon day cannon! The rooms and exhibits remain closed, however, the inside of the fort is accessible between 9 am - 5 pm daily.



Mark your calendars, the Halifax Citadel officially **re-opens for the 2023 season on May 7th, 2023**. The living history program, exhibits, guided tours, period rooms and films will all be on offer. Hours of operation will continue to be 9 am - 5 pm daily.

Raise Your Spirits this Spring with a special spirit tasting experience inside the Halifax Citadel! - Enjoy a special tour and tasting with a kilted 78th Highlander as your guide. Go behind-the-scenes at the historic Halifax Citadel and discover the history of alcohol in the British Military. Finally, savour three Halifax Citadel-aged spirits crafted by award-winning Compass Distillers paired with delicious artisanal cheeses. **Offered select Friday evenings at 7 pm, starting April 14 to May 26, 2023. Purchase tickets directly through [Eventbrite](#).**



For more information visit www.parkscanada.ca/halifaxcitadel

WHAT'S NEW AT GEORGES ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:

Exciting news! Georges Island National Historic Site will be open more



days this year! – Starting Saturday June 10th, Georges Island will be open on weekends in June, September and October and five days/week starting June 29th. You don't want to miss the tunnel tours and spectacular view of Halifax! The ferry to Georges Island is now open for advance bookings through [Ambassatours Gray Line](#). Reserve [online](#), or by telephone, Monday to Friday, 9 am-5 pm, 902-420-1015. Come and explore this historic island in the middle of Halifax Harbour!

For more information: www.parkscanada.ca/georges

Visit Saltscapes East Coast Expo April 21, 22 & 23 at Halifax Exhibition Centre and see what's new at Parks Canada! Drop by our booth and find out about new programs and special events planned this summer. We'll have Visitor Guides on hand - perfect for planning your 2023 adventures! And don't forget, **youth 17 and under receive FREE entry** to all Parks Canada administered sites. There's never been a better time to visit and explore our rich history, vibrant culture and spectacular scenery - an exciting summer of adventure awaits!



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