



# Marine Drive

## Seascapes and Woodland Waterways

Reward your senses as the traditions and legends of the sea come alive along the Marine Drive. Follow this special route through a land of pristine coastal beauty, where quiet shoreline roads lead through romantic seaside villages and the past is a colourful part of everyday life.

Experience the sights and sounds of Nova Scotia's past in award-winning living-history museums: a fisherman's store and traditional cookhouse at Memory Lane, a 1940s village in Lake Charlotte; a blacksmith's hammer ringing at his forge and a picturesque sawmill in a thriving 19th-century town at Sherbrooke Village.

At Canso, step aboard for a short boat ride to Canso Islands National Historic Site, one of our earliest European settlements. An interpreted trail around the island leads past the remnants of a once-thriving fishing and merchant community of the early 1700s.

### Visitor Information Centres

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Canso H14, 366-2170

Eastern Passage, 465-8009

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Musquodoboit Harbour K8,  
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Mulgrave F13, 747-2788

Sheet Harbour J10, 885-2595

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A glorious day at Clam Harbour Beach.





Fisherman's Cove Boardwalk

## Marine Drive Nature Tour



The Eastern Shore is not a place of grand hotels and neon lights, but if you're thrilled by the crash of surf rolling in from the open Atlantic, if you love to paddle a kayak among uninhabited islands, if you're curious about water-powered sawmills and restored lighthouses and want to hear the echoes of a long-ago gold rush, if you love to walk alone on a magnificent beach or hike woodland trails, this is the place for you.

The geology of this shoreline is striking. The landscape changes from softly rolling drumlin hills to granite cliffs, from deep-cut fjords to sweeping sandy beaches, from salmon rivers to glacial barrens. Here you can see the effects of glaciation, of coastal erosion, of geological movement involving everything from sand grains to blocks of the earth's crust itself.

To explore this area to the fullest look for the Marine Drive Nature Tour signs. A downloadable brochure is available at [www.rewardyoursenses.com](http://www.rewardyoursenses.com).

The Marine Drive is a playground for nature lovers—a world of magnificent coastal beauty where unspoiled beaches and tidal inlets beckon, and saltmarshes teem with birds and wildlife. The ruggedly diverse coastline is a world-class destination for sea kayakers, and the seaside parks provide picnic facilities and superb hiking trails at some of the province's finest sand beaches. Inland, you'll find a vast but accessible wilderness whose myriad lakes and rivers are legendary with anglers and paddlers.

**322** The Marine Drive can be followed from **Auld's Cove**, at the Canso Causeway coming from Cape Breton, or from the metropolitan **Halifax/Dartmouth** area. This description begins in the Metro area at the junction of Routes 111 and 322, in the suburb of **Woodside/Imperoyal**, and follows Route 322 to Eastern Passage. The Shearwater Aviation Museum at Shearwater depicts the history of this former military base from 1918 on (see p. 375).

**Eastern Passage** is the site of an historic fishing village, which has been restored to give us a taste of the history and vitality of a 200-year-old seafaring community.

**?** Fisherman's Cove has a new marine interpretive centre with salt- and freshwater aquariums and interactive exhibits, and an inviting collection of craft shops and restaurants wrapped around a picturesque harbour. There are fishing sheds and colourful boats, an extensive seaside boardwalk, and activities such as shark fishing, whale watching, deep-sea fishing and boat tours to McNab's, Lawlor's and Devil's islands (see p. 376). Nearby is Hartlen Point Golf Club.

Continuing along the Marine Drive on Cow Bay Road, just after Bissett Road is Rainbow Haven Beach Park. The Marine Drive follows Bissett Road to Route 207 and turns right.

On the right at the top of Long Hill is the Meeting House, circa 1825, Cole Harbour's oldest church, and at the crest of the hill is a postcard-perfect view of Cole Harbour.

**207** About 10 km (6 mi.) along Route 207 you will come to Lawrencetown Beach Provincial Park. The smaller beach just before Lawrencetown Beach is posted with yellow signs warning of dangerous currents. Continue on 0.5 km (1/4 mi.) to the clearly marked safer waters of the provincial park, which has lifeguards on duty, changing facilities, toilets and a canteen. The dependable breezes and steady surf have made it a favourite playground for surfers and windsurfers.

**OFF TRAIL** ▶ From Route 207, a left turn on Crowell Road leads to a provincial camping and picnic park. At **Porter's Lake**, the Old Hall Wilderness Heritage Centre displays historic memorabilia from the region and provides information on outdoor recreation opportunities (see p. 375).

**207** Back on the Marine Drive, Route 207 continues through the scenic coastal communities of **Three Fathom Harbour**, **Seaforth**, **Grand Desert** and **West Chezzetcook**, an area settled by early Acadians. Visit the Acadian House Museum, showcasing an 1850's-style outdoor oven and Chezzetcook genealogy records (see p. 375). This route passes extensive salt marshes that offer excellent bird- and wildlife-watching opportunities. Herons, osprey and bald eagles are common, as are many species of wading and shore birds.



The Marine Drive continues to the end of Route 207 and turns right on Route 7 towards **Musquodoboit Harbour**, an attractive village which has numerous shops and services. Celtic music concerts are held regularly in the area. There is a **?** visitor information centre at the Musquodoboit Railway Museum in the beautifully restored 1918 Canadian National Railways Station. Railway buffs will enjoy the large railway memorabilia collection, and children love to clamber into the massive snowplow car and the historic caboose (see p. 375). Part of the former rail line is now a 15-km (9-mi.) woodland walking and biking trail past granite ridges and waterways (see Outdoors section).

**357** Leaving Route 7, a left turn onto Route 357 leads to the lovely, fertile Musquodoboit Valley. Well off the beaten tourist path, this scenic route passes through charming country villages, emerald green farmlands and forested rolling hills. In **Meagher's Grant**, there are 9-hole and 18-hole golf courses that are open to the public.

**212** At **Elderbank**, Route 212 leads to Dollar Lake Provincial Park, which has sandy freshwater beaches as well as camping and picnicking facilities. Near the park you'll find a canoe rental and shuttle service. There is also a small picnic park with a canoe launch at Elderbank.

**224** Route 224 runs through the Musquodoboit Valley following the sparkling Musquodoboit River, a Class II canoeing river suitable for novice paddlers and popular with trout fishermen. (Canoeing maps are



Surfing the waves at Lawrencetown Beach.



Sherbrooke Village



Clam Harbour sandcastle competition



## Don't Miss!

### Sherbrooke Village Museum

Enjoy this restored 1860s lumbering & shipbuilding community.

### Canso Islands National Historic Site

Walk in the shoes of early 18th-century fishermen.

### Whitman House Museum, Canso

Scan the horizon from the widow's walk.

### Port Bickerton Lighthouse Beach Park

Lighthouse lore, nature trails and a sandy beach

### Mulgrave Road Co-op Theatre, Guysborough

Take in a truly Atlantic Canadian play.

### Beaches, Hiking, Birdwatching

Enjoy it all in the Eastern Shore Park System.

### Sand Castle & Sculpture Contest

Bring your sand bucket and your imagination—great fun for all ages at Clam Harbour Beach.

### Stan Rogers Folk Festival, Canso

The best folk from all over

### Memory Lane Heritage Village

A nostalgic look at life in the 1940s

### Approx. touring distances along scenic route:

Dartmouth–Musquodoboit Harbour 43 km

Musquodoboit Harbour–Sheet Harbour 78 km

Sheet Harbour–Sherbrooke 85 km

Sherbrooke–Canso 120 km

Canso–Guysborough 46 km

Guysborough–Auld's Cove 64 km



## Experience the seacoast playground on the Marine Drive

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– Marcelle Drake,  
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Nova Scotia

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– Dave Kent Hamilton,  
surfer  
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available; see [www.trails.gov.ns.ca](http://www.trails.gov.ns.ca)) **Middle Musquodoboit** is the home of the Bicentennial Theatre, a regional performance and cultural centre (see p. 376), and the Halifax County Exhibition Grounds, which hosts a variety of events. There are hiking trails at the Forestry Complex, and just east of Middle Musquodoboit, the Musquodoboit Valley Provincial Park is a large and very popular riverside picnic park.

A right turn at **Elmsvale** will bring you to **Moose River Gold Mines**, where a mining disaster in 1936 brought international fame. Through the new medium of radio, the whole world heard live, on-the-scene broadcasts of the 12-day effort to rescue three men who were trapped deep underground when a mine caved in. Two of the men were rescued, and today the Moose River Provincial Park marks the site of the massive rescue operation. More of the area's mining history is on display in the nearby Moose River Gold Mines Museum (see p. 375). In **Markland**, near **Caribou Mines**, a cairn commemorates the Icelandic settlers who lived there from 1875 to 1881; trails to the 34 building lots are being developed. Back on Route 224, **Upper Musquodoboit** offers a 9-hole golf course and the largest wooden playground in the Atlantic Provinces.


 Back on the Marine Drive at **Musquodoboit Harbour**, the East Petpeswick Road follows the shoreline of Petpeswick Inlet, a beautiful small harbour with quiet, easily navigated waters for canoeing, kayaking or yachting, and leads to Martinique Beach Provincial Park. Over 5 km (3 mi.) long, Martinique Beach is the longest sand beach in Nova Scotia, with scalloped coves, rocky outcroppings, relatively gentle surf, and swimming and picnic facilities. Large numbers of Canada geese and black ducks winter at a bird sanctuary here, and the beach itself is a protected nesting area for the Piping Plover, an endangered species. Watch for "restricted area" signs during nesting season.

At **Jeddore Oyster Pond**, you'll find one of Nova Scotia's smallest, yet most fascinating, provincial museums. The tiny house and farm that are now the Fisherman's Life Museum were once home to a turn-of-the-century inshore fisherman, his wife and thirteen daughters! Inside the inviting little dwelling, guides in period costume recreate the simple yet powerful daily life of coastal fishing communities that is the foundation of much of Nova Scotia's culture and heritage (see p. 375).

Further along Route 7, at **Lake Charlotte**, Memory Lane Heritage Village takes

a nostalgic look at village life as it was in the 1940s, with fifteen restored buildings including two stores, a church, a school, a homestead, and a cookhouse where traditional meals are served (see p. 375).

**OFF TRAIL** ▶ From Route 7, a side road leads to Clam Harbour Beach, one of the prettiest of the province's beaches, a broad swath of fine sand perfect for sunbathing and surfside strolling. The park also features a hiking trail, supervised swimming and change rooms. The annual Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Sculpture Contest, held in August, attracts thousands of sightseers and scores of sand artists who craft enormous castles, dragons and other fanciful designs.

 Route 7 continues to **Ship Harbour**. The harbour's sparkling waters are dotted with thousands of buoys, marking one of the largest mussel farms in North America.

The road from Ship Harbour through **Murphy Cove** to **Tangier** presents ever-changing views of the bays and islands that this coast is noted for. The district of Tangier was the location of Nova Scotia's first gold mines, which produced some 26,000 ounces of remarkably pure gold in the 30-year period from 1860 to 1890. The Prince Alfred Memorial Arch, on Mason's Point Road, commemorates this gold rush.

The region's coastal beauty has long served as a magnet to sea kayakers from around the world, who come to explore the inlets and islands where they can see nesting seabirds, seals, shipwrecks and the remnants of early fishing settlements. (For kayak rentals and tours, see *Outdoors* and *Tour Operators* sections.)

Just past **Spry Harbour**, a side road leads to Taylor Head Provincial Park, which has a small sand beach that is lovely and inviting. The park's most attractive features, however, are the walking and hiking trails that offer some of the finest coastal experiences in the province. Ranging from a gentle walk to a fairly rugged hike, the trails trace the peninsula along the rocky headland and through coastal spruce woods. Birdwatchers can see a variety of sea ducks and shore birds along this trail, and there is a profusion of native berries and wildflowers. You may even get a glimpse of seals, pilot whales or dolphins.

**224** From Sheet Harbour, Route 224 runs inland along West River Sheet Harbour to the Musquodoboit Valley and on to join Route 2 near Shubenacadie Wildlife Park.



Lobster is the menu specialty at several restaurants like The Lobster Shack in Salmon River.

Port Bickerton Lighthouse and Interpretive Centre

**7** Marine Drive continues. **Sheet Harbour** was founded in 1784 by Loyalist refugees and British veterans of the American Revolution and became a prosperous centre for the lumbering industry. A graceful bridge spans the river as it tumbles into the harbour, and near the bridge are the MacPhee House Museum (see p. 375) and a **i** visitor information centre.

**OFF TRAIL** ▶ A right turn at **Watt Section** onto Sheet Harbour Passage Road offers a pleasant scenic diversion as it traces the coastline to **Sober Island** then back to Route 7 at **Beaver Harbour**.

**7** **Port Dufferin** is an attractive small community named for the Marquis of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada from 1872 to 1878. From Beaver Harbour to **Ecum Secum** is a much-photographed scenic area known as the Bay of Islands, an important nesting area for colonies of seabirds.

The archipelago between **Mitchell Bay** and **Marie Joseph** is excellent for wilderness kayaking, and beginners will enjoy kayaking on the sheltered waters of Liscomb Harbour (for kayak tours see Tour Operators section).

Fishermen and canoeists have flocked to the Liscomb River and **Liscomb Mills** for many years. Experienced hikers can explore the Liscomb River Trail, which follows the river's edge upstream for 3 km (2 mi.) to a swinging bridge spanning a 20-metre waterfall and returns along the other side. There is a fish ladder near the waterfall.

The Gold Mining Interpretive Centre in **Goldenville** brings to life the history of gold mining in Nova Scotia with displays, memorabilia, and interpreters (see p. 375).

Plan to spend at least half a day exploring the past at **i** Sherbrooke Village Museum, the captivating living-history museum of restored buildings that is the largest and most

visited attraction on the Marine Drive. Between 1860 and 1890, Sherbrooke boomed with shipbuilding, lumbering and gold-mining activity, and today the tree-shaded lanes of Sherbrooke Village bustle with the daily comings and goings of a century past.

Take a leisurely horse-drawn wagon ride around the town. Drop by the pharmacy, where you can see how medicines were prepared a hundred years ago. Visit Cumming's Store, the blacksmith, the print shop or the furniture maker. Stop at the tea room for lunch, then have your picture taken in period costume at the Ambrotype Studio. Each building is staffed by knowledgeable guides in period costume who help bring the late-1800s atmosphere alive. Special demonstrations featured throughout the village include pottery, weaving, candlemaking, and wood-turning (see p. 376).

Another favourite stop for many visitors is the Sherbrooke Mill, just outside the restoration area. Here, you can watch lumber being sawn by waterpower as it was early in the century. Across the street, an exhibit shows how gold ore was mined, crushed and processed during the heyday of the St. Mary's district gold rush.

Adjacent to the restoration area, today's **Sherbrooke** is an attractive village. Every year scores of fishermen come to try their luck angling on the legendary waters of the St. Mary's River.

**7** From Sherbrooke, travelers can follow Route 7 along the St. Mary's River. Across the road from Sherbrooke Provincial Park is St. Mary's River Education and Interpretive Centre, which provides information on salmon angling and on river enhancement and stabilization projects. There is also a collection of photos and memorabilia (see p. 376). You can go for a stroll on the groomed trails at Stonewall Leisure Park.

**211** The Marine Drive takes the coastal road from Sherbrooke to Canso, a spectacular scenic drive, crossing Country Harbour by ferry. Follow Route 7 north from Sherbrooke to **Stillwater** and turn right on Route 211, which leads to the ferry.

**316** An alternative route is to stay on Route 7 to **Melrose**, turn right at the Melrose intersection to **Country Harbour Cross Roads** and follow Route 316 south to **Isaac's Harbour North**. Salsman Provincial Park, a camping and picnic area, is located on Country Harbour, a deep ocean inlet tucked between rolling hills which is ideal for boating and saltwater sport fishing.

**211** On Route 211, about 20 km (12.5 mi) beyond Sherbrooke, watch for signs to the Port Bickerton Lighthouse Beach Park. A 2-km (1.5-mi) gravel road leads to two lighthouses that stand dramatically on a bluff at the end of the headland. The newer of these is the currently operating lighthouse. The original **Port Bickerton** lighthouse, built in 1910, has been renovated and now houses the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Interpretive Centre. It contains interesting displays on the lighthouses of Nova Scotia and their historic importance to marine traffic. Visitors can climb up the narrow staircase for a panoramic view of the wild and beautiful coastline (see p. 376), and take a walk on the new trail to a beautiful sandy beach.

From Port Bickerton, the Marine Drive crosses Country Harbour on the Country Harbour ferry. The ferry makes regular crossings of this narrow inlet, offering a short but pretty interlude as you glide through an ever-changing panorama of sea, hills and sky. The ferry operates year-round, 24 hours a day, and costs \$5 per car (STC); recreational vehicles can be accommodated.

From Country Harbour to Canso, the Marine Drive follows some of the wildest and





The Stan Rogers Folk Festival draws big names and big crowds.



Try your skill on Liscomb River rapids.

most unspoiled Atlantic coastline in Nova Scotia. The road dips into deep spruce woods, passes through bogs carpeted with wildflowers, and traces barren granite headlands carved by the ceaseless pounding of waves.

**316 Isaac's Harbour** is a picturesque village that stretches along a deep ocean inlet, with the tall spires of churches casting their reflection onto the water. On the wharf in **Goldboro**, the Goldboro Interpretive Centre houses information on the rich gold history, the fishing traditions of the past, and the emerging natural gas sector (see p. 376).


Further along, Tor Bay Provincial Park faces the open Atlantic with sweeping sandy beaches, fragile sand dunes and rugged offshore rock formations. Interpretive displays describe the local flora and fauna and the delicate coastal environment. The dunes are protected by a boardwalk, and the park also has picnic facilities. A plaque in the parking lot commemorates the landing at **Tor Bay** (Faraday Station), in 1875, of the first direct commercial cable to successfully transmit messages from England to mainland North America.

After Tor Bay the Marine Drive passes through a world of ponds and wetlands that attract numerous wading birds, and in the open barrens, wild berries provide nourishment for migrating birds. Along the way are

picturesque small Acadian villages—**Larry's River, Charlos Cove, Cole Harbour, Port Felix**. At Charlos Cove an attractive picnic park provides a good place to rest and watch the comings and goings of the small harbour. Beyond Charlos Cove, a monument is dedicated to Captain Savillette who pioneered the early European dry fisheries in this region beginning in 1565. Before turning inland to Route 16, a right

turn leads to **Whitehead**, another scenic fishing community.

 At Route 16, turn right to go to Canso. Just before Canso, you'll pass through the small community of **Hazel Hill**. The large, shuttered brick building on the left was once the transmitting facilities and offices of the Commercial Cable Company. From 1875 until radio became the popular communications media, news from Europe and other parts of the world reached North America via transatlantic cables. For years, this was the gateway for the news of the world as it traveled back and forth across the ocean.

Founded in 1605, the town of **Canso** is one of the oldest settlements in Nova Scotia. Today, it is a busy and hardworking fishing town offering a variety of attractions and services. A bird's-eye view of Canso can be had from the widow's walk of the historic Whitman House Museum (see p. 376). The museum features displays on local history and the work of regional artists, and there is a  visitor information centre. The Stan Rogers Folk Festival is an extremely popular outdoor concert held in Canso early in July.

On the Canso waterfront, the interpretive centre of the Canso Islands National Historic Site highlights Canso's important role in early North American history. French fishermen began using the island as a fishing camp in the early 1600s because it was close to the lucrative fishing grounds and it could be easily defended. These fishermen prospered, and a full-scale fishing settlement developed. In the early 1700s, the French were forced out by New Englanders who flocked to take part in the rich fisheries. At its peak of activity, in the 1730s and '40s, the island supported a population of almost 2,000. The Grassy Island settlement was destroyed when war broke out between the French and the English in 1744.

The story of the settlement's history is told in the displays at the interpretive cen-



tre. From there, a ten-minute boat ride takes visitors to Grassy Island, the rounded island clearly visible at the mouth of Canso Harbour. On the island, park guides lead a tour of foundation ruins, places where the shops, inns, houses and fortifications of a thriving community once stood (see p. 376).

Back on the mainland, two areas near Canso offer exceptional coastal and woodland hiking. Chapel Gully Trail, just outside town, features several trails through a varied forest habitat and along a saltwater estuary. Another memorable walking trail can be found at Black Duck Cove Day Use Park in nearby **Little Dover**. The park lies on a small peninsula just beyond the picturesque fishing village with its tidy houses, weathered piers and colourful fishing boats lining the harbour. The trail begins with a boardwalk along a small gracefully curved fine sand beach whose warm water invites swimmers, and continues for an easy and enjoyable 3.5 km (2.5 mi.) through coastal spruce woods, past salt marshes and along a shore strewn with large granite boulders dashed by the sparkling surf. There is a profusion of wildflowers and berries along the trail, and birdwatchers may glimpse a variety of birds including teal, black ducks, mallards, mergansers, herons and others.



Returning to Route 16 and turning left, the Marine Drive travels along the shore of Chedabucto Bay to Guysborough, passing the Queensport lighthouse perched precariously on a tiny rock island in the middle of the harbour. At the scenic lookoff in Halfway Cove there is a monument dedicated to Prince Henry Sinclair from the Orkney Islands, believed to have made one of the first transatlantic journeys in 1398, almost a century before Columbus.

**Guysborough**, at the head of Chedabucto Bay, is an inviting town with distinctive architecture. In the centre of town, the Old Court House is a heritage property (c. 1843) that has been restored as a local museum and **i** visitor information centre. Displays include early Acadian and Black settlements in the area, a collection of domestic tools and handcrafts, and early photographs (see p. 376). Mulgrave Road Theatre creates, develops, and tours original plays depicting the unique culture and experience of north-eastern Nova Scotia (see p. 376).

The Guysborough Waterfront preserves the heritage and flavour of a bygone era, and there is a marina in the heart of the village.

Guysborough Harbour offers great boating, with over 11 km (7 mi.) of navigable waters for boats that can pass under Boyl-



*Top: Trans Canada Trail bridge near Guysborough*

*Centre: Hiking trails of Taylor Head Park.*

*Bottom: Take a boat to see the 200-year-old ruins at Canso Islands National Historic Site.*

ston Bridge. The Waterfront Walkway follows the shoreline from the harbour entrance to the government wharf, and the 26-km (16-mi.) Guysborough Trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail, follows the reclaimed rail line out to the Salmon River and then runs parallel to the river.

High atop a hill just outside town, Boylston Provincial Park offers exceptional views of the harbour and Chedabucto Bay. The park has picnic facilities and a campground, and concerts are held at the stage on the hill. A monument commemorates Prince Henry Sinclair's arrival from across the sea in 1398. **Boylston** is an attractive waterfront community that was originally settled in 1786 by New England Loyalist families.



Beyond Boylston, the Marine Drive turns right on Route 344, tracing the unspoiled coastline of Chedabucto Bay to the town of Mulgrave. At **Port Shoreham**, a small provincial park features change houses, a boardwalk to the 1.5-km (1-mi.) sand and pebble beach, and picnic facilities where you can enjoy the view of Clam Harbour Bay.

Near **Sand Point**, two short side roads lead to the graceful Eddy Point lighthouse, which marks the division between the Strait of Canso and Chedabucto Bay, and the Eddy Point Marine Park. The park has a picnic area, washrooms, a playground, and floating docks. From both parking areas, you can often spot the humpback and minke whales that frequent the area from late June to September.

From Sand Point to Mulgrave, the road follows the banks of the scenic Strait of Canso. Approaching Mulgrave, the Scotia Ferry Lookoff offers a good vantage point from which to watch this busy waterway as ships carrying gypsum, coal and oil make their way to and from the docks of Port Hawkesbury across the strait.



**Mulgrave** is a marine service centre on the shore of the Strait of Canso. At the entrance to town, Venus Cove Marine Park has a **i** visitor information centre, picnic area, playground, boardwalk and floating dock on a small cove. Before the Canso Causeway was built in 1955, rail and ferry traffic to and from Cape Breton all came through Mulgrave.

The Marine Drive continues on to **Auld's Cove**, which has a variety of services for travellers, and ends at Highway 104. Here the Marine Drive joins the Sunrise Trail on the left, or crosses the Canso Causeway on the right to Cape Breton Island.



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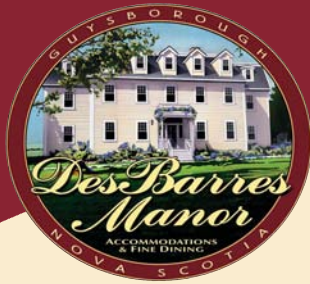
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