



Prince Edward
Island
National Park

Visitor Guide

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You're here! Welcome.

You may have planned this visit for ages, or perhaps it's impromptu. No matter how you arrived in Prince Edward Island, in Mi'kma'ki, we welcome you.

Treasured by the Mi'kmaq People since time immemorial and immortalized in the pages of *Anne of Green Gables*, Prince Edward Island National Park and this island are special indeed. Shaped by wind and waves, it is full of corners worth exploring and views to take your breath away. Engage your senses and forge your own connection with this island cradled in the waves.

As you visit, be mindful of your footprint and tread lightly. We are reminded daily of how protective we must be of the natural world that also protects us. Stay on the beaten path and admire the "wild" from a safe distance. Finally, we urge you take the time to see it all – from the peaceful sunrise to the colours in the sand, from the sun diamonds on the water to the dark velvet sky of stars. Keep it simple: enjoy it all.

Karen Jans
Field Unit Superintendent, Parks Canada PEI

Pjila'si Epekwitkewey Tepkistek Maqamikew Anko'tasik

Kwe' – Hello,

We extend the warmest greetings and welcome you to Prince Edward Island (PEI) National Park. On behalf of the Mi'kmaq First Nations of Prince Edward Island, we are pleased that you have chosen to visit and spend some time in this beautiful place.

For countless generations, the Mi'kmaq People have cherished Epekwitk, the land now known as Prince Edward Island, as a sacred and integral part of our existence. The park, with its pristine landscapes, holds not only the echoes of our ancestral stories but also the essence of our cultural identity. It is a living testament to the harmonious relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the natural world.

Through our ongoing partnership with Parks Canada and L'nuey, we are pleased to continue collaborating on the management of the park, including conservation projects, cultural programming, and traditional activities.

We invite you to explore all that PEI National Park has to offer. View the landscape, shaped by centuries of natural forces. Listen to the gentle whispers of the wind, the rhythmic crash of waves, and the melodic calls of native birds echoing across the land. Feel the soft sands beneath your feet. Learn more about Mi'kmaq heritage and the richness of our culture and traditions. Recognize that all living things are interconnected, so we must treat the land as a sacred entity intertwined with cultural heritage and spiritual significance.

We hope you have an enjoyable visit to this special part of Epekwitk.

Wela'lioq – Thank you all,

Chief *Darlene Bernard*
Lennox Island First Nation
Co-chair Epekwitk Assembly of Councils

Chief *Junior Gould*
Abegweit First Nation
Co-chair Epekwitk Assembly of Councils

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Park Passes

Admission charged from mid-June to September annually. Options include day passes and season passes and there are rates for adults, seniors, and families/groups (up to 7 people traveling in one vehicle). Youth 17 years of age and under are admitted free.

NEW IN 2024! FREE for Canadian Armed Forces Members

Beginning January 1, 2024, Parks Canada will be providing free daily admission to members and Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and their immediate families.

Parks Canada Discovery Pass

The ultimate year-round access pass. Discovery Passes grant you unlimited entry to all Parks Canada administered national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas across Canada for 12 months from the date of purchase.



Plan Ahead!

Like things quieter? Come earlier or later.

Things are busiest between 11am and 3pm on hot days in July and August. For smaller crowds, avoid the middle of the day or visit us in another month of the year. The park is beautiful in every season!

NO Drone Zone.

PEI National Park is a “no fly” zone for drones. Special permits are required for all drone use and these are not often granted. Regardless of the drone size, it can threaten wildlife and disturb visitors. Don’t risk a fine. Leave it home.



Take nothing away. Leave nothing behind.

All elements big and small in an ecosystem work together to support the creatures that live there. Don't be tempted to take away flowers or shells from the park and be sure to leave nothing of yourself behind when you leave. Pack your trash or stash it in a wastebin. Leaving spaces as you found them or better!



Stay in the Know

PEI National Park is a safe place to visit with your family and friends but as a coastal park, winds and waves can mean shifts in weather conditions or service offers. Watch for signage and any important notices at entry points and don't hesitate to ask team members if you have questions. Helpful messages are also posted on our website (parks.canada.ca/pei) and on the PEI National Park Facebook page. Visitors should know the inherent risks of coastal activities and make informed decisions when visiting PEI National Park. Safety is a shared responsibility!

Plan ahead. Stay informed.

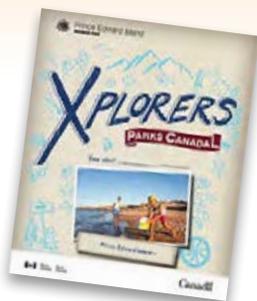
Check parking conditions at PEI National Park online. Go to parks.canada.ca/peinow to help gauge the crowds before you depart.



Programs and Activities

Xplorers' Club

Travelling with children? Ask for Xplorers booklets for any young people ages 6 to 11 years. Available at **PEI National Park**, **Green Gables Heritage Place**, and the **Confederation Centre of the Arts (Province House National Historic Site)**.



The “Coastie” Project!

Take a pic of yourself and it's a “selfie”. Take a pic of our coastline, and it's a “coastie”! Be a citizen scientist and snap a photo at any of our “Coastie” stations to help us monitor coastal change and erosion. For more info, check out parks.canada.ca/pei-coastie.



Family-friendly Programming

Every year, Parks Canada offers a series of programs and activities in the summer months. To find out what's available during your visit, check parks.canada.ca/pei-activities.



Make the Park Promise!

We are vowing to be more mindful of our impact on our planet and we hope you will too! Grounded in Indigenous values and teachings, the Park Promise is about being a better and more aware planetary citizen and taking action to help the environment. Make your own promise and share it online to inspire others to do the same. **#parkpromise** parks.canada.ca/pei-parkpromise



Rainy Day!

Oh no! It's RAINING!

While sunny days are great, PEI National Park is still amazing when the weather is not. Here are some rainy-day activity ideas. You can also ask any of our helpful team members for suggestions.

- Visit the beach anyway! The water often feels warmer when the air is fresher. The bonus is that it definitely will not be crowded!
- Throw on some rain gear and go for a walk on the short trails of Cavendish Grove. The sound of rain on the leaves of the trees is incredibly soothing.
- Bring your umbrella and go to Green Gables. There are lots of exhibits to explore in the Visitor Centre in addition to touring the House.
- Check out the exhibits and displays in the Greenwich Interpretation Centre.



Beaches

PEI National Park is known for its beautiful beaches – you’ll soon see why! There are beaches located in each region of the park. Services vary by location. In all instances, visitors should be aware of ocean hazards including rip currents, strong offshore winds, and unpredictable waves on sandy and rocky shorelines. Know the inherent risks of swimming in open water and ALWAYS keep a healthy respect for the power of the sea. For more info, visit parks.canada.ca/pei-beaches.



Services & Accessibility

PEI National Park welcomes visitors with all levels of mobility, and we are pleased to provide some enhanced accessibility services at full service beaches. **Cavendish Beach, Brackley Beach and Stanhope Beach are all equipped with accessibility features.**

	Supervised Swimming (peak season only)	Designated Parking	Beach Access Ramp	Mobility Mats	Beach Wheelchair	Buoyant Beach Wheelchair	Accessible Washrooms
Brackley Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cavendish Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stanhope Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Beach Book and Toy Library

NEW in 2024! - Forgot your bucket and shovel? Looking for a good beach read? Stanhope Beach is home to a new Beach Book and Toy Library with an assortment of books, buckets, and more to use during your visit. Borrow what you need and return it when you're done.



Buoyant beach wheelchair & mobility mat

Beach & Buoyant Wheelchair Reservations

Beach and buoyant wheelchairs may be reserved ahead of time from 10am-5pm by one person per day. To reserve or to inquire as to availability, contact us at least 48 hours in advance at **902-566-7050** or at pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca.

Note: Email and phone are monitored Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm and reservations are first come, first served.



For more information about accessibility at PEI National Park, visit parks.canada.ca/pei-accessible.



Beach Safety

Beach Flag Warnings

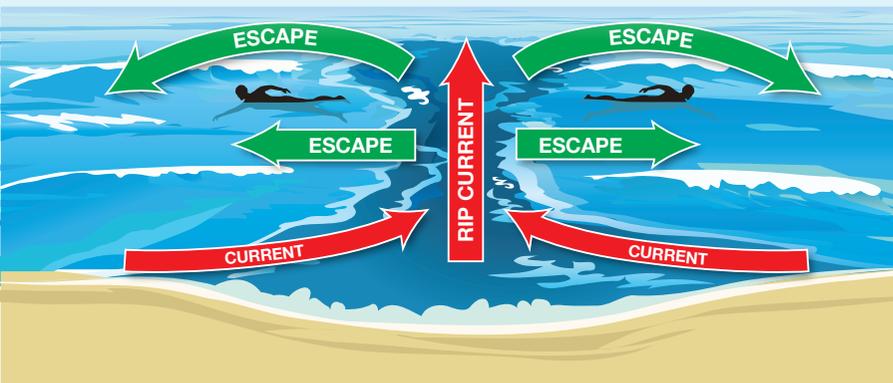
Flags are flown at supervised beaches during supervised hours only. The absence of flags does not assure safe waters. Swim at your own risk.

Rip Currents

Powerful and fastmoving, rip currents can form quickly and pull you away from shore. They are particularly dangerous since they exist in areas that appear calmer with fewer waves, giving an impression of greater safety.

If you find yourself being pulled from shore:

- Stay calm. Attract attention.
- Conserve energy. Tread water or float - The waves can assist you back to shore.
- Resist the urge to swim toward the shore and instead swim parallel to it.



Swim between the flags.



Moderate Surf/ Rip currents present



Calm Surf



Dangerous Surf/ No swimming



Jellyfish Present



Strong Offshore Winds



Super Safety Tips!

- Never swim alone.
- Keep children at arm's length at all times when in the water
- Opt for a supervised beach.
- Observe surf conditions and follow surfguard advice.
- If waves are present, be aware of possibility of rip currents.
- **NO INFLATABLES. EVER.**



Nature at Work. How can you help?

Give nature the space it needs to do its important growth and healing.



Stay out of all dune areas and respect areas of closure.

Cavendish – North Rustico

This region is your destination for sandy beaches, impressive sandstone cliffs and all things “Anne of Green Gables”.



Pemamkiaq - (Cavendish) long sandbar

Tapu Tuitn - (Rustico) double narrows

For more information or to download the PEI National Park Trails Guide, go to parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking.

Brackley – Dalvey

This is your destination for sandy beaches, Covehead Lighthouse, birdwatching at the marsh and Dalvey-by-the-Sea.



Atoqwa'su walney - (Stanhope) trout cove

Greenwich

This region is your destination for incredible dunescapes, Mi'kmaq & Acadian heritage and beautiful paths less traveled.



Puku'samkek - (Greenwich) where there are plenty of clams in the sand

Check out the Exhibit “Species at Risk” at Greenwich Interpretive Centre. A great rainy day activity.

Legend	Campground	Unsupervised Beach	Lookout/Birdwatching	Exhibit	Parking	Interpretation Centre	Canteen	Golf	Gift Shop	Playground	Hiking/Biking Trail	Water	EV Charging Station	Unpaved Road	Paved Road	Highway	Easy Trail	Moderate Trail
	Picnic Area	Supervised Beach	Wheelchair Access	Washrooms	Red Chair	Information	Dining	Tennis	Bike Rentals	Accommodations	Interpretation area	Lighthouse	Coastie Station					

- 1 Cavendish Campground**
Unserviced, 2 & 3-way sites, oTENTik, and Bunkies available. Playground, kitchen shelters, beach access, family programming and wifi hotspot. See page 7.
- 2 Cavendish Beach**
Washrooms, canteen, surfguard service, and accessibility features (see p. 3). Trailheads for the Cavendish Dunelands & Cavendish Beach Trails.
- 3 Oceanview**
Parking, picnic area and access to the Cavendish Dunelands & Gulf Shore Way West trails.
- 4 Cavendish Grove**
Picnic area, parking and connections to Cavendish Beach Trail & Clarks Lane.
- 5 Green Gables Golf Club**
Privately operated 18-hole golf course. Dining services available. For more info, see website: greengablesgolf.com

- 6 Green Gables Heritage Place**
Part of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Features original farmhouse that inspired the setting of *Anne of Green Gables*, welcome centre, trails, and more. Gift shop & snack bar available May - October. See p. 9 for more information.
- 7 Montgomery Park**
Starting point for “The Inspiring World of L.M. Montgomery Literary Tour” (immontgomeryliterarytour.com) and home to the bronze statue of L. M. Montgomery, “A Glimpse of Beauty.” (Note: Not administered by Parks Canada.)
- 8 Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home**
Part of Lucy Maud Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. Features restored foundation of the author's homestead, bookshop and walking trail with signage detailing site history. Privately operated; required admission pass available for purchase at Green Gables Heritage Place and on-site. Website: immontgomerycavendishhome.com
- 9 North Rustico Beach**
Washrooms and parking area.

- 10 Stanhope Campground**
Unserviced, 2 & 3 way sites, oTENTik and Bunkies available. Kitchen shelters, washrooms, playground, family programming and wifi hotspot. See page 7.
- 11 Brackley Beach**
Washrooms, parking area, surfguard service and accessibility features (See p. 3). Trailhead for Gulf Shore Way East and Robinsons Island Trail System (RITS).
- 12 Stanhope Beach**
Washrooms, playground, picnic area, kitchen shelter, parking, accessibility features (See p. 3), and surfguard services.

- 13 Ross Lane Beach**
Composting toilets and parking.
- 14 Dalvey-by-the-Sea National Historic Site**
Once a summer home, this beautiful heritage property is now a 25-room hotel with eight 3-bedroom cottages. Restaurant is open to the public. Visitors are welcome to take a peek at the lobby area but other levels are restricted to hotel guests. For more info, see website dalveybythesea.com.

- 15 Greenwich Interpretive Centre**
Washrooms, parking, visitor information, interactive displays, exhibits, and accessibility features.

- 16 Greenwich Beach**
Parking, picnic area, kitchen shelter, composting toilets and surfguard service.

Mi'kmaw language
Words in red boxes on this page are examples of Mi'kmaw language, the language of the Mi'kmaq, the Indigenous peoples of PEI. You may notice other examples in this guide and when visiting. For more information about the Mi'kmaq, visit L'nuey's website at lnuey.ca.

Trail Accessibility at PEI National Park

Specialized Chairs for Trail Exploration

Trail Riders allow visitors with reduced mobility even greater ease of access to locations that can be difficult to navigate. These special devices may be reserved ahead of time from 10am to 5pm by one person per day.

Easy Access Trails

Gulf Shore Way East (see Brackley-Dalvey Map) and Gulf Shore Way West (see Cavendish-North Rustico Map) trails are paved, offering smooth, even surfaces.

For more information about our trails, including elevations, surfaces and distances, please visit parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking.

Trail Rider Reservations
Contact us at least 48 hours in advance at **902-566-7050** or pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca

Note: Email and phone are monitored Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm.



Trail riders available at Cavendish, Stanhope and Greenwich.

Trail Riders: Rugged, sturdy chairs built for the uneven terrain of trails and unpaved pathways.



Covehead

Be Trail Smart!

The beaches may often be in the limelight, but there is something special about time on the trails. With more than 50km of trails through wooded areas, past wetlands or along the coastline, there are lots of options. Since Prince Edward Island is relatively flat, all trails are rated “easy” or “moderate”.

1. **Choose trails that match your fitness level.**
2. **Share the trail.** *Cyclists, yield to those on foot.*
3. **On wheels? Wear your helmet.** *They are mandatory on PEI for all ages.*
4. **Bring water in a refillable container.**
5. **Be sun safe.** *Cover up or wear SPF.*
6. **Bring insect repellent.** *Perform a tick-check at the end of your hike.*
7. **Locate washrooms before starting out.**
8. **Stay on designated trails.**
9. **Be aware of poison ivy.** *Not all areas are marked.*
10. **Birder? Bring binoculars!**
11. **Bring your camera** – *you’ll be glad you did. Don’t forget to tag us! #PEINationalPark*

Homestead Trail, Cavendish



For more information or to download the PEI National Park Trails Guide, go to parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking.



Pets in the park

PEI National Park has many visitors, but it is also the permanent home of wildlife. Sharing the beaches, trails and other areas can be a challenge, but visitor safety and habitat protection are both priorities for Parks Canada.

If you are planning to bring your pet, remember they must be on a leash and please note where they are permitted and when. Pets are NOT allowed on beaches from April-October annually. Plan ahead and do not leave pets in vehicles in parking lots.



Leashed Pets	April – October	November – March
Park Trails	✓	✓
Cavendish Grove	✓	✓
Campgrounds	✓	n/a
Buildings	✗	✗
Beaches	✗	✓



Stay with Us!

Cavendish Campground (Cavendish-North Rustico Region) and **Stanhope Campground** (Brackley-Dalvay Region) offer a variety of options to suit just about any camper. They are open June to September annually. Exact dates and details regarding available services can be found online at parks.canada.ca/pei-camping.

Your Site, Your Way

Both campgrounds have unserviced, 2-service (water & electricity) and 3-service (water, electricity & sewer) sites available for booking in a number of different sizes to accommodate everything from tents to larger RVs.



Equipped Camping

Available at Stanhope Campground, the equipped camping package includes the essentials so you can travel light and still have all the tools you need to have an epic camping adventure.

Roofed Accommodations

You can also choose roofed accommodations for your camping vacation. Small cabins called “Bunkies” sleep 2-4 people and the Parks Canada exclusive, oTENTik, is a cabin-like structure with a tent-shaped roof for up to 6 people.

You can reserve a site online at reservation.pc.gc.ca or by phone at **1-877-RESERVE (1-877-737-3783)**.



RVs are welcome!

oTENTiks are a Parks Canada exclusive.



Bunkies are the newest option.



For more information, visit parks.canada.ca/pei-camping.



Meet the Locals

We hope you'll have the chance to see lots of wildlife during your visit. It's a fun and fascinating experience to see animals, insects and birds in their natural habitats. For the good of everyone, however, there are also some important things to keep in mind:

- 1. DO NOT FEED the animals.** Feeding wildlife is illegal and fines are significant. Foxes & kits die each year by approaching cars in search of handouts.
- 2. Keep dogs and other pets leashed at all times.**
- 3. When camping or picnicking,** store all food in a hard-sided, secure compartment or container when not in use and dispose of all food waste promptly and appropriately.
- 4. DO NOT approach animals or birds.** Keep the "wild" in wildlife. If you see an animal that may be in distress, report it to Parks Canada Dispatch at **1-877-852-3100**. DO NOT intervene. Allow trained individuals to handle the job.

wowkwis
Red Fox



- 5. Be aware of coyotes.** Sightings are not uncommon. If you do see one, stay calm. Do not approach. Stay far back or go back the way you came. If you are approached by a coyote, do not run. Pick up any small children, stand your ground and "act big" by making lots of noise. When safely away, please report the encounter to staff and/or to Parks Canada Dispatch at **1-877-852-3100**. For more information about coyotes, ask a team member at a kiosk or campground.



u'lukwej
Eastern Coyote

Keep the "wild" in "wildlife" – don't approach or feed the park's animals.

See something? Report it to Parks Canada Dispatch at **1-877-852-3100**. If you see an animal that may be in distress or something else of concern, please DO NOT intervene - even the most well-meaning actions can be harmful. Allow trained professionals to handle the job.

apalqaqamej
Red Squirrel



Species at Risk

Our passionate employees work hard to protect and monitor the growing number of species at risk that depend on healthy ecosystems in PEI National Park for their survival. These species include endangered birds, threatened trees and plants and even bumblebees. To help them with this important job, respect closed areas and keep your distance.

Become a "citizen scientist"

Here are a few of the "Most Wanted" species at risk that can be found in PEI National Park. There are more found on our website (parks.canada.ca/pei-sar). If you see one, let us know! You can email us at pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca and post your sightings on [iNaturalist.ca](https://www.inaturalist.ca).

jjuikate'j
Piping Plover



newskipqama'law
Bobolink



watapji'jit ketapekiejit
Canada Warbler



wjitpenu'key sisip
Eastern Wood Pewee



sisip
Olive-sided Flycatcher

For more information about the Species at Risk in PEI National Park and to find out where you may spot one, please visit our website parks.canada.ca/pei-sar.



Green Gables Heritage Place

8619 Route 6, Cavendish



Take a walk through the setting of Canada's bestselling novel of all time, *Anne of Green Gables!*

"Nothing, after all, could compare with old ties, old friends, and old Green Gables!"

~ from Chapter VII, *Anne of the Island* by L.M. Montgomery

2024 is a special year! It marks 150 years since the birth of *Anne of Green Gables'* author L.M. Montgomery in 1874.

Anne of Green Gables, the story of spunky redhaired orphan Anne Shirley, was written by Island author L.M. Montgomery in the early 20th century. Based in part on Montgomery's own experiences in rural Prince Edward Island, the still popular novel follows Anne's growing up after coming to live at "Green Gables".



Anne's Room

Come to Green Gables Heritage Place and...

- Visit Green Gables House, lovingly restored to match the world of the novel.
- Explore Green Gables Visitor Centre exhibits and learn about the fascinating life of L.M. Montgomery.
- Stroll through the Haunted Wood trail or the famous Lover's Lane path.
- Engage in family programming and guided tours.

Need more Montgomery?

To learn more about L.M. Montgomery, purchase a combo pass that includes "The Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home", the privately-owned second half of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish National Historic Site. You can also visit Montgomery Park on Route 13 in Cavendish to see the beautiful bronze statue of the author, entitled "A Glimpse of Beauty". Finally, those who really want more to explore should check out "The Inspiring World of L.M. Montgomery Literary Tour".

Immontgomeryliterarytour.com

Contact us: **902-963-7874** or **greengables@pc.gc.ca**



For more information, go to
parks.canada.ca/greengables.



Skmaq—Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site

191 Haché Gallant Drive, Rocky Point

One of the best-kept secrets on Prince Edward Island's south shore, Skmaq—Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site is located across the harbour from Charlottetown. Steeped in history, this peaceful place has strong spiritual connections to the Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq (Mi'kmaq Islanders) who have inhabited this island since time immemorial. It is the setting of a lasting friendship between the Mi'kmaq and the French and of the tragic realities of the Acadian deportation following the arrival of the British.

Come to Skmaq—Port-la-Joye Fort Amherst and...

- Hike 6km+ of trails through wooded areas and along coastal paths.
- See unmatched views of the Charlottetown Harbour and cityscape.
- **NEW!** Visit our new outdoor exhibit detailing the rich cultural history of the area.
- Have a picnic with friends or family.



For more information about the site and available programming, visit parks.canada.ca/skmaq.



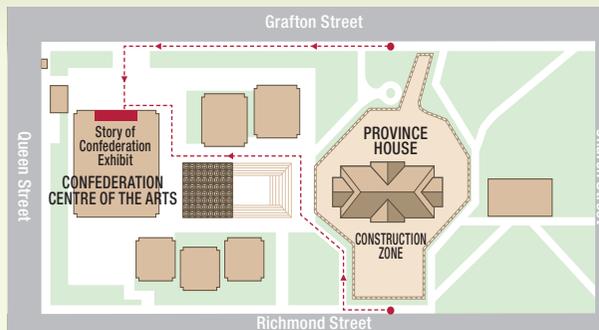
Province House National Historic Site

165 Richmond Street, Charlottetown

Currently closed to the public, Province House National Historic Site is nearing completion of essential conservation work and will reopen in 2025 with a visitor experience offer including new exhibits. Home of the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly and a building of national historic significance, Province House holds many stories. The site was designated as a national historic site for its role in the 1864 Charlottetown Conference and its neoclassical architectural style.

The new exhibits currently in development will explore these stories and feature broader narratives and voices not previously presented.

While the site is closed, visitors are invited to explore "The Story of Confederation" exhibit next door at the Confederation Centre of the Arts to see a replica of the historic Confederation Chamber and other engaging exhibits. For more information, visit the website.



Replaced window and ionic capital (south portico)



For more information, go to parks.canada.ca/provincehouse.



Quick Reference Guide



Need a campsite?
1-877-737-3783
parks.canada.ca/pei-camping

Looking for the activities?
parks.canada.ca/pei-activities



Looking for a parking update?
parks.canada.ca/peinow

Want to reserve a beach wheelchair, buoyant wheelchair or trail rider?
902-566-7050 pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca



See an animal in distress or something of concern?
1-877-852-3100



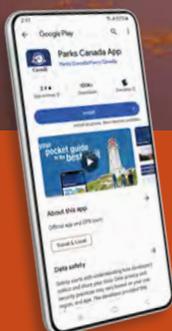
Want to check the surf conditions?
parks.canada.ca/peinow

Looking for trail info?
parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking



Looking for Green Gables?
902-963-7874
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Got a question or suggestion?
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Parks Canada App

Enhance your next visit by scanning the QR code and downloading the official Parks Canada App. Get on-the-go access to the essentials, easy to use navigation, and exclusive access to self-guided tours on your mobile device.



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