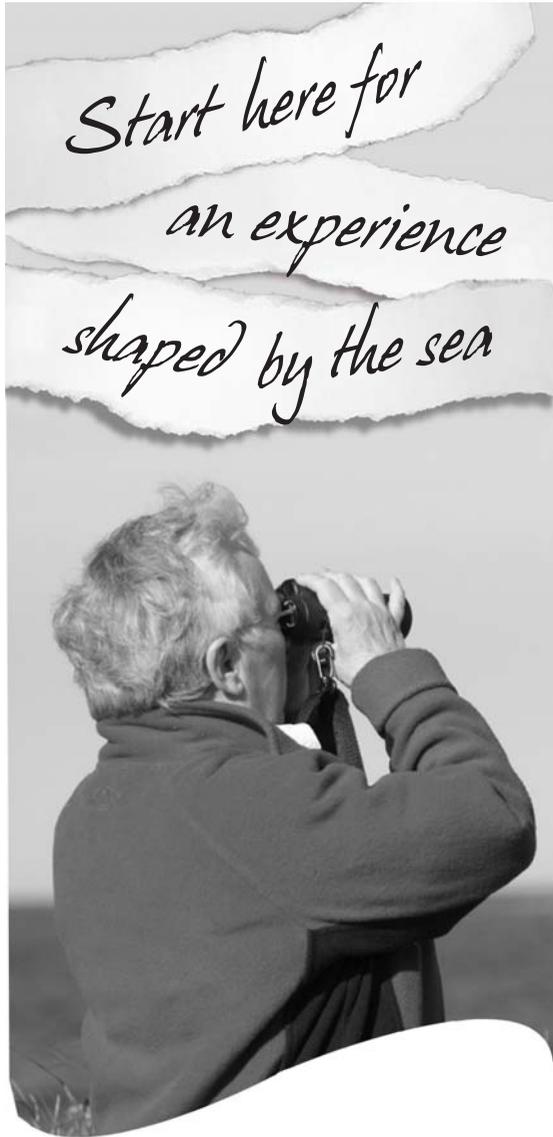


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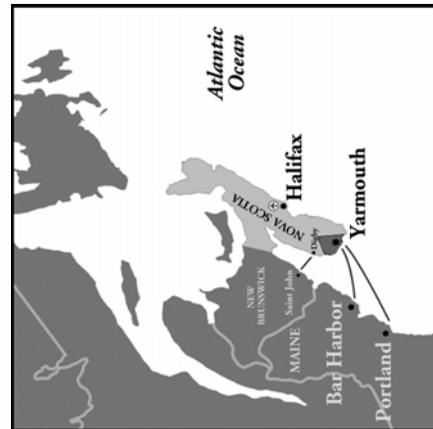
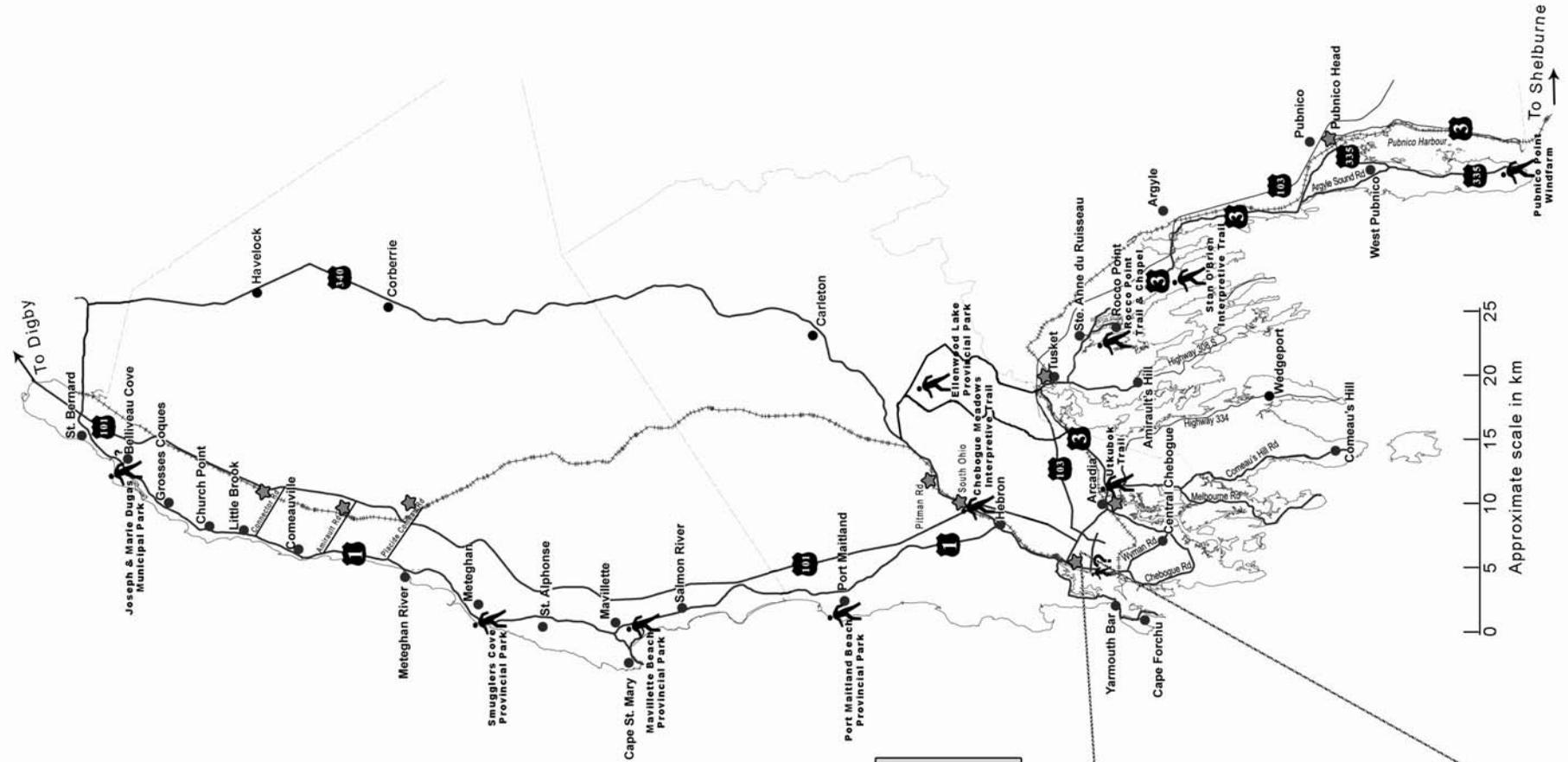
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Joseph & Marie Dugas Park

This 5km boardwalk hugs the St. Mary's Bay shoreline and freshwater wetlands. This trail is an excellent spot to view the Bay of Fundy tides, as they rise and fall here 28 feet each day. While on the trail, visit an Acadian Cemetery dating from the 1750s, an important historical site for many Acadians.

Location ... Highway 1 at the Belliveau Cove Visitor Information Centre

Amenities ... restrooms, rest areas, picnic tables, interpretive panels

Smuggler's Cove Provincial Park

Smuggler's Cove Park features a cave on the ocean floor favored by rum-runners during prohibition. Descend over 80 steps during low-tide to explore this cave, which is 15 ft high by 60 feet wide. Feel free to beach comb the rocky beach, or have a picnic in the park, which overlooks St. Mary's Bay and Digby Neck.

Location ... Highway 1 in Meteghan

Amenities ... restrooms, picnic tables, interpretive panels

Mavillette Beach Provincial Park

A 2 km stretch of sand adjoins a 235 acre salt water marsh. Boardwalks crossing fragile marram-grass dunes take you to a beachcomber's paradise where you can walk until the beach turns into cliff. The park provides excellent opportunities for bird watching from an observation platform on the marsh--species include sharp-tailed sparrows, willets and a variety of migratory species.

Location ... on the John Doucette Road, off Highway 1 in Mavillette

Amenities ... restrooms, rest areas, picnic tables, interpretive panels



Port Maitland Beach Provincial Park

This park and beach is a favorite with families. Stroll along 1km of sand and cobblestone, and watch the beach extend by 500m as the tide goes out. The nearby wharf and fishing boats are favourite subjects for both painters and photographers.

Location ... on the Shore Road, off Highway 1 in Port Maitland

Amenities ... restrooms, picnic tables

Chebogue Meadows Interpretative Trail

A 4.5km hike through 12 distinct habitats including a black spruce swamp, meadow, hardwood hill, and wetlands. This trail provides the hiker with valuable insight into both the natural and managed forests in the interior of Nova Scotia.

Location ... in Brooklyn on the Hardscratch Road

Amenities ... rest areas, interpretive panels



Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park

This 282 acre protected provincial park boasts beaches, sport fishing, a picnic park and other activities. A 2km hiking trail within the park is accessible by hikers of all ages and abilities, and hosts a wide variety of plant life, birds and animals.

Location ... off Highway 1, turn onto Route 340, follow signs to Park

Amenities ... restrooms, picnic tables, rest areas

Yarmouth Waterfront Trail

Starting at the Arched Clock Tower, enjoy the 3km walk along Yarmouth's historic waterfront. You will stroll by working wharves with fishing boats unloading their catches and pleasure boats moored in the harbor. The tour ends on Bunker's Island, the site of Yarmouth's first hospital.

Location ... Water St in Yarmouth

Amenities ... restrooms at Killam Brothers Wharf, picnic tables, interpretive panels

Yarmouth Walking Tour

With an eye on Yarmouth's architectural heritage, tour through the residential areas of Yarmouth and learn about a past which afforded the magnificent sea captain's homes so prevalent in the area. The 4km tour has 28 points of interest, including several museums. This self-guided tour is available free of charge at the Nova Scotia Visitor Information Centre.

Location ... Visitor Information Centre on Forest Street

Amenities ... restrooms, rest areas, guided brochure



Utkubok Trail

The Utkubok trail climbs through 12 distinct wildlife habitats, while overlooking a tidal river and saltwater marsh. Strategically placed boardwalks lead to look-off points and many beautiful photo opportunities. Although stairs are placed along the uphill parts of the trail, the groomed paths wind along the slopes making it wheelchair accessible with assistance.

Location ... Highway 3 in Arcadia at the School

Amenities ... rest areas

Rocco Point Chapel & Trail

A .5km trail located at Rocco Point (est. 1784), site of the first Acadian Mass celebrated post-deportation. Points of interest include a chapel, Stations of the Cross and a boardwalk leading to an observation deck. Rocco Point is an especially rich birding site as it is surrounded by both salt and fresh water.

Location ... Highway 3 to Ste. Anne du Ruisseau, turn down Rocco Point Road

Amenities ... restrooms, rest areas



Pubnico Park Wind Farm

Explore the rocky shoreline on the tip of West Pubnico, watching boats fish for both shellfish and ground fish. Nearby, on 5.2km of access roads, 17 windmills produce enough green energy to supply about 13,000 average Canadian homes. This hiking experience is both interesting and educational.

Location ... at the very end of Highway 335, in Lower West Pubnico

Amenities ... none

Rails to Trails

A continuous 132 km long trail, constructed along the banded rail corridors in Yarmouth & Digby counties. The trail weaves in and out of many small villages, and links up with other "rails to trails" projects in Nova Scotia. There are many entry and exit points along the trail, and some areas are still under construction. Please consult with the Nova Scotia Visitor Information Centre or your accommodation for the nearest location.

Location ... various

Amenities ... rest areas

Stan O'Brien Interpretive Trail

A 1.5km trail leads through the Goose Creek Marsh management area to an island dominated by oak trees. Pass along an area of dykelands constructed by Acadian settlers in the late 1800s. Many waterfowl, including herons, kingfishers, and several species of ducks are abundant along the trail.

Location ... Highway 3 to Robert's Island, in the village of Glenwood

Amenities ... none