

DAY TRIPS - SAINT JOHN AND BEYOND

From the bustling city to natural wonders along the Bay of Fundy shore and the St. John and Kennebecasis Rivers, Saint John is the centre of adventure. The city is ideally located for incredible day excursions into the spectacular natural environment of the Bay of Fundy. Visit the communities of Grand Bay-Westfield, Rothesay, Quispamsis, and St. Martins, all within a short driving distance. If you make Saint John your base, you won't miss a thing!

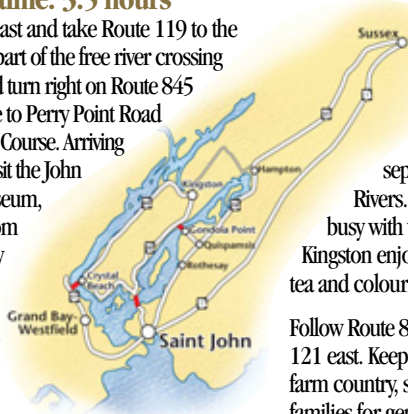
A Cross-Country Jaunt

Driving time: 3.5 hours

Jump on highway 1 east and take Route 119 to the Gondola Point Ferry, part of the free river crossing network. Traverse and turn right on Route 845 and consider an aside to Perry Point Road for its Ponderosie Golf Course. Arriving in Kingston you can visit the John Fisher Memorial Museum, Carter House Tea Room and popular Saturday Farmers' Markets. Continue on between Trinity Church and the Country Store.

beautiful water views on the left all the way to Belleisle Bay, turning left at the end of Route 850 and right shortly thereafter at Springfield. Continue through the rolling hills and farmland along Route 870 for picturesque scenery and turn right on Route 10 to Sussex.

Take time in Sussex to enjoy a colourful downtown murals tour, explore the shops and other quaint finds this town has to offer. Once on Route 1 west Saint John is only a short distance ahead.



Country Life as it Was

Driving Time: 4.5 hours

Route 7 to 177 north takes you to Grand Bay-Westfield, catching a cable ferry at Brundage Point River Centre to the Kingston Peninsula and Route 845. This rural landscape separates the St. John and Kennebecasis Rivers. Envision days past when the river was busy with wooden boats and log booms. In Kingston enjoy the historical church, an afternoon tea and colourful Saturday morning markets.

Follow Route 845 to Hampton and continue on Route 121 east. Keep a watch for covered bridges. This is farm country, some of which have been in the same families for generations. The town of Sussex is the dairy capitol of New Brunswick. Enjoy a local ice cream and admire the colourful murals while walking the fifties-style Main Street. In September take part in the awe-inspiring Atlantic International Balloon Fiesta.

Route 1 west is a quick way back to the city. You can enjoy the other riverside communities by taking exit 158 at Hampton and continuing along Route 100 west through Quispamsis and Rothesay. Take a short detour to Darling's Island for good bird watching.

St. Martins - The Bay of Fundy Shore

Driving time: 45 minutes to St. Martins

Explore the Fundy coast east of Saint John. Take Route 111, with a side trip on Route 825, to St. Martins. Visit this quaint village where the styles of architecture reflect the community's history, from simple country homes to the elegant mansions of early shipbuilders and sea captains. Drive through the covered bridges, explore the "echo caves" at low tide and enjoy fresh seafood at one of the seaside restaurants or inns. A visit to the Quaco museum is a must.

A surprise awaits you on the Fundy Trail. Stunning views of cliffs, beaches and tidal flats along the 11 km scenic drive are paralleled by hiking and biking trails with lookout and picnic spots along the way. Walk the suspension bridge or visit the Hearst Lodge. A multi-day wilderness hiking trail continues to Fundy National Park.

