

DAY TRIPS - SAINT JOHN AND BEYOND

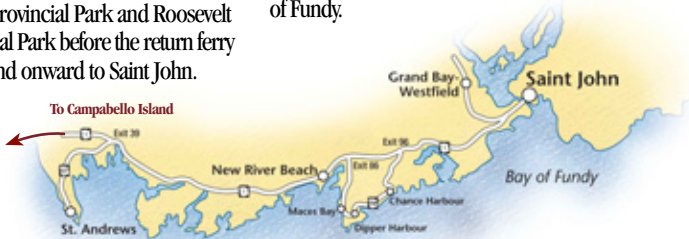
Small Island Life

Driving time: 3 hours to Campobello Island

Head out of the city for a taste of small island life on the Bay of Fundy. Follow Route 1 west along the coast to gorgeous St. George. Signage will lead you along Route 172 to the Deer Island ferry which is a free vehicle crossing, leaving on the half hour with a final departure for the mainland at 10 pm. Greens Point Lighthouse beyond the ferry road provides a lovely sea view and photo opportunities.

After the 20-minute crossing, explore the island through several communities and their small shops, restaurants and services. Reach Deer Island Point for the Campobello Island vehicle ferry - toll crossing from late June to mid-September, leaving Deer Island on the half hour with final departure from Campobello at 7 pm. Once on your way across to Campobello, watch for the Old Sow whirlpool off Deer Island point, the largest whirlpool in the western hemisphere.

Both Deer and Campobello islands have inseparable ties to the Bay of Fundy namely in the fishing industry. Take in Herring Cove Provincial Park and Roosevelt Campobello International Park before the return ferry trips to the mainland and onward to Saint John.



A Day by the Bay

Driving time: 1.5 hours to St. Andrews

Experience the sea air with a drive along the Fundy coast. From Route 1 west take Route 790 and follow the rugged coastline to Chance and Dipper Harbours and Maces Bay. Do some bird watching at the saltwater marsh nearby and don't miss Lepreau Falls before joining Route 1 again. Continuing westward, New River Beach and the Barnaby Head Trail will offer family fun for all ages - camping, sun-heated sand flats, sand sculpting and hiking in a mossy forest. In St. George see the waterfall and its fish ladder.

Visit St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, an historic resort town. A bit of old New England awaits as you delightedly explore the shops on Water Street. Visit the Huntsman Marine Science Centre and enjoy the "touch tank," or visit Kingsbrae Gardens where scents and colours embrace you. Brunch at the Fairmont Algonquin Hotel or enjoy their great golf course.

The Fundy tides are evident everywhere along the bay Beachcomb, but leave your findings behind as they are part of nature's lifecycles that abound in the Bay of Fundy.

Up the River Road

Driving time: 1.5 hours to Gagetown

The winding St. John River offers panoramic views as you drive along Routes 177 and 102 north of Saint John. Sailboats skimming along the water, quiet coves and shady campgrounds add to the beauty of the river. Take a walk on one of the many trails, pack a picnic to enjoy at the Brundage Point River Centre, and try a free ride on a cable ferry.

The Village of Gagetown is an artist's haven. Explore the studios of potters, painters, and weavers or visit the Queens County Museum. Here one can also see Osprey, Bald Eagles, Purple Martins and more.

The Queens County Fair, an old-time country fair, ends the summer as fall foliage brightens the drive back to the city.

