



Fortress of  
Louisbourg  
National Historic Site

# 2025 Visitor Guide



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# Welcome to the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

A bustling community once called Louisbourg home. Explore the remnants of a short but eventful period of history, including a reconstructed section of the French colonial town featuring costumed guides and richly furnished exhibits.

## Hours of Operation

### Shoulder Season

May 19 to June 30

September 13 to October 31

Open 7 days per week

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

### Peak Season

July 1 to September 12

Open 7 days per week

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Please note:** Only registered service animals are permitted within the reconstructed site. A permit is required for drone operation and photography.

It is important to note that the reconstructed 18th century buildings within the fortified town are not fully accessible. You will encounter some rough terrain, loose gravel and steep inclines. During times when the visitor centre is open, upon request, a bus is available that accommodates manual wheelchairs. We also can arrange for you to access the site in your personal vehicle via Entrance 2. Please feel free to speak with our staff about your options.





# Food Services and Boutique

**Menus**

*\*External link*

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## Benoist House

**May 19 to Oct 15**

**9:30 am to 4:30 pm**

A charming gift shop with locally made souvenirs, Fortress-inspired treasures, and Parks Canada items.

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## King's Bakery

**June 1st to Sept 28**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Experience the authentic taste of bread baked fresh daily in wood-fired ovens.

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## L'Épée Royale Café

**May 19 to Oct 18**

**10:00 am to 4:30 pm**

A selection of espresso drinks, a tempting array of French pastries and other light fare.

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## Storehouse Tavern

**June 27 to Sept 14**

**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Friday to Sunday**

A selection of local craft beers, ciders, and Nova Scotia wine, as well as a small selection of finger foods.

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## Hotel de la Marine

**June 1 to Oct 18**

**10:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.

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## Grandchamp Restaurant

**June 29 to Aug 30**

**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Sit-down restaurant with some family favourites as well as 18th century French cuisine.



Our restaurants, bakery, and boutiques are operated by

*Fortress Louisbourg*

**A S S O C I A T I O N**



# Shoulder Season



## Special Activities

**May 19 - June 30**

**September 13-October 31**

Purchase your tickets at the 'yellow house'! (De la Plagne)



..or enjoy a self-guided tour!

**Download the**



**Parks Canada  
App**



## Guided Tour

**\*Subject to availability, please inquire upon arrival.**

**45 minutes      \$5.75 per person**

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A walking tour through the streets of the reconstructed part of the fortified town.

## Motorized Guided Tour

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**45 minutes      \$12.00 per person**

**Limit of 7 participants**

Get the full story of Louisbourg – from its past to its present. A tour on wheels in an electric cart through the streets of the reconstructed town.

## Louisbrick Legacy

**Free**

**Any time of day**

Find the missing Louisbrick villagers hiding around the site!

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# Peak Season

## Free Daily Activities

July 1 - September 12

### Life of a Soldier

**Daily at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm**

**15 minutes      Guardhouse, Building 18**

Listen to their story and watch a musket firing

### Fun on the Quay!

**\*Children's Activity**

**Daily at 11:15 \*until August 31st**

**30 minutes      Quay near building 33**

Join a costumed interpreter for eighteenth century music, dance or games.

### Cannon Firing

**Daily at 11:45 am**

**15 minutes      At the King's Bastion**

Be amazed by the fifes, drums and cannon firing!

### Public Punishment

**Daily at 2:15 pm**

**15 minutes      From the Bastion to the Quay**

Follow the crowd to the iron collar.

### Mi'kmaw Program

**Daily at 1:30 pm**

**15- 30 minutes      De la Vallière, Building 24**

Discover Mi'kmaw culture and history.

### Military Drill

**Daily at 3:10pm**

**10 minutes      At the King's Bastion**

Watch a military demonstration with musket firing.

### Secure the Fortress

**Daily at 4:45pm**

**10 minutes      At the Quay, near building 6**

Finish your visit with a bang -- the last blast of the day!



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### Fire a Musket: Have a Ball

**Daily at 10:50 am and 1:50 pm**

**30 minutes \$42.75 per person**

**Limit of 2 participants, age 16+**

Sign up with the Compagnies Franches de la Marine and fire a real musket.

### Fire a Canon: Have a Blast

**Daily at 11:00 am**

**45 minutes \$68.75 per person**

**Limit of 1 participant, age 16+**

Become a cannoneer and fire a real canon.



### Secret Mission

**Daily, any time between 9:30 and 3:30**

**\$9.50 per group**

**Families with kids aged 7-12**

There's a spy within the walls of Louisbourg... Follow the clues to retrieve the stolen document before it's too late!

# Calendar of Events

# 2025



These events are celebrated annually at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site and included in your entry fee (where applicable).

June 21

**National Indigenous People's Day**

July 1

**Canada Day (\*free entry)**

July 13-20

**Historic Places Days**

August 1

**Emancipation Day**

August 15

**National Acadian Day**

August 16

**Race Through Time**

August 25

**Fête de Saint Louis**

September 30

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**See our website**

**for more  
Information**



# Upcoming Special Events

**Tickets**

*\*External link*

As these events are presented by our partners, some activities may only be available in English.

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## Parka Sleepover

**August 30, 2025**

**\*Fees apply**

Bring your own tent (or call us to rent one), and spend an evening under the stars. Kids can enjoy a scavenger hunt, a night-time dance party and marshmallow roasting around the camp-fire!



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## Fête du Chocolat

**September 20-21, 2025**

**Most activities included with site entry**

**\*Fees apply for enhanced programs**

Taste your way through delectable living history presentations at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site.



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## Sinister Soirée

**October 25, 2025**

**\*Fees apply**

This 19+ event includes a haunted walk, tarot card readings, live music, street performers, and more! Wear your best Halloween costume -- prizes for the best dressed!



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*Fortress Louisbourg*  
**ASSOCIATION**  
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# Wake up in the Past

## Overnight Accommodations

Our overnight accommodations are best described as ‘camping with a roof’. Visit our website or call us for more details!



### Lartigue House

Reservations can be made for overnight stays at the **Lartigue House** between **June 1st and October 17th, 2025**

**1 to 6 people      \$133.25 per night**

To book the Lartigue house or any other accommodations, call us at **(902) 919-8392**.

Peak Season

### The Guardhouse

Stand guard at your own private fortress for the night! Sleep in the Place d’Armes guardhouse, in the room that would have once been designated for the officer on-duty.

**1 to 2 people      \$100.00 per night**

### The Prison

Experience the fortress in a completely new way! Spend the night as a ‘voluntary inmate’ in the fortress prison, located just inside the King’s Bastion.

**1 to 6 people      \$100.00 per night**



See our website

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**Information**



For more information on accommodations or any of our programs and services, visit our website at:

**<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/ns/louisbourg>**

or contact us at **[louisbourg.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:louisbourg.info@pc.gc.ca)**



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# For Kids

## Activities at the Fortress

### Fun on the Quay!

Join a costumed interpreter for eighteenth century music, dance or games.

**Peak Season until Aug 31**

**Daily at 11:15 am**

**On the Quay near building 33**



Find the hidden  
**Children's Room**  
in the **King's Bastion!**  
**Building #21**



### Join Club Parka! **Ages 3-6**

Try fun activities on site, by asking our staff...

**Visitor Reception Centre or  
De la Plagne House (#23)**

...Or online by clicking below!



# SECRET MISSION



**Daily between 9:30 and 3:30**

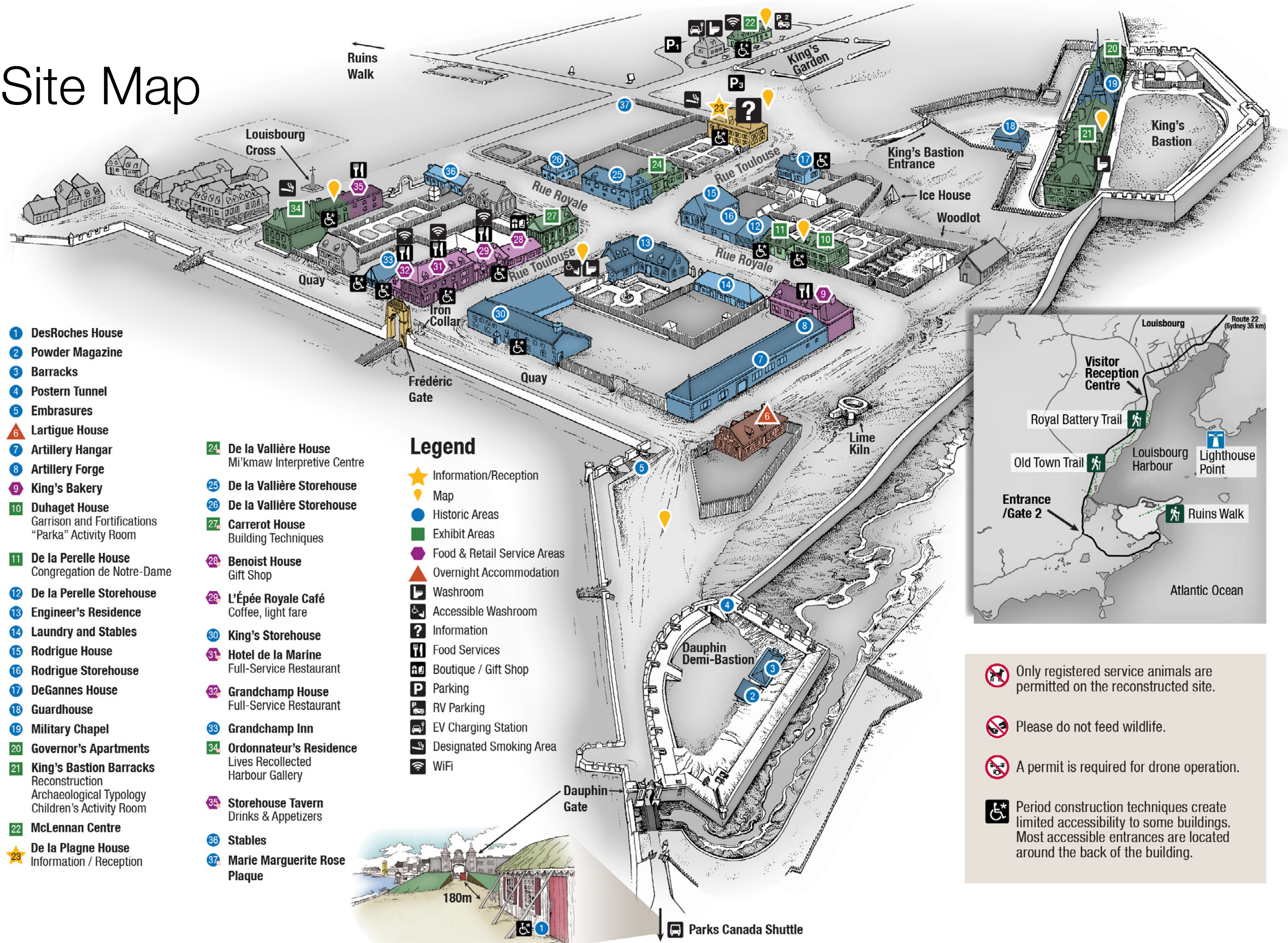
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**Ideal for families!**

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# Site Map



- 🚫 Only registered service animals are permitted on the reconstructed site.
- 🚫 Please do not feed wildlife.
- 🚫 A permit is required for drone operation.
- ♿ Period construction techniques create limited accessibility to some buildings. Most accessible entrances are located around the back of the building.