



Welcome Tour Operators

Searching for new destinations and experiences? Let us guide you in discovering what Parks Canada in Western Newfoundland and Labrador has to offer. Explore Gros Morne National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site, Port au Choix National Historic Site, L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site, Red Bay National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site and Torngat Mountains National Park as we assist you in creating memorable outings for your clients.

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How to Get Here

Newfoundland and Labrador is the easternmost province in Canada. Gros Morne National Park is located on the west coast of the island of Newfoundland, 40 km north of Deer Lake Regional Airport and 300km from ferry terminal in Port aux Basques. The island is accessible by scheduled airline services that connect with most major centres in North America and northern Europe. Car and bus access is via the Marine Atlantic ferry service from Nova Scotia.



2018 Season and Hours of Operation

Discovery Centre (Route 431)

May 18 to June 21 / Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

June 22 to September 3 / Daily 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

September 4 to October 8 / Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Visitor Centre (Route 430)

May 3 - June 21, Daily 9 am – 5 pm

June 22 to September 3 / Daily 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

September 4 to October 26 / Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse (Route 430)

May 18 to October 8 / Daily 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Broom Point (Route 430)

June 1 to September 16 / Daily 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Commercial Group Programs / Enhanced Programs

1. Walk Upon the Earth's Mantle: Tablelands

Explore the exceptional ecology and world-significant geology with a Parks Canada interpreter guiding you through a landscape described as a “geologist’s dream”! The Tablelands of Gros Morne is one of the few places where the Earth’s mantle is revealed. Pushed in place as continents collided almost half a billion years ago, its orange weathered rock is from the middle layer of the Earth. Shaped by glaciers less than 15,000 years ago, today few plants grow in the Tablelands’ toxic soils. This barren landscape is one of the best examples of the Earth’s mantle-exposed to you, the way few have seen it.



Location: Tablelands Trail, Route 431, near the Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Woody Point

Type of Tour: Guided walk with Parks Canada interpreter

Offered: June to September

Duration: Minimum 40 minutes - 2 hours

Activity Level: Low – moderate (walking on gentle trail with a packed but uneven surface) Walking distance 1 – 3km

Group Size: 15 - 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$15.60 per person (includes \$7.30 program fee¹ and \$8.30 commercial daily entrance fee per person). Pre-booking is required. Telephone 709.458.2417 or e-mail grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca

¹ All fees listed are in Canadian dollars and include applicable taxes. Fees are subject to change with a minimum of 18 months advance notice of new travel trade fees.



2. A Cup of Tea at Lobster Cove Head

Lobster Cove Head has always been a place of gathering, refuge and celebration – a uniting force between strangers and families alike. Enjoy a cup of tea and a warm biscuit with a Parks Canada guide. Listen to the stories and songs of the people who lived on this rugged and beautiful headland. Compliment the experience with a short guided walk around “the Head” and take in some of the most spectacular and picturesque views in Gros Morne National Park.



Location: Route 430 just north of the Parks Canada Visitor Centre and the community of Rocky Harbour.

Type of Tour: Guided with Parks Canada interpreter

Offered: June to September

Duration: Minimum 40 minutes – 1 hour

Activity Level: Low, walking distance 1-2km

Group size: 15 - 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$12.20 per person (includes \$3.90 program fee² and \$8.30 commercial daily entrance fee per person). Pre-booking is required. Telephone 709.458.2417 or e-mail grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca

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3. Stroll through Strata: Green Point

Walk through 15 million years of Earth history in less than one kilometer. Each layer of rock at Green Point is like a page in a book – unfolding pieces of the story of our planet. Formed at the bottom of an ancient ocean and pushed up through continental collision, the layers of shale at Green Point reveal fossils that are evidence of life from millions of years ago. A guided walk of this spectacular sequence of vertically layered rocks along the coast will reveal why Green Point is a world-famous reference point for geological time.



Location: Route 430, 500 m north of the Green Point campground, north of Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse and the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, Rocky Harbour

Type of Tour: Guided walk with Parks Canada interpreter

Offered: June to September

Duration: Minimum 40 minutes - 2 hours

Activity Level: Low, walking on loose rock and uneven surface, walking distance 1 km

Group Size: 15 -25

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$15.60 per person (includes \$7.30 program fee³ and \$8.30 commercial daily entrance fee per person)

Pre-booking is required for all commercial groups. Telephone 709.458.2417 or e-mail grosmorne.info@pc.gc.ca

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Facilities

Discovery Centre, Woody Point (Route 431) from this facility you can see most of the major scenic features of the national park: the Tablelands, Gros Morne Mountain, Bonne Bay, and the Lomond Peninsula. Landscaping around the facility showcases typical local wildflowers and shrubs, with a walkway entrance that leads visitors past boulders of some of the most important rock types in the park. Awaiting visitors inside are knowledgeable staff, an art gallery with new exhibits annually and an immersive new exhibit that showcases the story of Gros Morne's ancient landscape as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visitors are encouraged to watch "Holding Ground", the National Park film, on the big screen in the 116 seat theatre. You can also do some souvenir shopping at the Tuckamore gift shop, or relax with a coffee in the comfortable lounge area while soaking in the amazing views and catching up on correspondence by connecting to the free wireless internet service.



Visitor Centre, Rocky Harbour (Route 430) With an information desk, helpful staff, Tuckamore gift shop, backcountry registration service, a theatre to watch "Holding Ground" (the Gros Morne National Park film), and a relaxing area to connect to free wireless internet service, the Gros Morne Visitor Centre makes an informative gathering stop for your visit. In addition, exhibits showcase things to do and see along the great northern peninsula such as the Parks Canada National Historic Sites along the Viking Trail (route 430): Port au Choix, L'Anse aux Meadows and Red Bay in southern Labrador.





How to Get Here

This National Historic Site is located in the community of Port au Choix on the west coast of Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula, 230 km from the Trans-Canada Highway/community of Deer Lake via Route 430 the Viking Trail. Travelling north from Gros Morne National Park on Route 430 the Viking Trail provides many opportunities to pull over, take in the ocean smells and experience the hospitality of the rural communities along the Great Northern Peninsula. Venturing just 13 kilometers off the Viking Trail (Route 430) onto Route 428, approximately 110km north of Gros Morne National Park, will bring you to the community of Port au Choix



2018 Season and Hours of Operation

June 4 – September 14 / Daily 9 am – 5 pm



Commercial Group Program / Enhanced Program

1. Seal for All Seasons

For close to 3000 years seals from this bountiful coast have provided residents of the area with the necessities of life. Discover why Port au Choix and its rich marine resources were so important to the early Palaeoeskimo cultures and why seals remain part of the local culture today. In this enhanced program, you will observe ancient tools and diverse seal products as well as explore the different ways past and present cultures have used seals to sustain their livelihoods through the seasons.



Location: Visitor Reception Centre, Point Riche Road, Port au Choix

Type of Tour: Guided 'hands on' with Parks Canada Heritage Guide

Offered: July to August

Duration: 45 minutes

Activity Level: Low

Group Size: 15 – 40

Language: Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$8.95 per person (includes \$2.40 program fee⁴ and \$6.55 commercial daily entrance fee per person) Pre-booking is required. Telephone: 709.861.3522 / 709.458.2417 or e-mail pac-historic-site@pc.gc.ca

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Visitor Reception Centre exhibits original artifacts uncovered on site starting in the 1920s, a full-scale archaeological diorama of a Dorset house, site film, and gift shop. Visiting the 4,000 year old Maritime Archaic Burial Ground in the town of Port au Choix complements the cultural experiences in this area.

Daily commercial entrance fee⁵ per person is \$6.55



Hiking

Walk in the footsteps of the ancient cultures that first inhabited this spectacular landscape (ideal for the soft adventure visitor):

1. The Dorset trail explores the unique geology and rare botany of the limestone barrens.
2. Follow the coast across an ancient limestone sea bed on the Philips's Garden Trail.
3. Visit the Point Riche lighthouse, scour the rocks for fossils, and search for caribou, seals, seabirds, and whales along the Point Riche trail.
4. Search for the series of sculptures that celebrate the Aboriginal heritage of this remarkable place.

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How to Get Here

This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on the tip of the Northern Peninsula, 433 km north of Deer Lake and 323 km north of Gros Morne National Park along the Viking Trail (Route 430). 20 km before St. Anthony, turn onto Route 436 and drive for 30 km to L'Anse aux Meadows. This National Historic Site is just 73 kilometre north of the St. Anthony airport.



2018 Season and Hours of Operation

May 29 – June 10 / Daily 9 am – 5 pm

June 11 – September 20 / Daily 9 am – 6 pm

September 21 – October 6 / Daily 9 am – 5 pm



Commercial Group Program / Enhanced Program

1. Sagas and Shadows Canada Signature Experience

Raise your glass with a Viking for an evening of heroic and tragic tales from the Viking Sagas at the only authenticated Norse site in North America. Let the kitchen fire warm you as our Viking interpreters lead you on an expedition of adventure and exploration through storytelling. You will be immersed in Norse culture and given a small taste of Vinland through story and song.



Location: Reconstructed Sod Building, L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site

Type of Event: Storytelling from the Norse Sagas

Duration: 1 - 1.5 hours

Available: July to August, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 7:30 pm

Activity Level: Low, walking distance 0.25 km

Group size: Maximum 30

Language: English

Cost: \$32.05 per person (includes \$22.00 program fee⁶ and \$10.05 commercial daily entrance fee per person)

Pre-booking is required. Telephone: 709-623-2608 / 709-458-2417 or E-mail:
viking.lam@pc.gc.ca

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Meeting of the Two Worlds Tour

Following the coast around the North Atlantic, around 1000 years ago, a Norse expedition from Greenland under the leadership of Leif Eiriksson landed on Newfoundland's Great Northern Peninsula. There they set up a sturdy encampment of turf-walled buildings and over the next decade or two travelled to this region they called Vinland.

The remains of three halls and five smaller buildings where the Vikings lived and worked have been carefully preserved as they were when discovered by the Ingstads. Take a guided tour of the archaeological site which departs from the Visitor Reception Centre regularly throughout the day or take a self-guided tour using a map of the site.



Location: L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site archaeological site

Type of Tour: Guided with Parks Canada staff or self-guided with a map

Duration: 45 minutes

Activity Level: Low - boardwalk trail 2 km at a gentle pace

Group Size: Maximum 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$10.05 commercial daily entrance fee⁷ per person

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The Viking Encampment

Curious about how the Vikings lived and worked? Visit with merchant-adventurer Bjorn, his wife Thora, the blacksmith Ragnar or other members of the crew and hear tales of trade, Norse society and how to turn bog iron into a nail. Check out their weaponry, tools, cooking utensils and reproductions of many artifacts representing everyday living.



Location: L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site archaeological site

Type of Tour: Outdoors on site with costumed interpreters

Duration: You are welcome to stay as long as you want

Activity Level: Low – boardwalk trail to sod huts 2km from Visitor Reception Centre. Access road is available for persons with disabilities 0.5km to sod huts.

Group Size: Maximum 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$10.05 commercial daily entrance fee⁸ per person

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A Real Life Saga – Visitor Reception Centre

The stories of Vikings sailing west from Greenland to a place they called Vinland have been preserved in The Greenlanders' Saga and The Saga of Erik the Red. Spend some time at the Visitor Reception Centre and trace the journey of the Norse across the North Atlantic with our maps. Immerse yourself in the Old Norse literature as you listen to the translated sagas. Picture what the site looked like 1000 years ago by viewing a scale model meticulously created based on the archaeologists' research and view the original artifacts uncovered during many years of archaeological digs.



Location: Visitor Reception Centre, L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site

Type of Tour: Self-guided indoor

Duration: 30 – 45 minutes

Activity Level: Low

Group Size: Maximum 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages

Cost: \$10.05 commercial daily entrance fee⁹ per person

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How to Get Here

Red Bay is situated in the Labrador Straits region of Labrador - a part of the Canadian province of Newfoundland & Labrador. The Strait of Belle Isle separates the two parts of the province.



Map of the Red Bay area, Parks Canada ©Parks Canada

Road Travel

The Labrador Straits is accessible by road for about eight months of the year. Upon arrival in Newfoundland, drive north on the Trans-Canada Highway and follow the Viking Trail (Route 430) to St. Barbe. Your trip along the Viking Trail leads through Gros Morne National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site and Port au Choix National Historic Site. At the northern end of the Viking Trail you'll find L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site. The next stage of your trip takes you across the Strait of Belle Isle from the Island of Newfoundland to the coast of Quebec and Labrador. The Strait of Belle Isle ferry - called the Apollo - offers drive-on/drive-off service, and operates between May and early January.

Air Travel

The airport in nearby Blanc Sablon, Quebec serves the Labrador Straits region. Regional airlines provide air links between Blanc Sablon and major centres in Newfoundland and Quebec.

2018 Season and Hours of Operation

June 4 – June 12 / Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

June 13 – September 19 / Daily 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

September 20 – October 4 / Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Commercial Group Programs / Enhanced Programs

1. Digging Through Time

Archaeology has been a passion at Red Bay for almost 40 years! It began in the late 1970s when the research of historian Dr. Selma Barkham uncovered a forgotten chapter of Canada's history and led to the discovery of the archaeological remains of a large 16th-century whaling station at Red Bay. Underwater archaeology began here in 1978 and revealed the well-preserved remains of four 16th-century whaling ships and several smaller whaling crafts in the harbour – one of the most significant marine archaeological finds in North America. During the years of archaeological research at Red Bay many local residents worked as assistants on the project. Here's your chance to explore the archaeological sites on Saddle Island with one of these local experts. Hear first-hand experiences of finding some of Red Bay's precious artifacts as you see where whale oil was processed, learn how the whalers lived and experience the serenity of the whalers' cemetery.



Location: Meeting point Red Bay National Historic Site Interpretation Centre dock

Type of Tour: Guided walk with Parks Canada staff including shuttle boat to Saddle Island

Offered: mid-June to mid-September

Duration: 1½ - 2 hours

Activity Level: Low; walking distance 1-2 km; shuttle boat from the Red Bay National Historic Site Interpretation Centre to Saddle Island; shuttle boat has 12 passenger capacity; transfer time of 10 minutes each way; Saddle Island dock and trail are not wheelchair accessible.

Group size: Maximum 12

Language: English

Cost: \$13.45 per person (includes \$6.90 program fee¹⁰, boat transport to Saddle Island and \$6.55 commercial daily entrance fee). Pre-booking is required. Telephone 709.920.2142 / 709.458.2417 or E-mail redbay.info@pc.gc.ca

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2. *Red Bay's Weird and Wonderful*

Join us as we reveal the stories behind some of our one-of-a-kind objects – bizarre and beautiful items related to Basque life and work at Red Bay. Our interpreters have chosen the most special artifacts from our collection, including a ship's binnacle - the box that once housed delicate navigational instruments on the ship's deck. It is the earliest, most complete surviving example of a binnacle in the world. You'll also see the bones from the Norwegian black rat that once lived aboard the whaling ship *San Juan*, as well as a leg bone from the now-extinct great auk. You will also learn how a very delicate glass (possibly Catalan) was recovered from a pond and painstakingly restored by conservators at Red Bay.



Location: Red Bay National Historic Site Visitor Interpretation Centre

Type of Tour: Indoor guided tour with Parks Canada Interpreter

Offered: June to September

Duration: 45 minutes - 1 hour

Activity Level: Low

Group Size: Maximum 15

Language(s): Available in both official languages

Cost: \$11.45 per person (includes \$4.90 program fee¹¹ and \$6.55 commercial daily entrance fee per person). Pre-booking is required. Telephone 709.920.2142 / 709.458.2417 or E-mail redbay.info@pc.gc.ca

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Lighting the Lamps of Europe!

For about 70 years whale oil produced at Red Bay lit lamps throughout 16th-century Europe. Each spring whalers from the Basque region of Spain and France made the perilous journey across the Atlantic Ocean to this and a dozen other ports along the Strait of Belle Isle to secure the precious liquid. Years of archival and archaeological research are documented at Red Bay National Historic Site to tell the story of this incredible period of Canada's history. Learn how whales were hunted and oil was processed through interpretive presentations, video programs, displays and an incredible collection of original artifacts.



Location: Red Bay National Historic Site Visitor Reception Centre

Type of Tour: Introduction by Parks Canada heritage guide or self-guided tour of interpretive exhibits

Duration: 1 – 1½ hours

Activity Level: Low – indoor tour

Group Size: Maximum 50

Language(s): Available in both official languages: English and French

Cost: \$6.55 commercial daily entrance fee¹² per person

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Torngat Mountains National Park

How to Get Here

The Torngat Mountains are the backbone of Newfoundland and Labrador's northernmost tip. There are no roads, but in summer, scheduled charters leave Happy Valley-Goose Bay for the 600-kilometre (372-mile) flight to Saglek airstrip at the park's southern border. From there it's a short boat trip to Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station which is open late-July to late-August.

Telephone: 709-922-1290 EN 709-458-2417 FR, Toll-free: 1-888-922-1290

Email: torngats.info@pc.gc.ca





NEW Parks Canada Western Newfoundland and Labrador Commercial Entry Pass¹³

FIVE day commercial entry pass for:

- ✓ Gros Morne National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Port au Choix National Historic Site
- ✓ L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Red Bay National Historic Site UNESCO World Heritage Site

Cost: \$33.00 per person¹⁴ a savings of \$6.75 for your clients!

The Parks Canada Guarantee

Parks Canada guarantees excellent value, quality services, & fair prices - a service quality standard we've empowered front-line staff to implement. It's one more example of our commitment to providing you & your clients with the utmost in quality, service & efficiency.



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Contact and Help with Itinerary Planning

Ready to assist you with itinerary planning or to answer general questions about Parks Canada services in Western Newfoundland and Labrador.

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