



Prince Edward Island  
National Park

# Visitor Guide



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# You're here! Welcome.



## Welcome to Prince Edward Island National Park

This stunning coastal region is rich with culture and heritage, flora and fauna, and home to colourful sunsets, salty air, and welcoming people. As proud stewards, we ask you to observe mindfully when visiting, tread lightly, and admire the “wild” from a distance. We all have a role in caring for the land that protects and nurtures us. We invite you to explore all that PEI National Park has to offer, to breathe deeply, make memories, and forge your own connection with this island cradled in the waves.

**Géraldine Arsenault**

*Field Unit Superintendent - Parks Canada PEI*

## Kwe' – Hello,

We are delighted to welcome you to Prince Edward Island National Park, a cherished part of Epekwitk (PEI), the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. For over 12,000 years, this land has been a source of life and connection for our people. Its beaches and rolling landscapes carry stories of resilience and harmony with the natural world.

In partnership with Parks Canada, we work to protect these lands and waters. May your visit to this special part of Epekwitk leave you with a sense of wonder. Wela'liog – Thank you all.

**Chief Darlene Bernard**

*Lennox Island First Nation*

*Co-chair, Epekwitk Assembly of Councils*

**Chief Junior Gould**

*Abegweit First Nation*

*Co-chair, Epekwitk Assembly of Councils*

# Beach Safety

## Super Safety Tips for ALL Swimmers

The beach is one of the most beautiful and fun places to spend time, but it's important to **respect the strength and power of the ocean at all times.**

- Never swim alone.
- Parents, always keep your children at arm's length when in the water.
- Choose a supervised beach.
- Observe surf conditions and follow surfguard advice.
- If waves are present, remember that rip currents are possible.
- **NO POOL FLOATIES. EVER.** Inflatable donuts, loungers, and other recreational floatation toys do not belong in the ocean.



Swim  
between  
the flags.



Calm  
Surf



Jellyfish  
Present



Moderate Surf/  
Rip currents  
present



Dangerous  
Surf/  
No swimming



Strong  
Offshore  
Winds

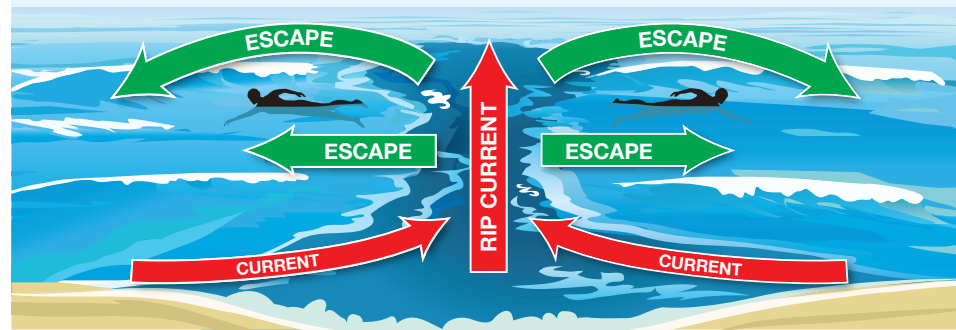


## Rip Currents

Powerful and fast, rip currents form quickly and can easily overwhelm even the strongest swimmers. They are particularly dangerous since they exist in areas that appear calmer with fewer waves, giving a false impression of safety.

### If you find yourself being pulled from shore:

- Do your best to stay calm.
- Attract attention. Wave, shout, or whistle, if you can.
- Conserve energy. You can tread water or float on your back. Waves can assist you back to shore.
- Resist the urge to swim directly toward the shore. Instead, swim parallel to it.



# Make your Park Promise

Rooted in Indigenous teachings, the “Park Promise” is a poem written by Julie Pellissier-Lush, a Mi'kmaw Knowledge Keeper from Lennox Island First Nation. Aiming to raise awareness of the need for mindfulness about our impacts on the Earth, it asks YOU to consider how you can make the world a better place.

**“I promise from my heart in each direction that I know  
That I will always look after you each day that I grow...”**

Read the poem online, listen to it put to music, and consider your footprint as you explore PEI National Park.

**What do YOU promise?**

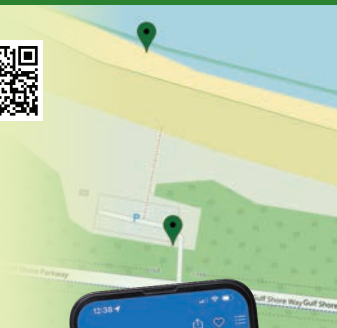


## Tools for the BEST visit EVER

### 1 Visit **PEINow**

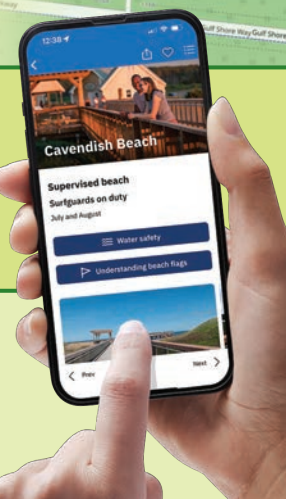
[parks.canada.ca/peinow](https://parks.canada.ca/peinow)

- Updates on parking availability (crucial on a hot, busy summer day)
- Surf conditions (*note: available in July/August*)
- Temporary beach closures
- Other important information to keep you in the know



### 2 Download the **Parks Canada App** and search up “Prince Edward Island National Park”.

Look for our **digital park map** to guide you to our sites and services.

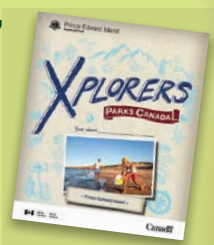


### 3 Visit [parks.canada.ca/pei](https://parks.canada.ca/pei) to find:

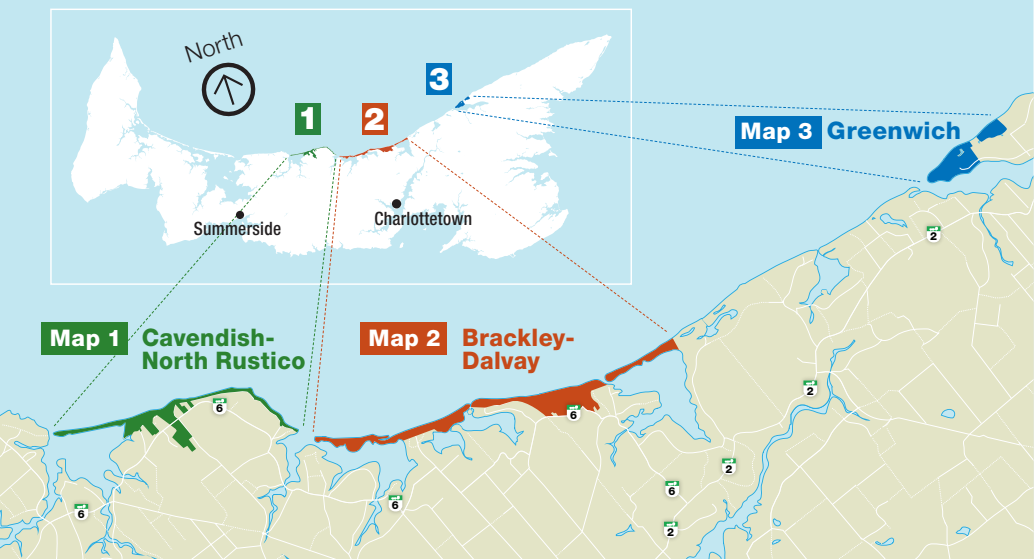
- News about PEI National Park places and spaces
- Learn about park services, accommodations, and local species at risk.



**4** Ask for the popular **Xplorers' activity booklets** for kids 5-12 at the closest info-hub. Grab yours at: Cavendish Campground Kiosk; Stanhope Campground Kiosk; Greenwich Interpretation Centre.







## Pets in the Park

We love all animals, but if you plan to bring your pet to the park, there are some guidelines.

**Please bring a leash, clean up after your pet** and take note of where pets are permitted and when.

**No pets are allowed on the beaches from April to October.**

Leashed Pets	Apr. – Oct.	Nov. – Mar.
Park Trails	✓	✓
Cavendish Grove	✓	✓
Campgrounds	✓	n/a
Buildings	✗	✗
Beaches	✗	✓



**For their safety, do not** leave pets in vehicles in parking lots.

Red Fox



**Keep the “wild” in wildlife – don’t approach or feed the park’s animals.**

Feeding wildlife is illegal and fines are significant.

## No Drone Zone!

PEI National Park is a **“no fly” zone** for drones. Special permits are required for all drone use. Regardless of the drone size, it can threaten wildlife and disturb visitors. Don’t risk a fine. Leave it home.



**Stay out of all dune areas and respect areas of closure.**



For more information about

## Species at Risk in PEI National Park

and to find out where you may spot one, please visit our website [parks.canada.ca/pei-sar](https://parks.canada.ca/pei-sar).



Piping Plover



# Cavendish - North Rustico

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## 1 Cavendish Campground



Unserviced, 2 & 3-way sites, oTENTik, and Bunkies available. Playground, kitchen shelters, beach access, family programming and wifi hotspot.

## 2 Cavendish Beach



Washrooms, canteen, surfguard service, and accessibility features. Trailheads for the Cavendish Dunelands & Cavendish Beach Trails.

## 3 Oceanview



Parking, picnic area and access to the Cavendish Dunelands & Gulf Shore Way West trails.

## 4 Cavendish Grove



Picnic area, parking and connections to Cavendish Beach Trail & Clarks Lane.

## 5 Green Gables Golf Club



Privately operated 18-hole golf course. Dining services available.

[greengables.com](http://greengables.com)

## 6 Green Gables Heritage Place



Original farmhouse that inspired the setting of *Anne of Green Gables*, welcome centre, trails, and more. Gift shop & snack bar available May - October.

[parks.canada.ca/greengables](http://parks.canada.ca/greengables)



## 7 MacNeills Brook Beach



Smaller beach with lookout and parking.

## 8 Mackenzies Brook



Lookout with views of the coastline.

## 9 Cape Turner



Picnic area with washrooms and beautiful views.

## 10 North Rustico Beach



Washrooms and parking areas.

## Cavendish - North Rustico Trails

### ● Homestead - MacNeill Loop

#### 10km Stacked loop

Packed gravel; gently rolling with few short, steep sections, some exposed roots. Passes through forest and farmland along the shores of New London Bay.

### ● Homestead - Simpson Loop

#### 6km Stacked loop

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections, some exposed roots. Passes through forest and farmland along the shores of New London Bay.

### ● Clarks Lane

#### 1.2km One-way, linear

Asphalt and packed gravel; flat with a short, steep section. Note: Crosswalk at Grahams Lane. Passes along fields and forest edges.

### ● Cavendish Dunelands

#### 2.4km One-way, linear

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Stunning views of sand dunes and a floating boardwalk over a freshwater pond.

### ● Cavendish Beach

#### 1.1 km One-way, linear

Asphalt and packed gravel; flat with a short steep section and gently rolling sections. Passes through a sugar maple stand on the way to Cavendish Beach.

### ● Gulf Shore Way West

#### 8.5km One-way, Linear

Asphalt; gently rolling with few short, steep sections. Note: Loose gravel may be present on pavement. Skirts the sandstone cliffs and showcases views of the Gulf of St Lawrence.

## Legend

Campground	Wheelchair Access	Interpretation Centre	Golf	Accommodations	Lighthouse
Picnic Area	Exhibit	Information	Tennis	Hiking/Biking Trail	EV Charging Station
Unsupervised Beach	Washrooms	Canteen	Gift Shop	Walking Trail	Coastie Station
Supervised Beach	Parking	Dining	Bike Rentals	Interpretation Area	Unpaved Road
Lookout/Birdwatching	Red Chair	Kitchen Shelter	Playground	Showers	Paved Road
					Highway

# Brackley - Dalway 2



## 11 Brackley Beach



Washrooms, parking area, surfguard service and accessibility features. Trailhead for Gulf Shore Way East and Robinsons Island Trail System (RITS).

## 12 Covehead Lighthouse



Popular lookout with beach access.

## 13 Stanhope Cape Beach



Composting toilets, kitchen shelter and parking.

## 14 Ross Lane Beach



Composting toilets and parking.

## 15 Stanhope Campground



Unserviced, 2 & 3 way sites, oTENTiK and Bunkies available. Kitchen shelters, washrooms, playground, family programming and wifi hotspot.

## 16 Stanhope Beach



Washrooms, playground, picnic area, kitchen shelter, parking, accessibility features, and surfguard service.

## 17 Dalway Beach



Beach with lookout.

## 18 Dalway-by-the-Sea National Historic Site



Beautiful heritage property converted to privately-operated hotel with cottages. Restaurant open to the public. Visitors may visit Lobby, but other areas for hotel guests only. [parks.canada.ca/dalway](https://parks.canada.ca/dalway)



## Brackley - Dalway Trails

### ● R.I.T.S. (Robinsons Island Trail System)

#### 8.5km Stacked loop

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Exposed roots. Optional technical features & tight/blind turns (beginning mountain bikers). Passes through forest, fields and along coastal areas.

### ● Farmlands

#### 2.8km Loop

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Exposed roots. Passes along old fields, mixed woodlots and the site of a former archaeology dig.

### ● Bubbling Springs

#### 2.5km Loop

Grass and packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Exposed roots. Wooded trail with lookouts along Long Pond.

### ● Gulf Shore Way East

#### 12.2km One-way, Linear

Asphalt; Flat. Note: Gravel or sand may be present on pavement. Passes by salt marshes and features views of sand dunes and forest areas.

## Legend



Campground



Wheelchair Access



Interpretation Centre



Golf



Accommodations



Lighthouse



Picnic Area



Exhibit



Information



Tennis



Hiking/Biking Trail



EV Charging Station



Unsupervised Beach



Washrooms



Canteen



Gift Shop



Walking Trail



Coastie Station



Supervised Beach



Parking



Dining



Bike Rentals



Interpretation Area



Unpaved Road



Lookout/Birdwatching



Red Chair



Kitchen Shelter



Playground



Showers



Paved Road



Highway



### 19 Greenwich Interpretation Centre



Washrooms, parking, visitor information, interactive displays, exhibits, and accessibility features.

### 20 Greenwich Beach



Parking, picnic area, kitchen shelter, composting toilets and surfguard service.

### 21 Greenwich Trail Access



Parking, trailhead, composting toilet at the entrance only.

## Greenwich Trails

### ● Greenwich Dunes

4.6km Return, Linear

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Some stairs and steep sections over dune. Tensar matting can be slippery. *Travel over fields, through a forest stand and over a floating boardwalk at Bowley Pond to the parabolic dune system.*

### ● Tlaqatik

4.7km Return.

Loop is 2.4km.

Packed gravel; flat with gently rolling sections. Beach access down slight bank, tight/blind turns. *Trail along the edges of St. Peters Bay.*

### ● Havre Saint Pierre

1.1km Loop

Grass; flat with gentle slope. *Views of beautiful St. Peters Bay.*



# Spotlight on Accessibility

PEI National Park welcomes visitors with all levels of mobility, and we are pleased to provide some enhanced accessibility options for our guests who need them.

	Cavendish Beach	Brackley Beach	Stanhope Beach
Supervised Swimming (July/Aug)	✓	✓	✓
Designated Parking	✓	✓	✓
Beach Access Ramp	✓	✓	✓
Mobility Mats	✓	✓	✓
Beach Wheelchairs (By Reservation)	✓	✓	✓
Buoyant Beach Wheelchair (By Reservation)	✓	✓	✓
Accessible Washrooms	✓	✓	✓
	Cavendish	Brackley	Greenwich
Trail Riders (By Reservation)	✓	✓	✓



**To reserve a beach wheelchairs, buoyant beach wheelchairs or trail riders.**

Contact us at least 48 hours in advance at **902-566-7050** or **[pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca](mailto:pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca)**.

*(Note: Email and phone are monitored Mon-Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm.)*

## Easy Access Trails and Outlook

Gulf Shore Way East (see Brackley-Dalvay Map) and Gulf Shore Way West (see Cavendish-North Rustico Map) trails are paved, offering smooth, even surfaces. Oceanview offers spectacular panoramic views at the lookout accessed via a wide boardwalk.

More info about trails:

**[parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking](https://parks.canada.ca/pei-hiking)**



# Quick Reference Guide



## Need a campsite?

1-877-737-3783  
[parks.canada.ca/pei-camping](https://parks.canada.ca/pei-camping)



## Want to reserve a beach wheelchair or trail rider?

902-566-7050  
[pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca](mailto:pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca)  
(Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm)



## Looking for the activity schedule?

[parks.canada.ca/pei-activities](https://parks.canada.ca/pei-activities)



## Want to check surf conditions or parking?

[parks.canada.ca/peinow](https://parks.canada.ca/peinow)



## Got some feedback or a suggestion?



## Want to download the Parks Canada app?



**Epekwitk (PEI)** is unceded Mi'kmaw territory, covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship, and Parks Canada is committed to working toward meaningful reconciliation with the Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq (Mi'kmaq of PEI).

## Contact Information

### Mailing Address

2 Palmers Lane  
Charlottetown PE C1A 5V8

### Campground Reservations

[reservation.pc.gc.ca](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca)  
1-877-RESERVE  
(1-877-737-3783)  
TTY: 1-866-787-6221

### General Information

1-888-773-8888  
[pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca](mailto:pnipe-peinp@pc.gc.ca)  
[parks.canada.ca/pei](https://parks.canada.ca/pei)  
Facebook: @PEINationalPark

### Emergency Services

Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911  
Parks Canada  
Emergency Dispatch:  
(wildlife/forest fire/safety)  
1-877-852-3100  
Police – TTY: 902-566-7155