



Fredericton

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Discover Fredericton

a vibrant riverside city, rich in heritage and culture.

Explore ... a beautiful city where the Wolastoq (Saint John River) winds from as far as you can see. Colorful spectacles like the Changing of the Guard and Highland Games Festival.

Breathe ... Nature's all around us with miles of green spaces and places (Fredericton ranked 8th in the world for clean air" (2011 World Health Organization).

Listen ... to the live music around every corner, and every autumn as thousands gather for the famous Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival.

Appreciate ... the world class art in one of Canada's best art museums- The Beaverbrook Art Gallery along with many other special galleries.

Touch ... get your hands dirty with a hands-on workshop. Adventures at NB College of Craft & design offers a collection of courses in a variety of mediums from top-notch instructors.

Taste ... more craft beer and cider than you can drink, local delicacies like fiddleheads, fresh seafood, cafes and restos serving up global cuisine.

Enjoy ... the warm maritime hospitality and welcoming nature of New Brunswick.



Canada's Most Storied River The Wolastoq (Saint John River)

The Saint John River's 400km of inspiration has been traveled widely for thousands of years, first as part of the Maliseet Trail, then by Samuel de Champlain in 1604 and the first European explorers, and later as the Grand Communication Route to Upper Canada.

- Back in 1860 the Prince of Wales, son of Queen Victoria and a teenager at the time, visited Government House. When his handlers came to get him from his room they saw he was gone. As it turned out the Prince, who had been looking out his window onto the River, saw a man (Gabriel Acquin) in a canoe. The Prince had never seen a birch bark canoe before and was intrigued, shimmied down the outside wall and hailed to Gabe, asking for a ride. This ride formed a friendship between the two gentlemen whereby Gabe (founder of the St. Mary's First Nation) was invited to England many times.
- During the War of 1812 the River played a central role as 500 men of the 104th Foot Regiment made an epic winter march up the frozen Saint John River in 1813 to defend the emerging nation. The men completed a march of more than 1176 km in 53 days, arriving in Kingston, Ontario on April 13, 1813. They endured storms, frostbite and hunger braving temperatures as low as -32C. The Regiment went on to fight in several key battles, suffering heavy casualties. The march, and the extraordinary fortitude of the men, stands as an incredible feat in military history.



The Saint John River's iconic delicacy, the fiddlehead is a seasonal culinary delicacy harvested along the banks of the Saint John River and its many tributaries each year after the spring freshet. Harvested for 100's of years by the Maliseet people of the Saint John River Valley, this edible fern top, best served with butter or vinegar, has become synonymous with local culinary traditions.



Heritage

- Birth Place of the Canadian Army- Set behind a wrought iron and stone fence, the **Historic Garrison District** recalls the drama, glory and often harsh reality of our military past. In 1784 Fredericton became the headquarters of the British military. This area remained a British Garrison until Canadian Confederation in 1867 when the responsibility of the defence was turned over to the new Canadian government. Soon after, the District took part in the birth of the Canadian army when the Infantry School Corps was established in 1883. In celebration of this history, Fredericton Tourism operates Changing of the Guard Ceremonies daily in summer.
- Fredericton is blessed with some of the finest heritage architecture in Canada and much of it has been carefully preserved throughout the downtown retaining much of its distinctly Loyalist character. Visitors can tour several **National Historic Sites** to hear the stories and see the more than two centuries of vibrant styles of architecture found within the downtown's Heritage Preservation Area.
- Nestled in a majestic setting in the Saint John River valley, **Kings Landing** is a living history museum representing life in the central Saint John River Valley throughout the 19th century. This outdoor museum tells the story of the transition from the Loyalists to the late Victorians in the time period 1780s to 1910. Witness the bustle of farm life, and learn first-hand how ordinary people lived and worked in the 19th century. There are over 70 historic buildings and 100+costumed staff trained to provide visitors with an authentic visit to New Brunswick in the 1800s.

Music

Fredericton is known for supporting live music and its creative scene. The density of incredible music talent, and live music venues is evident in the number of music festivals.

Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival is Atlantic Canada's Premier International Music Festival Experience held each September. It's among the most prestigious blues festivals in North America, recognized internationally for presenting top world-class acts, often local bands opening for them. Over the years artists like Robert Plant, Jason Isbell, Lucinda Williams, Nathaniel Rateliff, Buddy Guy, Keb Mo, The Derek Trucks-Susan Tedeschi band have performed at the festival in intimate up close & personal settings.

Art

- Just about every downtown block there's a gallery or piece of public art. One of Canada's best art museums is the **Beaverbrook Art Gallery**, probably best known for its Salvador Dalí masterpiece - Santiago El Grande, the second-largest canvas he ever painted (an immense 13½ × 10 feet, 4.1m x 3m). Other unique works from international artists include Turner and Boticelli, Thomas Gainsborough, John Constable, Lucian Freud, J.M.W. Turner, Joshua Reynolds, and Graham Sutherland. The Gallery also features an important collection of paintings by Cornelius Krieghoff and the outstanding Lucille Pillow Collection of English porcelain.
- Fredericton was honoured, in 1947 by the Government of Canada, as the **Poet's Corner of Canada**, in recognition of three poets from the city's past: Bliss Carmen, Charles G.D. Roberts, and Francis Sherman.
- Fredericton is one of Canada's great centres for hand crafted artisan products. Boasting more artisans per capita than virtually any place in the country, making things by hand is a living tradition here. The renowned **New Brunswick College of Craft & Design** graduates 100 plus artists each spring is the only college of its kind in Canada that focuses entirely on fine craft and design.

Craft Beer (and other libations)

Fredericton ranks amongst the most taprooms per capita in Canada, with one taproom per 5,400 people. The 25 and counting craft alcohol producers in the Capital Region, ranging from new startups to award-winning breweries, all have their own unique spin on traditional style ales and inventive brews. **The Fredericton Taproom Trail** makes it easy to discover new favourites with a passport-style map with the locations of all 11 taprooms, that you get stamped with a pint or flight purchase and stamps lead to exclusive #FredTapTrail merch.

The Lunar Rogue Pub, or the Rogue, as the locals call it, offers 700 of the planet's top whiskeys. It's no wonder it was named to the prestigious list of a 'Great Whiskey Bar of the World' by Whiskey Magazine, one of only a handful of bars around the Globe to earn this impressive title. They even have an app- The Rogue's Whisky App! It's no surprise that co-owner and publican Frank Scott is such a whiskey enthusiast. Scott is also the founder of Canada's oldest and most prestigious whiskey festival – **the NB Spirits Festival** held each November in Fredericton.





Fredericton – Forest City. You'll find more trees in Fredericton than virtually any city in Canada. With a forest canopy covering 60% of the entire municipality, Fredericton's commitment to trees spans hundreds of years. The jewel of Fredericton's forested park lands is the 'never been cut' forest of **Odell Park**, 432 acres with trees that are more than 400 years old.

Fredericton boasts one of Canada's finest networks with **over 120 kms of trails much of it along the beautiful Wolastoq and Nashwaak Rivers**. The trail system is ideal for walkers, runners and bikers, with a connection to the greater Trans Canada Trail. Many of the trails follow old railway lines, including the Old Train Bridge that spans 0.6km across the Saint John River, providing one of the most spectacular views of downtown Fredericton!



Fredericton Loves Markets!

From the festive atmosphere of the **Garrison Night Market**, the tradition of Saturday mornings at the **Fredericton Boyce Farmers' Market** (celebrating 70 years in 2021!), to the smorgasbord of ethnic cuisine at the **Cultural Market**, Frederictonians love markets!

Now there are even more markets to shop for handmade and homegrown! The **ECO market** is a new summer market that promotes sustainable living, the **Northside Creators Market** has a new, larger location and there's a new grab & go **Food Market at the Ex**. There's also a new **virtual market**– www.theMarketBasket.ca, an on-line hub to find locally-produced, handmade and globally-oriented products in Fredericton.



DID YOU KNOW

Fredericton was named "Frederickstown" by Governor Thomas Carleton, after Prince Frederick, Duke of York, Bishop of Osnaburg, second son of King George III, on February 22, 1785. The name was quickly shortened to Fredericton.

A FEW FAMOUS FREDERICTONIANS...

- ★ Measha Bruggergosman, world famous opera singer, born Measha Gosman
- ★ Matt Stairs, a ball-player that made it to the big leagues - hitting home runs for 13 different teams
- ★ Willy O'Ree, the first black player in the NHL
- ★ Jake Allen, 2019 Stanley Cup winner (St Louis Blues)
- ★ Holly Cole, jazz singer
- ★ David Myles, award winning singer-song writer
- ★ Bruno Bobak and Molly Lamb Bobak, internationally renowned official war artists
- ★ Alexander "Boss" Gibson - quoted as New Brunswick's 19th Century K.C.Irving. He founded the company town of Marysville, (named after wife, Mary) and ran sawmills, railways, and a cotton mill. During the late 1800's, he was the largest single employer of labour in Canada.
- ★ Stanton Friedman, famed UFO researcher

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