



What's New in 2025

Increased Air Access



WestJet increasing flights by 41% to Calgary

Westjet flights to/from YYC begin May 15 and operate until

October 7, 2025. Service will be twice weekly and increase to three times weekly during July and August. This nearly doubles the number of flights compared to their inaugural season in 2024.

Outdoor Adventure

Wolastoq Paddling Network- Launching this Summer

This new River Access Initiative will improve the paddling experience for both locals and visitors. The River Access Initiative is part of a larger project by Fredericton Capital Region Tourism to establish the area as a top paddling destination. The project will see the creation of a paddling network called the Wolastoq Paddling Network with "Blue Trails" routes and launch sites that connect paddlers to local tourism operators, accommodations, and restaurants through marketing programs and a new paddling-focused website. [Info](#) ;

Lakeway Houseboat Vacations newest houseboat had its maiden voyage in 2024 making it the 8th in the growing fleet. **New this summer:** Lakeway is teaming up with local fishing guide to provide **fishing charters** where your guide meets you at your houseboat on the waterway and pick up those that want to fish. Additions will be made to the houseboats to adapt

them for fishing and easily hauling kayaks. Lakeway boaters will be able to tie up at two new locations this summer- The Waterfront Pub, Nackawic and Dumfries Maples, where visitors can enjoy breakfast, and tour the maple operations.

Eco Off-Road Adventure Tour [Crabbe Mountain Inn](#) offers a 4-hour guided tour on some of the best trails in New Brunswick. This outdoor adventure offers sightseeing in the comfort of a fully enclosed 6-seat off-road vehicle. Your guide will share historical facts and family connections to this beautiful rural community! Enjoy scenic landscapes, trails, lakes and country roads. Snacks, safety gear included. **New in 2025-** Trout Fishing; In addition to the eco off road experience, in the early summer season you can also book a 5-hour fishing adventure with lunch, equipment included.

Arts & Culture & History

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The [Beaverbrook Art Gallery](#) is Atlantic Canada's only venue for these two blockbuster exhibitions:

Tom Thomson: North Star - Nov.16-March 23, 2025. This magnificent exhibition presents more than 100 paintings and some of Thomson's finest works, incomparable treasures of Canadian art. Considered one of the most important Canadian artists and known for rugged Canadian landscapes, Thompson produced hundreds of oil sketches on small wood panels and 50 larger works on canvas.



[Radical Stitch](#) Nov 30 2024-March 2, 2025. Ranging from wearable art and portraiture to installation and video, the works in Radical Stitch connect past and present, imagining new worlds. This exhibition delves into the contemporary and transformative aspects of beading.

The Beavers are back on public display

Fredericton's most famous sculpture has found a new permanent home at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery after restoration. "The Beavers," a 1400-kg limestone carving of a mother and baby beaver, sits in the entranceway of the art museum. Acadian artist Claude Roussel, considered a pioneer of modern art in Acadia, carved the piece. It was commissioned as a gift to William Maxwell Aitken, (Lord Beaverbrook), for his 80th birthday. First installed in Officers' Square in 1959, the sculpture spent decades braving the elements.

[Briggs & Little Woolen Mills](#)

Canada's Oldest Woolen Mill will resume their FREE tours this year. The mill opened in 1857 by one of the original grant holders in the Harvey area and it is one of the few remaining vertical woolen mills in North America. It was partially powered by water until 1994 and it's been re-built each time after 4 fires. Free guided tours of the mill combine with a great shopping opportunity for 100% pure woolen yarns crafted on-site in over 50 shades and weights. Tours will be offered January-April, October - mid-December Tuesdays & Thursdays. (May - September -the mill takes seasonal break so no tours)

Food & Drink News



[First Light Distillery](#), a local distillery, just opened a micro distillery in downtown Fredericton. The **Cove by First Light**

Distillery collaborated with new business venture, [Scouts Original Sandwich Shop](#). The sandwich shop is snugly located inside the Cove and offers specialty sandwiches, beloved classics and innovative creations.

[Picaroons Tour & Tasting](#) New Tour Launched

Join brew-masters from [Picaroons Roundhouse](#) in the old Gibson railway roundhouse (built 1855) where Picaroons has been brewing traditional British-style ales since 1995. They'll walk you through their beer-making process before enjoying a tasting of some of their signature and award-winning brews. Enjoy on-site food service with [540 North](#) and the large patio overlooking the Wolastoq (Saint John River). Info /[Book](#)

[Neighborly Coffee Café](#)

12 Neighbors micro-home community opened a new coffee spot last summer. More than a café, it's a part of a larger mission, providing employment and skill-building opportunities for individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

[Monks & Jonesies](#), popular restaurant uptown, opened a second location downtown. Monks & Jonesies started as a popular food truck, opened an uptown location several years ago and are excited to now have a permanent home on King Street.

[Big Axe Alehouse & Grill](#) opened in July 2024 at Mactaquac Provincial Park, on the 18-hole championship golf course. The Alehouse offers a dine in experience, bar/lounge, a walk-up canteen.



OG Ales and Domes - Forage-to-Forks at

OG Brewery Estate

This Fall culinary experience will be an annual event after a successful debut in October 2024. OG Brewery Estate, New Brunswick's first and only off-grid brewery estate, launched an outdoor dining experience featuring locally-foraged ingredients, paired with local wines & OG's premium craft ales. Each year, a new local chef will showcase their talents and how they curate locally foraged cuisine. OG Domes available to book for a luxurious lakeside stay with spa-inspired amenities, nature trails, salt water hot tubs.

New Tours & Experiences

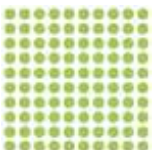
[Wolastoq Adventures](#)

This season, Wolastoq Adventures will offer Sunset Cruises and Traditional Tours aboard a 10-passenger pontoon boat. Traditional Tours will provide an opportunity to learn about the rich heritage and traditions of the Wolastoqey people from guides who will share captivating stories and insights into the history, culture, and connection to the Wolastoq (Saint John River). The pontoon boat is in addition to their clear bottom, illuminated SUP and kayak rentals. *Wolastoq Adventures won the Atlantic Indigenous Tourism Entrepreneur Award at the 2024 Atlantic Indigenous Tourism Summit.



Trail Ride on Horseback at [Elite Equestrian](#)

There are miles of scenic trails to explore on horseback at this Harvey farm. Meet the horses in the 10-stall barn, each who has a unique story, then saddle up for a guided trail ride through the forest trails. Elite Equestrian utilizes horses that some may deem no longer "useful" and gives them a new purpose. [New for](#)



Winter 2025 -hosting “winter of the farm”; Visitors will enjoy live music, food, drinks by Big Fiddle Still, pony rides, horse taxis to showcase the *Dandelion Den* cabin. New for 2025- The Dandelion Den is the first of four off-grid cabins on property. Cabins are dog AND horse friendly. A welcome basket with farm made products will greet guests. Guests enjoy wildlife sightings, hiking, horseback riding, and swimming.

Black History Walking Tour

Our Black Heritage: Early Black Settlers of York-Sunbury Counties (NB) 1783 – Present

Working with historian Jennifer Dow, the Fredericton Region Museum now offers in-person walking tours in the summer and early fall. In addition, they have launched a 75-minute long [self-guided audio tour](#).

Black History Virtual Exhibition Opening spring 2025 *Forgotten Loyalties: Hidden Connections to the No. 2 Construction Battalion* explores Fredericton’s untold past, highlighting the stories of local men and their contributions as part of Canada’s only all-black battalion. This travelling exhibit honors the No. 2 Construction Battalion’s legacy and its impact on Canadian history.

Dancing Goat Therapy Farm

Nestled in the heart of nature, the farm offers a blend of serene landscapes, delightful barnyard animals. Experience hands-on regenerative farming and be part of behind the scenes of where food comes from; gathering eggs, milking goats, checking bee hives, harvesting fresh veggies.

The Farm offers unique farm experiences;
-Llama Walks –1 hour hike through pastures, woods & shore of the Keswick River with gentle llamas, whose presence is calming & therapeutic.

Goat Yoga – a unique and playful twist on traditional yoga, where participants practice yoga while goats roam freely around the class. New for Spring 2025 – locally-sourced **picnic experiences** with llamas & goats - an add on to the walk or on its own.

Red Lantern Steakhouse & Pub and **Comic Sutra**

Comedy Club Fredericton’s oldest pub (turns 52 this year) is under new ownership. With its vintage charm, the Red Lantern offers the best steak dinner in town- a recipe that is under lock and key. The Lantern is so old that in the 70s, taverns were regulated so that unaccompanied women had to be in a separate place. That 60-seat space is home to **Comic Sutra**, the city’s first comedy club. Kelly Lamrock, New Brunswick’s Child and Youth Advocate by day, is a stand-up comedian and the Club’s chief comedy officer by night. Comic Sutra will showcase New Brunswick’s growing standup comedy scene.

Flippins Bar/Arcade opened late 2024 in the downtown. Fredericton resident Dylan Papazian-Clare turned his passion for playing and collecting pinball machines into a licensed lounge filled with classic games, providing a space to play lost art of pinball machines and arcade games.

Special Anniversaries & Milestones

Harvest Music Festival will present the 35th annual festival in mid September with the Indigo Girls, Melissa Etheridge, the Head and the Heart along with dozens more artists. Harvest is the largest music festival in Atlantic Canada. During this five-day event, 400 artists and 150 musical performances, and 50,000 +music lovers converge in downtown Fredericton.

2025 marks the 200th Anniversary of the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew (FSSA) and “Celebrating 200 Years” will be a salutation of all things Scottish in Fredericton! The FSSA, established in 1825, supports local Scottish culture. Bicentennial celebrations to highlight the vibrant Scottish heritage include **Summer Scottish Walking Tours**, an exhibition at the Fredericton Region Museum, **Celebrating 200 Years of Scottish Benevolence** and "Celtic Festival" on the balcony at the museum.

In 2025, **Silverwave Film Festival** celebrates 25 years. This annual film festival celebrates homegrown films and films from away over 4 days presented by New Brunswick Filmmakers’ Co-op.

Craft NB is reviving the **Fine Craft Festival** at Mactaquac Provincial Park on Labour Day weekend 2025 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Craft NB. Demonstrations/workshops, food trucks, a craft beer garden, musicians, non-juried crafters.

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