

For information on many more things to do in Inverness County, check with the local tourism information offices, CAP sites and Visitor Information centres, or contact the Recreation/Tourism offices of Inverness County at 1-902-787-2274/1-800-567-2400 or email: recreation@invernesscounty.ca

Father John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre
Glendale



Museum and Archives
Port Hastings



Judique Historical Society
Judique



Mar Donald House Museum
East Lake Ainslie

Salmon Museum
Northeast Margaree



Acadian Museum
Cheticamp



Railway Station Museum
Orangedale



Enquire at the museums for information and contact details of local Historical Societies and genealogists in the area. We hope you enjoy your visit with us.

Visit our museums to experience our history and learn about our culture and traditions. Our museums network is dedicated to the preservation of our heritage and culture, based on a format that is accessible, interactive and up-to-date. The museums are within easy driving distance of each other, as are most Cape Breton Island attractions.

INVERNESS COUNTY MUSEUMS
NETWORK MAP



- Visitor Information Centre Locations
 Port Hastings
96 #4 Hwy, Port Hastings, NS
625-4201
- Celtic Music Intrepretive Centre
5471 Hwy 19, Judique, NS
787-2708
- Port Hood
Sarah's Gifts, Port Hood, NS
787-2521
- Inverness
15756 Central Avenue
Inverness, NS
258-3740
- Margaree
Margaree Forks, NS
248-2803
- Cheticamp
Les Trois Pignons, Cheticamp, NS
224-2642

MUSEUMS KEY

- 1 MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES, PORT HASTINGS
- 2 CELTIC MUSIC INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, JUDIQUE
- 3 JUDIQUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JUDIQUE
- 4 CHESTICO MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PORT HOOD
- 5 AN DROCHAID/THE BRIDGE, MABOU
- 6 INVERNESS MINERS' MUSEUM, INVERNESS
- 7 CENTRE DE LA MI-CARÈME/ACADIE MASQUE, GRAND ETANG
- 8 ACADIAN MUSEUM, CHETICAMP
- 9 LES TROIS PIGNONS, CHETICAMP
- 10 WHALE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, PLEASANT BAY
- 11 SALMON MUSEUM, NE MARGAREE
- 12 THE MACDONALD HOUSE MUSEUM, EAST LAKE AINSLIE
- 13 ORANGEDALE RAILWAY MUSEUM, ORANGEDALE
- 14 FATHER JOHN ANGUS RANKIN CULTURAL CENTRE, GLENDALE

? Visitor Information Centres are located where this symbol appears on the map.

Please note: Operating hours of the museums are subject to change. Call the museums' contact information numbers, email them, visit their websites or check at Visitor Information Centres to verify hours of operation.

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INVERNESS COUNTY MUSEUMS
NETWORK



Centre de la Mi-Carême/Acadie Masque
Grand Etang



Whale Interpretive Centre
Pleasant Bay



Chestico Museum
Harbourview, Port Hood



Les Trois Pignons
Cheticamp



An Drochaid/The Bridge
Mabou



Celtic Music Interpretive Centre
Judique

THE MUSEUMS OF INVERNESS COUNTY

1. MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES PORT HASTINGS

24 Highway 19, Port Hastings at the Rotary.
Ph: 625-1295/off-season: 625-0779/625-2794.
Email: gutofcanso@ns.sympatico.ca. Website: www.porthastingsmuseum.org/ Local area history, displays on the construction of the world's deepest man-made causeway, and model ships handcrafted by Marc Boudreau, are some of the attractions on display in this, our new location. Open mid-June to mid-October on the following schedule: July & August, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5 pm/Weekends: 12:00 - 4:00 pm. June, September and October, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5 pm. Admission: \$3.00 (family rate available.) *[Operated by the Port Hastings Museum and Historical Society.]*

2. CELTIC MUSIC INTERPRETIVE CENTRE.

5471 Route 19, Judique, Inverness County. Ph: 787-2708, Fax: 787-2380. Email: info@celticmusic.com. Website: www.celticmusic.com. The Centre collects the history and preserves and promotes the tradition of Cape Breton music. Cultural tours and workshops available. Guided tours are \$4 (access to the archives and resource library are free). Open June through October, Monday to Friday (Off-season by appointment). Special programs are offered during the annual Celtic colours festival in mid-October. Ceilidhs are held each Sunday afternoon 3 - 7 pm at the Centre.

3. JUDIQUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (JUDIQUE STORYTELLERS BLDG)

5663 Route 19 - just north of the village of Judique (watch for the signs). Ph: (902) 787-2362. This little museum displays many old photographs of the area and depicts the lifestyles of our past. Open July and August (inquire locally for times).

4. CHESTICO MUSEUM

8095 Route 19 at Harbourview (2 kilometres south of the village of Port Hood). Ph: (902) 787-2244/787-2930. Email: chesticomuseum@ns.aliantzinc.ca Operated by the Chestico Historical Society. The former Harbourview School houses museum artifacts and historical/genealogical records related to the early settlers of the Port Hood area. Open: June 1 - August 31. Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm/Saturdays, 12 noon to 4 pm. Admission: \$2 per adult/family rate \$5. *[Operated by the Chestico Museum and Historical Society.]*

5. AN DROCHAID/THE BRIDGE

Route 19, Main Street, Mabou. Ph: 945-2311/945-2790. Operated by the Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society. Artifacts, genealogical and historical records. Special emphasis on the Gaelic tradition. Open end-June through end-August/daily except Mondays. Admission free, donations welcome.

[An Drochaid will be closed for renovations during summer 2009 and is expected to re-open summer 2010]

6. INVERNESS MINERS' MUSEUM

62 Lower Railway Street, in the old CN railway station. Ph: 258-3822. Email: invhistsoc@ns.sympatico.ca. Exhibits devoted to the coal mining history of the district (the museum also houses a small archives). Open mid-June through end-September, Monday - Friday/10:00 am to 5:00 pm (weekends by chance.)

7. CENTRE DE LA MI-CARÈME/ACADIE MASQUE

51 Chemin du havre (Grand Etang harbour) on the Cabot Trail. Ph: 224-1016. Website: www.micareme.ca. Email: micareme@aolnet.ca. An exhibition of over 100 locally crafted masks representing an old Acadian tradition called "La Mi-Carème". The tradition is still celebrated in this area in March (mid-lenten time) each year. The centre also houses a C@P Site (public internet access with high-speed connections) plus an archives of local history. Admission fee applicable. Open May to late October and off-season by appointment. Hours of operation May, June, September and October, 10 am to 5 pm. July and August, 10 am to 7 pm.

8. ACADIAN MUSEUM

15067 Cabot Trail Rd. in Chéticamp near St. Peter's Church. Ph: 224-2170/Off-season: 224-3463. Email: coopgiftshop@ns.sympatico.ca or visit their website at: www.co-opartisanale.com. Operated by the Coopérative Artisanale de Chéticamp. Display of local artifacts with an emphasis on the history of wool from the shearing of fleece to finished articles. Demonstrations of various related skills, such as carding, spinning and rug-hooking. Open mid-June through end-September /daily 8 am to 9 pm. Mid-May to mid-June and late October hours are 9 am to 6 pm. No admission fee. Donations welcome.

9. LES TROIS PIGNONS MUSEUM OF THE HOOKED RUG AND HOME LIFE

15584 Cabot Trail., Chéticamp. Ph: 224-2642. Email: lestroispignons@ns.sympatico.ca or visit our website at www.lestroispignons.com. Acadian, cultural, genealogical and visitor information centre. The museum's theme joins two stories: the story of the settlement of Chéticamp and the story of the Chéticamp hooked rug. Your visit to our Acadian village should start with a visit to Les Trois Pignons. Guided tours available. Bilingual staff. Open daily 9 am to 5 pm/mid-May through mid-October except July & August, 9 am to 7 pm. Modest admission charged.

10. WHALE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

104 Harbour Road, Pleasant Bay. Ph: 224-1411/fax 224-1411 or email: g.f@aliantzinc.ca. Life-size models of whales plus

exhibits, interactive media and a touch-tank. Open June 1 through mid-October, 9 - 5 daily. (Special groups until end-Nov). Admission: Adult \$4.50/Child or Senior \$3.50/Family \$14.

11. MARGAREE SALMON MUSEUM

60 East Big Intervale Road, N.E. Margaree (just off the Cabot Trail - watch for blue highway signs with the symbol of an old key (the sign for museums), and take one of the Margaree Valley exits.) Ph: 248-2848/248-2762.

Website: http://www.margareens.com/margaree_salmon.html Exhibits relate to salmon angling on the Margaree River. Excellent collections of fishing tackle, beautiful hand-tied flies, photos and memorabilia of famous anglers. Open mid-June through mid-October/9 am to 5 pm. Admission adults\$2/children \$1.

12. MACDONALD HOUSE MUSEUM AND HERITAGE SITE

3458 Hwy 395, East Lake Ainslie. Ph: 258-3317, website: www3ns.sympatico.ca/paulinemacl. Operated by the Lake Ainslie Historical Society. This Gothic style 150-year-old farmhouse and outbuildings overlook beautiful Lake Ainslie and house exhibits related to the farming life of a century ago. There is also a restored one-room schoolhouse on the grounds and the barn is a venue for square dances and concerts during the summer months. Open mid-June through early-September/ daily 9 am to 5 pm. Special demonstrations or hours for group tours. Admission: \$4 (family and group rates are also available).

13. ORANGEDALE RAILWAY MUSEUM

1428 Orangedale Road, Orangedale. (Hwy 105 at Exit 4). Ph: (902) 756-3384. Nova Scotia's oldest surviving railway station. Built in 1886, the station exhibits classic 19th-century Intercolonial Railway architecture. The station was operational until 1990 and currently houses railway artifacts, a stationmaster quarters, and original furniture. Several railway cars on site. Gift shop and Interpretive Centre. Opens early-June through mid-October/10 am to 5 pm/Wednesday through Sunday until Labour Day, then Saturday and Sunday until closing of the season. Admission \$3, donations welcome.

14. FATHER JOHN ANGUS RANKIN CULTURAL CENTRE

4248 Hwy 105. Ph: 625-3441. Off-hours by appointment: (902) 625-1723 evenings. Website: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/glendale.cap. Email: culturalcentre@yahoo.com. Local archives with material dating back to the 1800s; CAP site (with public access to Internet and e-mail); kitchen ceilidhs; Gift shop, Weaving on premises, (workshops throughout the year); Gaelic resource centre (children's Gaelic workshops in summer, and other workshops.) Open mid-June through mid-October (enquire locally for hours). Admission free, donations welcome.