WELCOME TO WEST CAPE...



Overlooking the Gulf of St. Lawrence, West Cape is a scenic stopping place along the North Cape Coastal Drive. Here, you'll find one of PEI's most impressive sights – the West Cape Wind Farm, among the largest producers of wind-powered energy in the province. Picturesque West Cape is also home to miles of the Island's world-famous beaches, and a gateway to essential activities and sites.

THE WEST CAPE WIND FARM

In response to the global need to develop more eco-friendly power sources, The West Cape Wind Farm opened in 2007 with 11 turbines. In 2009, another 44 turbines were added, increasing the farm's output capacity to 99 MW, or enough energy to power approximately 25,000 homes. The farm is a unique photo opportunity with its collection of massive turbines turning against the wind, generating clean, renewable energy.

PROVINCIAL PARKS & BEACHES

Other than Cedar Dunes, there are several Provincial Parks located along the North Cape Coastal **Drive**, each with its own character. **Mill River** is one of the best-known Provincial Parks in the area. Adjacent to a resort, it also provides recreation and interpretive programs, canoeing and kayaking from its marina, and an 18-hole championship golf course. A river beach, shipbuilding display centre, museum and nature trails highlight Green Park Provincial Park, while Jacques Cartier Provincial Park offers a supervised beach, and a bay beach is found at Linkletter Provincial Park. Day use parks include Union Corner Provincial Park, Bloomfield Provincial Park, and Belmont Provincial Park.

SUMMERSIDE The North Cape Coastal Drive is home to Summerside, PEI's second largest city. This historical area is populated with architecturally graceful homes and commercial buildings adorned with murals illustrating the history of the area. Summerside's waterfront features a variety of activities and dining options along its boardwalk, while live performances are onstage at the nearby Harbourfront Jubilee Theatre, and exhibitions of all sorts are on display at The Eptek Art and Cultural Centre. The Wyatt

Heritage Properties and the International Fox Museum & Hall of Fame offer glimpses of the city's past, while The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada showcases Scottish and Irish pipes, drums and dancing.

CONFEDERATION TRAIL & SCENIC LOOK-OUTS

One of the most scenic ways to explore the area is to walk or cycle the Confederation **Trail**, extending from Summerside up to North Cape. Scenic Look-outs also dot the Drive at West Cape, Urbaineville, Seacow Pond and Grand River; they're a safe and inviting way to pull over and take in the view.

WEST POINT HARBOUR

As is true of many of the Island's waterfront communities, fishing is an important part of West Point's history and it continues to be a primary industry in the area. A characteristic and photogenic Island fishing port, West Point Harbour is the dock from which commercial fishing boats set sail and its marina is used by those piloting private recreational vessels. The West Point Harbourside Centre features The Point Restaurant, overlooking the harbour.

LA RÉGION EVANGÉLINE & LENNOX ISLAND

Stops along The North Cape Coastal Drive provide opportunities to experience Celtic, Acadian and First Nation cultures. On the Drive, you'll discover La région Evangéline, the area where the Island's first French settlers arrived in 1720. Evangéline is home to the **Acadian Museum** in Miscouche, the Neo-Gothic **Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel** church in Mont-Carmel, a Welcome and Interpretive Centre at Barlow's Pond and Old Mills Park in Wellington, the Abram-Village Handcraft Co-op, and in Egmont you'll find The Cape Egmont Wharf and Lighthouse, and a collection of over 30,000 recycled bottles that have been used to construct one-of-a-kind Bottle Houses.

Lennox Island is home to the Island's first people, the **Mi'kmaq**. Drawing on a history that dates back thousands of years on the Island, Lennox Island is where you'll find interpretive displays and artifacts at The Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Cultural Centre. Outdoor experiences like the guided Path of Our Forefathers tour, kayaking and canoeing are offered at The Ecotourism Complex and the Lennox Island Adventure Centre, and every year Lennox Island hosts a traditional Pow Wow.

THE WEST POINT LIGHTHOUSE

PEI's largest lighthouse is also nearby. Standing 67 feet, 8 inches tall, **The West** Point Lighthouse was the first of the Island's "second generation" lighthouses, so called due to its square-tapered shape. Built in 1875 and automated in 1963, it houses a Lighthouse Museum and an inn where visitors can spend the night in one of its 13 rooms, including The Tower Room located on the beacon's second floor.



MORE TO SEE & DO

Located on the northwestern tip of the Island, North Cape is where the Wind Energy Institute of Canada and its interpretative centre are located. A trip along North Cape's Black Marsh Nature Trail will take you under one of the Institute's wind turbines and by the North Cape Lighthouse. Other lighthouses on the North Cape Coastal Dive are found at Summerside, Cape Egmont, West Point, Cape Egmont and Alberton, among others.

Just below North Point is **Skinners Pond**. This community is best known as the boyhood home of folk singer **Stompin' Tom**

PEI is world-famous for our potatoes. Their production is a major industry on the Island, and it has played a significant role in the development of the province. This history is explored at **The** Prince Edward Island Potato Museum Complex in O'Leary, featuring an interpretative centre, museum and heritage buildings.

These are just some of the activities, sites and experiences you'll find along the North Cape Coastal Drive. Festivals and events take place throughout the year, and information is subject to change, so make sure to stop by the Visitor Information Centres or Kiosks marked on the North Cape Costal Drive map.

