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Town of Pictou



Birthplace of New Scotland

Things to Do in Pictou, Nova Scotia

1. After the arrival of the Ship Hector in 1773, Scottish immigrants arrived by the hundreds, thousands and tens of thousands to Nova Scotia. Find out more about their story at the Hector Heritage Quay.
2. Meander along the award winning Pictou Waterfront.
3. Sail the Northumberland Ferries from Caribou to PEI and come back for another day.
4. Tour Grohmann Knives and learn how quality knives are made.
5. Take an afternoon drive to search out our many heritage homes.
6. Learn about boating history and rum running stories of the area at the Northumberland Fisheries Museum.
7. Discover hundreds of bird species from osprey to cormorants to chimney swifts.
8. Enroll your children in one of the day camps put on by the Hector centre.
9. Get out your hiking boots or cycle the Jitney Trail, from leisurely to challenging adventures.
10. Enjoy the skirl of the pipes at local outdoor pipe band practices, displays or competitions.
11. Be entertained by some of the country's finest performers at the deCoste Centre.
12. Find solitude and reflection along the Sunrise Marian Prayer Trails in Three Brooks.
13. Eco-enthusiasts will enjoy the wildlife sanctuary of Munro's Island. You just might catch a glimpse of deer, fox, geese, ducks or other forms of wild life.
14. Browse our antique shops and art exhibits.
15. Take home a taste of our culture found at the weekend market.
16. Purchase and savor fresh lobster from a local pound.
17. Be fascinated by the swirl of the kilt and the graceful steps of our champion Highland dancers; watch for concerts, displays, and competitions.
18. Canoe or kayak the calm waters of our sheltered harbor.
19. Pack a picnic lunch, take a ferry to Pictou Island and spend the day on the beaches by foot.
20. Visit the Hector Centre to find out if one of your ancestors came over on the Ship Hector.
21. Dock at the Hector Quay Marina.
22. Check out the Fisheries Pool and the varied swim programs throughout the year.
23. Research your family genealogy at the Hector Exhibit Centre and the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.
24. Experience the thrill of snowmobling.
25. Discover cross country skiing trails.
26. Skate at our arena or take in a hockey game.
27. Taste the fresh produce at our local farm markets.
28. Frequent one of our many dining establishments to enjoy a varied choice of local and international cuisine.
29. Get lost in the outdoor maze at the Hector Centre.
30. Shop in our charming downtown to discover everything from home décor and specialty items to Nova Scotian crafts.
31. Step back into Living History of early Scottish immigration onboard the tall Ship Hector.
32. Visit the Black Battalion Monument.
33. Enjoy golf by the sea at Pictou's nine-hole course.
34. Discover the splendor of our fall foliage- don't forget your camera.
35. Visit a pioneer cemetery.
36. Adopt-a-Lobster and learn about life at sea at the Lobster Hatchery on the waterfront.
37. Cycle our historic town and coastal countryside.
38. Swim at Caribou beach, talk a long walk along sandy and pristine coastline.
39. Get out your cleats for a game of soccer at one of our outdoor fields.
40. Go on a Roller blade venture.
41. Take in an outdoor concert on the waterfront.
42. Attend an Antique Car Show during Lobster Carnival.
43. Take a historical walking tour of Pictou.
44. Discover your home away from home at quality motels, elegant inns, charming Bed and Breakfasts, magnificent campgrounds and ocean side resorts.
45. Experience the hospitality of Pictou County at a local community supper or barbeque.
46. Enjoy the fanfare, color and entertainment at one of our local parades.
47. Come to a ceilidh, a carnival or an exhibition. We have a festival to suit every taste.
48. Discover geocaching and go on a treasure hunt within the Town.
49. View a collection of over 18,000 photos and 20 years of research and artifacts at the Lighthouse Museum and Research Centre on the waterfront.
50. Find out how the Scots and the influence of their "new" ideas left a legacy for today's Nova Scotians at McCulloch House Museum.
51. Find "Menzie the Muskrat" at the Hector Exhibit Centre and learn about his family.
52. Take in a carving class at Carver's Studio and Coffee House.
53. Participate in Saturday Night Trivia at Carver's on the waterfront.
54. Go out for a Wednesday night sail at the Pictou Yacht Club.
55. Participate in a fun run or race throughout the year for various causes and charities.
56. Visit two National Historic Monuments located in town commemorating native Pictonians who contributed to Canadian advances in science, geology, geography and higher education.
57. Have a picnic lunch along the scenic Pictou Waterfront.
58. Don't miss the "Best Party of the Year" at the Pictou Lobster Carnival.
59. Attend the "Artisans in Action" festival, a celebration of fibre artists, demos and displays at various locations during the month of June.
60. Drop by a local pub for some live evening entertainment.
61. Take in a book review, signing or guest speaker at the Pictou Library.
62. Savour a lobster supper, fresh from the catch that day during the warmer months.
63. Catch a sunset over Pictou Harbour from a bench along the Jitney Trail.
64. Toss in a line off the wharf for some fresh mackerel.
65. Catch some fresh air with your infant or toddler along the Jitney Trail which is stroller friendly for 3 km.
66. Enjoy 90 years of photography by Pictou's photographer Don McIsaac at the Hector Centre.
67. Don a lab coat and observe a lobster's life cycle at the Northumberland Lobster Hatchery.
68. Come to a ceilidh every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the deCoste Centre in the warmer months, a feast of Maritime music.
69. "Take the Roof off Winter" during the Winter Carnival in February; sleigh rides, skating, coasting parties, snow sculptures and hot drinks.
70. Have the library help you design you own web page.
71. Participate in traditional Christmas caroling as a group in downtown Pictou during the annual Christmas Light Up event.
72. Take a Winter evening walk during the Holiday season and view the sparkle of lights throughout the town.

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73. Get pampered and take some time out for yourself at a local spa.
74. Find out where to get the best sticky toffee pudding in town.
75. Spend an afternoon at Broidy Park, play and have a family picnic.
76. Enjoy fresh blueberry desserts and old time fiddling music at the Blueberry Social.
77. Visit the New Horizons Club and join in a game of cards every Saturday.
78. View an exhibit of the Pictou Historical Photograph Society, check their website for locations and dates.

79. Check out the book clubs at the Pictou Library.
80. Drop by to attend a story telling session at the library.
81. Take a break at the Scammell Garden.
82. Visit the Pictou Academy and Hector Pioneer monument.
83. Work out at Curves.
84. Check out the art of rug hooking, start a new hobby or pick up your supplies.
85. Visit the Quilt Show and Christmas by the Sea at the deCoste.

86. Enjoy music at the marina in the summer.
87. Attend church services at our five churches.
88. Enjoy our local u picks.....strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries.
89. Rent a summer cottage.
90. Satisfy your cravings with a "hearty Sunday brunch", served up locally at various locations

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