

# Pictou County

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**151 GREAT THINGS ABOUT  
THE PLACE WE CALL HOME**

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# Welcome

## Overview of Pictou County

Pictou County has six distinct municipalities and a diverse population of over 45,000 people, including Nova Scotia's First Nations community of Pictou Landing.

We are the sum of our similarities and differences and we have so much of which to be thankful and proud.

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*“Nova Scotia’s Pictou County is a special place to live and work. It has a vibrant and diverse economy with potential to grow.” – Jack Kyte*

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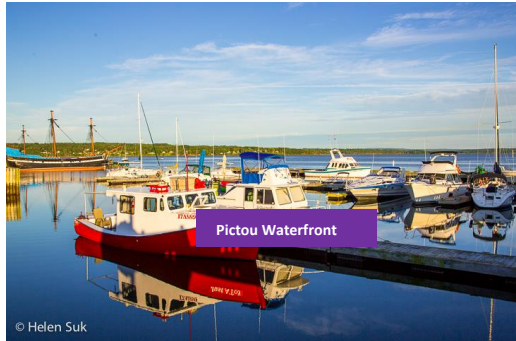
## About This Booklet

This booklet was created to recognize the celebration of Canada 150 in 2017. This project is a living document and therefore, in 2018, we chose to title it Pictou County 151.

It is hoped that this booklet will be attractive to visitors and residents, alike. We have an abundance of opportunities and resources in our community, of which we should be extremely proud and grateful.

# Why We Love Pictou County

## 1. Our Quality of Life



Pictou County is known as a great place to live and raise families, underpinned by our regional hospitals, associated health care services, our education system throughout the county, the Nova Scotia Community College Pictou Campus, as well as our short commute to both St. Francis Xavier University and Dalhousie University's Agriculture Campus. Residents enjoy "big city" conveniences and services, with the enjoyment of our rural setting and coastline.

## 2. Our Diverse Economy

Pictou County is fortunate to have a diverse economy anchored by three key contributors, Sobeys Inc, Michelin Canada and Northern Pulp Nova Scotia. In addition, over 1100 small to medium sized businesses provide a variety of products and services enjoyed by residents within our economic zone and beyond.

### 3. Our Strategic Location



Pictou County is located in central/ northeastern Nova Scotia, with access to the Northumberland Strait. The location provides strategic transportation routes for business and offers an exceptional quality of

life for residents. Only an hour from the Stanfield International Airport, and with Highway 103 running through the county, the economic opportunities are endless.



### 4. Generous People

Pictou County residents and businesses are among the most generous in Canada. Each year charitable fundraisers meet or exceed their goals to support everything from families in need to major health related charities. Pictou County is proud to have more than 70 non-profit organizations supported by hundreds of volunteers. These organizations support a wide array of causes that contribute to healthier communities and our overall quality of life.

### 5. Pictou Landing First Nations

This Mi'kmaq community of 500 persons is located at Pictou Landing, at the mouth of Pictou Harbour. The community is active in the local commercial fishery and has its own elementary school, fire department, medical centre, as well as a unique energy efficient band office. The annual POWWOW at the community is a celebration of Mi'kmaq culture enjoyed by all Pictou County citizens.

<https://plfn.ca>



# Festivals & Events

## 6. Art at Night

New Glasgow's Art at Night seeks to promote New Glasgow's rich and ever-growing arts community. In addition to typical art venues, Art at Night uses unconventional spaces for exhibition. Storefronts, coffee shops, parking lots, and the like are all fair game. In working within the spaces available, Art at Night embraces the physical features of New Glasgow while transforming downtown into a hub of creative activity.

[www.artatnight.ca](http://www.artatnight.ca)

## 7. Children's Fisherama

Located in Trenton Park, the Children's Fisherama takes place in May, and is a free event that encourages children ages 4 to 15 to go out and fish. Prizes are awarded for the one who catches the largest fish along with additional rewards for catching tagged trout put into the water. All participants are provided with refreshments and there are usually 300 children attending the event. [www.pictoucountyrivers.com](http://www.pictoucountyrivers.com)



## 8. Go Green Get Clean



The Pictou County Go Clean Get Green happens each spring with it's annual Pictou County cleanup. It begins with a corporate and student challenge and ends on Earth Day with its community litter pick up! Businesses, schools and individuals are encouraged to get a group together to go out and clean up litter around their business, school yard or neighborhood. See participants from all over Pictou County lending a helping hand!

[www.gocleangetgreen.ca](http://www.gocleangetgreen.ca)

## 9. Highland Homecoming

This is an annual celebration of Scottish heritage, held to commemorate the arrival of the Ship Hector in Pictou, which brought 189 highlanders to the area in 1773. Events include a golf tournament, live entertainment, and ship tours. The Homecoming takes place each September, in Pictou. [www.shiphector.com](http://www.shiphector.com)



## 10. Johnny Miles Running Event

The Johnny Miles Run is a premier running event in Pictou County. The event was named after the notable Sydney Mines NS marathon runner Johnny Miles, who won the iconic Boston marathon in 1926 and 1929. The event features 5K, 10K, half-marathon, and full marathon, as well as the walking event dubbed the “Johnny Walk” as well as the Kids Fun Run. It is held for two days in the middle of June and has over 3000 participants each year.

[www.johnnymiles.ca](http://www.johnnymiles.ca)

## 11. Marathon of Respect and Equality

The Marathon of Respect and Equality (MORE) is an annual event held the first Thursday of May and involves each municipality. Originally founded by local citizen Henderson Paris as the “Run Against Racism” from 1990-2009, MORE aims to combat racial discrimination and educate the public about the value of tolerance. [www.ccrsb.ca/more](http://www.ccrsb.ca/more)

## 12. Music Mountain

Started in 2013, in Thorburn by the Swallow family, this open-air venue features three annual weekend festivals, the June Country Festival, the July Blues Festival, and the August Rock Festival. The venue is situated on 80 acres of forest/ farm land. Each year there are new on-site facilities being developed. <http://musicmountain.ca/aboutus/>

### 13. New Glasgow Black Gala Homecoming

The Black Community has a rich history in Pictou County. The first New Glasgow Black Gala Homecoming was held in 1990 and occurs every 5 years as a reunion of all past and present black residents of Pictou County. Each year several hundred local and former residents come together for a week-long celebration of fun and events. [www.newglasgowblackgalahomecoming.com](http://www.newglasgowblackgalahomecoming.com)

### 14. New Glasgow Festival of the Tartans

The annual Festival of the Tartans celebrates traditional Scottish culture brought to this area by Scottish immigrants more than two centuries ago. Activities include events for all ages such as a Kilted Golf Tournament, Massed Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing Competitions, Scottish Heavy Weight Events, Clan Tents & Genealogy, Pipe Band demonstrations and other outdoor entertainment.

[www.festivalofthetartans.ca](http://www.festivalofthetartans.ca)



## 15. Multicultural Fusion Festival

The Multicultural Association of Pictou County Fusion Festival provides an opportunity for newcomers, longstanding residents of the towns and surrounding areas in Pictou County, as well as guests to the area to come together and celebrate our growing cultural diversity. Participants include ethnic food vendors, a multicultural market, children's activities, entertainment and a fashion show of traditional clothing from around the world.

[www.multiculturalpc.ca](http://www.multiculturalpc.ca)



## 16. Pictou County Relay for Life

The Pictou County Relay for Life is more than just a fundraiser for cancer research. This event is an opportunity to get together with family and friends and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and fight back in the hope of finding a cure for this terrible disease.

### 17. Pictou County Seniors Festival

Held each August since 1988, in Trenton, this weekend of exciting activities is an excellent way for seniors (ages 50+) to connect with their community and meet others. With events including dancing and live music, washer toss, Bingo, cards, bowling and great food, the festival is a wonderful attraction for the senior residents of the county.

[www.town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/festivals-events/pc-seniors-festival](http://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/festivals-events/pc-seniors-festival)



### 18. Pictou County Lobster Carnival

Celebrated since 1934, and voted as one of the top 100 festivals in Canada, this three day festival in the town of Pictou celebrates the end of the fishing season in the area, maritime culture and music. The event features musical performances at the Main Stage, a Beer Garden, a Mardi Gras Parade, an Antique Car Show, Fire Works, Buskers, Bed Races, Derby Races, Boat Races, Modified Boat Races, Street Dance, Lobster Dinners, Pancake Breakfast, 10K Run for the Lobster, a Mid-Way, a Children's Parade and many other activities for the whole family. [www.pictoullobstercarnival.ca](http://www.pictoullobstercarnival.ca)

### 19. Pre-Canada Day Celebrations – New Glasgow

Celebrate Canada Day early with a flag-raising ceremony, children’s games, the Mayor’s Ice Cream Social and live music with the Town of New Glasgow. The festivities include performances held on the outdoor stage of Glasgow Square Theatre, followed by a finale of fireworks.

### 20. Pictou County Pride Week

New Glasgow hosts Pride Week in June to celebrate and encourage understanding of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride Week is full of events such as the pride flag raising, parade, panel discussions, a picnic and more.

### 21. Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival

An exciting annual event, since 2001, the Dragon Boat Festival raises money for local charities. Teams of 21 members race in “dragon boats” along the East River in New Glasgow. Teams represent groups from businesses, schools, as well as individuals. A children’s tent, concessions, and other family-oriented activities go on throughout the day at the race site. All money raised goes to Women Alike Breast Cancer Survivors Society, Special Olympics Northern Region and the Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association.

<http://raceontheriver.com/#>

### 22. River John Festival Days

River John Festival Days takes place in River John and has been celebrated for over 30 years. It runs the last week of July each year. The Festival Days include an official opening, food and music featuring local musicians. The week's events are concluded with a street parade, fireworks and adult dance.

[www.riverjohn.com](http://www.riverjohn.com)

### 23. River John Read by the Sea

The Read by the Sea Festival is an intriguing event for children and literary enthusiasts alike. Held every July in River John since 2000, the festival has events for all ages and features numerous writers from around the Maritimes. Their Mission is to promote and foster appreciation for outstanding Canadian writing and literature among residents and visitors of Nova Scotia's North Shore Communities.

<https://www.readbythesea.ca/>





## 24. Riverfront Jubilee

This musical annual event is a staple of the Nova Scotia and Pictou County summer during the first weekend of August. Throughout the course of the Jubilee, a variety of well-known musicians perform at the New Glasgow Square Theatre on the East River waterfront. This distinctive setting and outdoor amphitheatre provides music lovers one of the most engaging music experiences of its kind. The event attracts thousands of patrons from across the province. [www.newglasgowjubilee.ca](http://www.newglasgowjubilee.ca)

## 25. Scotsburn Pork Chop BBQ

The popular Scotsburn Pork Chop BBQ takes place annually and is a major fundraiser for the Scotsburn Fire Department. The BBQ is held the last Wednesday of July, around the pond by the community fire station. The BBQ has raised funds for the volunteer fire department and has been an important community event for over 50 years.

## 26. Stellarton Homecoming

The Town of Stellarton's Homecoming is a five day event held in July. It is filled with activities for all ages including a street party, children's parade, antique car show and live entertainment. [www.stellarton.ca](http://www.stellarton.ca)

## 27. Trenton FunFest

Founded in 1988, Trenton Funfest features a Cinema Under the Stars, card games, golf and ball tournaments, an antique car show, a trivia night, outdoor market and community yard sales, as well as a dance in the Trenton Arena and a spectacular fireworks display.

[www.town.trenton.ns.ca](http://www.town.trenton.ns.ca)



Trenton FunFest



## 28. Westville Canada Day

Westville is home to Pictou County's largest July 1 celebration. The festival includes the parade, fireworks, a traditional Queen and Little Miss Pageants, horse pull, chicken barbecue, the fair, sporting events and more.

[www.facebook.com/WestvilleCanadaDayCelebrations](http://www.facebook.com/WestvilleCanadaDayCelebrations)



## 29. Westville Parade of Lights

Sponsored by the Westville Firefighters Club, the annual Festival of Lights takes place in December with an evening parade with brightly decorated floats as well as a Tree Lighting Ceremony, hot chocolate served in the fire hall following the parade, and fireworks complete the evening.

[www.facebook.com/Westville-Parade-of-Lights/](http://www.facebook.com/Westville-Parade-of-Lights/)

## Beaches, Parks & Trails

### 30. Acadia Park - Westville

Located in the heart of downtown Westville, Acadia Park is a beautiful park with walking trails, a children's playground and a Miner's Memorial site. The park offers an excellent place for visitors of Westville to come and picnic, relax, listen to music or walk on the trails and reflect upon nature. Built on a reclaimed coal mining site, the park also has a unique splash pad that features 20 various water features including water cannons, rings and cattails.

### 31. Africentric Heritage Park

Visitors are invited to experience the park, situated on Vale Road in the south end of New Glasgow. The park, opened in 2000, bears the inscription “to our children” and was created to commemorate the past, focus on the present and provide a foundation for the cultural future of Nova Scotians of African descent. At the heart of the park is the pyramid-shaped structure. Each side of the structure represents a portion of the history and migration story of the Black community in Nova Scotia.



### 32. Albion Trail



The Albion Trail offers a serene walk along the riverfront of New Glasgow to the edge of Stellarton. It is connected to the end of Samson Trail and is a 3 kilometer stretch from the Duff Cemetery of New Glasgow to Bridge Ave. in Stellarton. The Trail features a series of signs explaining the history of mining in Pictou County.

### 33. Allan Park - Stellarton

Allan Park is located on land owned originally by the Acadia Coal Company. For decades the park has been a gathering place for many activities in the town. In 2006 the Stellarton Communities in Bloom Committee created a plan to revitalize Allan Park and benches, lights, a waterfall, walking trails and a large clock were added to the park, already populated by many beautiful pine trees, a small playground and a gazebo. Rock walled gardens enhance the natural beauty of the grounds.

### 34. Big Island Beach

A long and scenic beach located along the shores of Merigomish, Big Island beach is a popular local destination. The beach features both rocky as well as sandy areas, it's quiet nature makes it pleasant for both beach walking and kayaking.

### 35. Blue Route Trail

The Blue Route Trail connects Nova Scotia's communities through designated cycling routes on secondary highways. The first section of the Blue Route was launched in August 2015, beginning on Pictou's Waterfront. The route includes the Blue Route signs on a segment of the provincial road network and on various trail systems in Pictou County. This segment of the entire planned route is 56 km in length, including 53km on Provincial Roadways and 3km on the Jitney Trail. [www.blueroute.ca](http://www.blueroute.ca)

### 36. Broidy Park

William Broidy Park is located at the corner of Wellington and Louise Streets in Pictou. This park contains a playground, tennis courts, picnic tables with shelters and will soon have a new skateboard park. The park consists of approximately 4 acres and is adjacent to the Pictou Academy soccer pitch.

### 37. Caribou-Munroe's Island Provincial Park

Located 11 km north of Pictou and close to the PEI ferry terminal, this mile-long sand beach offers some of the warmest saltwater swimming north of the Carolinas. The park also includes a provincial campground. There are 90 open and wooded overnight sites (un-serviced), as well as open sites that are situated on a hill overlooking the ocean. Park amenities include flush toilets, showers, a disposal station, fire grills, cooking shelters, dishwashing stations, change houses, wood and ice. Hiking trails can also be enjoyed.

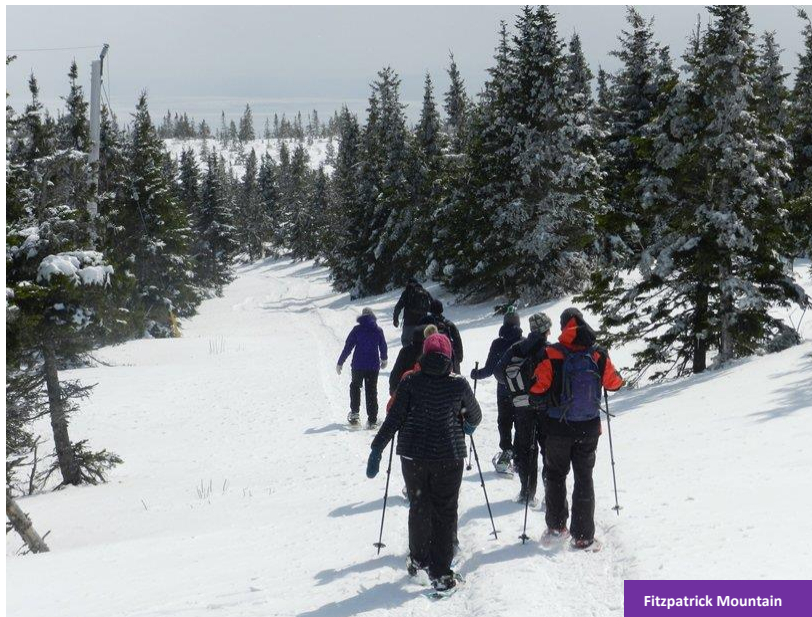


### 38. Carmichael Park

This park is a centerpiece for the west side of New Glasgow. A gazebo sits in the middle of the park with an obelisk honouring the military veterans of the town. Located along the Samson Trail, within site of the East River, this park hosts many events and visitors all year round.

### 39. Fitzpatrick Mountain Trails

Located in Scotsburn, this 8 km trail goes to Millville and is a challenging narrow woodland hiking trail that has steep sections. Suitable for hiking, skilled mountain bikers, and trail runners, it is accessible in Scotsburn behind the recreation grounds at route 256.



### 40. Goodman-Rotary Park

Thanks to the Rotary Club of New Glasgow, the Goodman Rotary Park is an excellent spot to relax while on walks, to have a picnic, or to wind down after work. The park features outdoor exercise equipment, benches, a shaded gazebo, and a small boat launch which is useful for kayaking. There is also a business that offers water sport rentals located next to the river.

### 41. Greenhill Lookoff Provincial Park

The Green Hill Lookoff is a stunning spot known for its expansive views of the Pictou County countryside. There are picnic tables around the park, as well as a short trail system and a small pond stocked with koi fish.

### 42. Hopewell Park

The Hopewell Footbridge Park is one of the last surviving footbridges in North America. It was originally built in the 1800's. The bridge itself stems off into a series of trails and walking paths overlooking the East River. The Foot Bridge is located next to the Hopewell Park that is home to the annual Footbridge Ceilidh, which takes place the second Sunday in August

### 43. Jitney Trail

The Jitney Trail is a beautiful recreational trail along the town of Pictou's waterfront to Brown's Point. Walkers, cyclists and in-line skaters can enjoy a 3-km trail to the site where the ship Hector made its historic landing in 1773. Over 1.5 km of this trail is paved; interpretive panels can be found along the way providing information on the history of the trail, the waterfront and the region. This heritage hike takes you near restaurants, shops, museums and classic examples of Scottish architecture. In the winter months, enjoy activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

#### 44. Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Park

Designed specifically with seniors and people with disabilities in mind, the Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Park (LORDA) is beautiful retreat located on the outskirts of Westville. Everyone is encouraged to visit the park; however fishing privileges are only given to seniors and people with disabilities.

#### 45. Melmerby Beach

Located in Little Harbour, Melmerby Beach is one of the most popular beaches in all of the Maritimes. Known for it's warm waters, averaging more than 22 degrees Celsius in the summer, Melmerby is a popular 2-km beach with boardwalk access. The beach is supervised in the months of July and August. Features include change houses, flush toilets, salt- rinse showers, picnic tables, boat launch and abundant parking.





## 46. Munroe's Island Trail

Located at the Caribou Provincial Park, this trail is a 10 km return hike up one side of Munroes Island, around its tip, then back down the same trail. The walk along the island accesses sandy beaches, a rocky shoreline, tidal salt marshes, and is an ideal spot to view shore birds. Munroes Island is a Nature Conservancy of Canada site.



## 47. New Glasgow Riverside Trails

-The Samson Trail is a fully groomed 4 km trail lit by antique lamp posts, on the west side of the town. The trail was built on Canada's oldest iron railroad bed and named in honor of the historic Samson locomotive.

-The Pioneer Trail is a 2 km trail on the east side of the town, with a look-off gazebo and a covered bridge.

-The Johnny Miles Memorial Trail is a 3 km section of trail within the Samson Trail and Pioneer Trail system and is named in tribute to the Boston marathon winner, the late Johnny Miles.

### 48. Pictou Island

Pictou Island is located 6 km off the coast of Pictou County in the Northumberland Strait. It is accessed only by a walk-on ferry. Visitors to Pictou Island can enjoy pristine sandy beaches, and a day park at the east end of the island. Most of Pictou Island is private land. Camping is allowed at designated camp sites. Plan a day trip to the island, and spend your time enjoying the outdoors by foot, hiking, picnicking, birdwatching or swimming.

### 49. Powell's Point Provincial Park

Situated in Little Harbour, along the Northumberland Shore, Powell's Point Provincial Park is a quiet location ideal for picnics and serene afternoon getaways. The park features a boat launch, with some of the warmest water in Nova Scotia.

### 50. Rushton's Beach Provincial Park

Located 4 km east of Brule near River John Rushton's Beach offers sheltered picnic grounds, warm salt water and broad sandbars at low tide. Its salt marsh attracts a large variety of birds. Amenities include picnic tables, a change house, toilets and a network of boardwalks.

## 51. Salt Springs Provincial Park

Located near the West River in Salt Springs, the park is a popular picnic spot for tourists and residents. The treed park offers excellent shade and features tables, water taps, toilet facilities and is suitable also for hiking.



## 52. Short Line Trail – Lyons Brook

Running between Brown's Point to Scotsburn, this 12.7 km recreational trail is made of a compacted surface suitable for cycling, walking, running, snowmobiling, skiing and ATV's. It is accessible from Brown's Point, Blackie Road in Lyons Brook off Route 376 and Scotsburn.

## 53. Smelt Brook Trail

This 5.3-kilometre section of the Great Trail is comprised of trails extending from Trenton Park to the Airport Greenway Route, the Smelt Brook Ravine Trail and Trenton's Main Street. It brings trail users through a mixed forest, including stands of old growth hemlock, oak, and maples winding along and over Smelt Brook.

## 54. The Cape to Cape (Sunrise) Trail

This scenic footpath winds its way through shaded forests, over much of the highest ground in mainland Nova Scotia and across waterways, opening to reveal breathtaking vistas of rolling hills, the sea coast and peaceful farmlands. This footpath travels over 400 kilometers, all the way from Cape Chignecto in Cumberland County to Cape George in Antigonish County.



## 55. The Great Trail (Trans-Canada Trail)

The Great Trail is a not-for-profit organization working with donors to create an epic trail offering a wide range of activities. The trail system offers hiking, cycling, paddling, skiing and snowmobiling routes through urban and rural areas, showcasing the diverse roadways, waterways and landscapes of Canada. In Pictou County, the Great Trail spans from one side of the county to the other, connecting through all of the local municipalities.

## 56. Trenton Steeltown Centennial Park

Trenton Park is a popular destination for local families and visitors to the county. Open year- round, it features several trails for hiking, mountain biking and snowshoeing, as well as a seasonal 3000-square foot swimming pool, a canteen and multiple picnic areas. The park is undergoing a major upgrade of its facilities, as well as a retrofit of their campground.

[www.town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/trenton-park](http://www.town.trenton.ns.ca/index.php/trenton-park)



Trenton Park

## 57. Waterside Beach Provincial Park

Situated east of Caribou River along the Sunrise Trail, Waterside Beach is a combination of a long sandy beach, salt marsh, open farmland with picnic tables, and expansive views of PEI.

# Attractions

## 58. Grohman Knives Factory Tours

In business for over 50 years, Grohmann Knives is internationally renowned for the manufacture of a variety of high quality knives. The company has earned 25 international honours as well as a display at the New York Museum of Modern Art. Located in Pictou, seasonal tours of the factory are offered.

[www.grohmannknives.com](http://www.grohmannknives.com)

## 59. Lismore Sheep Farm

Lismore Sheep Farm is located off the Sunrise Trail, along the Northumberland Shore. The Farm uses wool to create a wide range of products, which include: wool blankets, wool filled comforters, wool mattress pads, yarn, hand knit socks, hats, mitts, etc. During the summer the farm is open for visitors to see their sheep and lambs and visit an interpretive display.

[www.lismoresheepfarmwoolshop.com](http://www.lismoresheepfarmwoolshop.com)



## 60. Pictou Lodge Beachfront Resort

The Pictou Lodge Beachfront Resort is just minutes from both the town of Pictou and the Prince Edward Island Ferry. The Resort features log cottages, executive chalets, private beaches, and natural family recreation activities. Dine oceanside at Pictou Lodge and experience their renowned Taste of Nova Scotia seafood and great Nova Scotian craft beer, wine, and spirits!

[www.pictoulodge.com](http://www.pictoulodge.com)

## 61. Seafoam Lavender Farm

Seafoam Lavender Company & Gardens is a family-operated agri-tourism and manufacturing business. Their mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle by producing 67 superior-quality culinary, aromatherapy, household, and skincare products. Open to the public from June through September, guests can meander through 3,000 lavender plants and enjoy a self-guided tour demonstrating how products from the lavender buds and blossoms are made.

[www.lavendercanada.com](http://www.lavendercanada.com)



## Museums

### 62. Barney's River Station School House Museum

Barney's River Station School Museum opened its doors in 1996. A pre-confederation building, this one-room school was the center of learning and community activity for many generations. Unaltered in exterior appearance the building is a fine example of a typical one-room school in rural Pictou County. [www.brsshmuseumh.tripod.com](http://www.brsshmuseumh.tripod.com)

### 63. Carmichael Stewart House Museum

The Carmichael Stewart House was built in 1880 by the Carmichael family, a prominent New Glasgow shipbuilder. Located on Temperance Street in New Glasgow, the late Victorian home boasts original hardwood floors, beautiful stained glass windows, as well as an extensive collection of period artifacts.

### 64. Crombie House

Located in Abercrombie, the Crombie House is home to a collection of 19th- and 20th-century art by some of Canada's greatest artists. Displayed in the former home of F.H. Sobey, the collection features works of art by Cornelius Kreighoff, the Group of Seven and other Canadian artists, with a diversity of style and interpretation. [www.sobeyartfoudation.com](http://www.sobeyartfoudation.com)



## 65. Hector Heritage Quay



The Ship Hector is a replica of the original Hector, the historic vessel which was responsible for carrying Scottish settlers for the first time to Nova Scotia in the 1773. The Hector replica was launched in 2000 and still a popular attraction in the port of Pictou.

[www.shiphector.com](http://www.shiphector.com)

## 66. Lighthouse Research and Interpretive Center

This unique museum features a collection from local historian, author, lighthouse expert and founder of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society, E.H. Rip Irwin. This material includes a library of over 110 books, pamphlets, maps, magazines, over 34 volumes of lighthouse research related to Nova Scotia, and 20 volumes of research on other Maritime lighthouses, 18,000 photographs and additional videos and magazines. It is located on the Pictou waterfront. [www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca](http://www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca)

## 67. Loch Broom Log Church

A replica of the first church built in Pictou County, the first service was held in the original church was in 1787 and was conducted in Gaelic and English. The seats are wood slabs supported on blocks, and a ladder leads to an upper floor with more seats. The Loch Broom Log Church is a Nova Scotia Historic Site.

[www.lochbroomlogchurch.com](http://www.lochbroomlogchurch.com)



## 68. McCulloch House Museum

The McCulloch House Museum is located in the 200-year-old, original home of one of Pictou County's earliest settlers, Dr. Thomas McCulloch. It features exhibits that detail how one man's passion launched him on a journey to create public education in Nova Scotia. The McCulloch House is now operated by the Pictou County Genealogy and Heritage Society, in conjunction with the McCulloch Heritage Centre, on behalf of the province of Nova Scotia.

[www.mccullochcentre.ca](http://www.mccullochcentre.ca)



## 69. Northumberland Fisheries Museum

The Northumberland Fisheries Museum prides itself on preserving the rich sea heritage and culture of the Northumberland Strait. This local attraction pays tribute to the life and times of all those involved, past and present, in the fishing industry in the region. It is located on the Pictou Waterfront.

[www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca](http://www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca)

## 70. Nova Scotia Museum of Industry

The Museum of Industry, located in Stellarton, presents how the industrial age affected Pictou County and Nova Scotia. One of Canada's few comprehensive industrial museums, featuring early technology, steam engines, locomotives, cars and our own coal mining legacy. Children love the hands-on fun, trains, and demos. Given Pictou County's industrial roots, the museum details life of the working families over the past 200 years.

[www.museumofindustry.novascotia.ca](http://www.museumofindustry.novascotia.ca)

## 71. Pictou County Military Museum

Situated in Westville, the museum commemorates our brave Canadian soldiers and veterans. Over 12,000 objects, including buttons, badges, uniforms, and weapons, as well as over 1000 profiles of military staff are on display.



## 72. Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame

The Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame preserves the athletic history of our area. With over 4000 scrapbooks, medals, videos, and other memorabilia from sports such as hockey, boxing, curling and more, the Hall of Fame pays homage to the many amazing athletes of Pictou County.

## 73. Trenton Heritage Museum

The Trenton Heritage Museum is dedicated to researching information about Trenton, the birthplace of steel manufacturing in Canada. It features photos, newspaper articles and artifacts of Trenton's past. The Museum is located in the Trenton Civic Building.

## 74. Pictou Lobster Hatchery

Part of the Northumberland Fisheries Museum, this amazing place offers the only operational lobster hatchery in Canada that is accessible to the public. Come and visit the lobster babies (Stage I – Stage IV lobster larvae) and you can even adopt your own baby lobster! Learn about the lobster fishing industry, lobster fishermen and even see how a traditional lighthouse keeper lived. The Hatchery's primary goal is to help conserve the lobster populations in the Northumberland Strait by live releasing Stage IV Lobsters into the Strait. [www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca](http://www.northumberlandfisheriesmuseum.ca)



Pictou Lobster Hatchery

# Entertainment, Markets & Marinas

## 75. DeCoste Performing Arts Centre

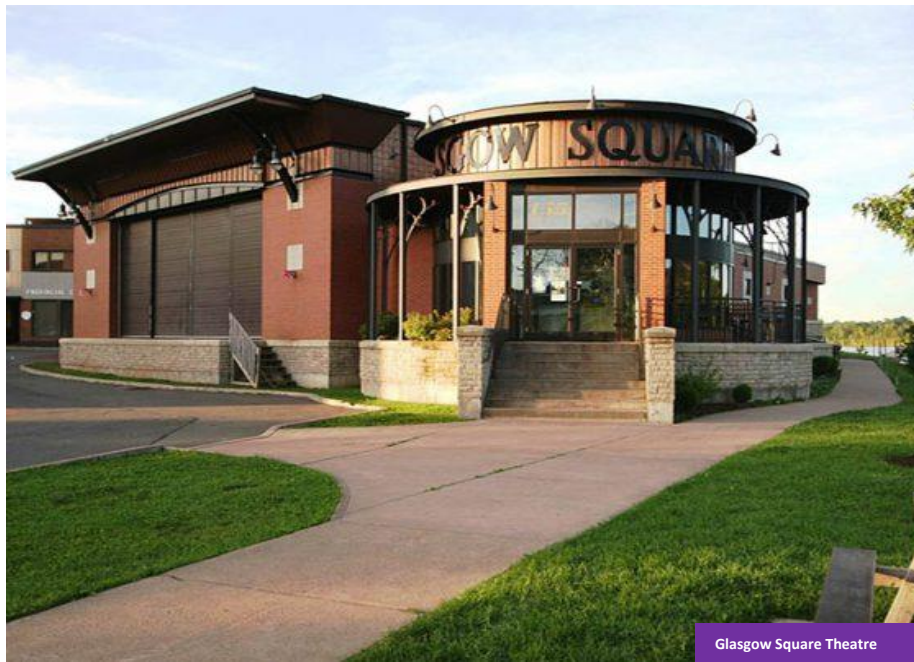
Since opening in 1982, the deCoste has presented over 2000 concerts featuring singers, musicians, actors and dancers from around the world. The deCoste is the venue in Northeastern Nova Scotia for conventions, awards, banquets, weddings, food fairs, business seminars, craft shows and trade shows.

<https://decostecentre.ca>



## 76. Glasgow Square Theatre

Sitting on the edge of the East River, Glasgow Square is a unique, indoor/outdoor amphitheater which provides year-round entertainment on the riverfront. Glasgow Square presents a wide variety of the performing arts, as well as a venue for weddings, receptions, business meetings, fundraisers and much more. It is the permanent home of the New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee. [www.glasgowsquare.com](http://www.glasgowsquare.com)



Glasgow Square Theatre



## 77. Hector Heritage Quay Marina

Hector Heritage Quay Marina has been serving local and traveling boaters for over 20 years. The Marina has a sheltered, fog-free harbour with deep water barrier-free access. [www.townofpictou.ca/sports-and-recreation/marina](http://www.townofpictou.ca/sports-and-recreation/marina)

## 78. McCulloch Genealogy Center

The McCulloch Genealogy Centre in Pictou hosts a broad range of exhibits focusing on local history and culture during the summer months. It is the location of an archival facility and research centre. With a growing interest in the heritage of Pictou County, this abundance of archival material includes hundreds of personal and corporate documents as well as family histories, newspapers on microfilm, vital statistics and much more



## 79. New Glasgow Farmer's Market Cooperative

The New Glasgow Farmers Market Cooperative is a place to enjoy good food, listen to wonderful music, and gather with your fellow neighbors. A community driven market located along the town's East River. Featured products include local produce, farmed and baked goods, food, and art. The Market hosts over 2000 visitors every Saturday with a year-round operation. [www.ngfarmmarket.com](http://www.ngfarmmarket.com)



## 80. New Glasgow Riverfront Marina

New Glasgow Marina is centrally located in the downtown, on the East River. It has a convenient boat launching point close by. The facility has free parking, washroom / showers, gas and diesel fuel for sale.

## 81. Pictou County Roots Society

Pictou County Roots Society is a registered non- profit organization. The Society 's purpose is to assist the public in genealogical research and preserve historical records.

[www.pictoucountyroots.ca](http://www.pictoucountyroots.ca)

## 82. Pictou Marina

Pictou Marina is located on the Northumberland Strait at the mouth of Pictou Harbour. The marina offers sheltered, deep water berths for boats up to 60 feet, shore power & water hook ups, marine supply store, and dockside fuel. In addition, the operation includes launching, hauling, winter storage, mechanical, and retail services. [www.pictoumarina.com](http://www.pictoumarina.com)

## 83. Pictou North Colchester Exhibition

This Exhibition takes place in the town of Pictou each September and is a local rural fair featuring agriculture events, local musical entertainment, and other events such as truck pulls, demolition derby, mud bogging, strong man/woman competitions, crafts and floral displays, light horse and draft horse events, and other entertainment for children and adults.

[www.pictouexhibition.com](http://www.pictouexhibition.com)

## 84. Pictou Seaside Market

The Pictou Seaside Marketplace is located on the historic Pictou waterfront across from the Ship Hector, in the New Caledonian Curling Club. It is open weekends from mid June to mid September. Seaside is primarily a crafters' market with a focus on local and Nova Scotia Crafts.

[www.pictoumarket.ca](http://www.pictoumarket.ca)

## 85. River John Sunday Market

The River John Sunday Market is held at the Lismore Sheep Farm every Sunday from 10 am - 2 pm, from July to mid-September. The Market vendors sell produce, baked goods and artisan products.



## 86. Westray Miners Memorial

The Monument pays tribute to the 26 men that died in the Westray Mine disaster of 1992. Titled "Their Light Shall Always Shine" the memorial stands near the area where 11 miners bodies still remain underground. The monument includes interpretive panels outlining the tragedy.

# Recreation, Clubs & Groups

## 87. Active Pictou County

Active Pictou County seeks to guide local residents into a healthier, more productive lifestyle. Through education and motivation, the group informs residents about available activities such as free-swims, public skates, and active school programs in order to increase physical activity in Pictou County [www.activepictoucounty.ca](http://www.activepictoucounty.ca)

## 88. Arenas

There are six ice arenas in Pictou County: Pictou County Wellness Centre, Trenton Rink, Stellarton Memorial Rink, Westville Rink, Ivor MacDonald Arena in Thorburn, and Hector Arena in Pictou. These arenas are home to hockey teams at all levels, figure skating clubs, and family skating opportunities. Each arena is an important center for a variety of community events and activities



## 89. Baseball

Pictou County is home to several baseball organizations, from Rookie to Midget. These organizations provide baseball for several hundred boys and girls aged 4 through 15 each summer, from house league to competitive teams.

## 90. Basketball

The Pictou County Basketball Association encourages the health and fitness of our youth in the county and beyond, by providing the opportunity to learn and play basketball. Each year several hundred players, at all levels, participate.

## 91. Bike Clubs

The Pictou County Cycle Bike Club is open to riders 10 years old and up who are interested in road or mountain biking (or both). The Club's goal is to help centralize the local cycling community, and help people connect and grow in the sport. [www.pictoucountycycle.com](http://www.pictoucountycycle.com)



## 92. Camps for Youth

- Big Cove YMCA Camp is located in Sutherland's River and has been in operation for over 127. It has a proud history of serving camper families from Nova Scotia and beyond. High quality programs are the cornerstone of the Big Cove experience, allowing youth the opportunity to gain self-confidence and strong leadership skills while developing lasting friendships.
- Camp Geddie is located in The Ponds and is owned and operated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Its aim is to develop Christian faith and character in children and youth through living together in a Christian camp community.
- MacLennan Memorial Camp is located in Little Harbour, and is an integral part of the United Church of Canada. It provides an opportunity for campers of all denominations to deepen their understanding of faith and to make lasting relationships with each other, in the outdoor camp setting.
- Salvation Army Scotian Glen Camp is located in Sutherlands River, and offers youth activities such as canoeing, swimming, hiking, crafts, volleyball, soccer, baseball and basketball. Days end by the campfire with a sing-a-long.

### 93. Community Centers

There are several Community Centers in Pictou County. The Westside Community Centre [www.westsidecommunitycentre.ca](http://www.westsidecommunitycentre.ca) the North End Rec Centre, and the Ward One Community Centre are all located in New Glasgow. There are also community centers in Kenzieville, Lismore, Little Harbour, Merigomish, Trenton and Plymouth. These community centers host many community events and programs.

### 94. Curling

There are four curling clubs in Pictou County. The Bluenose Curling Club in New Glasgow, Westville Curling Club, New Caledonian Curling Club in Pictou and Stellar Curling Club in Stellarton. The clubs operate during the curling season with adult curling leagues, curling lessons, and youth activities.

[www.pictoucurlingclub.weebly.com](http://www.pictoucurlingclub.weebly.com)



## 95. Dance

- Ashlei Ballet offers programs in Recreational, Exam Preparation, Student Teaching, Grade 12 credit, and Summer Camps, as well as classes in Acro, Ballet, Contemporary /Modern, Creative Movement, Hip Hop and Jazz.
- Brenda MacKay School of Highland Dance in New Glasgow, and Holly MacDonald-Bent School of Highland Dance in Pictou, offer instruction in highland dancing.
- Griselda Manning Dance & Movement is the founder of the Eastern Lights Belly Dance Performance Troupe. She is a professional Dancer, Choreographer and Teacher offering classes for Belly dance, Pilates, Yoga, Ballet, Modern, workshops and performances.
- Miss Carla's Dance Studio offers classes in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Acro, Broadway and Competitive Dancing. Private lessons are also available.
- Morrell Dance Company offers classes in Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Acro and Musical Theatre, as well as offers day camps during in service days and the summer.





## 96. Equestrian

- Sumac Farms is located in Little Harbour, and specializes in reining horses. Its facility includes 15 heated stalls, a 200 x 66ft heated indoor arena, an outdoor arena, as well as riding lessons.
- Krymsun Farms is located in MacLellan's Brook and offers a 60 stall barn with a covered indoor arena, two outdoor riding arenas, a riding track, and several paddocks and pastures. They also provide lessons, showing, training, leasing, and breeding services.
- Sunnybrae Equestrian Centre is located in Sunnybrae. It offers equestrian services for the all levels. The Centre also provides riding lessons as well as boarding facilities.

## 97. Figure Skating

- Mariposa East Skating Club provides skating programs for skaters of all ages, to enable the whole community the opportunity to skate.
- Kinsman Power Skating is a learn to skate program for children from age 4 to 12.
- Pictou East Silver Blades offer several skating programs including Skate Canada's new Canskate program, CanPower, and Jr./Sr. Programs for StarSkaters and Competitive Figure Skaters.
- Trenton Learn to Skate runs two concurrent programs, Group Lessons for children ages 5-12, and Parent and Tot Ice Time for ages 2+.

## 98. Golf

- Abercrombie Golf and Country Club offers a full service 18 Hole Championship layout that is nestled amongst Pictou County's beautiful wooded landscape and conveniently located minutes off Highway 104 and 15 minutes from the NS-PEI ferry. [www.abercrombiegolf.com](http://www.abercrombiegolf.com)
- Eagles Chance features one of the largest lighted driving ranges in Atlantic Canada. It features a nine-hole par 3 course and is home to the Brian Affleck Golf Academy. As an added attraction, the facility has a petting zoo which currently offers wagon rides, fish feeding pond, and a variety of animals. [www.eagleschance.com](http://www.eagleschance.com)
- Glen Lovat Golf is located on Fraser's Mountain and is a 18-hole golf course that combines both scenery and challenge. The layout, overlooking Merigomish Harbour and the Northumberland Strait, presents a uniquely different golf experience for local and visiting golfers. Glen Lovat offers golfing for all ages with a par 72 layout. [www.glenlovatgolf.ca](http://www.glenlovatgolf.ca)



## 99. Gymnastics

The Pictou County Gymnastics Club is a not-for-profit organization, providing a variety of gymnastic classes and programs for children ranging in age from toddlers to teens. The Club is registered with Gymnastics Nova Scotia and many of their athletes have qualified and competed with Team Nova Scotia. The organization is located in the former YMCA building on South Frederick St in New Glasgow. [www.pictoucountygymnasticsclub.com](http://www.pictoucountygymnasticsclub.com)

## 100. Hockey

Pictou County Minor Hockey (PCMHA) offers a variety of opportunities for local children to learn and enjoy hockey each winter. It is a cooperative effort among the towns and county, through the operation of several ice surfaces. The organization covers Novice to Midget players, as well as Junior B.

## 101. Multicultural Association of Pictou County

The Multicultural Association of Pictou County (MAPC) connects cultures in our community, through education, shared understanding, awareness and social events. It is a volunteer, community-based, not-for-profit organization building cultural diversity. They guide newcomers to programs and services in the community and organize social events to help newcomers integrate in the community and promote multicultural awareness.

[www.multiculturalpc.ca](http://www.multiculturalpc.ca)

## 102. New Glasgow Music Festival

The festival began in 1938 and has been held every year since in New Glasgow. The festival showcases young northern Nova Scotia talent in areas of vocal, piano, band, violin and string, and musical theatre. The winners of the Festival are invited to perform at the closing Stars of the Festival performance and may go on to provincial competitions.

## 103. NS Highlanders Cadet Program

Pictou County boasts an extensive military cadet program, part of one of the largest federally sponsored youth programs in Canada, including: The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, The Royal Canadian Army Cadets, and The Royal Canadian Air Cadets. It is a national program for young Canadians aged 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of fun, challenging and character building associated with Canada's military. [www.219army.com](http://www.219army.com)

## 104. Outdoor Adult Exercise Equipment (GreenGym)

There are outdoor GreenGym locations at Rotary Park and the West Side Community Centre in New Glasgow, including a variety of cross training and strength training equipment.

## 105. Pictou County 2020

Pictou County 2020 is a volunteer organization dedicated to community engagement to build success and positivity in Pictou County. Through community conversations a vision of Pictou County as a Healthy, United, Thriving and Bold community was created. Pictou County 2020 continues to host conversations to facilitate learning and growth, for individuals and organizations in our communities.



## 106. Pictou County Orchestra

For almost 30 years, the Pictou County Community Orchestra (PCCO) has continued to delight audiences in northeastern Nova Scotia with a mix of classical and popular music. Under the baton of Ken Henderson from Truro, players are drawn from Antigonish, Colchester and Pictou Counties, and exhibit a wide range of ages and experience. The PCCO has performed many concerts in many different venues and often rewrites orchestral parts to suit varying levels of experience.

## 107. Pictou County Special Olympics

Pictou County Special Olympics improves the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities, through sport. With over 115 athletes, and 30 coaches. Various sports are available throughout the winter and spring seasons across Pictou County. They include floor hockey, curling, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, bowling, track & field, swimming, softball, soccer, figure skating and powerlifting.



## 108. Pictou County Wellness Center

The Pictou County Wellness Centre is designed as one of the most energy efficient complexes of its kind in Canada, the Wellness Centre features two NHL sized ice surfaces, a walking track, community conference space, as well as a full service 'Intermissions Cafe' and catering amenities. It is the home of the YMCA of Pictou County which operates the facility's fitness centre, gymnasium, day care, child minding & aquatics centre.

[www.pcwellnesscentre.ca](http://www.pcwellnesscentre.ca)

## 109. Pictou Fisheries Training Pool

The Fisheries Training Pool features an indoor pool which measures at 25 meters long and 15 meters wide. Learn to Swim and recreational programs are available, as well as participation in the competitive Mariners Swim Team.

[www.townofpictou.ca/sports-and-recreation/aquatics/](http://www.townofpictou.ca/sports-and-recreation/aquatics/)



## 110. Pioneer Coal Athletics Complex

The Pioneer Coal Athletics Complex is located in Stellarton and is home to the Pictou County Athletics Track and Field Club. The club is a not-for-profit organization which relies on volunteer coaching staff. The site features a 400-meter running track consisting of eight lanes. It is used annually to host local and provincial track meets, as well as serves as a training facility for runners in the county. [www.pictoucountyathletics.com](http://www.pictoucountyathletics.com)



### 111. Pipe Bands

Pipe bands have long been a tradition in Pictou County, with opportunities for young and old to learn, to play, and to participate. Four of our best-known bands are:

- Clan Thompson
- Heatherbells
- Na Gaisgich
- Pictou County Pipes and Drums

### 112. Pulse Pictou County

Pulse Pictou County is a network of young, working aged people, with a mission to make our community a more engaging place to live and contribute. Pulse is focused on attracting and retaining a growing population of young to the area. They create events focused on social and community initiatives, professional development, athletics and wellness.

[www.pulsepictoucounty.com](http://www.pulsepictoucounty.com)

### 113. Pictou County Seniors Clubs

Pictou County has senior’s clubs in each of our local towns:

- 55+ Club- New Glasgow
- New Horizons Senior's Club- Pictou
- Steeltown Friendly Group of Senior Citizens- Trenton
- Stellarite Seniors' Club- Stellarton
- Westville Heritage Group- Westville



## 114. Sobeys Pavilion & Water Park

Located on the site of the original Sobeys store, this beautiful park/ water park is located on Foord St, in the heart of Stellarton. [www.stellarton.ca](http://www.stellarton.ca)



## 115. Soccer

The Northern Nova United Soccer Club, along with the Pictou Soccer Club, offers Mini, Academy, Recreational and Tier II soccer programs to players from the Preschool age to Under 18, along with senior men's and women's, throughout the county.

## 116. Squash

The Pictou County Squash Club is located in the William M. Sobey Indoor Sports Complex. It features two international size squash courts, separate locker rooms, washrooms and a viewing area. It is a membership-based club, run by volunteers.



## 117. Swimming

- The Pictou County Mariners, Pictou County's Swim Club, for youth ages 7 years and up, is based at the Fisheries Training Pool in Pictou. The club, part of Swim Nova Scotia, competes at the Nova Tech and Age Group levels.
- Ancient Mariners Masters Swim Club members swim for fitness or train for competition at the Fisheries Training Pool in Pictou

## 118. Tennis Facilities

There are two outdoor tennis facilities in Pictou County. Located at Broidy Park, Wellington Street Pictou and on Lavinia Street in New Glasgow.

Memberships and lessons available during July and August.

[www.westsidecommunitycentre.ca](http://www.westsidecommunitycentre.ca)

## 119. Ultimate Frisbee

Pictou County Ultimate Frisbee has a co-ed ultimate program in all three local high schools and host indoor leagues in the winter, and outdoor leagues all summer. In 2016 Pictou County Ultimate was chosen to be the NS representatives for the Art Hawkins Great Canadian Ultimate game!

## 120. William M Sobey Indoor Sports Complex

Located in Stellarton, the William M. Sobey Indoor Sports Complex is an indoor sports venue, providing citizens with sports and physical activities that are usually unavailable during the winter season. The complex features a 220 x 120 ft artificial play field that is used for multiple sports. The facility provides space for senior fitness programs such as walking or lawn bowling. The complex includes team locker rooms, public washrooms, a canteen, soccer store, and an upstairs spectator viewing area. [www.sobeysportscomplex.ca](http://www.sobeysportscomplex.ca)

## 121. Weeks Junior A Crushers Hockey

Pictou County's premier hockey team, also known as the "Crushers", are part of the Maritime Junior "A" hockey league. Their home ice is the Pictou County Wellness Centre, with weekly games, popular with young and old.

[www.weekscrushershockey.com](http://www.weekscrushershockey.com)

## 122. YMCA of Pictou County

The YMCA of Pictou County provides vital services such as health, fitness and recreation, child care, education, training, swimming and after school care. The YMCA is an inclusive organization that connects people to life-building opportunities, to each other and to programs that will enhance quality of life. It is located at the Pictou County Wellness Centre. [www.pcyymca.ca](http://www.pcyymca.ca)



## Services

### 123. Newcomers Welcome Center

The Newcomers Welcome Centre is located within the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library system. The Centre provides information about the area and can suggest some ways to become involved in the community, and connect newcomers with others. [www.parl.ns.ca/newcomers](http://www.parl.ns.ca/newcomers)

### 124. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

The Pictou Antigonish Regional Library system is known for its innovative approach in providing first class library services to rural Nova Scotia. It is one of nine regional libraries in the province and is a centre for community engagement. PARL is the official “Newcomer Welcome Centre” in Pictou and Antigonish Counties. It offers quiet spaces for work and study, helpful staff, and a wealth of literary material. [www.parl.ns.ca](http://www.parl.ns.ca)





### 125. Pictou County Food Banks

Feed Nova Scotia has 146 locations across the province and has been operating for over 30 years. There are two food banks within Pictou County, in New Glasgow and Pictou. Both locations are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

### 126. Royal Canadian Legions

The Royal Canadian Legion was founded by Veterans for Veterans. The Legion advocates for the care and benefits for all who serve Canada, including those who are currently serving the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families. Pictou County has five Royal Canadian Legion Branches: New Glasgow, Stellarton, Trenton, Westville, and Pictou.

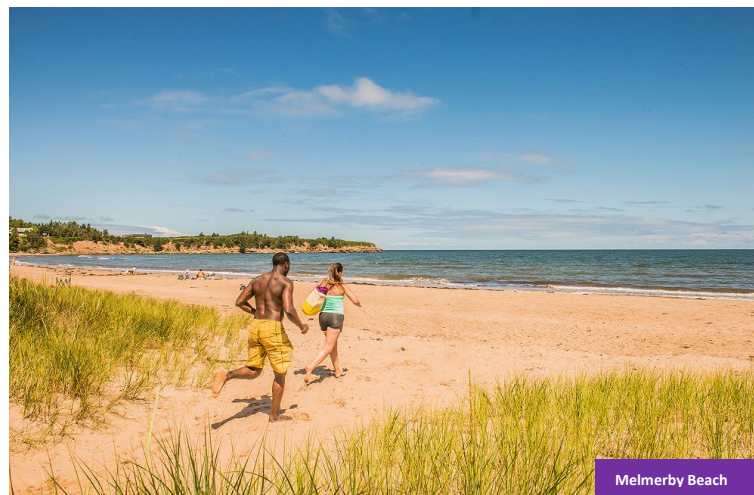
# Business Support Organizations

## 127. Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

ACOA is a federally funded agency that works to create opportunities for economic growth in Atlantic Canada by helping businesses become more competitive, innovative and productive. ACOA works with diverse communities to develop and diversify economies, championing the strengths of Atlantic Canada. [www.acoa-apec.ca](http://www.acoa-apec.ca)

## 128. Destination Eastern and Northumberland Shores (DEANS)

DEANS is a registered not-for-profit destination marketing organization. They are a regional tourism industry association, recognized as a partner of the provincial government. DEANS provides marketing assistance to the counties of Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough and Eastern Halifax County, as well as for twelve municipalities. [www.visitdeans.ca](http://www.visitdeans.ca)



### 129. Pictou County Chamber of Commerce

The Pictou County Chamber of Commerce is one of the most active and innovative Chambers in rural Nova Scotia. With over 240 members, the Chamber champions business issues and works to improve economic conditions in the community. [www.pictouchamber.com](http://www.pictouchamber.com)



### 130. ChamberHub

In 2017 the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce established a co-working space. ChamberHub helps entrepreneurs starting new businesses, persons working remotely from a base at home and business persons in various situations who may require space for meetings, interviews or just a quiet place to work and network. The shared space facility is offered as a contribution to the success of small businesses in Pictou County.



### 131. Northern Opportunity Business Limited (NOBL)

Northern Opportunities Business Limited (NOBL) is a member of the provincial CBDC association. NOBL assists in the creation of small businesses and the expansion of existing businesses by providing small business loans, technical services, business counselling, entrepreneurship development and training [www.noblbusinessskills.ca](http://www.noblbusinessskills.ca)

### 132. Nova Scotia Business Inc

Nova Scotia Business Inc. is a provincial organization working towards a strong, thriving and globally competitive Nova Scotia through attracting global investment to create new jobs across the province and working with companies in all communities to be more successful exporters. With extensive expertise, NSBI is passionate about helping Nova Scotia companies discover new exporting opportunities.

### 133. Nova Scotia Works – Career Connections

Nova Scotia Works provides clients with assistance in finding employment and in career development and works with employers needing assistance with hiring needs. It serves Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties. [www.careerconnections.ca](http://www.careerconnections.ca)

# Health Care Services

## 134. Hospitals

- The Aberdeen Hospital is a regional facility in New Glasgow providing a broad range of health care services to the communities in Pictou County and northern Nova Scotia. The hospital provides Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Palliative Care, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Services and Laboratory Services.
- The Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital in Pictou has a restorative care unit, the Northumberland veterans' unit, various outpatient services and community programs



### 135. Health Foundations

- The Aberdeen Health Foundation was established in 1986 to support the Aberdeen Hospital's fundamental mission to provide quality health care to those in need. The Foundation has done so by providing continuing and coordinated financial support, helping the hospital adapt its operations, programs, equipment, and services to ever-changing technologies and improved standards of care. [www.aberdeenhealthfoundation.com](http://www.aberdeenhealthfoundation.com)
- The Sutherland Harris Memorial Hospital Foundation supports the programs and services of the hospital, wellness and bursary programs.

### 136. Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary

Since 1896, the Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary's mission is to provide financial support and volunteer services to the Aberdeen Hospital and health services within Pictou County. Most of the money raised by the Aberdeen Hospital Auxiliary is through Martha's Place Hospital Gift Shop.

[www.aberdeenauxiliary.org](http://www.aberdeenauxiliary.org)

### 137. Aberdeen Walk-In Clinic

The Aberdeen Walk-In Clinic in New Glasgow provides after hours and weekend access to family physicians. The walk-in clinic is located on East River Road in New Glasgow and is open six days a week.

### 138. VON of Pictou County

The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) is Canada's only national, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care organization. The Pictou County Site is a major employer with close to 250 local staff serving thousands of Pictou County residents. They provide a variety of services to enhance their clients' quality of life and remain at home for as long as possible. Some services include: Visiting Nursing, Home Support, Adult Day programs, Meals on Wheels, Volunteer Transportation, Foot Care Clinics, Wellness programs, and Nursing Services for Northeast Nova Scotia Corrections Facility.

[www.von.ca/en/site/pictou](http://www.von.ca/en/site/pictou)



# Infrastructure

## 139. CBCNS Railroad

The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia (CBCNS) Railway is a vital infrastructure asset for the whole province. Stretching over 394 kilometers, the short line operates between Point Tupper on Cape Breton Island to Truro in central Nova Scotia with headquarters in Stellarton, Pictou County.

## 140. CHAD Transit Service

Critical for the lives of many, CHAD Transit is a transportation service that specializes in aiding those who are disadvantaged including the disabled and seniors. CHAD enables clients to access services and health care throughout the county. [www.chadtransit.ca](http://www.chadtransit.ca)



### 141. Northumberland Ferries Limited

Northumberland Ferries provides a critical economic link between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Each year, thousands of tourists and local residents used the ferry service. The local terminal for the ferry is located at Caribou, near the town of Pictou. It is one of Nova scotia’s busiest access points. [www.ferries.ca/ns-pei-ferry](http://www.ferries.ca/ns-pei-ferry)



### 142. Trenton Airport

Trenton Airport is a key part of Pictou County’s transportation infrastructure system. It is a commercial airport capable of servicing small aircraft and corporate jets alike, with 5300 x 150 feet of runway, modern lighting and refueling capability (location identifier CYTN). It is privately owned, but accessible to public aircraft.

### 143. Pier C Wharf Pictou

Pier “C”, at Pictou Harbour, is a key marine terminal on the Northumberland Strait. It is 183 m (600 ft) long with an adjacent fenced laydown area and is privately owned but operated as a public facility. The Pier handles bulk cargo and welcomes cruise ship visitors to Pictou County each summer.

[www.pictoumarineterminals.com](http://www.pictoumarineterminals.com)

### 144. Fire Services

Within Pictou County there are 28 individual Fire Departments spread throughout the county. All rely on volunteers. New Glasgow has the only department staffed 24 hours a day

### 145. Police Services

Pictou County has excellent police services. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has detachments in Stellarton and Pictou, and police the county as well as the town of Pictou. The New Glasgow Regional Police services the towns of New Glasgow and Trenton and Stellarton and Westville each have their own Police Departments.

# Educational Opportunities

## 146. Elementary and Middle Schools

Pictou County has excellent elementary and middle schools and is part of the Chignecto Central Regional School Board's Celtic Family of schools.

- A.G. Baillie Memorial School
- Dr. WA MacLeod Elementary
- East Pictou Middle School
- Frank H. MacDonald Elementary
- GR Saunders Elementary
- McCulloch Education Centre
- New Glasgow Academy
- Pictou Landing First Nations Elementary
- Salt Springs Elementary
- Scotsburn Elementary
- Thorburn Consolidated
- Trenton Elementary
- Trenton Middle School
- Walter Duggan Elementary
- West Pictou Consolidated



## 147. High Schools

- North Nova Education Centre- located in the town of New Glasgow, this high school encompasses grades 9-12, from the communities of New Glasgow, Trenton, and the northeastern area of Pictou County.
- Northumberland Regional High School- located in Alma, this grade 9-12 high school covers the areas of Stellarton, Westville, Pictou and the southwestern section of the municipality of Pictou County.
- Pictou Academy- founded in 1816 by Dr. Thomas McCulloch, this is one of the oldest secondary schools in Canada. In 2016 they celebrated their 200th anniversary. This school is home to students from grades 9-12.

## 148. International Baccalaureate @ NRHS

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) is recognized throughout the world as a comprehensive high school curriculum, available to students in Grades 11 and 12. This program appeals to students who have the commitment and interest to participate in a challenging program.

### 149. Nova Scotia Community College – Pictou Campus

Pictou County is proud to have the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), Pictou Campus, located in Stellarton. Featuring programs such as carpentry, welding, practical nursing, and more, the college is a valued part of our community. The campus also includes a library, computer labs, meeting rooms and gymnasium. [www.nsc.ca](http://www.nsc.ca)

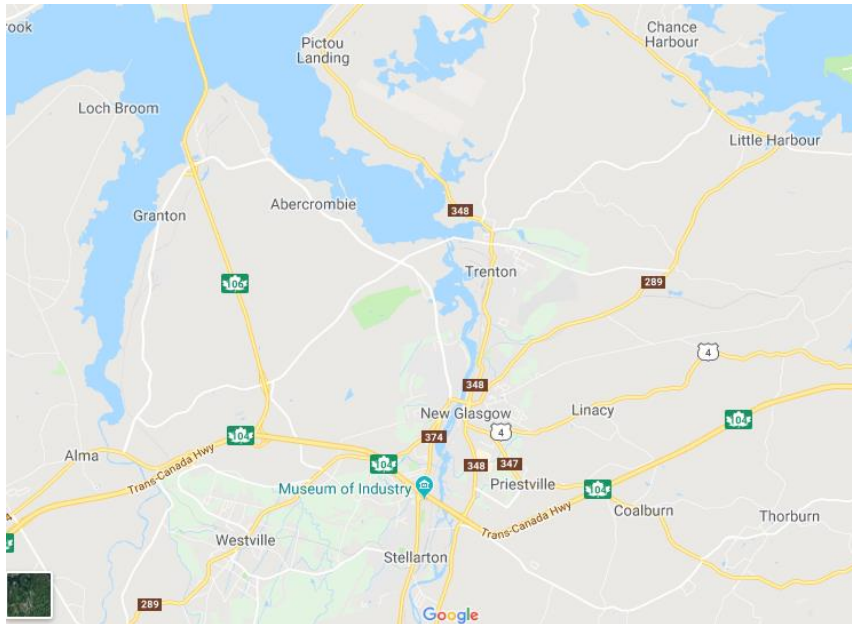
### 150. St. Francis Xavier University

Pictou County is adjacent to Antigonish County, which is home to St Francis Xavier University. A short commute, many students and faculty keep Pictou County as their home base. The university brings together more than 5,000 students from across Canada and around the world in arts, science, business and information systems. [www.stfx.ca](http://www.stfx.ca)

### 151. Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus

Pictou County is also adjacent to Colchester County, which is home to Dalhousie University's Faculty of Agriculture Campus. A short commute over Mt. Thom, many students and faculty continue to keep Pictou County as their home base. The Faculty of Agriculture offers the only university level agriculture programs in Atlantic Canada. The university offers Master level programs, undergraduate studies, as well as diploma and technical programming. [www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture)

# Pictou County Map

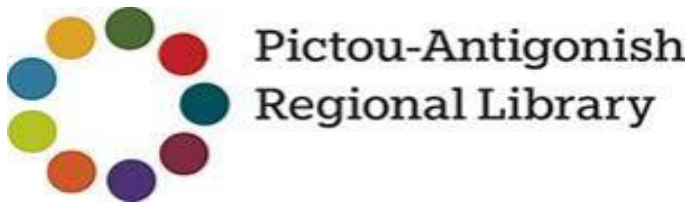


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