

ROAD TRIPS - Day Trip Itinerary from Yarmouth, NS

The following is a suggested itinerary for a day trip or for planning an overnight stay in the area.

If you are already travelling along Highway 1 you are on the right track. If you are travelling along Highway 101 take Exit 32 to Highway 1 which will allow you to experience the region of the Clare Acadian Shore.

Explore the peacefulness and tranquility of the villages of Mavillette and Cape Saint Mary. You will find one of Clare's most precious natural treasures, **Mavillette Beach Provincial Park**, a 1.5-km-long sandy beach backed by fragile marram grass-covered dunes protected by boardwalks. Discover its countless little treasures—driftwood, stones, shells, beach glass and more! And a great place to birdwatch.

The fishing wharf at Cape Saint Mary is guarded by houses perched on the hill overlooking the sea. During the summer, fishermen share their village with summer residents who return each year to bask in the beauty of the sea and the scenery.

Enjoy panoramic ocean views over Saint Mary's Bay and the Gulf of Maine from Clare's newest park: **Cape Saint Mary Lighthouse Park**. In July 2018, a granite monument was installed to commemorate those lost at sea in the Municipality of Clare. Other amenities include an accessible picnic shelter, viewing scope, interpretive signage and portable toilets. A great place to sit and watch waves break! Watch for the new **webcam**.

Back on Highway 1, you'll drive by **Église Saint-Alphonse Church**. Drop in and admire the beautiful murals.

Continuing north in Meteghan, be sure to enjoy the sweeping sea views and learn about rum running at picturesque **Smuggler's Cove Provincial Park**. If you have children, the **Meteghan Family Park** overlooking St. Mary's Bay located just up the road is a perfect stop to stretch your legs.

The port at Meteghan evolved around Clare's most important industry: fishing. Scallop draggers, trawlers, herring seiners, and ground fish and lobster boats land their catches at the **Meteghan Wharf**, where nearby fish plants and lobster pounds provide employment for many workers. A visit to the wharf will give you an opportunity to observe the different types of boats and feel the pulse of the region's most important industry.

You will find numerous businesses in Meteghan Centre. Do not hesitate to stop and browse for treasures are the very first **Frenchy's** store located in this village. Meteghan River is home to **A.F. Thériault & Sons**, one of Canada's largest private shipbuilding companies. The shipyard builds boats in aluminum, fiberglass and composites and offers a vast array of services related to ship repair for all kinds of boats. Stop by for a unique photo opportunity!

Saulnierville was first settled in 1785 by a group of six Saulnier families. The village has become Clare's shopping centre with its numerous stores.

La Cuisine Robicheau restaurant serves delicious seafood and is home to **Musique de la Baie**, a live Acadian music program in local restaurants. There are almost 20 restaurants situated along the Clare Acadian Shore. For a complete list, visit our **Food & Drink** page. Sample **râpure**, a traditional Acadian dish served at local restaurants.

The **Église Sacré Coeur Church** comes alive during an annual quilt expo in late July. By turning inland onto Eustache Comeau Road before the yellow church, follow the signage that leads you to the 19th-century water-powered turbine **Bangor Sawmill Musuem**.

For the past 60 years, **Comeau's Sea Foods Ltd.** has been a leader in the harvesting, processing and global distribution of fish and other sea products. The company is located by the Saulnierville Wharf.

Driving through Comeauville, you will notice Clare's community radio headquarters, **Radio CIFA** at 104.1 FM, as well as signs leading to the modern 18-hole **Clare Golf Course & Country Club**.

In Church Point, be sure to stop in to **Université Sainte-Anne**, the only French language university in Nova Scotia and home to one of the world's best French immersion programs. Get informed at the **Rendez-vous de la Baie Visitor Centre**, also home to an impressive Acadian Museum and **Le Trecarré art gallery**.

Discover your Acadian genealogy at the adjacent **Centre acadien**. Be sure to pick up a map and explore the **Le Petit Bois** wooded and coastal nature trails on campus including the **Church Point Lighthouse**.

In Church Point you cannot miss **Sainte-Marie Church Museum**, reputed to be the largest wooden church in North America. Sainte-Marie Church houses two exhibit rooms displaying artifacts of the region's rich religious past.

The village of Grosses Coques was named after the large clams that the first Acadian settlers discovered on the tidal flats. Turn left onto Major's Point Road and discover the first Acadian chapel and cemetery at **Pointe-à-Major**, the site of the first Acadian settlers in 1758.

Belliveau Cove was a renowned boat-building community during the age of sail. At the **Belliveau Cove Municipal Park** you will also find a 5-km seaside walking trail, a lighthouse and a Saturday **Farmer's Market**. On Friday evenings, enjoy the sunset over the bay at the **Beaux Vendredis seafood suppers** and enjoy fresh lobster and clams. A **clam-digging experience** with a local expert is offered at low tide throughout the summer.

Just up the road along the main highway you can't miss the majestic **Église Saint-Bernard Church**. This impressive granite church is home to a summer art expo.