

A good museum:

- Attracts ►Entertains ►Arouses curiosity
- Leads to questioning ►Promotes learning
- Stimulates response
- It is an educational institution set up and kept in motion



- Adapted from E.P. Alexander

Centre de la Mi-Carême, St. Joseph du Moine



La Pirogue Fisheries Museum, Chéticamp



Miner's Museum, Inverness

Railway Station Museum, Orangedale



Father John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre, Glendale



Acadian Museum, Chéticamp



**THERE ARE MANY OTHER INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN INVERNESS COUNTY:**

- ★Swim in the ocean at our beautiful beaches. Here's just a sampling:
  - Port Hood
  - West Mabou
  - Inverness
  - Dunvegan
  - Whale Cove
  - Chéticamp
  - Margaree Harbour
  - Belle Cote
  - Petit Étang
  - Pleasant Bay
- ★Inverness County is renowned for its wealth of talented artists and artisans. Visit our excellent gift shops, galleries, artists' studios and local fairs to purchase high quality, one-of-a-kind, locally made items.
- ★Golf, tennis, deep-sea, salmon and fresh water fishing, whale-watching, hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, birdwatching and more. Stay awhile and experience all that Inverness County has to offer.

For more information, 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@invernessco.ca](mailto:recreation@invernessco.ca)



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

**INVERNESS COUNTY MUSEUMS NETWORK MAP**



**MUSEUMS KEY**

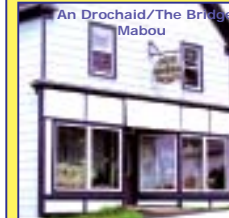
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| 1 GUT OF CANSO MUSEUM, PORT HASTINGS                       | 9 LA PIROGUE, CHÉTICAMP                               |
| 2 CELTIC MUSIC INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, JUDIQUE                | 10 LES TROIS PIGNONS, CHÉTICAMP                       |
| 3 JUDIQUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JUDIQUE                      | 11 WHALE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, PLEASANT BAY            |
| 4 CHESTICO MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PORT HOOD          | 12 SALMON MUSEUM, NE MARGAREE                         |
| 5 AN DROCHAID/THE BRIDGE, MABOU                            | 13 THE MACDONALD HOUSE MUSEUM, EAST LAKE AINSLIE      |
| 6 INVERNESS MINERS' MUSEUM, INVERNESS                      | 14 ORANGEDALE RAILWAY MUSEUM, ORANGEDALE              |
| 7 CENTRE DE LA MI-CARÊME/ACADIE MASQUE, ST JOSEPH DU MOINE | 15 FATHER JOHN ANGUS RANKIN CULTURAL CENTRE, GLENDALE |
| 8 ACADIAN MUSEUM, CHÉTICAMP                                |   |

**?** 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.

Inquire 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.

**INVERNESS COUNTY MUSEUMS NETWORK**



An Drochaid/The Bridge Mabou



MacDonald House Museum, East Lake Ainslie



Chestico Museum, HarbourView



Les Trois Pignons, Chéticamp



Celtic Music Interpretive Centre Judique



Judique Historical Society Centre Judique



Whale Interpretive Centre Pleasant Bay



Salmon Museum, Northeast Margaree



Gut of Canso Museum Port Hastings

## THE MUSEUMS OF INVERNESS COUNTY

1. **GUT OF CANSO MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES**, 9 Church Street, Port Hastings. Ph: 625-1295, or, out-of-season: 625-0779/625-2794. Email: [gutofcanso@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:gutofcanso@ns.sympatico.ca). Operated by the Gut of Canso Historical Society. Local area history and displays on the construction of the world's deepest man-made causeway are some of the attractions on display in this 100 year-old Cape Breton house. Open mid-Jun to mid-Oct on the following schedule: Jul & Aug/Mon to Fri., 9:00 am to 6 pm and Sat and Sun., 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Jun, Sep and Oct/Mon to Fri., 9:00 am to 5 pm. Admission free, donations welcome.

2. **CELTIC MUSIC INTERPRETIVE CENTRE**, 5473 Route 19, Judique. Ph: 787-2708. Website: [www.celticmusic.com](http://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 August/Mon-Fri. (Off-season by appointment). Special programs are offered during the annual Celtic colours festival in mid-October.

3. **JUDIQUÉ HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, 5663 Route 19 - just north of the village of Judique (watch for the signs). Ph: 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: 787-2244/787-2930. Email: [chesticomuseum@auracom.com](mailto:chesticomuseum@auracom.com). 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 mid-Jun to end-Aug/Mon - Sat., 9 am to 5 pm. Admission free, donations gratefully accepted.

5. **AN DROCHAID/THE BRIDGE**, Route 19, Main Street, Mabou. Ph: 945-2311/945-2790. Email: [androchaid@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:androchaid@ns.sympatico.ca). Operated by the Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society. Artifacts, genealogical and historical records. Special emphasis on the Gaelic tradition. Open end-Jun through end-Aug/daily except Monday. Admission free, donations welcome.

6. **INVERNESS MINERS MUSEUM**, 62 Lower Railway Street, in the old CN railway station. Ph: 258-3822. Email:

[invhistsoc@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:invhistsoc@ns.sympatico.ca). Exhibits devoted to the coal mining history of the district (the museum also houses a small archives). Open mid-Jun through end-Sep/Mon - Fri., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and weekends noon to 5:00 pm.

7. **CENTRE DE LA MI-CARÈME/ACADIE MASQUE**, 12615 Cabot Trail Rd., St Joseph du Moine. Ph: 224-1016/224-2665. Website: [www.collections.ic.gc.ca/micareme](http://www.collections.ic.gc.ca/micareme). Email: [moineau@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:moineau@ns.sympatico.ca). An exhibition of over 100 locally crafted masks representing an old Acadian tradition called "La Mi-Carême". The tradition is still celebrated in this area every spring (mid-lent). This community centre also houses a C@P Site (public internet access with high-speed connections) plus an archives of local history. Admission fee. Opens early Jul to end-Aug daily, and off-season by appointment.

8. **ACADIAN MUSEUM**, 5067 Cabot Trail Rd. in Chéticamp near St. Peter's Church. Ph: 224-2170/Off-season: 224-3463. Email: [coopartisanale@atcon.com](mailto:coopartisanale@atcon.com) or visit website at [www.co-opartisanale.com](http://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-Jun through end-Sep/daily 8 am to 9 pm. Mid-May to mid-Jun & late Oct/9 am to 6 pm. No admission fee. Donations welcome.

9. **LA PIROGUE FISHERIES MUSEUM**, Main Street, Chéticamp. Ph: 224-3349/fax: 224-2801. Email: [cdc2000@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:cdc2000@ns.sympatico.ca). Over 2000 artifacts, Gallery of the Sea, old Acadian Homestead, renewable energy complex, and much more. Admission charged. Family and group rates, CAA & AAA discounts, bilingual staff, and much more for the whole family! Open year round. Summer hours: 9 am to 8 pm. Off-season by appointment.

10. **LES TROIS PIGNONS: MUSEUM OF THE HOOKED RUG AND HOME LIFE**, 15584 Cabot Trail Rd., Chéticamp. Ph: 224-2642. Email: [lestroispignons@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:lestroispignons@ns.sympatico.ca) or visit our website at [www.lestroispignons.com](http://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-Oct, (Jul &

Aug/daily 8 am to 7 pm). Admission charged.

11. **WHALE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE**, 104 Harbour Road, Pleasant Bay. Ph: 224-1411/fax 224-1751, or email: [g.f@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:g.f@ns.sympatico.ca). Life-size models of whales plus exhibits, interactive media and a touch-tank. Open mid-May through mid-Oct (special groups until end-Nov). Admission: adult \$4.50/child or senior \$3.50/family \$14.

12. **MARGAREE SALMON MUSEUM**, 60 East Big Intervale Road, N.E. Margaree. Ph: 248-2848/248-2765/248-2623. Exhibits relate to salmon angling on the Margaree River. Excellent collections of fishing tackle, photos and memorabilia of famous anglers. Open mid-Jun through mid-Oct/9 am to 5 pm. Admission \$1, children 25 cents.

13. **MACDONALD HOUSE MUSEUM AND HERITAGE SITE**, 3458 Hwy 395, East Lake Ainslie. Ph: 258-3317. [www.3ns.sympatico.ca/paulinemacl](http://www.3ns.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-Jun through early-Sep/daily, 9 am to 5 pm. Special demonstrations or hours for group tours. Admission: \$3 (family and group rates available).

14. **ORANGEDALE RAILWAY STATION MUSEUM**, 1428 Main Street, Orangedale. (Hwy 105 at Exit 4). Ph: 756-3384. A 19th-century railway station which was operational until 1990, houses railway artifacts, stationmaster quarters, model railway and original furniture. Several railway cars on site; gift shop in boxcar. Opens late Jun through late-Oct/9 am to 5 pm/daily until September 1, then Wed to Sun until closing of the season. Admission free, donations welcome.

15. **FATHER JOHN ANGUS RANKIN CULTURAL CENTRE**, 4248 Hwy 105. Ph: 625-3441. Website: [www.3ns.sympatico.ca/glendale.cap](http://www.3ns.sympatico.ca/glendale.cap). Email: [culturalcentre@yahoo.com](mailto:culturalcentre@yahoo.com). Local archives with material dating back to the 1800s; CAP site (public access to Internet and e-mail); kitchen ceilidhs; Gaelic resource centre (children's Gaelic workshops in summer, other workshops). Open mid-Jun through mid-Oct (inquire locally for hours). Admission free, donations welcome.

