

# Acadia Day August 15th

# <u>Sunday</u>

#### Leave: \_\_\_\_\_

# Egan Chutes Provincial Park

Entry is free but the road to the parking lot is NOT RV FRIENDLY. There is not sufficient parking on the side of the road for an RV. Consider visiting this a different day. The hike to the falls is level and easy. There is a large falls at the end of the trail. Well worth the hike.

<u>**T**</u>ime: 1:28 <u>**D**</u>istance: 107 KM <u>**S**</u>tay: 45 minutes

# Mississippi Falls

You were already here with Cayden, but it may be good to show the others these falls. Park at <u>Metcalfe Geoheritage Park</u> - it should be large enough for an RV. Check out the falls behind the small building, then walk to the Grand Falls. T: 2:05 D: 176 S: 40

### **St Raphael's Catholic Church Ruins**

The skeleton of a church remains after it burned down. There may be guides there to explain what happened. Even if there are no guides, it is still worth the visit because you can still see the inside and the partly melted bell. A looped driveway is big enough for an RV, and a paved shoulder across the road is large enough for an RV.

T: 1:45 D: 157 S: 20

#### Madrid 2.0

Bathroom, gas and dinosaurs! Sufficient room to fill the RV with bus/RV parking on site. McDonald's is here but you will want to save room for a poutine supper tonight. <u>Take the toll road to get</u> <u>here. It saves 30 or more minutes and is around \$4</u>. T: 2:31 D: 239 S: 40

### Fromagerie Victoria Saint-Nicolas

This is a **MUST VISIT**. It is my all-time favourite poutine place. It is EXPENSIVE but worth every bit. Order a large poutine for everyone. It is yum!!!! They also have soft-serve ice cream, which is great for dessert. Parking might be an issue for an RV. It is a new location.

T: 1:04 D: 105 S: 40

### Chaudière Falls Park

Spectacular falls. Flows all year. There are several places to park an RV. If RV parking is filled when you enter, drive around the corner for more parking. There are about four parking lots so there should be room somewhere. There is a walking bridge to get to the other side and a trail to get to the falls. If access is open, it is possible to walk down a flight of stairs to get close to the falls. When finished, walk beyond the entrance to this park for a different view of the falls. T: 7 D: 9 S: 1:30

#### **Good Night in Quebec City**

# Monday

Wake\_\_\_\_\_ Leave \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Montmorency Falls**

Massive, iconic waterfall outside of Quebec City. It opens at 9:00, and there is admission. Sufficient bus/RV parking. Walk across the footbridge toward the stairs that go up the cliff. There is a viewpoint that gets you close to the falls – you will get wet from the spray. This is important because you will need to be cooled off to climb the stairs. Yes, you can do it. Once on top, there is another foot bridge that goes across the top of the falls and a couple of trails to see the falls from a different angle. You can take the stairs back. There is a cable car to skip all the exercise but that takes away from the fun of this place. The cable car costs extra. <u>BRING WATER and lots of it.</u> T: 15 D: 15 S: 2:00

#### **Chutes Rouillard**

There is RV parking at the entrance of the parking lot. Back into the parking space. If this is full, there is another parking lot seconds away from this main one. This is a waterfall that can take different routes. When exploring this falls, it is possible to walk on it, in it, and around it. BE MINDFUL OF THE YOUNG KIDS. There are a large number of "potholes". These round pockets are made by the swirling water and can be almost perfectly round. This location had the most potholes we had ever seen. Take your time and WATCH YOUR STEP! T: 50 D: 62 S: 45

#### **Petite Chute Park**

It's a beautiful waterfall with two access points. If the place is popular, it may be difficult for an RV. \*\*\*Go to the first location. We visited here, and there was only one other car, so an RV can take up several spots. Walk to the dam. There is a gate that looks locked, but it is not. Enjoy the view of the falls from the top of the dam. **\*\*\***Go to the second location. This site will be much more difficult for an RV. There could be space to park an RV just around the corner at the end of the street, where there are cars parked for this location. Walk to the footbridge to see the waterfall from the best angle at this location. There is another waterfall a short hike from here. Stick close to the river and listen for it. SOMEONE WILL NEED TO GUIDE THE RV IN BACKING OUT WHEN IT IS TIME TO GO. VIEW SATELITE IMAGES BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO VISIT THIS PLACE IN CASE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH YOUR RV.\*\*\*\*If parking is good at the first location, consider hiking across the dam to the falls and the footbridge below. It is a strenuous hike. OR leave the RV at the first location and drive in a car to the next location; it will be much easier.

T: 2:00 D: 189 S: 1:00

#### Tracadie

Welcome home! T: 5:00 D: 437 TIME ZONE CHANGE

# <u>Tuesday</u>

#### Wake \_\_\_\_\_ Leave \_\_\_\_\_

# Musée Historique De Tracadie Inc.

Opens at 9:00. Adults - \$5.00. Kids - free. Local history museum. Be sure to check out the leper cemetery. Museums are great if you stop, read and learn. Take your time here.

T: nearby D: nearby S: 90

# Village Historique Acadien

An open-air "living" museum. Admission is good for two days. Be sure to keep your bracelet to come back a different day if you so desire. Entry is pricey, but these types of places are great if you stop and ask the guides questions. Take your time. Learn about the culture, history and heritage of this location. RV parking is on-site if needed. Open from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM T: 40 D: 48 S: 4:00 (stay longer if wanted)

# Grande Anse Lighthouse

A cute Acadian lighthouse. Plus, a lobster trap to trap the kids in for a photo.

T: 7 D: 9 S: 20

# Tracadie

T: 40 D: 58



#### Wake \_\_\_\_ Leave \_\_\_\_

#### aquarium nb

Seal feeding is at 11 AM. Opens at 9:00. Touch tank for the kids. Nowhere to park an RV. Admission \$15 adults, \$10 kids. T: 30 D: 36 S: 2:00

# **Magic Sculptures Footpath**

Unsure if there is an entry fee or if it is free. About 250 wooden sculptures in the forest.

T: 17 D: 15 S: 45

# **Explore Lameque Island and Miscou Island**

- **Plage de Pigeon Hill** if it is low tide, you can walk along a sand bar
- La Terrasse à Steve A restaurant but has a chair outside for the kids to get a photo in. You might be able to see live lobster here. This is a location where they fish for lobster.
- Information Miscou Island A photo op of some lobster traps. Possible washrooms. Maybe pick up a brochure of the island.
- **Treasure Island** Legend has it that pirates buried treasure here
- Peat Bog Boardwalk A small hike
- **Observatoire du lac Frye de Miscou** On this island, hundreds of different birds can be seen. Will you see any here?
- Miscou Island Lighthouse

Take your time exploring these places. On beaches, look for souvenirs. Return to **Tracadie** afterwards.

# Thursday Wake\_\_\_\_\_ Leave \_\_\_\_\_ BRING RV and other cars

### MacDonald Farm Provincial Heritage Place

It opens at 10:00 AM. Admission is \$7 and \$5. This Scottish heritage place has animals for the kids. There is room to park the RV at the entrance.

T: 46 D: 63 A: Try to be there with it opens S: 2:00

#### **Giant Lobster**

A statue of a giant lobster. A great photo op. T: 1:30 D: 137 S: 15

#### **Cape Jourimain Nature Centre**

"Free" entry, but they want \$10 per car. Room for RV parking. Visit the nature centre and gift shop, and then take the Lighthouse Trail. A flat 2 km round trip hike to a lighthouse and a great view of the bridge that Marc built. When done with the hike, leave the RV behind and take a car over the bridge. T: 1:00 D: 76 S: 2:00

#### **Bridge Park**

A monument to the bridge. Another photo op. Playground near this monument. In this area are a bunch of shops. Go shopping. Multiple parking locations.

T: 18 D: 17 S: 90

### **Confederation Bridge**

\$51 toll. Return to nature centre to retrieve the RV.

Fundy National Park. There is one site available for an RV.

or

#### Ponderosa Pines Campground

or

### West River Camping

I would prefer Fundy but only one site is left. Either way, it will be a late arrival to the site.



Wake \_\_\_\_ Leave \_\_\_\_

Today is a lot of hiking. Bug spray. Lots of water. Food. Hopefully you were able to book the last site at Fundy National Park.

Drive to <u>Fundy National Park</u> (if not already here). Pay the admission to get in. Ask for a park guide and decide what you want to do. There is no need to try to do everything today BECAUSE you need to be at <u>Hopewell Provincial Park by 3:00 PM</u>.

# Hikes at Fundy:

- <u>Caribou Plain</u> easy. Bog look for carnivorous plants. Beaver dam. 2 KM
- <u>Shiphaven</u> easy. Great views of river, estuary and beach. 1 KM
- <u>MacLaren Pond Medicine Trail</u> easy. About Indian medicine plants. 1 KM
- <u>Dickson Falls</u> moderate. A dozen small falls. Near Medicine trail. 1.5 KM
- <u>Kinnie Brook Trail</u> moderate. Long stairs. The stream disappears underground. 3 KM

- <u>Matthews Head Trail</u> moderate and long. Hike through the forest to the coast. There is an abandoned homestead. 4 KM
- <u>Herring Cove Beach Trail</u> moderate. Low tide, look for barnacles. High tide, look for shrimp that hide behind a trap door and have feathery feet 1 KM
- <u>Laverty Falls Trail</u> moderate. Waterfall at the end, but it is all uphill the way back. 5 KM
- <u>Third Vault Falls Trail</u> long and challenging. Highest falls in the park. 7.5 KM

# Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park

Home to the highest tides in the world. Try to arrive by 3:00 PM. It is a fair walk from the parking lot. Go down the main stairs and continue your exploration of the seafloor by continuing straight from the stairs. Be mindful of the mud. Explore the water's edge for small animals. The tide is lowest at 4:16. Admission but it is worth it. Admission is good for two days in a row, so you can come back tomorrow to see it at its highest tide (no sea floor access).

T: 40 D: 44 S: 2:00

Return to the camp.

# <u>PEI</u>

- **Cavendish Visitor Information Centre** go here for destination ideas.
- Site of L.M. Montgomery's Cavendish Home Small admission. Access site through Montgomery Park. L.M.'s grave is across the street near the stop light.
- **Green Gables Visitor Center** Admission. See the actual Green Gables. Nice gift shop best prices on the island.
- **Avonlea Village -** Shopping area. You will see much of what is for sale at Green Gables here, but at a higher price.
- **Ripley's Believe It Or Not! -** Admission. Unique museum.
- Shining Waters Family Fun Park Big admission. Rides.
- Sandspit Cavendish Beach Big admission. Rides.
- **Cavendish Cliffs -** Might be free. Stairs to beach. Rugged coast line.
- The Rock Stairs to beach. More scenic sites on the coast.
- Butterfly House Admission. 10:00 to 5:00.
- Scenic Lookout, View of Confederation Bridge A church parking lot. A great view of the bridge. 3340 N Carleton Rte 10 Rd, Borden-Carleton, PE C0B 1X0
- **Bridge Park** in **Gateway Village** Look for everyone's names. Then go shopping. Shops close between 6:00 and 9:00.

#### Moncton Tide Bore

This is a unique experience. A tidal wave twice a day. Park at Sleep Country Canada (9 Champlain St, Dieppe). Walk across the road to the **Acadian Odyssey Monument.** It is best to be there as much as 30 minutes early. Times are approximate and it could come before or after these times. You will not regret seeing this. The sound is unique. Times for Tide Bore

- August 19 10:06/22:26
- August 20 10:53/23:13
- August 21 11:39
- August 22 00:02/12:27
- August 23 00:51/13:16

# <u>Heading to Quebec</u>

*It is over six hours of heading to Quebec via Tracadie way.* View my previous itineraries that I sent you to go to places you might have missed.

# <u>It is over seven hours going through Fredricton.</u>

If going this way, check out these:

- **Canadian Military Engineers Museum -** free. maybe 1 or 2 hours here.
- Harvey's Big Potato a photo op with a big potato. Just 10 minutes.
- **Kings Landing, New Brunswick -** 30 buildings, with costumed actors. You will spend much of the day there.
- World's Largest Axe another photo op
- **Blue Bell Tunnel -** It will be next to impossible to get an RV here. Follow the road to find a trail to a collapsing tunnel. Spooky.
- **Zip Zag Ziplines** C'mon, you know you want to. Expensive but the memories!!
- Jardin botanique du Nouveau-Brunswick Pricey. Gardens with plants in the shape of animals.
- Site historique maritime de la Pointe-au-Père (SHMP) A bit of a detour. Tour an actual sub, see and climb the tallest lighthouse in Canada, and learn of the worst maritime tragedy before the Titanic.

# In Quebec Heading Home

Assuming you are crossing the St. Lawrence River at **Traversier** Les Escoumins-Trois-Pistoles, these are some suggestions:

- Marine Mammal Interpretation Centre if you already visited an aquarium, maybe not do this place. BUT it MAY BE possible to see beluga whales swimming from the shore.
- **Pointe-Noire Interpretation and Observation Centre -** another possible place to see belugas.
- **Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area -** Charlene and I have been here. An epic hike up half the mountain, then a flight of 250 steps down to see 3 amazing waterfalls. Very cheap to enter. BRING WATER!
- **Canyon Sainte-Anne** Very commercialized waterfall experience. If you love the natural waterfalls, you might not like this place. The falls and canyon is cool, but there are so many people and it is impossible to get close to the falls. Admission.
- Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré A beautiful cathedral. Free to enter with plenty of parking. Great religious art inside. Worth the visit. The small gift shops a block or two away are worth visiting.
- Fromagerie Victoria Quebec City location at 1500 Av Jules-Verne. Large parking lot. You cannot be in Quebec and not get a poutine from here. Get a large and feast on this culinary delight!
- **Musée huron-wendat -** Quebec City. Indian heritage place. Limited parking for an RV. There is a waterfall and fountain just a couple of blocks away. Consider walking there. Indian gift shops near **Chute Kabir Kouba**.

- Vieille prison de Trois-Rivières–During the summer, there is only one guided tour in English at 11:15 a.m. An online reservation is suggested. There is no RV parking.
- **Belvédère des Chutes de Shawinigan -** You should be free to enter the park if all you are doing is looking at the falls. This can be a falls that is just raging, or it can be just a small trickle. Two parking lots. limited RV parking.
- La Cité de l'énergie Go here to see if there are any English tours for the hydro dam. Very limited RV parking.
- Le Magasin général Le Brun- Salle de spectacles It is like stepping back in time to this general store. Super cool. interesting stuff. Also doubles as a museum. Parking lot should be able to comfortably fit an RV.
- Lieu historique national du Manoir-Papineau the mansion of a local rich man. Admission is reasonable. Parking is by the train station - limited for an RV. Walk through the woods to get to the mansion.
- **Patrimoine et Chutes de Plaisance -** Parking is very limited, but you won't be here long. It was free to access when we were last here. Nice falls. Short hike.
- **Mackenzie King Estate** The guy on the \$50 bill had a house here. Free to explore but parking is paid. Not likely room for an RV.
- Ruines Carbide Willson The ruins of an experimental building. Interesting history. Ties in to a location in Ontario, but that is another story. Park at Parc de la Gatineau P11 (O'Brien) (likely free but no RV). Long walk but a nice falls and ruins.
- **Bonnechere Caves -** Tour a small cave. Admission. RV parking is likely. Waterfall across the road. Maybe fossils in the river bed.