

Quick Drive thru New Brunswick



New Brunswick

Here's another misunderstood province: New Brunswick.

Again, westerners are deceived. When they see it on the map, they think it's small.

No, it is huge. Too huge to explore in one trip – although that's pretty much what we did.

Took two weeks, and it was a hell of a lot of driving. Think of it this way: distance across New Brunswick from St. Andrews to Campbellton is 455 kilometers. Similarly, distance from Falcon Lake, Manitoba to Virden, Manitoba is 460 kilometers.

That's the same distance across the populated parts of those provinces. Except that only accounts for the left side of New Brunswick. It's a square. Multiply the driving by four. On a map, Manitoba is only populated across the bottom. That big space on the map of Manitoba is in the north, and largely empty. The empty part of New Brunswick is in the middle.

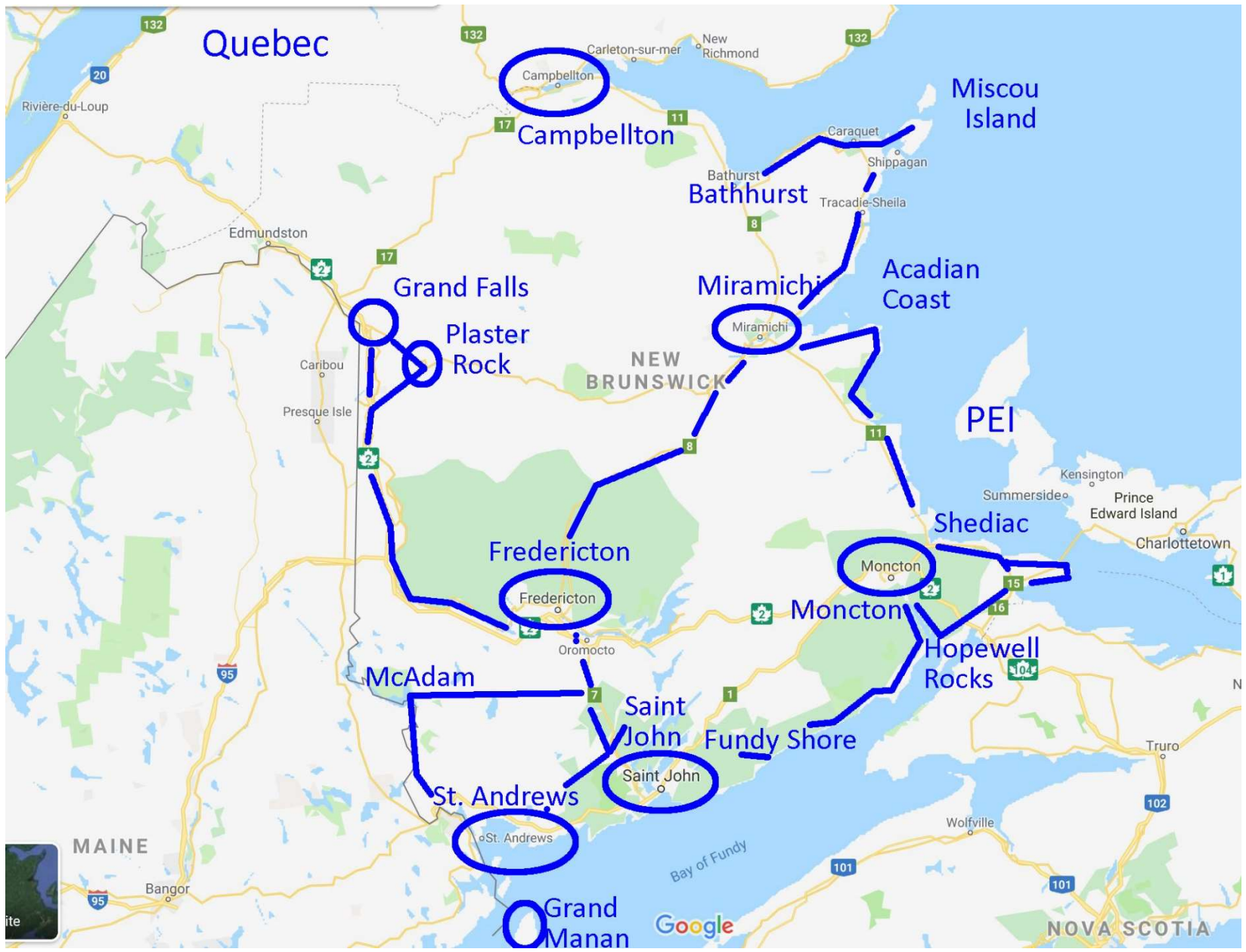
These two provinces have a lot in common. Most people drive thru them en route to somewhere else. These two provinces are the only ones in Canada that are bilingual. The populations are largely working class, if they'll admit it, and some of the towns are a little of what they used to call "hard scrabble". And the people are down to earth and engaging.

New Brunswick is truly bilingual. The English have the southwest, with Saint John as their urban center, and the Fundy Shore as their rural roots. The French have the northeast, with Moncton as their center, and the Atlantic Coast as their real roots. (It's not "French" as much as "Acadian".)

The Acadians have their own language, which is neither French nor English, but a blend of its own, with a rather unique and interesting history. They proudly fly their own flag (everywhere) to proclaim their heritage.

Oh yes, the other urban center is the government capital of Fredericton. Also a beautiful part of the Saint John River Valley.

Both these provinces are used to having yearly spring flooding too, so they should reach out and embrace each other; because they have even more in common than most provinces of this Canadian confederation.



Quebec

Campbellton

Miscou Island

Bathurst

Grand Falls

Plaster Rock

Miramichi

Acadian Coast

PEI

Fredericton

Shediac

Moncton

McAdam

Hopewell Rocks

Saint John

Fundy Shore

St. Andrews

Saint John

Grand Manan

MAINE

NOVA SCOTIA

Google

St. Andrews Area



ST. ANDREWS WATER TOWER MURAL

DESIGNED AND PAINTED BY LOCAL ARTISTS GEOFF SLATER, ANDREA MULDER-SLATER AND JANTJE BLOKHUIS-MULDER OF JAREA ART STUDIO.





Ganong Chocolates
St. Stephen, NB
(unlimited chocolate samples included in the tour) 😊



St. George



Green's Point Lighthouse
(L'Etete Passage)



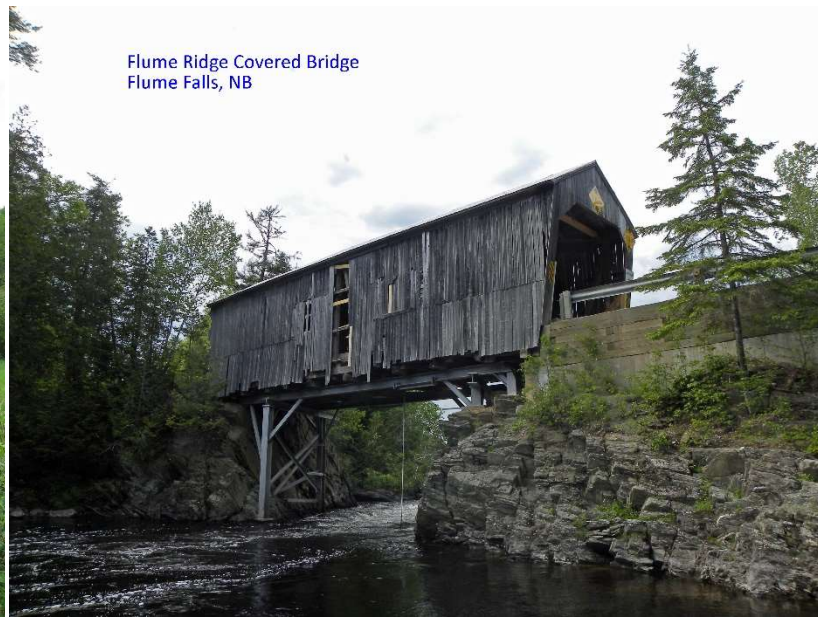
Lepreau Falls



Mill Pond Covered Bridge
Little Lepreau River



Flume Ridge Covered Bridge
Flume Falls, NB





McAdam Heritage Railway Station



Back Bay
New Brunswick



Deer Island Ferry

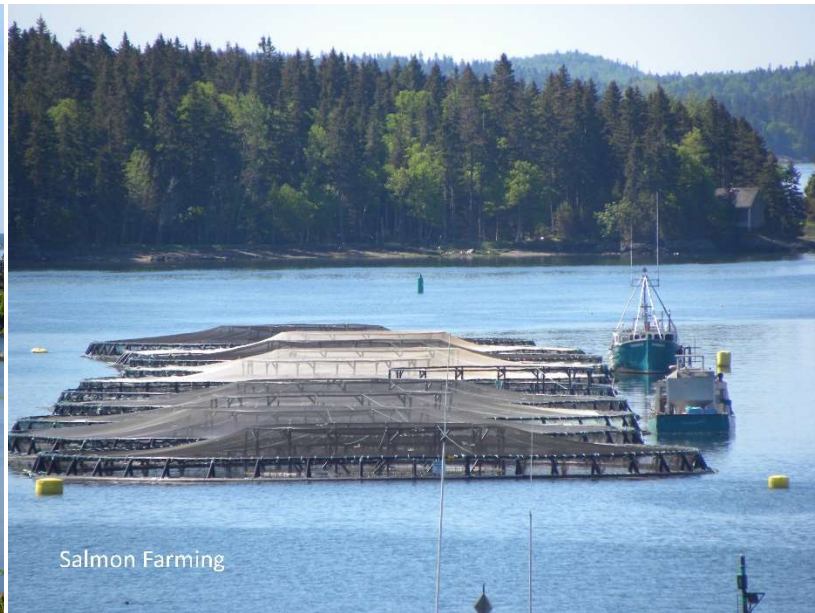


Deer Island Point





Old Sow Tidal Whirlpool



Salmon Farming

Grand Manan Island Ferry

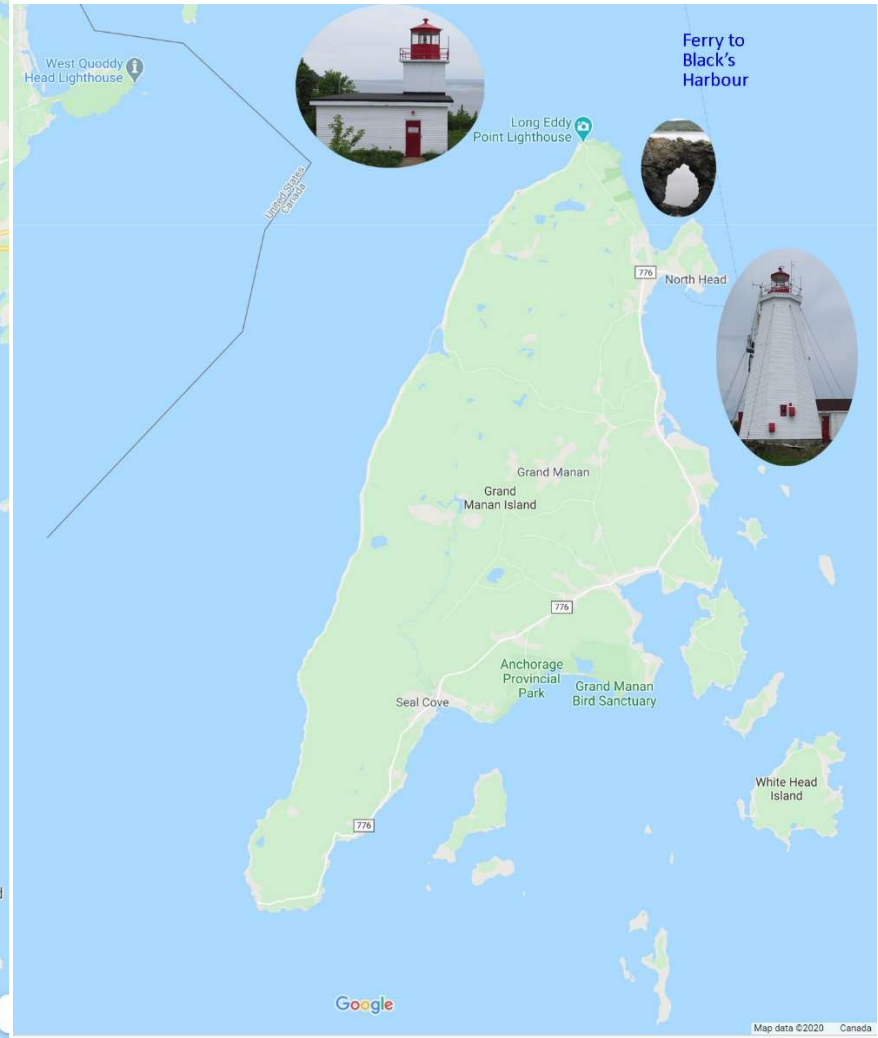


Hole-in-the-Wall

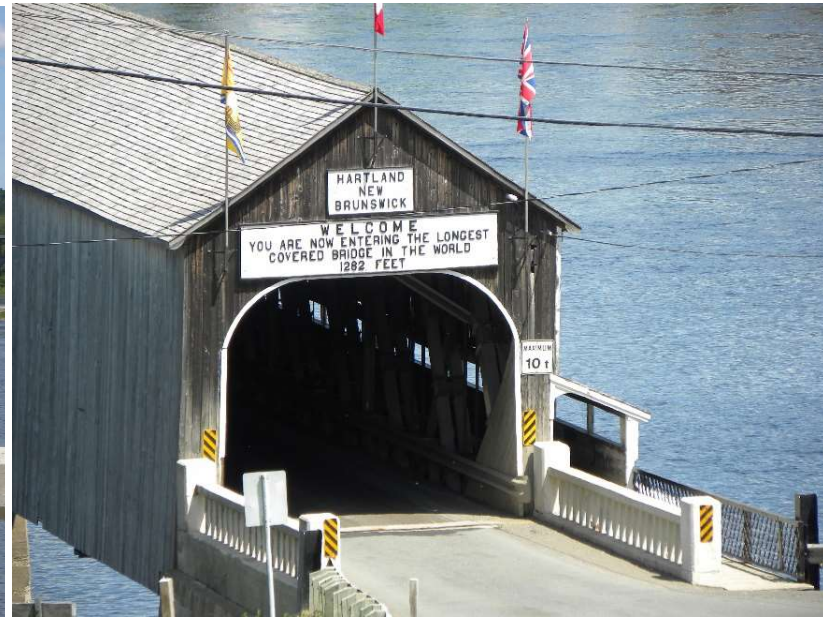








Saint John River Valley



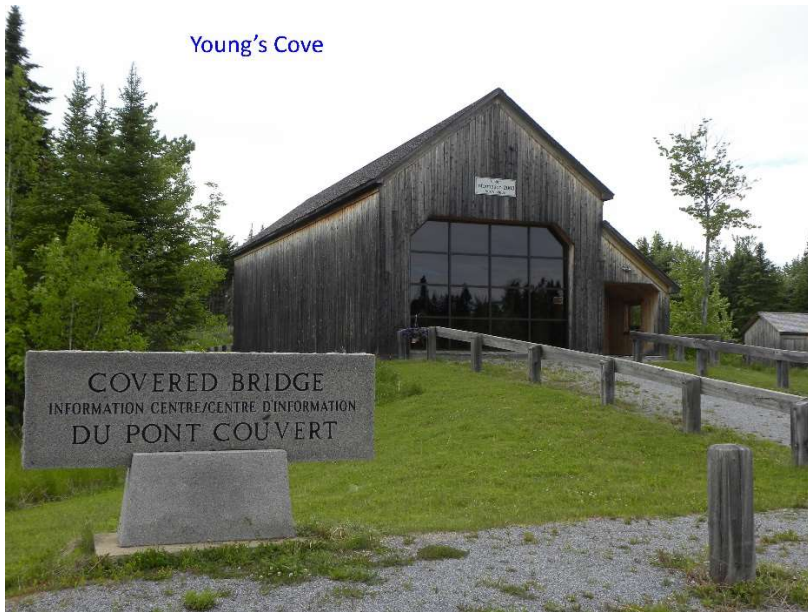
Hartland, NB
(world's longest covered bridge)



French River



Young's Cove



Pont Patrick Owens
Rusagonis, NB



Robin Hanson sculptures
French Lake, NB



Commemorating the War of 1812 along the Great Military Road from Fredericton to St. Andrews
Fredericton Junction, New Brunswick



"Hobo Pine Grove" (hobo refuge)
Fredericton Jct



HISTORIC SITE
Murder of the Peddler

The murder of the peddler took place around 1885 at this very location. The "peddler" was a cattle buyer from St. Andrews or St. Stephen. In the fall he would travel the St. Andrews road and buy cattle from the local farmers. He would herd them on foot all the way to Fredericton Junction railway station where he would sell them and have them transported to a major city. The peddler had great stock and received a considerable amount of cash for his efforts. He put all his money in his knapsack and was ready to start for home. As he passed the Beehive Hotel, located in the center of the Junction, he thought he would treat himself to a fine meal. The meal was fine and being tired, he decided to stay overnight. He got into a card game with three strangers. It was not long before liquor had loosened his tongue and he bragged of the big money he had just made. The three strangers saw him as an easy mark and plotted to rob him the next day on the diamond square road. They viciously murdered him and stole his money. The body was not found for a week and the criminals were long gone. The murder remained unsolved after three years.

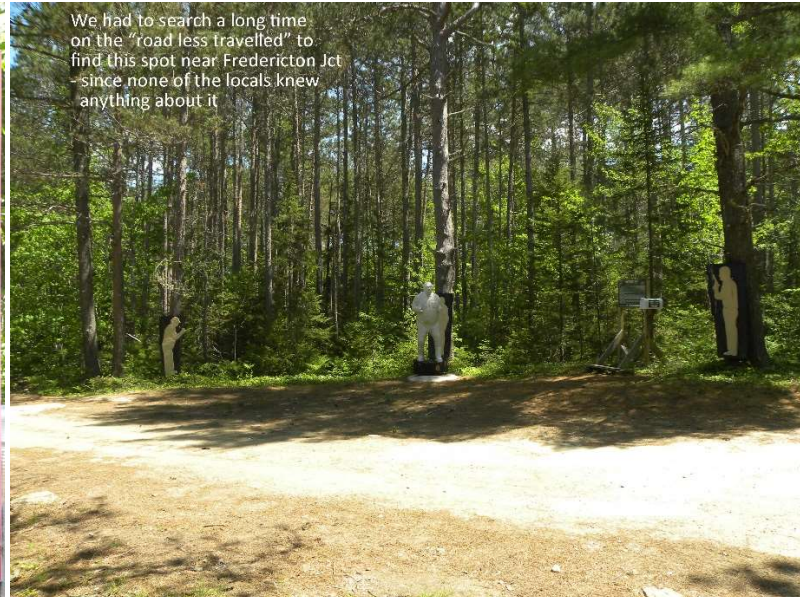
Then, a mysterious change of fate occurred. A man in Montreal was being sentenced to hang for murder. At the hanging a priest gave the criminal his last rites and said a prayer. The priest asked the man if he wished to clear his conscience of any other crimes he had committed, before he went to meet his maker. It was at this time the criminal confessed to murdering a peddler just outside Fredericton Junction, NB. He described the murder in great detail, stating they only wanted to tie him up and rob him. However, the peddler was very strong and put up a tremendous fight. It took all three to bring him to the ground and still they could not get the knapsack off him. He said they had no choice but to stab him to death. The murderer stated the peddler fought hard till he finally bled out. He then went to the gallows without revealing the names of his accomplices.

This information was passed on to the sheriff in Fredericton Junction. The local community had become very suspicious of any stranger that passed through. Doors were locked and a great fear had taken over the village. The news that the murderer had finally been caught and hung eased tension in every household.

The community has remained faithful in maintaining the unnamed peddler's grave and memory...it is now part of our history

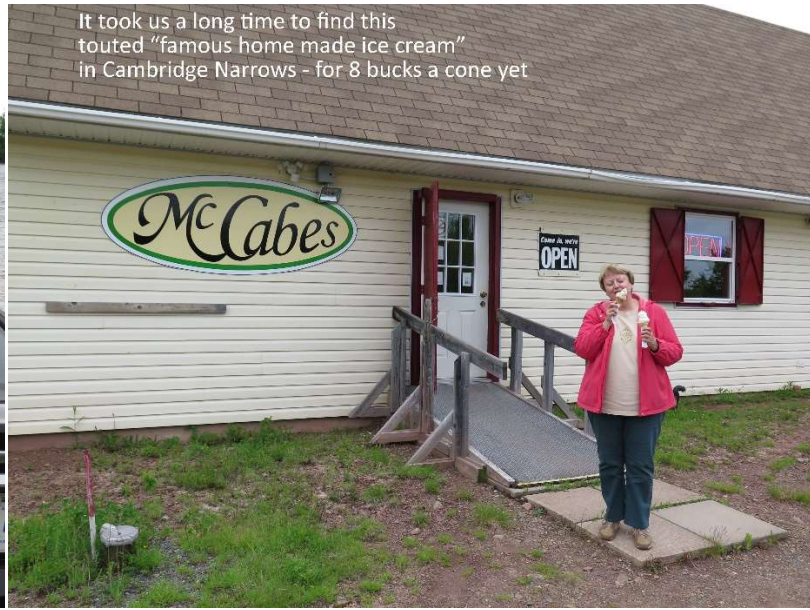
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Oromocto River Watershed
www.oromoctowatershed.ca





Ferry across the Saint John River near Gagetown





Gagetown Lighthouse



"Pants Down Pig"
Cambridge Narrows



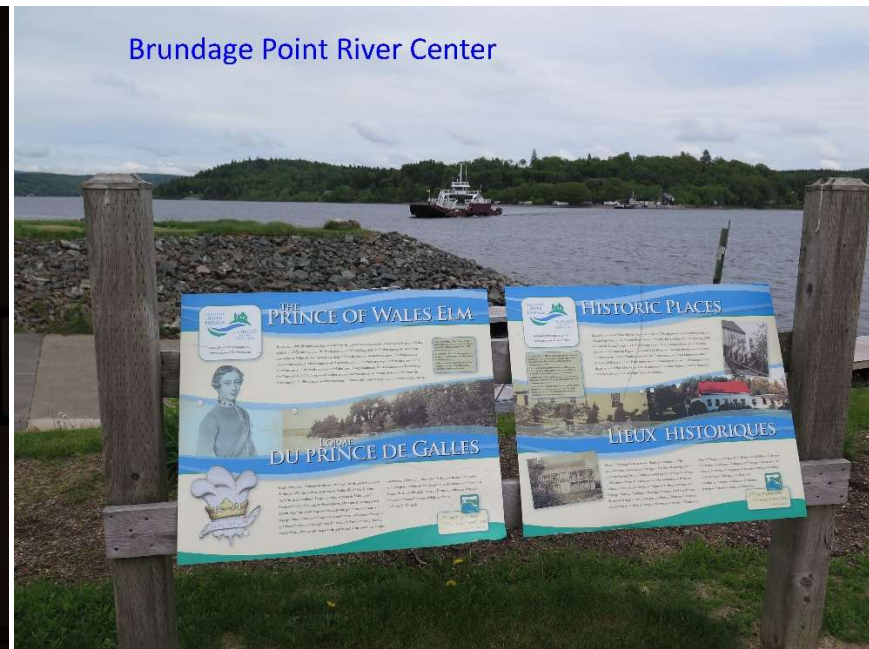
Grand Bay-Westfield



Local Fiddleheads
\$3.99 lb.
3 lbs or more \$3.50 lb.



Grand Bay-Westfield



Brundage Point River Center

Oak Point Lighthouse



Osprey nest



Kingston Peninsula





Maugerville



Florenceville-Bristol



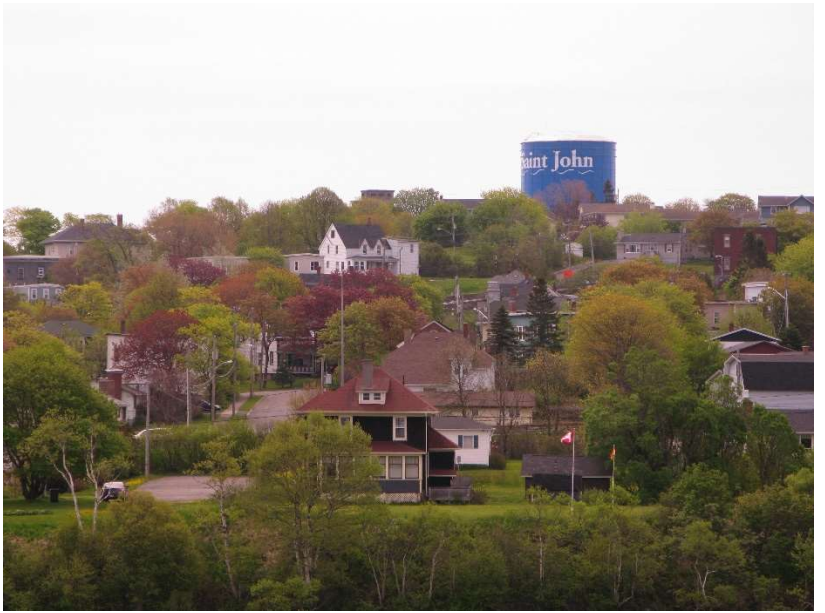
"Miss Potato"
Grand Falls





 SAINT JOHN





This celtic cross is a half scale replica of the one on Partridge Island in Saint John Harbour - in memory of the more than 2000 immigrants who died of typhus fever during the voyage from Ireland in the famine year 1847, of which 600 are buried on the island.



Reed's Point 3 Sisters Lamp is in direct line with Trinity Church - so that sea captains could navigate safely to Saint John Harbour at night - if all 3 lamps were visible, sailors were on course



Wolastoq Park overlooks Reversing Falls and features wood sculptures of historic Saint John figures



K.C. Irving





Old Loyalist burial ground

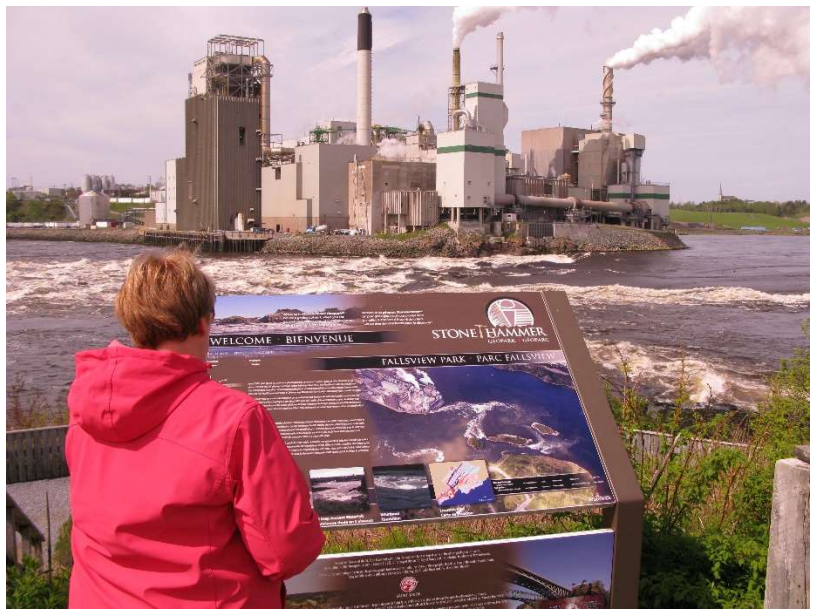


"People Apart Moving Together"
by artist John Hooper
Market Square, Saint John





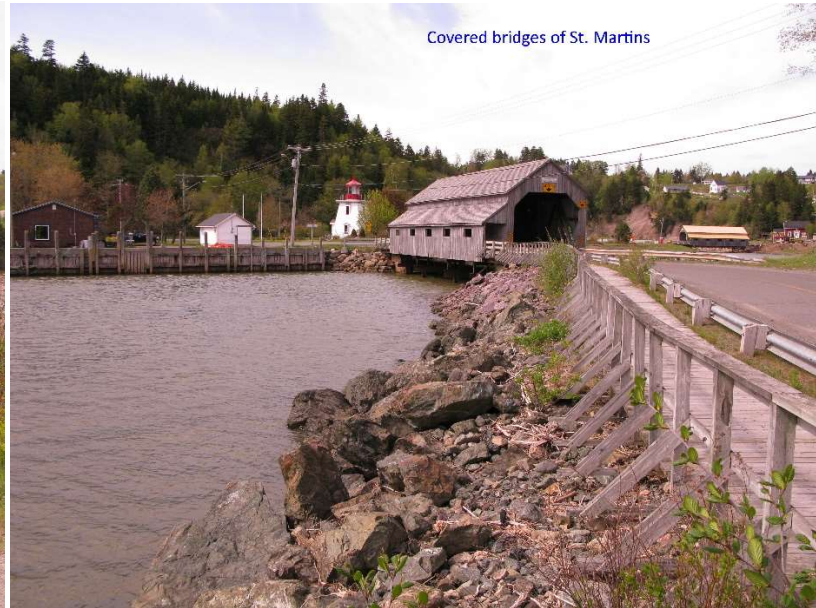
Ron's favourite tourist attraction (lunch)



Tynemouth Creek

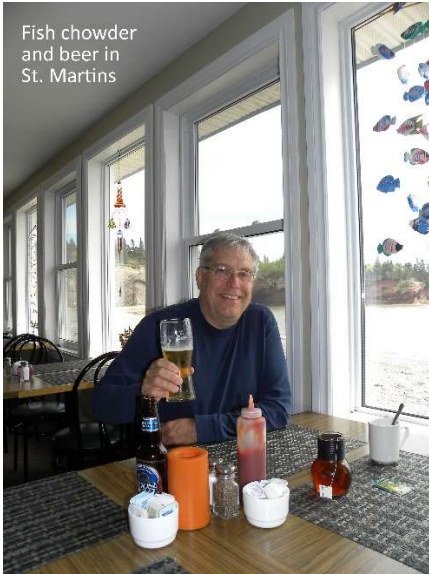


Covered bridges of St. Martins





Sea caves in St. Martins



Fish chowder and beer in St. Martins



Fundy Trail





Fundy high tide

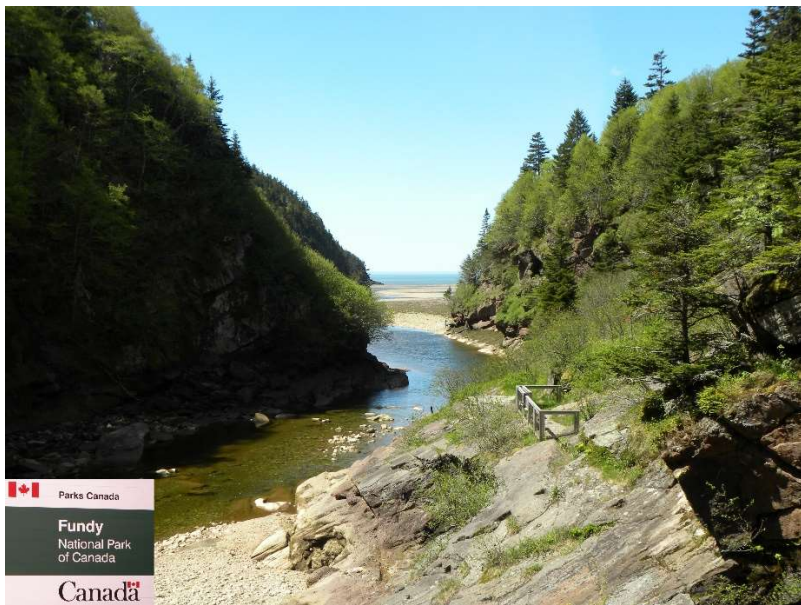


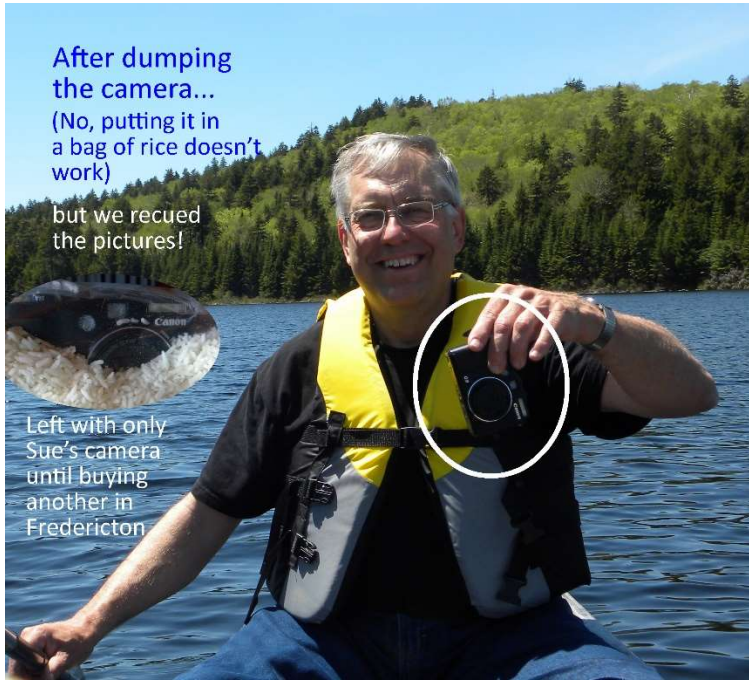
Fundy low tide



Owl's Head
Alma, NB













Moncton



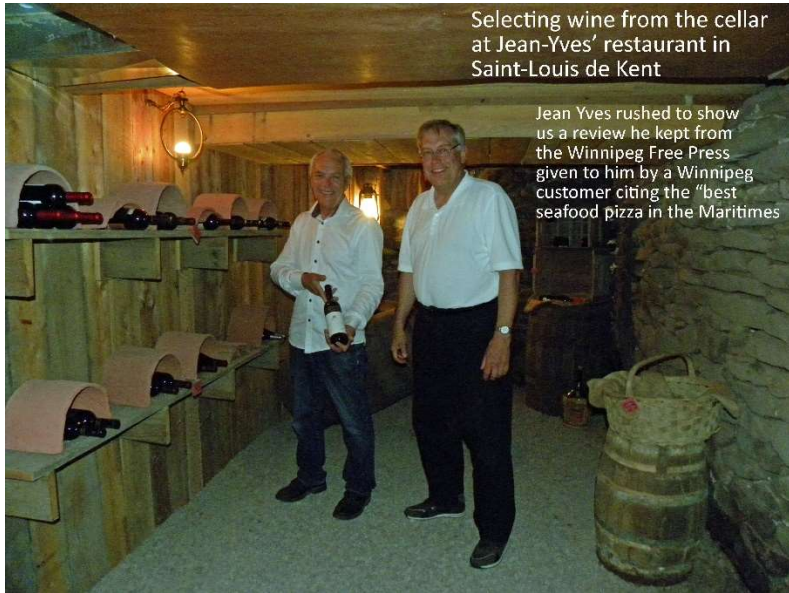




Acadian Cultural Center
Bouctouche, NB

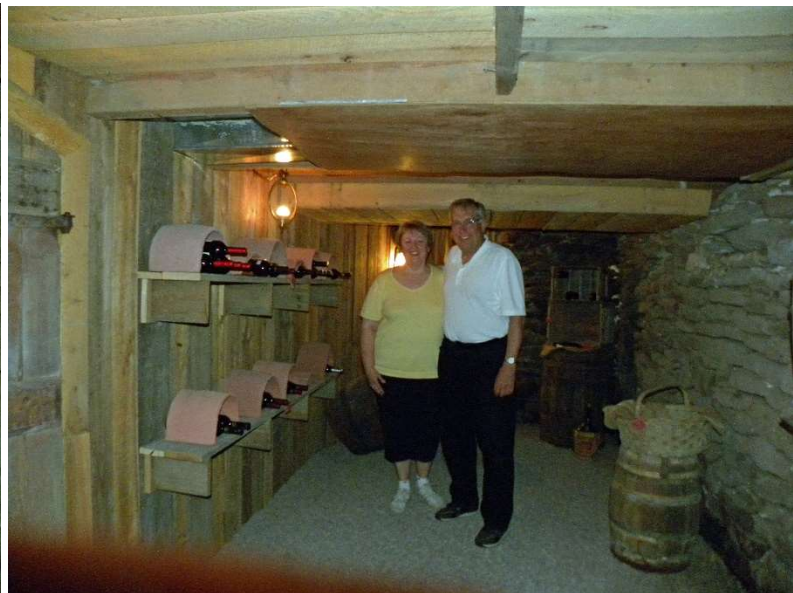


Sue's new friends
Tim and Patrick
treated us well
at their B&B
in Shediac



Selecting wine from the cellar
at Jean-Yves' restaurant in
Saint-Louis de Kent

Jean Yves rushed to show
us a review he kept from
the Winnipeg Free Press
given to him by a Winnipeg
customer citing the "best
seafood pizza in the Maritimes"





Dedicated to famous
Acadian writer
Antoine Maillet



Welcome to the Irving Eco-Centre,
La dune de Bouctouche

Farming oysters and mussels



Kouchibouguac



At Kelly's Beach



Acadian colours and flags are prominently displayed along the Atlantic coastline



Miscou Island



Windy conditions requiring cables to secure the structure



Bird Island



Miramichi Valley



Oldest covered bridge in NB



Appalachian Area



Nackawic



Grand Falls



WORLD'S LARGEST
FIDDLEHEADS
PLASTER ROCK N.B.



Morrisy Rock
Campbelton NB
(head of Chaleur Bay)



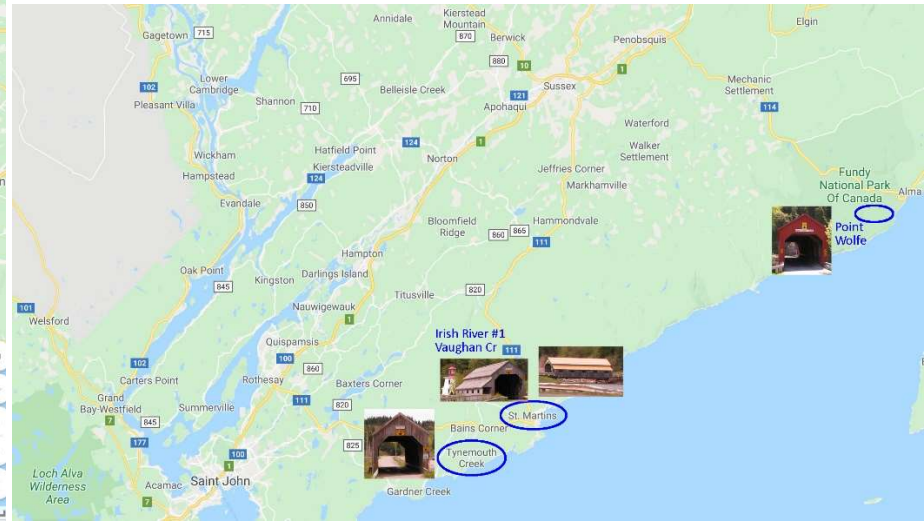
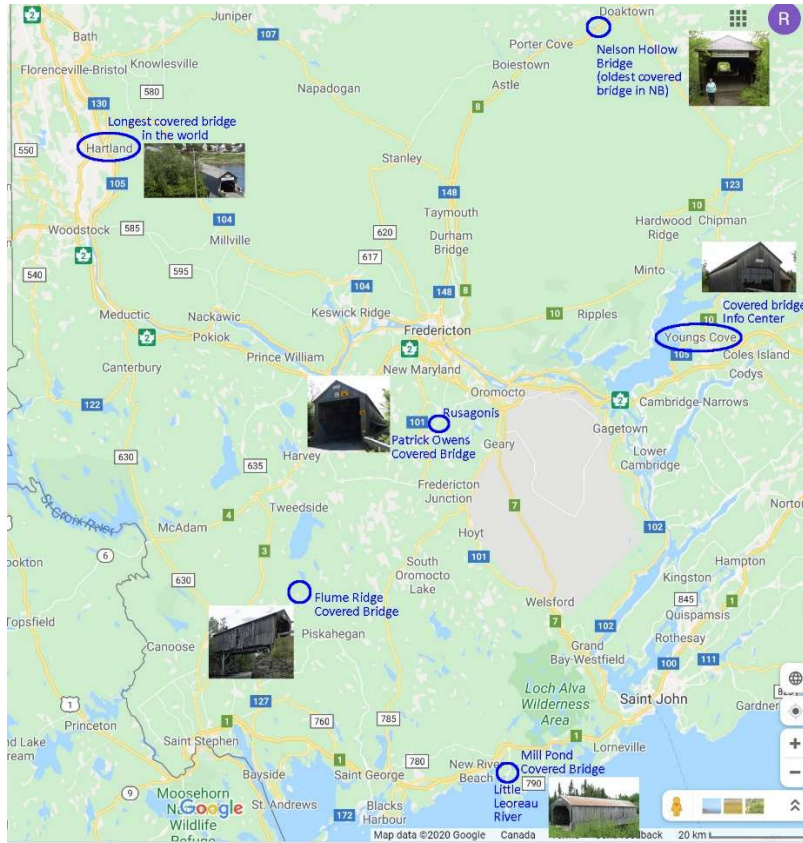
Campbellton



Dalhousie, NB



Covered Bridges we visited in New Brunswick





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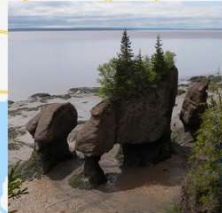
McAdam

Saint John

Fundy Shore

St. Andrews

Grand Manan



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NOVA SCOTIA

MAINE

St. Andrews Area

du-Loup

Edmundston

Presque Isle

Tracadie-Sheila

Edward Island

Charlottetown

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