



# Explore the Lighthouses & Beaches of Queens Coast

SEEK NATURE'S REWARDS

Queens Coast is home to six lighthouses and has an abundance of pristine beaches. We've only included beaches with services here but tour the Lighthouse Route and discover many more beautiful beaches and hidden gems along the way. Plan to spend a night or two! From heritage inns in Liverpool to iconic beach resorts to lakeside cottages and campgrounds, there is a place for every preference and budget. Dine on fresh seafood and other Nova Scotia specialties at one of our many eateries, discover unique boutiques, art galleries and cafés, or take a kayak tour long the shoreline. There's something for everyone on Queens Coast.

While you're here, plan to go inland! Our freshwater lakes and rivers are perfect for paddling, swimming and fishing. In the fall, the crimson maples, golden hemlocks, yellow aspens and russet oaks, along with their reflections in the lakes, rivers and streams, will delight you. Explore every corner of Queens Coast and discover for yourself why we say "seek nature's rewards"!

Looking for more to do on your visit? Check out [queenscoast.ca](https://queenscoast.ca). You can also find important information there on our many amenities and services. For more detailed information on accessibility at each site and more comprehensive histories of the lighthouses, please visit [regionofqueens.com/visit/discover/](https://regionofqueens.com/visit/discover/) or use the QR code below.



Region of Queens Municipality  
249 White Point Road, Liverpool, NS  
info@regionofqueens.com  
902-354-7541



### 1 Thomas H. Raddall Provincial Park

**529 Raddall Park Road**  
East Port L'Hebert  
64.888°N 43.826°W

Thomas H. Raddall Provincial Park may be a little off the beaten path but it is definitely worth the journey! With over 650 ha (1,600 acres) of parkland, there is no shortage of things to do! Both white sand and rocky beaches invite swimming, sunbathing, beachcombing, canoeing and kayaking. Grab a picnic and your beach gear and spend the day doing what you love on the beach. In addition to the beaches, the park offers visitors a wide range of outdoor experiences including hiking or biking on 11 kilometres of coastal and wooded multi-use trails, exploring historic sites and interpretive panels; camping; and picnicking.

The park has a sensitive dune system and is home to nesting Piping Plovers, an endangered species. Please do your part in protecting these areas by walking close to the water's edge or on established trails.

### 2 Kejimikujik Seaside National Park & National Historic Site of Canada

**1188 St. Catherine's River Road**  
Port Joli  
64.829°N 43.826°W

Kejimikujik Seaside is a nature lover's paradise! Take the easy 5.5 km (return) Harbour Rocks Trail to St. Catherine's River Beach. This trail passes through dense coastal forest, beside bogs, over coastal barrens, and then to a pure white sparkling beach with turquoise waters. If you're lucky, you'll spot some seals basking on off-shore islets or the sweet endangered Piping Plovers that summer here at one of their last undisturbed nesting beaches. Stop at the observation deck to peer through the viewing scope for a better look.

If you're looking for more of a challenge, hike the 7.7 km Port Joli Head Trail. It skirts clumps of coastal forest, providing shelter for white-tailed deer and forest birds, then follows the coast to Port Joli Head. Here, you'll witness the full force of the ocean with crashing surf, refreshing sea spray and the clatter of cobbles as waves recede. When you explore these headlands be careful to keep your distance from the water's edge, since rogue waves can wash across them.

Please note that swimming is not recommended due to the strong undertow.



### 3 Spectacle Island Lighthouse

**1 Spectacle Islands Water Access**  
South West Port Mouton  
64.803°N 43.918°W

There has been a light on this site since 1873. The current lighthouse, built in 1937, is operational and serves as an important navigational aide for the local fishery. This iconic structure can be viewed from Route 3 between Summerville Beach Provincial Park and Hunts Point.

### 4 Carters Beach Provincial Park

**661 Central Port Mouton Road**  
Port Mouton  
43°53'38.2"N 64°49'03.0"W

Carter's Beach is located in Port Mouton, Nova Scotia. Known for its beautiful white sand and clear, turquoise water, it is often likened to a tropical paradise. It's actually made up of three connected beaches, one of which is a gentle crescent with shallow waters, perfect for families and children. The area is also a natural environment park, featuring a salt marsh and forest, with a 500-meter path from the parking lot to the beach. It's a popular destination for swimming, walking, and enjoying the scenery.

### 5 Summerville Beach Provincial Park

**7533 Highway 3**  
Summerville Centre  
64.818°N 43.953°W

This beautiful beach is a favourite of locals and visitors alike! With a one kilometer stretch of soft white sand and shallow turquoise waters, Summerville Beach is a haven on a hot day. Grab your beach gear, pick up a picnic and spend the day at this popular paradise.

### 6 Hunts Point Beach

**6783 Highway 3**  
Hunts Point  
64.768°N 43.953°W

For anyone seeking a small, quiet beach, Hunts Point Beach might be the answer. Close to local eateries, it is a wonderful place for a picnic and a stroll. Watch boats go in and out from the small working wharf or take a dip, it's a great swimming spot.

### 7 Western Head Lighthouse

**159 Lighthouse Road**  
Western Head  
64.661°N 43.985°W

Western Head lighthouse was established in 1930 as a foghorn station. Built in 1962, the current lighthouse still serves as a navigational guide for mariners, and on foggy days you can hear the loud wail of the foghorn. Safely behind the seawall is a perfect spot to watch crashing waves during high surf.

### 8 Fort Point Lighthouse

**21 Fort Point Lane**  
Liverpool  
64.707°N 44.043°W

Built in 1855, this is one of the oldest surviving lighthouses in Nova Scotia. It has been described by mariners as "left on port side when entering harbour."

Throughout the nineteenth century and well into the twentieth, the light was manned by a keeper. In addition to regular maintenance and upkeep of the light, the keeper was responsible for operating a hand cranked foghorn in reply to the foghorn signals from incoming vessels as they entered the harbour. In 1964, the keeper's services were no longer required as automation became a reality and in 1989, Fort Point Lighthouse was decommissioned.

Fort Point Lighthouse remains an important cultural landmark in Liverpool. Owned by Region of Queens Municipality, the lighthouse is part of a beautiful municipal park and is open to the public seasonally. Drop in for a visit and toot the hand-cranked fog horn.

### 9 Beach Meadows Beach

**48 Beach Meadows Beach Road**  
Beach Meadows  
64.638°N 44.056°W

Beach Meadows Beach is a one kilometer stretch of sparkling silver sand. Popular with families for all its amenities, this beautiful beach is a fantastic retreat on a hot summer's day. Bounded by 'the creek' at one end and shallow rocky pools at the other end, Beach Meadows has something for everyone.

It's perfect for a day building sandcastles, swimming or poking around the tide pools. While you're there, climb up for a photo op from atop "Combs Rock" - the high rocky outcrop where there are spectacular views of Coffin Island, Coffin Island Lighthouse and Western Head lighthouse. This beach is a delight for beachcombers, with an assortment of shells, seaglass and driftwood treasures to be found. At Beach Meadows Beach there's always lots of room to spread out your beach blanket and enjoy the sounds of the rolling waves on the shoreline.

### 10 Coffin Island Lighthouse

**211 Coffin Island Road Water Access**  
Beach Meadows  
64.628°N 44.034°W

The original lighthouse erected in 1811 was one of the earliest beacons in Nova Scotia. Mother Nature is fierce on this little island and the first lighthouse as well as its 1914 replacement were both destroyed. Today's lighthouse, built in 2006, is operational and can be seen from a lookout on Brooklyn Shore Road.



## Services

|                          |                 |  |                         |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Parking</b>           | <b>Swimming</b> | <b>Picnic Area</b>   | <b>Mainland Lookoff</b> |
| <b>Washroom/Outhouse</b> | <b>Viewer</b>   | <b>Change Rooms</b>  |                         |
| <b>Hiking</b>            | <b>Biking</b>   | For accessibility information visit our website at <a href="https://regionofqueens.com/visit/discover/">regionofqueens.com/visit/discover/</a> |                         |