

## Out and About in Bathurst!



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The city of Bathurst's spectacular setting is the first thing that tempts the visitor to linger. Situated at the mouth of the Nepisiguit River, the city has wonderful views across a fine natural harbour on the Baie des Chaleurs. This is a fascinating stop on the Acadian Coastal Drive.

A tour of the Bathurst Heritage Museum reveals the history of this attractive city. Wander around historic buildings or shop for unique local crafts. The charming downtown area tells the story of Bathurst's heritage, flavoured by rich Mígmag, Acadian, Scottish and Irish roots. And, on market day, the bustling Bathurst City Farmers Market is richly multicultural in both food and language.

No visit to Bathurst is complete without exploring its Natural Wonders. Daly Point Reserve — just northeast of Bathurst harbour — is alive with wildlife, and is a birdwatcher's paradise. It comprises of 40 ha (100 acres) of salt marsh and wooded plots, with trails through fields and pastureland.

Continue to enjoy the outdoors beside the Baie des Chaleurs, designated as one of the most beautiful bays in the world! Stroll along the marina boardwalk, or chat with a friendly local fisherman. If the blue water of Baie des Chaleurs is calling, an authentic sea captain will take you on a deep-sea fishing experience. And for sand between your toes, Youghall Beach Park offers swimming, volleyball, windsurfing, or just lazing in the sun!

Out and about in Bathurst, there is no shortage of activities to keep you hopping. Golfers can enjoy some of the most picturesque courses in Atlantic Canada. And Atlas Park in the village of Pointe-Verte, just 20 minutes from Bathurst, is located by an old quarry filled with cool, clear water. During the summer, Atlas Park is action-packed with scuba diving, fishing, hiking and more.

How about finishing your visit underneath Bathurst? At the Mines and Minerals Interpretation Centre of New Brunswick, just 15 minutes away, you can experience a simulated underground descent and learn about the mining heritage of the province.

Inside its historic buildings and museums, or outside enjoying its beautiful natural surroundings, you are sure to have a fascinating visit to Bathurst.

*Editor's Notes: Start your planning with the City of Bathurst Visitor Information Centre (tel.: 506 548-0418, Web site: [www.bathurst.ca](http://www.bathurst.ca)). For golf enthusiasts, there are two courses in Bathurst, including the Gowen Brae Golf and Country Club, referred to as the "Pebble Beach of the East." The world-renowned course offers breathtaking views of the Baie des Chaleurs and Bathurst Harbour on 14 out of the 18 holes!*

