

Go Moncton!

Make for the city of Moncton! After all, it is one of Atlantic Canada's premier tourist destinations, and with good reason. Thirteen of the region's top attractions are within an hour's drive of the city, as are two



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contrasting, yet stunning, coastlines: the world-famous Bay of Fundy and the Acadian Coast. There's great golf, beautiful beaches, the Fort Beauséjour National Historic Site of Canada, the birders' paradise of the Sackville Waterfowl Park, the iconic Hopewell Rocks, the Irving Eco-Centre, La Dune de Bouctouche and Le Pays de la Sagouine... all are close by and make the city of Moncton the perfect base for exploring.

And yet there's more than enough to keep you occupied in the city of Moncton itself. As it emerges as New Brunswick's biggest city, so many new attractions are developing. Two new economuseums are must-sees. The London-Wul Farm provides a fascinating insight into the ancient art of hand spinning. Here you can see the entire process, from the Angora rabbits, sheep and goats that provide the fibres, to the washing, dyeing and spinning that produce the colourful creations. Bourgeois Farms offers a wide range of apple, pear, cherry and wild blueberry products. This family business involves the visitor in all the seasonal aspects of the farm, including an Apple Blossom Festival in the Spring, and of course picking your own apples in the Fall.

Visitors to Moncton have long enjoyed first-class golf. This year, a fourth signature golf course is added to the list: Fox Creek Golf Club is another wonderful reason to spend some time in Moncton. The esteemed Graham Cooke, one of Canada's most successful golf course architects, designed the course; it will wow any golfer, novice or pro alike.

And there are also the well-established reasons to enjoy Moncton. Like Magnetic Hill, Magic Mountain Water Theme Park and the award-winning Magnetic Hill Zoo – all perfect family day venues. Moncton's festivals beckon as well. The Atlantic Seafood Festival brings several days of culinary heaven, which include famous chefs, competitions, and children's events. The Atlantic National Automobile Extravaganza features over 1,700 antique cars and the Shediac Lobster Festival needs no introduction; don't miss the Festival des Cerfs-Volants (Dieppe Kite International) in August too, with 17 countries represented this year.

Go Moncton? Go to Moncton this summer and have some plain, honest-to-goodness fun!

Editor's Notes: Start your planning with Tourism Moncton (tel.: 1 800 363-4558, Web site: www.gomoncton.com). London-Wul Farm is open Tuesday to Sunday (tel.: 506 382-6990). Bourgeois Farms sells wonderful fruit wines (tel.: 506 758-0295). Festival dates in 2005: Atlantic Seafood Festival: August 18-21; Shediac Lobster Festival: July 6-10; Festival des Cerfs-Volants: August 11-15.



Magic Mountain Water Theme Park, city of Moncton