

Amherst & Area

Featuring:

- Heritage Homes & Cumberland County Museum
- Shopping
- Live Theatre
- 18 Hole Golf Course
- Amherst Point Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Welcome to Amherst, the first friendly town you will meet upon entering Nova Scotia via the Trans Canada Highway from New Brunswick. Nestled in the rolling hills of Cumberland County and overlooking the Bay of Fundy, Amherst is a wonderful historic town with a full compliment of **services and amenities**. Take time for a stroll and enjoy the **Victorian architecture** and **heritage homes** while **shopping** in the quaint atmosphere of Amherst's downtown. Many **colorful murals** and a growing number of **tree sculptures** bring the community's heritage to life. Most impressive is the Signature Mural located on the old Bird's Drapery building at the corner of Victoria and Havelock Streets. Depicting the Old Home Week Parade of 1910, this 55' x 35' mural is hard to miss!

Complimenting Amherst's historic downtown is the more contemporary South Albion St. area, which offers a variety of additional shopping opportunities including malls, department stores, and familiar chain stores.

Along with being the **gateway to Nova Scotia** from all points west, Amherst is the junction of two of Nova Scotia's most beautiful scenic travelways: Route 6 to the Sunrise Trail and Route 2 to the Glooscap Trail. Amherst's proximity to two distinct coastal experiences makes it a great destination from which to begin a vacation.

There is plenty to see and do in the Amherst area. Visit "**Grove Cottage**," also known as the **Cumberland County Museum**, located on Church Street. Here visitors will learn about the area's rich industrial and cultural history at the former home of Robert Barry Dickey – one of Canada's four "Fathers of Confederation" who hailed from Amherst. The Museum includes an art gallery, research library, archives, and hosts an **Antique Mechanical Fair** every August. Or visit a small military museum located at the Layton Ralston Armory Building.

The Town of Amherst also has a beautifully manicured **18-hole golf course**, two **Rug Hooking Galleries**, a **Downtown Farmers Market**, as well as **live theatre**. Each summer Amherst provides a stage for three local theatre companies. Performances include evening musicals, dinner theatre and children's matinees.

Amherst's rural setting lends itself to a number of outdoor activities as well. Explore the **Amherst Point Migratory Bird Sanctuary**, a 1000-hectare nationally protected habitat area attracting over 200 species of birds annually. The park has 8 kilometres of **walking trails** and numerous bird **viewing sites**.

Ask local residents where the best **trout fishing** locations are. Enjoy a leisurely **picnic** lunch at the Provincial Park along the Shinimicas River. - Or simply go for a drive through beautiful farm and forestland and breathe the fresh country air!

Amherst Mural



Amherst Visitor Information Centre



Amherst Welcomes you

Nova Scotia's First Town is a great stop to begin your family holiday.

Enjoy our full range of services, accommodations, dining, shopping and recreation opportunities.

Small enough to be friendly, yet large enough to offer all the amenities to make your stay comfortable and fun-filled.

Beautiful tree-lined Victorian streetscapes and old fashioned hospitality awaits you in this picture-perfect town.



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