

Bass River - Great Village Area

Featuring:

- Bass River Heritage Park & Museum
- Joy Laking Gallery
- Striped Bass and Trout Fishing
- Historic Dominion Chair Company Store

Along Highway 2 of the Glooscap Trail are the communities of Bass River and Great Village, where a rich industrious past has shaped the area as it is today. Famous for quality chair making, Bass River shares its intriguing history at the **Bass River Museum and Heritage Interpretive Park**. The 3-acre park is a great spot for picnicking or for strolling along the river. Adjacent to the Park and Museum is the **Historic Dominion Chair Company Store** that now operates as a general store and is a landmark within Bass River.

Visitors may note a privately owned **historic lighthouse** (circa 1907) at Saint's Rest while enjoying a refreshing walk along the **beach**. Or, in season, one may discover what inspired the Bass River name by trying **striped bass surf fishing** at the mouth of the river. **Trout fishing** is also popular in the local rivers.

In Portauquique, the **Joy Laking Watercolour Gallery** welcomes you to view the renowned artist's paintings and prints and perhaps catch her working on yet another piece.

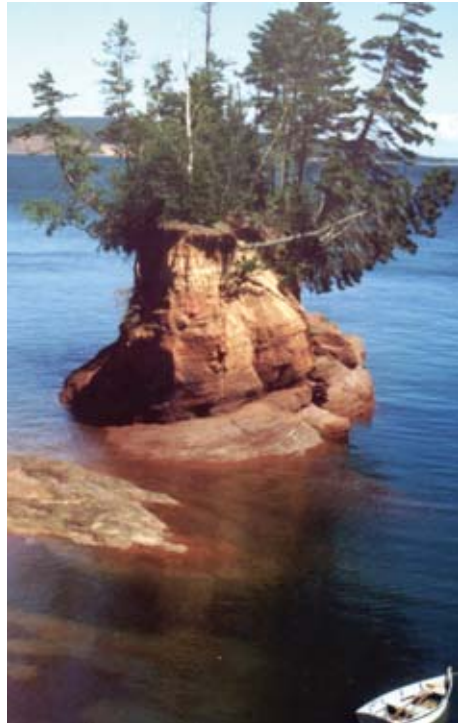
The salt marsh reveals the remains of **Acadian Dykes** and is a rich feeding ground for **shore birds**, while the Portauquique River is famous for its annual spring **smelt run**.

Route 2 winds its way into the picturesque hamlet of Great Village where 11 different types of architecture depict a shipbuilding heritage. Several buildings have provincial or national heritage. The St. James United Church was rebuilt

by shipwrights after a fire in the 1800's, therefore the ceiling is like the inverted keel of a ship. On site, each Saturday morning a **Farmer's Market** and a delicious breakfast are well attended. Adjacent to the church is a delightful Antique Shop with something for everyone. Just around the corner a pergola style display shares information on former resident and Pulitzer Prize Winner, **Elizabeth Bishop**, as well as the historic village itself.

Nearby Londonderry, a once prosperous iron mining community and now a small village nestled in the Cobequid hills, offers a glimpse of the history of the area at its **Memorial Square**. In winter neighbouring Sutherlands Lake has wonderfully groomed **snowmobile trails** available to visitors who purchase a trail permit from the local snowmobile club.

In Glenholme the historic cemetery at the Erskine United Church is a genealogist's delight while Acadian Dykes in the marsh along the Folly River are easily visible.



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