

Spencer's Island - Port Greville

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- Home of Ghost Ship Mary Celeste
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- Ward's Falls Hiking Trail

Spencer's Island is a charming historic village that was once a premiere Nova Scotia ship building centre. The **Spencer's Island Historic Site** and Lighthouse share the area's ship building heritage, including the story of famous **Ghost Ship – the Mary Celeste**, that was built in the community years ago. The site is also a breeding site for a variety of shore birds and is noted as being the only local nesting site for the Black Guillemot. Beachside camping and dining are also available in Spencer's Island offering an incredible vantage point by which to view the Fundy tides.

Port Greville, home to the largest American Elm in Nova Scotia, is where visitors may enjoy a **look-off** offering an excellent view of the opposing shorelines and overlooking what was once one of the bay's last major ship building yards. An illustrative panel enables travelers to imagine the vista 100 years

ago.

Also in Port Greville, the **Age of Sail Heritage Centre** pays tribute to the heritage of the communities along the Minas Channel. History of lumbering and shipbuilding is brought to life through pictures, videos, story telling, models, artifacts, and hands on exhibits. The Centre is located in a former Methodist Church and includes a restored lighthouse on site, a blacksmith shop, band saw shed, gift shop and tearoom overlooking the Greville Bay. The Port Greville area is also home to several local artisans, as well as a charming antique shop and country market, a guesthouse and a number of quaint bed and breakfasts.

Neighboring Fox Point has yet another **look-off** where visitors will find a splendid view of Cape Split and Cape d'Or – the gateway to the Minas Channel. **Walking trails** lead to a picnic area and beach where birds and wildflowers abound.

Near Diligent River is the wonderful **Ward's Falls Hiking Trail**. This 6 km moderate trail follows a crystal clear stream through a temperate mixed forest ending at a magnificent canyon and waterfall.

Also in the area, keep an eye open for students of a local paragliding school as they learn to soar the gentle breezes off the Bay of Fundy. Their colorful paragliders will be hard to miss.



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