

BARRINGTON



Launch Rating Moderate to difficult depending on your skills.

Launch Description This launch is usable at high tide using proper skills to enter and exit your kayak. Put in just above the concrete bridge across from the Woolen Mill carrying your kayak across the picnic area. From here you can paddle out into the Barrington Bay in either direction.

Amenities at site Toilets are open to the public during museum hours. Park in Municipal parking lot across from the Barrington Post Office, please do not use Woolen Mill Museum parking if there are more than 1 vehicle.

Arriving by land Turn off #103 highway at Barrington exit 29 or exit 30 launch next to Barrington Woolen Mill Museum.

Arriving by sea You are at the head of East Bay when from either direction you will see a bridge that joins both ends of the Rails to Trails in Barrington, the Woolen Mill Museum is visible inland further. A church steeple is also visible from the bay.

Topographic map number 20P 14

GPS reading

Lat 43° 34' 074"

Long 065° 34' 723"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Turning off exit 30 from the 103 Highway there is an ESSO Garage with sandwiches and other foodstuff, there is a Kwikway Store just down the highway from here.

Barrington Passage has full services and accommodations.

BEAR POINT



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Public slipway. Paddling from Bear Point you can make a day or overnight trip up the coast to Pubnico Harbour or paddle to the east to Cape Sable Island Causeway and around the island.

Amenities at site None. Parking.

Arriving by land Driving from Barrington Passage turn off the # 3 highway onto Bear Point Road by the church. Drive to the Bear Point Wharf from here. At the sharp turn in the road the wharf is visible.

Arriving by sea Breakwater, fish buildings and wharf.

Topographic map number 20P 12

GPS reading

Lat 43° 29' 204"

Long 065° 39' 403"

Owner Government Wharf

NEARBY SERVICES Barrington Passage and nearby in Shag Harbour at the UFO Site is a gazebo, picnic area and washrooms. Woods Harbour has a restaurant and Anthony's Red and White Store.

BIRCHTOWN



Launch Rating Moderate

Launch Description The shoreline is mixed here and you will need to carry your kayak from your vehicle a short distance to the water depending on the tide.

Amenities at site Gift shop, public washrooms, parking and picnic area.

Arriving by land Turn off highway 103 take exit 26 to Shelburne driving on the #3 highway west from Shelburne you will arrive at the Black Loyalist Museum in Birchtown. (119 Old Birchtown Road)

Arriving by sea Birchtown Bay is another beautiful paddling coastline to explore, it is separated from Shelburne Harbour by Harts Point, be sure to include the bay in your paddle of Shelburne Harbour.

Topographic map number 20P 14,11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 744431

Long 065° 382764

Owner Black Loyalist Heritage Society

NEARBY SERVICES

Shelburne, Islands Provincial Park and Campground, Boulder Cove Cottages in Churchover overlooking Birchtown Bay.

CAPE NEGRO



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Gravel launch

The haulover is located here, on the opposite side of the road. This narrow canal is said to have been completed in the early 1800's. Before this time the natives used this as a portage between Port La Tour and Cape Negro Harbour. This canal can still be used by small boats except on very low tides Connecting Port LaTour and Cape Negro Harbour.

Amenities at site None. Parking.

Arriving by land Take exit 28 from 103 highway Clyde River drive until you come to Cape Negro turn onto Blanche Road. Blanche Road is gravel.

Arriving by sea Paddling from Port La Tour or Cape Negro Island the Blanche Peninsula is visible. On a clear day the Salvages Lighthouse or Halfmoons Lighthouse is visible.

Topographic map number 20P 6

GPS reading

Lat 43° 32' 995"

Long 065° 25' 923"

Owner Public. Was once site of an old wharf.

NEARBY SERVICES

Clyde River

CAPE SABLE ISLAND



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description North East Point has a public floating dock and concrete ramp. Launching a kayak from North East Point gives you many options for paddling in East Bay and around Cape Sable Island.

Amenities at site Parking, garbage containers, public washrooms, sometimes during the summer there is a mobile food service.

Arriving by land Take exit 29 or 30 into Barrington, drive to Barrington Passage. At the Intersection by the Irving Garage are stop lights, exit here to the causeway to Cape Sable Island. At the end of the causeway turn left onto a gravel road. The boardwalk, gazebo, floating dock and concrete launch site are visible from the causeway.

Arriving by sea The causeway with passing vehicles is visible from the ocean, also many stores including MacDonald's along the waterfront in Barrington Passage can be seen from the water.

Topographic map number 20P 5

GPS reading

Lat 43° 30' 766

Long 065° 36' 547

Owner Public. Municipality of Barrington

NEARBY SERVICES

Barrington Passage has full services. Cape Sable Island has accommodations, grocery store, bank and gas station.

Cape Sable Island is the most southerly tip of land in Nova Scotia known primarily for the lobster and fishing industry. In the year 2000 it was designated as an Important Bird Area.

Because of the importance of the fishing and the lobster industry on Cape Sable Island there are five government wharves that have very good public launch sites and two other launch sites one at Daniels Head Wharf and The Hawk.

Instead of listing them all separately I will give the names and GPS Reading of each launch site. In case of an emergency you will know where you may exit or launch.

CLAM POINT

Cripple Creek Wharf

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GPS Reading

Latitude: N 43° 29.266'/Longitude: W 65° 33.647'

STONEY ISLAND

Bulls Head Wharf

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Z1

Latitude; N 43° 28.050' /Longitude: W 65° 34.057'

There is a launch site here inside the breakwater between the fish sheds.

SOUTH SIDE

Daniels Head Wharf known locally as South Side Inlet.

There is a gravel access on left just before Sable Fish Packers

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Z2

Latitude: N 43° 26.733'/Longitude: W 65° 35.116'

THE HAWK

From Clark's Harbour and The Hawk there are many islands to explore along the coast.

The most significant one being The Cape, here is the tallest lighthouse in Nova Scotia.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Y2

Latitude: N 43° 24.772'/Longitude: W 65° 37.495'

"The Cape" locally called or Cape Sable as named on the map is located a short paddle from the launch site here and can be easily seen on a clear day.

TOWN of CLARKS HARBOUR

The government wharf and concrete ramp is located on Water Street between the Royal Bank and the grocery store.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Y2

Latitude: N 43° 26.707' Longitude: W 65° 38.006'

WEST HEAD

Boundary Street, West Head is another busy Government Wharf and the Port for The Coastguard Rescue Boats.

Also within walking distance from this wharf is a Seafood Take-Out, a generous helping of delicious local seafood is served here. Picnic tables / no bathroom facilities.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Y1

Latitude: N 43° 27.481' /Longitude: W 65° 38.006

NEWELLTON

Orion Wharf Road

Gravel launch site

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 88 Y1

Latitude N 43 28.3 / Longitude W 065 37.9

CARLETON VILLAGE



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Sandy beach, looks towards McNutts Island, which is close by and an easy paddle from here.

Amenities at site None. Parking

Arriving by land Take exit 27 off 103 highway, on #3 highway turn left onto Breakwater Road in Carleton Village.

Arriving by sea At the mouth of Shelburne Harbour is McNutts Island, it is a good 7km paddle up the harbour. Stone breakwater is very apparent at the beach. Homes are visible and #3 highway.

Topographic map number 20P 11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 39 ' 622"

Long 065° 19 ' 669"

Owner Public, was once site of a government wharf.

NEARBY SERVICES

Shelburne

CHARLESVILLE



Launch Rating Easy to moderate.

Launch Description There are some boats pulled up here, only at high tide you can use this as a launch site because of the gravel bar when the tide is low. When you are paddling this route it is possible to portage from one side of the road to the other instead of paddling around the lighthouse point if it is too windy.

Amenities at site None. Small parking area, park away from the gate access.

Arriving by land Turn off paved road #3 highway onto, gravel road to shore. Charlesville/East Pubnico-Lighthouse Road this is Shelburne –Yarmouth County

Arriving by sea From the sea is a long point of land with a small lighthouse at the end, you must paddle around the point into the protected area to take out. Across the harbor is West Pubnico Windmills.

Topographic map number 20P 12

GPS reading

Lat 43 ° 35' 763"

Long 065° 46' 771"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Woods Harbour, has a restaurant and Anthony's Red and White Store. There is a Quick Way Store in East Pubnico and fuel.

EAST GREEN HARBOUR



Launch Rating Easy

Launch Description Stephens Road (near Oak Point on map).

Sand beach, and beach stone.

Amenities at site None. There may be room for 1 vehicle, better to use as a pick-up or drop off site.

Arriving by land Paved road, 1 km from #3 highway. Public road goes right to beach. Private land on both sides of the road. Owner doesn't mind paddlers using area for a drop off or pickup area.

Arriving by sea If paddling the coastline from Lockeport to East Green Harbour be cautious off Western Head. As you approach Oak Point you can explore around Egg Island and exit on the sand beach.

Topographic map number 20P 11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 44' 077"

Long 065° 09' 164"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES None

There are no conveniences in East Green Harbour, West Green Harbour or East Jordan until you are back out on the 103 highway. Full services in Lockeport.

EAST JORDAN



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Public slipway and concrete ramp. Jordan Bay and Jordan Ferry are both very interesting and scenic paddling. Pack a picnic lunch and take time to enjoy paddling around Locke's Island on a fine day.

Amenities at site None. Parking at the site keeping access to the wharf and slipway clear for the local fishermen.

Arriving by land Turn left on d'Entremont's Road from highway #3 Lighthouse Route.

Arriving by sea Another quaint fishing harbour, breakwater and Locke's Island are visible.

Topographic map number 20 P14

GPS reading

Lat 43° 40' 893"

Long 065° 14' 466"

Owner Government Wharf

NEARBY SERVICES

Lockeport and Shelburne.

GRANITE VILLAGE



Launch Rating Easy to moderate depending on the tide.

Launch Description Path to the launch site is accessible with a four wheel drive vehicle, otherwise you must carry your kayak to the waters edge. Please do not leave your vehicle here. Park roadside, usually wet underfoot.

Amenities at site None. Roadside parking

Arriving by land When you enter Shelburne County you will see a sign to your right, Municipality of Shelburne, launch site is visible on your left.

Arriving by sea Sheltered bay as you enter Granite Village, 103 highway is visible from the water.

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GPS reading

Lat 43° 52 ' 067"

Long 064 ° 58 ' 575"

Owner Public. Migratory Bird Sanctuary

NEARBY SERVICES

Port Mouton is nearby and has a small diner, groceries and cottages.

Gunning Cove



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Public slipway. This site has good parking and access although a bit secluded on a short gravel road. This makes a good access to paddle to or from McNutt's Island, making a day trip or overnight. Also from here you can paddle in Shelburne Harbour or explore Birchtown Bay, both making an adventuresome paddle.

Amenities at site None. Parking

Arriving by land Take exit 27 for Gunning Cove off 103 highway, turn onto Slip Road in Gunning Cove.

Arriving by sea Looking straight across the harbour is the Sandy Point Lighthouse, this is the narrowest place in Shelburne Harbour.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 87 W2
020P11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 41' 096"
Long 065° 20' 583"

Owner Government Wharf

NEARBY SERVICES

Shelburne, Boulder Cove Cottages in Churchover nearby.

GUNNING COVE- FORT POINT ROAD



Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Gravel launch behind fish plant.

The launch site is in a sheltered bay. This makes a good access to paddle to or from McNutt's Island, making a day trip or overnight. Also from here you can paddle in Shelburne Harbour or explore Birchtown Bay, both making an adventuresome paddle.

Amenities at Site None. Parking

Arriving by land Take exit 27 for Gunning Cove off 103 highway, turn onto Fort Point Road in Gunning Cove.

Arriving by sea Large white Fish buildings, breakwater and a little further up the harbor is another wharf not as easy to launch from.

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020p11

GPS reading

Lat 43 40 43.62

Long 065 20 17.75

NEARBY SERVICES

Shelburne, Boulder Cove Cottages in Churchover nearby.

INGOMAR



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Public slipway and concrete ramp on Ingomar Road usually boats are pulled up here for repair. There are many paddling options from here going in either direction. Weather permitting Cape Negro Island is easily paddled to from Ingomar.

Amenities at site None. Parking

Arriving by land On the # 3 highway past Round Bay, turn onto Ingomar Road, this road takes you along the shore to your launch site.
Nearby is a government wharf where you will see fishing boats tied up, this launch site is not as accessible for kayaks.

Arriving by sea Arriving from the sea you will notice a breakwater at the wharf, fishing boats and large buildings nearby.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 87 W4
020P11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 34' 056"

Long 065° 21' 913"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

None. Whispering Wave Cottages on Black Point Road in Ingomar.

PADDLING SHELBURNE COUNTY

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Boat Stages where fishermen tied up their boats before Government Wharves

Arriving in Shelburne County your first glimpse of the ocean, beautiful and diverse coastline makes the paddler want to launch their kayak and explore. Our coastline has many white sand beaches and islands that offer shelter from a sudden breeze or to stop for a swim, picnic or rest. While paddling you will come upon quaint fishing villages, some still give us a glimpse of the past. Offshore islands provide interesting destinations with some opportunities for camping

Fog along the coast is often present during the summer months, often referred to as thick as pea soup. Paddlers should never travel without a good map, compass and GPS – and know how to use them. Always file a trip plan with a trusted friend, or the local RCMP.

Shelburne County's mainly fishing and lobstering industry makes for many excellent launch sites available because of the Government Wharves with slipways, concrete ramps, floating docks or gravel launching.

Please respect the fishermen by parking away from the launch sites and wharves. There is usually plenty of parking available. The wharves are busy most of the year with the men working on their boats or going fishing. If you have any questions about the area you are going to paddle, always ask a fisherman!

If you plan to camp, please use existing camping spots and practice no trace camping. Remember, the area is tidal, so pull boats up well past high tide mark.

ISLANDS PROVINCIAL PARK



Launch Rating Easy

Launch Description Public concrete boat ramp within Islands Provincial Park. If you are camping at the park you can launch your kayak right from your campsite if you are camped on the waterfront. From here you are on the West side of Shelburne Harbour and have many paddling options depending on your time.

Amenities at site None. Parking and garbage containers.

Arriving by land Travelling west on highway 103 take exit 26 to Shelburne onto route 3. Turn right by Spencer's Garden Centre, left at sign for Islands Park.

Arriving by sea At the head of Shelburne Harbour across from Historic Town of Shelburne.

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GPS reading

Lat 43° 45' 741''

Long 065° 19' 958 ''

Owner Department of Natural Resources

NEARBY SERVICES

Islands Provincial Park and Campgrounds.
All necessary services in the Town of Shelburne

JONES HARBOUR



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Concrete slipway

Amenities at site None. Parking at this site keeping access to the wharf and slipway clear for the local fishermen.

Arriving by land Drive 14 kms of gravel road from turn off at Sable River/Port L'Herbert Road, 1 kms down Jones Harbour road to wharf.

Arriving by sea Government wharf, large fish building visible Jones Harbour is nestled in a deep cove, well protected by Harding's Island, the wharf is located in a secluded area. Like most wharfs there are most always fishermen tending their boats that will give you helpful information

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GPS reading

Lat 43° 45' 022"

Long 064° 58' 560"

Owner Government Wharf

NEARBY SERVICES None

LITTLE HARBOUR



Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Slipway and gravel launch.

Amenities at site None. Parking at the site keeping access to the wharf and slipway clear for the local fishermen.

Arriving by sea Arriving at Little Harbour Wharf is the scene of a quaint fishing village, landmarks from the ocean are stone breakwater and older fish buildings.

Arriving by land Government wharf, large fish building visible

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 87 Z-1
20P11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 43' 046"

Long 065° 01' 788 "

Owner Government Wharf

NEARBY SERVICES

Cottages, Restaurants, Town Grocery, Gas Station and other necessary services in Lockeport.

LOCKEPORT



Launch Rating Easy to moderate

Launch Description North Water Street Wharf, White Gull Marina floating docks, Locke's Beach, and Crescent Beach Centre. The Town of Lockeport has several easily reached accesses to the coast. Paddling within the confines of Back Harbour and Lockeport Harbour and around Carters lighthouse adds adventure to the day.

Amenities at site All amenities in the Town of Lockeport and nearby the launch sites.

Arriving by land Take exit 22 from Sable River to Lockeport.

Arriving by sea Landmarks visible from the water are breakwater, Carters Lighthouse and trawl bait sheds at the wharf, Crescent Beach Visitors Centre.

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GPS reading

Government Wharf, Locke's Beach and White Gull Marina are all inside of the breakwater and harbor.

Lat 43° 42' 139"

Long 0 65° 06' 744"

Owner Government Wharf and public launch sites.

NEARBY SERVICES

Cottages, Restaurants, Town Grocery, Gas Station and other necessary services in Lockeport.

LOUIS HEAD BEACH



Louis Head Beach is one of the Piping Plover protected beaches in Shelburne County. Please read the signs and exercise caution near the nesting area.

Launch Rating Easy.

Launch Description Sandy beach, tidal, you will need to carry your kayak a short distance to the beach from the parking lot

Amenities at site Parking at the beach parking area.

Arriving by land Highway 103 over Sable River Bridge, turn left on exit 23.

Louis Head Beach on your left just across the road from Louis Head Beach Campgrounds.

Arriving by sea If you are paddling down the Sable River when you come to the open ocean make a right to paddle to the long sandy beach. Avoid going with the running tide into the ocean.

Topographic map number NS Street and Road Atlas 2nd Edition page 87 Z-1
20P11

GPS reading

Lat 43° 45' 034"

Long 065 ° 00' 848"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Louis Head Campgrounds just across the road from the beach has a small canteen, washrooms and other amenities.