



## What's New in 2023

### Beaverbrook Art Gallery

The new Harrison McCain Pavilion in the Gallery added 9000 ft<sup>2</sup> to the art museum, creating an accessible larger entrance, expanded gift shop and café, as well as more space for engaging art activities, exhibitions, and events.

**Taste of Atlantic Canada Festival** will take place August 18-20 after a pilot run in 2022. This indigenous culinary festival highlights indigenous culture from across the Atlantic Provinces with a goal to connect communities and foster an appreciation for traditional food and culture. Indigenous chefs will offer multiple dining experiences highlighting foods from their communities and territories. The festival will also feature Indigenous artists, music, workshops, artisans, storytellers, knowledge keepers and indigenous tour operators.

After two years, the **Fredericton Craft Beer Festival** returns for year 10 in March 2023. Sample some of the best beers around as well as ciders and mead during a showcase of over 45 breweries, cideries and local meadery. A Craft Beer dinner and Beer/Distillery School take place on the Friday night of the event.

### Special Anniversaries



2023 marks the **175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fredericton as an incorporated city** making it a great time to visit New Brunswick's Capital! Special events and activities will commemorate this milestone and celebrate our rich background of culture, heritage and tradition.

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour of the **RCMP Musical Ride** is slated for August 13-14, the only show in New Brunswick.

2023 marks 40 years of the **NB Highland Games Festival** sharing Scottish culture through music, games, food and drink.

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual **Stewart McKelvey Fredericton Marathon** is May 12-14/2023. The Marathon was named "Best Boston Qualifier" by Canadian Running Magazine (2019)

In 2024, **Kings Landing** will celebrate its own history as it looks back on 50 years of recreating New Brunswick's past.





## The Great Outdoors

Enjoying Fredericton's 120 km /70 mile trail system just got easier! **Second Nature Outdoors** is now offering **e-bikes** for rent by the hour and **Cruze Scooters** has a large fleet of **e-scooters** for rent.

**Gateway Wetland Nature Trail and Conservation Center** opened last summer and is where you can learn about the wetlands and wildlife. Walk the fully wheelchair/stroller accessible trails and boardwalks. Pack a picnic and enjoy the on site picnic tables. This [video](#) outlines the regions adventures trails, wetlands and water falls. Future trail development includes Maliseet Ancient Trail.

**Destination Nackawic** offers some of the most exceptional boating, paddling, [sport-fishing](#) and other waterfront experiences in all of Atlantic Canada. The new **Big Axe Marina**, opened last summer on the majestic Wolastoq, with a **new dock** complete with boat launch, docking space for boaters, boat wash station, fuel station, kayak and water bike rentals, and Big Axe souvenirs.

Nashwaak Watershed Association will offer **guided kayaking tours** of the Nashwaak with Second Nature Outdoors, teaching people about the beauty and purpose that the Nashwaak River has to offer.

**Sweltering Songs** has now become an annual summer festival, presented by the organizers of Shivering Songs winter festival. This folk festival-style weekend event, with live music, bar service, and food options takes place downtown with a variety of artists in two tented open-air venues.

**Harvest Music Festival** is bringing back the Mojo Tent alongside the Blues Tent, the Barracks Tent and the Fredericton Playhouse for Harvest 2023 for the first time since 2019! The Mojo Tent will be the first event held in **Officers Square** after its multi-million dollar [makeover](#).



## New Shops & Fun Stops

**Good Guys Golf** is New Brunswick's only indoor mini putt and bar. The 10-hole course is complete with a bar, party room, golf simulator, and games.

**Cruze Scooters** rents hydro-bikes and electric scooters and is just steps away from Fredericton's 120km trail network. On the off season, they have opened a smash room, [Smashology NB](#) at their Smythe Street location.

The **Artisan District** is a fine craft gift shop downtown, where you'll find curated collections of pottery, blown glass, woodworking, fine art, jewelry, and textiles all by Maritime artisans.

**Par 94 Bar and Golf Lounge** is outfitted with 4 state-of-the-art golf simulators, each area with room for up to 8 for a virtual round of golf, practice, or minigames. Weekend nights find games like washer toss, cornhole, Giant Jenga.

**Broken Record Bar and Music Room** Local musician Trevor Young owns and operates this new downtown bar /venue where music lovers can enjoy a pint and a show, providing a new stage for New Brunswick bands.

**The Dandy- Paint Lounge** is a dandy spot to enjoy beer, wine or coffee while creating your own painting on a canvas, ukulele or skateboard deck and they also host Paint' n Sips Nights with local artists.

**The Landing** Radical Edge and Milltown Roasters transformed what was Boss Gibson's General Store in 1863 into a social hub - part café, taproom, part bike shop in the National Heritage District of Marysville. Anything Bike, Brew or Beer happens here, brewing sessions to group bike rides or snowshoe treks.

**The Royal Barbershop** is a classic barbershop specializing in hot shaves and precision haircuts with a speakeasy bar menu. Owner, Rob Reese is hosting a **Fredericton Barber Convention** in July with classes, performances, beard contest and marketplace. [The Global Barber](#) filmed here last fall and episodes featuring the barbershop and many of the city's taprooms will air this year.

## New on the Food & Drink Scene

**First Light Distillery & Tasting Room** After living in Toronto for 10 years, owners Kevin & Jen decided to bring their passion for spirits home. First Light specializes in gin, vodka, cream liqueur, and white rum and has a brand new facility and taproom to tour and taste-test.

**Black Galley Distilling** crafts diverse small-batch gins and flavoured vodkas and offer regular tastings and in their taproom.

**St. James Gate** at West Hills Golf course offers local seafood, shucked oysters, elevated pub food, along with great views of the golf course. The atmosphere combines the old world charm of Ireland with the comforts of the Maritimes.

Popular Parisian-style dessert café on Queen St., **Chess Piece**, opened a new deli-style location next door. **Chess Piece Market** features cheese and charcuterie items and Chef/Owner is also making hand-made preserves and baked-in-house bread. Their famous Queen Street Creamery ice cream is also available year round and this summer; picnic grazing baskets.

**The Feel Good** a new breakfast and lunch cozy café opened in December where everything is made in-house using only fresh ingredients, supporting local, small businesses.

**Half Cut Brewing/ Coastline Pizza** share a new taproom on Main Street that features 12 draught lines with beer from Half Cut brewed on site, beer from local breweries, plus cider and wine, and Coast Line serves up Detroit-style pizza.

**Pollen Angels Meadery** got national attention with their Queen's Nectar, a meadmosa, a blend of orange juice and sparkling mead on CTV's The Social.

**J's Asian Eatery** is now open downtown on Brunswick making it the third location for this popular resto. This location is where the chef will offer more authentic, experimental and diverse Asian food with a frequently changing special menu.

**Heaven Inn Devon Café** Heaven Inn Devon is an historic mansion overlooking the Saint John River that has been renovated into a short term rental units that is warm and welcoming and so photogenic! A cafe and salon will be added to the main level, offering another café connected to the trail system.

## New & Noteworthy Accommodations

**Off Grid Ales** is New Brunswick's first and only microbrewery crafting premium ales using solar energy. New owners Tallyia and Tim MacMullin are re-opening the brewery on Magaguadavic Lake and creating a unique nature retreat with a luxury lakeside accommodations in this scenic area that has been in Tallyia's family for 5 generations. Fully equipped eco-friendly luxury domes have stunning lake views and have saltwater hot tubs BBQs and firepits.

**Lakeway Houseboat Vacations**, Atlantic Canada's only houseboat rental has added another houseboat to its fleet. Located at Mactaquac Marina, Mactaquac Provincial Park, there are now 8 fully equipped cottages on the water.

**Lake View Glamping** –8 luxe geodesic domes with evergreen trees and natural privacy. Kayaks, snowmobiles, and bikes for rent. Located on Grand Lake year-round.

**Delta Fredericton by Marriott** was just awarded Rainbow accreditation, New Brunswick's first Rainbow Registered hotel. The Delta ensures 2SLGBTQIA+ customers and staff feel safe, welcome and accepted.



**Appleseed Cabin at Sandow Farm** in Keswick Ridge, a rural community just outside Fredericton famous for its scenic rolling hills and apple orchards. The farm is situated on a 5-acre property within the Wolastoq/Saint John River watershed. The newly built **Appleseed Cabin** is an off-grid beautiful sanctuary that overlooks a pond with a stunning view of the River Valley. Unique agri-tourism offerings at Sandow Farm for guests to enjoy from harvesting and pressing apples, working with honeybees and walking trails in the organic orchard with snowshoeing in winter.

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