



## What's New in Fredericton



Thursday nights in downtown are bustling with hundreds of visitors and 120+ vendors each week at the Garrison Night Market on Carleton Street. 2020 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the popular market, which features local and imported handmade

products, art, craft & design, locally-grown farm products, buskers, beer garden, food trucks and a stage with local musical talent. The market will run 4:30pm to 9pm, June 18–September 10/2020.

### **Odell Park Medicine Walk, Wabanaki Tree Spirit Tours**

Embark on a medicine walk through the Old Growth Forest of Odell Park with Wabanaki medicine keepers Cecelia Brooks and son Anthony as they share their knowledge about local flora and fauna and the fascinating history of the Wabanaki people. Discover how local plants and trees are used as medicines, food and in ceremony. Option to book traditionally prepared meal of Three Sisters Soup & Acorn Corn Bread [www.wabanakitreespirit.com](http://www.wabanakitreespirit.com)

### **Learn about the 1842 York County Gaol this summer with new jail tour**

From shackles and isolation, to metre-thick walls, 300lb. cell doors, and barbed wire, the York County Jail (now home to Science East Science Centre) was designed and built as a place of incarceration from 1842-1996. From the thwarted international breakout plot of a Columbian drug cartel to the precedent-setting case of a former New Brunswick inmate which changed Canadian legal history forever—experienced tour guides will unveil the people, places and events of this fascinating architectural treasure.

**Fredericton Region Museum-** a **Black History** exhibit opens this summer, transforming a room in the museum into the interior of local St. Peter's Anglican Church, built in the 1830s by descendants of Black Loyalists and is one of the only churches in Eastern Canada that integrated blacks and whites. Learn about Nancy, the runaway slave from Fredericton who went to the Supreme Court of NB to challenge her slave owner in 1812 (she lost) and the story of the Black Loyalists who came from the US after the Revolutionary War.

Another new exhibit will feature **Stanton Friedman**, famed UFO researcher (he's from Fredericton !) The exhibit will feature artefacts from his collection and programming such as night sky watching from the balcony.

### **SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020**

The **New Brunswick Spirits Festival**, Canada's Oldest Spirit Festival celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Nov.17-20). This 5 day festival features special tastings hosted by world leading authorities on whiskies & premium spirits offering appreciation techniques. The festival offers almost 200 of the world's finest Spirits, Single Malt Whiskies, Scotches, Cognacs, Rums, Gins and Liqueurs, themed dinners, samplings, seminars and even a taxi ride home. [www.whiskynb.ca](http://www.whiskynb.ca)

Fredericton's biggest festival, the **Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival** turns 30 in September. With close to 30 stages, 150+ acts, 6 city blocks, this popular festival brings together world-class musicians and Atlantic-Canadian artists

National Historic Site, the **Christ Church Cathedral** celebrates 175 years in 2020 and in addition to free guided tours, will host special celebrations /events. The Cathedral is considered one of the finest examples of gothic revival architecture in Canada.

Looking ahead... In 2023, Fredericton will be 175 years old, our **Dodransbicentennial!**



## Food & Drink Scene

Fredericton boasts the largest number of craft brewers per capita in the Maritimes with 26 local breweries, cideries, distilleries, meaderies, and wineries!

Visit tasting rooms all over town and find your fave, whether Picaroon's Roundhouse, on their pet-friendly patio overlooking the river or Red Rover Cider House for delightfully crisp ciders! The Joyce Pub in the Crowne Plaza Hotel have close 40 draught taps that pour only New Brunswick craft beer.

New for 2020- **Fredericton Taproom Trail**, the first of its kind in New Brunswick. This passport-style map shows the 11 taprooms around the city. Gather stamps for exclusive #FredTapTrail swag.

**Fun Fredericton Fact** The Crowne Plaza Fredericton's rooftop veggie and herb garden also features bee hives. Honey is gathered by local meadery Pollen Angels to produce mead, aptly called 'Crowne Jewel'. It is believed they are the only hotel in the world to create their very own mead.

**Maxwells** restaurant in the Crowne Plaza offers "New Brunswick on a Plate" and the concept of "Nose to Tail" - a philosophy of eating and cooking that involves using every possible part of an animal and thus minimizing waste.

catch **URBAN GRILL, Delta Fredericton** is under full renovation to transform into Fredericton's newest dining experience this spring

**By the River B&B** New Canadians, Coral and Hau Shuai, purchased a grand historic home on the banks of the St. John River and lovingly restored it into Fredericton's newest Bed and Breakfast (opened 2019). They share their love of authentic Chinese food offering family style dinner including their family favorites for small groups or families.

**Fun Fredericton Fact** Once a poor telephone operator who made delicious pickles, Maria Anderson became Fredericton socialite, Lady Ashburnham when she married Lord Ashburnham in 1903, but she's perhaps most famous for creating the popular mustard treat, Lady Ashburnham pickles ( find at the Boyce Farmer's Market)



## Multi-Generational Fun

**Kings Landing** This living history open air museum offers an authentic 1800s experience, immersing guests in the sights, sounds, colours, and personalities that heralded the transformation of a young colony into a vibrant nation. The bustle of farmlife, tantalizing aromas from old-fashioned kitchens, the distant melodies from lively fiddlers and dancing townfolk combine to create an experience unlike any other. In 2020, Kings Landing will launch new culinary events such as the Village Feast and afternoon teas during special culinary weekends, Halloween and Christmas programming in the off-season and will continue to develop indigenous programming.

**Historic Garrison District** offers family friendly and free programming like Free Outdoor Concert series, kids adventure – A Day in a Solders Life and Movie Under the Stars showing classic and modern classic films every weekend in July and August. Daily Changing of the Guard Ceremony and Outdoor Summer Theatre are fun for the whole family.

**Fun Fredericton Fact** – Ever see a 42lb Coleman Frog?! In 1855 a frog in Killarney Lake was befriended by hotel proprietor Fred Coleman, but tragically, years later, killed by fishermen. The frog was taxidermied in Maine, displayed in Coleman's hotel for many years. He eventually found his way into the Fredericton Region Museum, a great source of amusement ever since.

**Science East** The only science centre in the world located in a former jail, Inspiration for all ages with 150 fun-filled hands-on science exhibits spread over 3 floors and outside. Built in 1842, the metre-thick stone walls of the building once housed New Brunswick's most notorious murderer during a 1991 case that forged legal history as Canada's first criminal case convicted solely on DNA evidence.

Construction starts spring of 2020 of a **New Indoor Adventure Park** - Vertical Ascent. This 32,000 ft<sup>2</sup> park will feature interactive climbing walls, aerial obstacles, zip lines, Ninja Warrior Course, Wipeout, jousting pits, trampolines and virtual reality games.

The **Boyce Farmers Market** is a long standing Saturday morning tradition in Fredericton for many families!

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## The Great Outdoors

NB's rich literary community is featured in a new **Literary Garden**, in the Botanic Garden. Combining the beauty of nature with the written word inspired by 29 New Brunswick writers and poets, the garden features flowers, plants and trees mentioned in literary works by New Brunswick writers. In 2020, a Healing Garden will also be planted.

**Bass Fishing** Fredericton is host to the B1 Open, a premier bass fishing 3 year event which will help establish the St. John River as one of Canada's great smallmouth bass fishing destinations. The tournament features 150 top anglers from Canada and the USA. Fredericton will be the only tour stop east of Quebec.

The beautiful **St. John River, the Wolastoq** is the largest river on the Eastern seaboard, flowing some 450 miles. Get out and enjoy this National Heritage River with Second Nature Outdoors, offering guided tours like *Paddle & Pint, Gears & Beers, Sunrise Paddle* or simply rent a bike and explore 100km+ trail network, including local favourite, the Bill Thorpe Walking Bridge.

New option for biking the trails this summer: Pedego Fredericton is renting **Pedego E-Bike**-electric bikes.

**Fun Fredericton Fact** Fredericton is home to the **oldest astronomical observatory** in British North America, the Brydone Jack Observatory, which was established in 1851. The UNB's Physics Department hosts public viewing events of the night sky



## Art & Architecture

Discover the unique character and stunning gems of Fredericton's architectural heritage; more than two centuries of vibrant styles of architecture.

**The Beaverbrook Art Gallery** starts its third phase of expansion this spring which will add 10000 ft<sup>2</sup> to the Queen Street side of the building. The new wing, to be named in honour of Harrison McCain, will be the first public building to bear the name of this remarkable Canadian. The 2017 pavilion expansion added 14,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of gallery space, café, artist-in-residence studio, learning center and gallery for Salvador Dalí's masterpiece- *Santiago el Grande*.

With many other smaller galleries in the downtown (Gallery on Queen, Gallery 78, NBCCD George Fry Gallery to name a few) you can enjoy a walking art tour.

**Legislative Assembly of NB**, second-empire building reflecting the tastes of the Victorian era. The Legislative Assembly, a Provincial Historic Site, has been the seat of government since 1882. View portraits of New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governors, a beautiful self-supporting spiral staircase and a complete 4 volume set of 435 hand-coloured copper engravings of the Birds of America by John James Audubon painted in the 1830's, one of only 200 sets ever produced.

**Fun Fredericton Fact** the clock in our City Hall's clock tower was used as a prototype for London's famous Big Ben

**Government House** is an historical and architecturally important building that overlooks the St John River. The building has had a varied and colourful history since the first cornerstone was laid in 1826 and the official re-opening in 1999.

**Fredericton**  
New-Nouveau-Brunswick | Canada

### Or as we've also been called ...

- Craft Capital of Canada (more working artisans per capita than anywhere else in Canada)
  - Cultural Capital of Canada (2009, Dept. of Canadian Heritage)
- Poets' Corner of Canada (Bliss Carman, Sir Charles G. D. Roberts and Francis Joseph Sherman, were born and raised here)
  - Celestial City (numerous church spires that dot downtown skyline)
- Pewtersmith Capital of Canada (Dr. Ivan Crowell introduced the art and taught at the NB College of Craft and Design.)
  - Capital of Acadia (in the 1690s) and Saint-Anne (Acadian village in the 1700s)