



Northern New Brunswick unspoiled outdoor playground!

The warm days and long golden evenings of early summer offer a gracious welcome to RV enthusiasts ready to enjoy the hospitality of Northern New Brunswick. Four to seven days is all you need to experience this remarkable treasure chest of vacation wonders located in some of New Brunswick's undiscovered natural playgrounds.

DAY ONE

The excursion starts when you exit Route 2 at Exit 18 for Edmundston and you find yourself nestled between sparkling rivers and the Appalachian Mountains weathered by time. Edmundston is sure to impress. (www.tourism Edmundston.com)

You can enjoy self-guided tours of the city that includes the Petit Sault Blockhouse, an impressive cathedral and a historic gothic-style church (now the art center), and heritage buildings. Hiking, biking, wildlife viewing and outdoor enjoyment are all within easy reach.

Brayon tradition melts in your mouth, when you learn how to make the region's buckwheat 'poye' pancakes and taste their local crafted beer with a twist of history... A downtown guided foodie tour is available during the summer.

A stopover at La République Provincial Park gives you easy access to three local attractions including the park itself with everything from tennis to cycling available, an antique car museum featuring a fascinating collection of roadsters from the turn of the 19th Century, and the New Brunswick Botanical Garden. The twelve themed gardens and herbalist pavilion makes up the garden's landscapes with ponds and quirky animal topiary. By June, the flowerbeds are ablaze with color. Don't miss Khronos, a circle of twelve granite monoliths through which you can track time – is it a giant sundial or perhaps the local version of Stonehenge!

There's plenty of fun for RV groups in and around the Edmundston area, too. Advance reservations are required to accommodate groups, but these particular experiences are well-organized and waiting for your arrival.

After a good night's sleep, you can head to the city of Campbellton. The route tracks south along Route 2 to Saint-Léonard where Exit 58 to Route 17 points you to your destination.

DAY TWO

At Saint-Quentin, the highway joins the Appalachian Range Route through Kedgwick and onward to Campbellton and meet up with Restigouche Sam, the world's biggest monument to the Salmon, 'King of Fish.' Along the way you're passing through

impressive dense forests that sustain the economy of the region as the road gradually climbs toward the Appalachian Mountains and their unmatched panoramic views.

A mid-trip stop at fabulous Mount Carleton Provincial Park could mean a quick picnic on the beach, a walk or a bike ride through the woods, to enjoy the birds and wildlife.

In Campbellton, you'll encounter a diverse mix of Mi'kmaq, French, Acadian and Scottish heritage. Museums, galleries, and the Battle of Restigouche National Historic Site are just some of the culture and history options for you to ponder. Bring along family and friends to dance and play during the Restigouche salmon festival or the Bluegrass Festival, as well as outdoor entertainment. You might also enjoy a walk along the Campbellton Esplanade with a stop for entertainment at the outdoor amphitheatre. (www.campbellton.org)

Lots of activities will allow you to tease and taste the Restigouche Salmon, and you will learn all about its history at the NEW Restigouche River Interpretation Center and Taste of Place, plus you can enjoy the NEW RV Resort or walk along the park to meet local artisans at the kiosk stand, but listen...live music might be on, in the outdoor theatre!

Sugarloaf Provincial Park is an ideal spot for getting a good look around. From the peak of Sugarloaf Mountain, the city and the magnificent Chaleur Bay are laid out in an unmatched vista. Tennis courts and tree-lined trails are just a few of the features of this popular destination. Mountain-biking enthusiasts will be thrilled to experience Atlantic Canada's only lift-service mountain-bike park.

City hosts will arrange a walking tour for guest groups between 10 to 40 people and tour the waterfront, the esplanade leading to the new RV Park, the World's Biggest Salmon, or the downtown pier where bird-watching is unmatched. At Sugarloaf Provincial Park the group can walk up to Pritchard's Lake to enjoy the view.

DAY THREE

The drive from Belledune to the city of Bathurst, and its Chaleur region, along Route 134 skirts the Chaleur Bay all the way, routing you through some of the most authentic shore side communities. In Belledune, there's time for a stop at the Jacquet River Gorge, offering a sweeping view of the valley. You can also adopt a fish at the salmon conservation center! Drop in to Atlas Park in Pointe-Verte, an outdoor recreational centre featuring pedal boats, fishing and scuba diving. In Petit-Rocher, it's time out for a mackerel fishing excursion with Captain Charles, who shares the secrets of the Bay. Navigate to the Beresford Marsh and Environmental Interpretation Centre, or experience a different sight-seeing excursion with a Beach Taxi promenade.

The city of Bathurst – www.bathurst.ca – is the centre of northeastern New Brunswick, and offers everything you're looking for in the ideal getaway. The Bathurst Harbor gives you another opportunity to enjoy beautiful water views. Downtown Bathurst and La Promenade Waterfront are located in the heart of the city, offering succulent seafood,

restaurants, unique shops where you can find local artisan studios. Beach lovers can sneak away to Youghall Beach Park for saltwater fun, strolls on the boardwalks and beautiful views of Chaleur Bay.

Enjoy two golf courses and over 40 kilometers of non-motorized trail systems right within the city. Don't miss out on exploring the Nepisiguit River, its wilderness Mi'gmaq Trail and amazing Pabineau waterfalls. Daly Point Nature Reserve is a birdwatcher's dream come true. There, local interpreters will introduce you to over 100 species that live in or visit the region, and share their impressive "birders" diaries.

There is a festival reflecting every culture in almost every week of the summer in our region. You will be able to enjoy various activities ranging from local music, concerts to family activities and fireworks. The latest local information is always found at the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, 86 Douglas Avenue. (Tel. 506-548-0418 or 877-548-1966).

Today could be a busy one because there are so many facets of New Brunswick to discover as you round the Acadian shore on your route from the Chaleur region to your next stop. In fact, the Chaleur Bay is recognized as one of the most beautiful bays in the world!

Exit 300 can take you to Route 8 for a direct southerly route to Miramichi, but what's your hurry? The same exit veers east along Route 11 all the way around the Acadian Peninsula along the Acadian Coastal Drive. Be prepared to be in awe of the scenery and to surrender to the joyous Acadian culture that surrounds you.

DAY FOUR

The scrumptious seafood you're looking for is found anywhere from Grande-Anse to Neguac as you drive. Caraquet brings you to the unofficial capital of L'Acadie and the site of the annual Acadian Festival. The Caraquet area is also home to the Village Historique Acadien, an authentic tribute to Acadian culture including heritage buildings, historic re-enactors, and lively entertainment. (www.peninsuleacadienne.ca)

Discover camping in the Acadian Peninsula! Whatever your preferences, views of the sea or the river, activities for children of all ages, wild camping in the forest or all-inclusive services, our many camping sites in Acadian Peninsula will surely offer you an authentic "Acadian" camping experience.

Along the Acadian shore, you will discover the sea and its golden sandy beaches that you will never want to leave and the cobble beaches that are favorable for discoveries... You will see places rich with culture and history... You will taste seafood delicacies and discover the Acadian culture...

Live the Life of a Lobster Fisher, Hunt for Treasures on the Acadian Islands, experience kite surfing , visit the Aquarium and Centre Marin in Shippagan and eat like the locals, then you will really know the Acadians and their Joie de vivre... From one community to another, the museums, the theatrical plays, the festivals, and the unique attractions reveal the essence of the Acadian spirit.

DAY 5

Now head on back on route 8, to discover the character and history of the City of Miramichi!

Miramichi is known for its hospitality, storytelling and unique culture. (www.discovermiramichi.com) Immerse yourself in traditional experiences that will allow you to discover the rich heritage of the Miramichi. Travel back through time on a boat tour to **Beaubears Island National Historic Site**. Costumed guides tell the tales of the Acadians that took refuge at Wilson's Point and of the shipbuilding and lumbering that took place on the island. Grab a paddle for a guided canoe trip, then explore the trails among the ancient pines. Visit the interpretive centre, featuring artifacts and information about the historic Village of Nelson, the early Mi'kmaq community and the island's two national historic designations. Boishébert National Historic Site of Canada tells the story of Charles Deschamps de Boishébert and the plight of the Acadians in the mid 1700's, and Beaubears Island Shipbuilding National Historic Site of Canada. The J. Leonard O'Brien Memorial is the only known extensive, undisturbed archaeological site, associated with the 19th century wooden shipbuilding industry, still in existence in New Brunswick, and possibly Canada.

Explore Miramichi from a different perspective aboard the **Miramichi River Boat Tours'** Max Aitken double-decker tour boat. Relax in comfort as your colourful Acadian captain, Azade Haché, interprets the history of the river and its people. Relish the view of the city and the river from the promenade deck. Dine onboard with us and enjoy the best that Mac's Seafood Market has to offer including fresh cooked local lobster. Ninety-minute tours depart daily from Ritchie Wharf. In addition, evening cruises, special events and group rates are all part of the premiere services offered; fully certified, licensed and bilingual.

The Miramichi is more than its good looks! It also cooks extraordinary meals, rocks cool cultural events and unfolds awesome road trips to our many **festivals**. The Miramichi Rock 'n' Roll Festival, Canada's Irish Festival in July, and the longest standing Miramichi Folksong Festival in early August are three popular summer events. There's also the Napan Agricultural Show, Powwows, and the Lumbermen's Competition. We'll have you tapping your toes and dancing in the street. Check out our website for the full schedule!

For the outdoor enthusiast, the Miramichi River is world-renown for its salmon **fishing**. There are outfitters located along the many branches of river that offer a variety of packages for the ultimate fishing vacation. Cast your line for a day or two, or a week alongside experienced guides. Recreational striped bass fishing has gained popularity. The season runs from May 1 to October 31, 2016, with three retention periods. Plan to be in the Miramichi from May 27 – 29, for a chance to hook your bass. You could be the winner of the 2016 Miramichi Striper Cup! Peter Bowman, of the popular Fish'n Canada television show stated, while filming for their season-premier in Miramichi last May,
"We have never experienced anything like this in our lives before."

The remarkable significance of the archaeological finds at **Metepenagiag Heritage Park** in Red Bank cannot be overstated. Experience the ancient Mi'kmaq culture that has existed at its life source for over 3,000 years. There is much to absorb at the village of 30 centuries. See authentic Mi'kmaq ceramic pottery. Appreciate the significance of the Augustine Mound and the Oxbow National Historic Sites. Help prepare a traditional aboriginal meal at an outdoor cooking shelter. Take your appreciation of Mi'kmaq culture to a whole new level with an overnight retreat in a tipi and an evening of storytelling by the campfire.

Northern New Brunswick is a playground of outdoor wonders etched by world famous rivers and cascading up and down the ancient Appalachian Mountains. With so many pristine landscapes to choose from it's easy to design your very own outdoor experience no matter what you like to do. Along the way your hosts in Edmundston, Campbellton, Chaleur region, Miramichi and the Acadian Peninsula invite you to hike, bike, fish, boat, or even float. There are tons of places to park an RV and get out in the fresh air, whether you're travelling solo, as a couple, or vacationing with your family. This RV route covers four cities and the picturesque countryside in between.

Whether you're travelling on your own or in an RV group the latest on area attractions and things to do is always found at www.northernnbodyssey.ca