



The Maritimes



Annapolis Royal

General Information:

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Escape
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of everyday life with a visit to
Annapolis Royal's beautiful

Historic Gardens

Welcome to seventeen acres of horticultural excellence, often described as "Nova Scotia's Hidden Treasure"! In a beautiful setting overlooking a tidal river valley, the Historic Gardens features collections and displays which provide a glimpse of the past from a horticultural perspective. From Mi'kmaq practices and the methods of the early Acadian gardener through to innovative gardening techniques of today, our visitors experience the development of gardening through time.

Situated in historic Annapolis Royal, the Historic Gardens is surrounded by more than four centuries of history. Expanding on this theme from a horticultural perspective, the Gardens complement the many other things to see and do in the area.



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W WASHROOMS

A ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

B GARDENS SHOP

Located in the "Greenhouse" off the Courtyard, the Shop features a selection of gifts, books, photos, Nova Scotian handicrafts and much more. All sales in support of the Historic Gardens.

C BOARDWALK, ELEPHANT GRASS

The boardwalk sweeps through an old stand of Norfolk Reed, referred to by locals for generations as "Elephant Grass".

D ACADIAN DYKE REPLICA

This dyke was built by hand using traditional Acadian dyking techniques.

E GARDENS SCULPTURE

This area incorporates sculpture as a focal point.

F ELM TREE CAFÉ

Dine in the shade of our giant Weeping Elm! Opening in 2013!

G GARDENS INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Information on Acadian construction techniques, Salt Marshes, and other special displays.

1 MAIN COURTYARD

A courtyard of flagstone complemented by granite boulders.

2 INNOVATIVE GARDEN

This closely planted area demonstrates current techniques in fruit and vegetable cultivation appropriate to small gardens.

3 4 ROSE COLLECTION

More than 230 cultivars are featured in the Rose Garden, providing a dazzling summer display. A Rose Maze brings the number of rose bushes to almost 2000.

5 WINTER GARDEN

This collection provides colour and interest, especially in the cold winter months.

6 7 8 9 10 LA MAISON ACADIENNE

A replica of a 17th century Acadian home, with bake oven and a partly thatched roof, surrounded by a traditional "potager" and orchard. From here one can also view the dykes and marshes of the Allain's River.



DESIGN: TODD GRAPHIC, www.todgraphic.ns.ca

11 SPRING COLOUR COLLECTION
This garden features early blooming trees and shrubs, including a growing collection of magnolias.

12 ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
A display of ornamental grasses from around the world, many with unusual colour and form. The central bed design changes each year, providing added interest.

13 EVERGREEN COLLECTION
An interesting collection of conifers surround this centre lawn area.

14 PINE FOREST
This area is representative of the huge eastern forests which once covered a vast area.

15 SCOTCH HEATHER COLLECTION
A collection of heathers providing late summer colour.

16 MARSH LOOKOFF
A rest area with a view of the dykes and marshland, across the tidal river to the encircling hills.

17 DYKEWALK
Walk along the Allain's River salt marshes, surrounded by remnants of old Acadian dykes.

18 ERICACEOUS COLLECTION
This collection consists primarily of rhododendrons and azaleas, along with other related plantings.

19 GARDEN BRIDGE
From this bridge, you see a series of three descending ponds surrounded by a day lily collection.

20 GARDEN PONDS
The ponds support a collection of aquatic plants.

21 ROCK GARDEN
A variety of alpine and dwarf shrubs are planted around large granite boulders.

22 PERENNIAL GARDEN
A wide variety of familiar and unusual perennials.

23 ROCK FOUNTAIN
This fountain is made from rock specimens indigenous to Nova Scotia.

24 GOVERNOR'S GARDEN
Based on a design from the 18th century when Annapolis Royal was the capital of Nova Scotia.

25 VICTORIAN GARDEN
Curved beds filled with showy annuals illustrate the Victorian delight in the rare and exotic.

26 KNOT GARDEN
Based on a 17th century English design, featuring lavender knots. This garden is shaded by a giant weeping specimen of American Elm.