



Cumberland County Museum & Archives



Dayle's Grand Market



Deanne Fitzpatrick Rug Hooking Studio



Amherst Point Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Amherst, Nova Scotia

Pjila'si to Amherst! The original Mi'kmaq name for the Amherst area was Nemcheboogwek meaning "going up rising ground". The modern town of Amherst was founded in 1764 by British settlers. This followed the expulsion of the Acadians, who had been living in this area since as far back as 1672. Before them, the Mi'kmaq have called this place home since time immemorial.



Drop in and let us welcome you to Nova Scotia! Amherst is the lively service centre at the heart of Cumberland County. The bustling downtown core is home to Canada's most magnificent collection of sandstone buildings, impressive Victorian homes, parks, excellent shopping, eateries and Nova Scotian artisans. You will find the works of our local artisans downtown at Dayle's Grand Market and at the Amherst Artisan Gallery, uptown, at the Amherst Centre Mall.

With an off-leash dog park, pet-friendly shops and doggie stations at many locations, your furry friend will love Amherst too.

With its central location, Amherst is a perfect home base for Nova Scotia activities and events - just a 90-minute drive from Halifax Stanfield international airport, 60 minutes to Prince Edward Island and 35 minutes from Moncton Romeo-LeBlanc international airport.



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Maritime Tartan Company



Havelock St. Park

Did you know?

Four Father's of Canada's Confederation called Amherst home and are honoured with large granite stones in Victoria Square including, Edward Chandler, Robert Barry Dickey, Johnathan McCully and Sir Charles Tupper.

Amherst is also famous for athletic legends, home to professional wrestler Rocky Johnson (and father to Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) along with Mark McFarlane, Bill Riley, Jacob Melanson and Carly Jackson, all professional hockey players.



Amherst Information

www.amherst.ca/seewhyweloveit

Esther Fest - October

Celebrate Canada's most notorious poltergeist, annually in October. Take part in a ghoulish week-long paranormal festival, from ghost hunts to a Halloween ball and a town-wide Scarecrow Stroll, there is something for every ghost!

French Toast Fest - March

Some things just go better together. Amherst is home to an egg factory, a bread factory and is surrounded by maple sugar woods. Mix those ingredients together for a delicious winter festival supported by local restaurants.

