

Marine Visitor Guide

Baddeck Waterfront



BADDECK
WATERFRONT



Welcome!

Dear Guest,

Welcome to the beautiful village of Baddeck, the heart of Cape Breton Island located on the breathtaking Bras d'Or Lake. On behalf of the Village of Baddeck, we welcome you as our guest to our waterfront and community.

We are thrilled to have you join us in this special place, known for its stunning natural beauty and rich history. Baddeck is where you can relax and rejuvenate, surrounded by the stunning scenery of the lake and the surrounding landscape.

This guide is designed to give you an overview of Baddeck Waterfront's wharf services, as well as ways to enjoy and explore our village and waterfront. Our floating docks provide free daytime berthing, as available, and berthing options for visiting vessels. We are a proud Boating Cape Breton Island Destination Network member, striving with our partners to provide the best possible experience for our guests. Visitor feedback makes us better and we welcome your comments.

While you are here, be sure to explore all that our village has to offer. Take a stroll along the waterfront, visit our local shops and the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, or go for a hike on nearby Kidston Island, an extension of the Baddeck Harbour Waterfront experience. There is so much for you to experience in our village and across the crystal-clear waters of the Bras d'Or Lake.

We hope you have a wonderful stay with us and that you take home many happy memories of your time in Baddeck. If you have any questions or need assistance during your visit, please do not hesitate to reach out to our dock master and wharf attendants.

Sincerely,

Waterfront Baddeck Committee

Wharf Details

Location

46° 5.958' N 60° 44.819' W
2 Jones Street
Baddeck, Nova Scotia
B0E 1B0

Contact

902-295-1389 | VHF Channel 68

Water Depth, Tide & Wind

- Front (shore side) 2.4m (8ft.)
- Middle 6.4m (21ft.)
- End (harbour side) 7.9m (26ft.)
- Average tidal range 6–9" (15-23cm)
- Prevailing summer wind SW
- Sustained NE wind > 30 knots, east side floating dock is closed

Wharf Specifications

- East side floating dock:
73m x 3m (240ft. x 10ft.)
23" above water - wood decking
- West side floating dock:
64m x 2.5m (212ft. x 8ft.)
15" above water - wood decking
- End face no floating dock:
23m x 1.8m (76ft. x 6ft.)
- concrete/wood decking
- L face no floating dock:
12m x 1.8m (40ft. x 6ft.)
- concrete/ wood decking

Power

30, 50 & 100 AMP service available.

Waste & Recycling

Bins are located behind The Freight Shed building. Please do not use bins on the wharf.

Free Wi-Fi

Network: Baddeck Waterfront
Password: Baddeck1



baddeckwaterfront.ca



Getting Here

Use Bras d'Or Lake Marine Charts No. 4277, 4278, 4279

Extending from the northeastern end of the Canadian province of Nova Scotia, separated from the mainland by the Strait of Canso while connected by the deepest causeway in the world, is Cape Breton Island. For those exploring or transiting through Eastern Canada, it's an itinerary must! The island's coastline reveals a rugged but approachable terrain, from towering highland cliffs to pristine beaches bathed in the warm waters of its western shores.

At the heart of Cape Breton Island, you will find the Bras d'Or Lake, Canada's inland sea. The lake, a UNESCO-designated biosphere, boasts over 1000 km (600 miles) of pristine coastline with hundreds of coves, inlets, harbours and hidden anchorages. The surrounding mountains are said to be as high as the lake is deep, its brackish waters a swimmers delight and its swirling winds and quiet coves a sailor's dream.

The southern entrance to the Bras d'Or Lake is the St. Peter's Canal. The channel is deep and well-buoyed. The lock dimensions are 91m (300ft.) by 14m (47ft.) with a depth of 4.9m (16ft.) over the sills. The direction of buoyage through the Lake is from north to south, therefore departing the canal heading for Baddeck, leaving the red buoys to port. As you enter the Lake from St. Peters you must pass below the 24.3m (80ft.) overhead high-voltage cables at Beaver Narrows.

The Great Bras d'Or Channel is the northern inlet to the lake - 20 nm long, minimum controlling depth of 10m (32ft.), tidal current up to 7 knots spanned by the Seal Island Bridge with a vertical clearance of 36m (119ft.). The Bras d'Or Lake has less salinity than the surrounding ocean, its tidal range averages 15-23 cm (6 - 9 inches) and water temperatures can reach 18°-21° C (65°-70° F) during the summer months or warmer depending on location.

Centrally nestled on the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake is the picturesque village of Baddeck, one of the largest communities on the lake and a strategic destination for exploring inland. To enter Baddeck's deep-water harbour, pass east or west of Kidston Island.

Prepare to be charmed

Baddeck, '*Abadak*' in the language of the Mi'kmaq, which translates into 'place with an island near' has long been a stopping place for visitors by water. Today's visitors are lured by the tranquillity and beauty of this lakeside village, nestled in the heart of Cape Breton Island. Baddeck Harbour is a gathering place for boats of all shapes and sizes and our public wharf is the heartbeat of the waterfront experience. With more than 137m (450ft.) of new floating docks, shore power and improvements to the wharf itself, Baddeck is now more ready than ever to help locals and visitors explore Cape Breton Island and the Bras d'Or Lake by boat!

Our picturesque waterfront extends to Kidston Island where its lighthouse, one of the most photographed in Nova Scotia, has been keeping watch over Baddeck Harbour since 1875. Open to the public, the island visitor experience includes a supervised beach, hiking trails, resident bald eagles and idyllic views of the Bras d'Or Lake and Alexander Graham Bell Estate.

Stroll along the water's edge, sit awhile and take in the view or embark on your own lake adventure! Our quaint waterfront boardwalk is home to a statue of Alexander Graham Bell and his wife, Mabel, locked in conversation – a wonderful reminder that Cape Breton Island is not only home to scenic beauty but also innovative wonders that spark imagination to this day.

Bell was many things including an inventor, innovator and visionary. Much of what he accomplished, he did so in Baddeck. He spent most of the last thirty years of his life here at his beloved estate and research campus, Beinn Bhreagh, which means 'Beautiful Mountain' in Gaelic. Discover the spirit of innovation and creativity in the quaint village of Baddeck, Nova Scotia and be inspired by the natural beauty of Una'maki (Cape Breton Island), just as the Bell family was over 100 years ago.



Baddeck Itinerary

Day 1 - Beautiful Baddeck

Explore our picturesque village! In the morning, take a hike on Kidston Island, an extension of Baddeck Waterfront, visit some of our local shops and businesses or tour the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site! In the afternoon, simply relax on your boat or explore a variety of nearby secluded anchorages to swim, kayak or paddle board. You can sip on a flight of locally made beverages while enjoying a picnic on one of the Lake's beautiful beaches. After dinner, take part in a "Ceilidh" (pronounced "kay-lee") where local fiddle players, highland dancers, and maritime musicians will entertain you and teach you how to perform the traditional Cape Breton step dance.



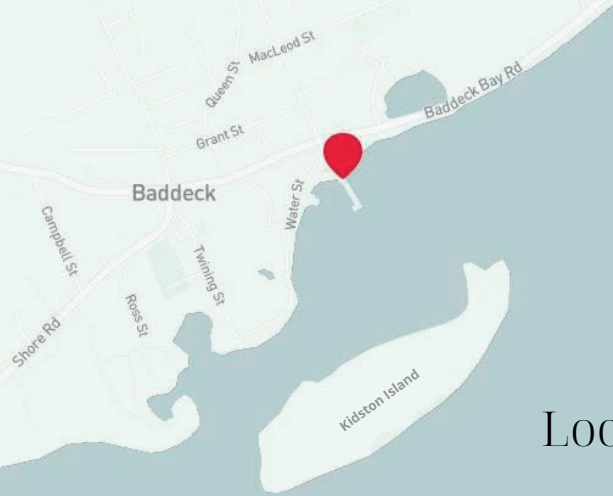
Day 2 - Exploring Close By

Enjoy a hike to one of our island's beautiful waterfalls or a round of award-winning golf! Head to nearby Uisge Bàn Falls Provincial Park, a 1.5-hour round trip hike to a spectacular waterfall just 14.5 km (9 miles) north of Baddeck. This 1.5 km (1-mile) trail leads to a spectacular waterfall in a granite gorge. Noted for offering some of the best, most intriguing, and most exciting golf in all of North America, Cape Breton Island is home to courses ranked as among the best in the world! Closest to Baddeck is the beautiful Thomas McBroom championship course, Bell Bay Golf Club, high above the Bras d'Or Lake, overlooking the Baddeck Bay.

Day 3 - Venturing Further Afield

Take a drive around the world-famous Cabot Trail which National Geographic calls one of the world's great drives! As you leave the Village of Baddeck and head north, you will soon find yourself hugging the coastline as you begin your ascent through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park where lush, boreal forest river canyons carve into the ancient plateau, edged by rust-coloured cliffs. The Cabot Trail gives you a front-row seat to the highest mountains in Nova Scotia that drop almost straight to the sea, combining to give Cape Breton Island some of Canada's most beautiful coastal scenery. Stop at the Glenora Distillery, Glenville and enjoy a tour and tasting of Canada's first single malt whisky distillery.





Local Services & Supplies

MEDICAL

Emergencies, CALL 911

Victoria County Memorial Hospital
30 Old Margaree Road
902-295-2112
nshealth.ca

Baddeck Veterinary Clinic
157 Big Baddeck Road
902-295-3440
vetscapebreton.ca

Dr. Stuart MacDonald
Dental Clinic
24 Twining Street
902-295-1313

Baddeck Dental Clinic
7 Duntulum Street
902-295-3374

PHARMACY

Stone's Pharmasave
491 Chebucto Street
902-295-2404
stonespharmasave.com

BOAT SERVICES

Bras d'Or Boat Works
902-295-7245
brasdorboatworks.com

Baddeck Marine
23 Water Street
VHF Channel 68 | 902-295-2434
baddeckmarine.com

PROVISIONS

Victoria Farmers Co-op
48 Twining Street
902-295-2384
atlantic.foodland.ca

Baddeck Farmers Market
Select Saturday mornings
559 Chebucto Street
baddeckfarmersmarket.com

Louisbourg Seafood
Mobile Fish Truck
Wednesdays on Campbell Street
louisbourgseafoods.ca

Nova Scotia Liquor
Corporation (NSLC)
16 Campbell Street
902-295-2390
mynslc.com

SUPPLIES

Home Hardware
491 Chebucto Street
902-295-2170
homehardware.ca

Baddeck Building Supplies
22 Twining Street
902-295-2903

POST OFFICE

Canada Post
485 Chebucto Street
+1 866-607-6301
canadapost.ca

BANK

RBC Royal Bank - with ATM
496 Chebucto Street
902-295-2224
rbcroyalbank.com

East Coast Credit Union
521 Chebucto Street
902-295-2286

LAUNDRY

Chebucto Laundromat
507 Chebucto Street

SHOWERS

Baddeck Waterfront
Bathrooms with showers are
available - inquire with dock master.

YACHT CLUB

Bras d'Or Yacht Club
1 Jones Street
902-295-2107
brasdoryachtclub.com

LIBRARY

Baddeck Public Library
520 Chebucto Street
902-295-2055
cbri.ca/baddeck/

ITINERARY SUPPORT

Visitor Information Centre
454 Chebucto Street

Destination Cape Breton
cbisland.com