

PORT DUFFERIN RAMP



*Ramp and old wharf
at Port Dufferin*

This ramp allows easy access into the head of the cove and the islands of Beaver Harbour and beyond. The Marquis of Dufferin Motel, directly across the road, makes an ideal base for touring. Guests can also use the small beach in front of the motel. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Port Dufferin" in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch site Description Wide gravel ramp

Amenities at site None. Off road parking.

Arriving by land About 100 m down Smiley's Point Road off Hwy 7 east of the store.

Arriving by sea Look for the motel on the east side of the cove with its long wharf with railings and a covered end. The ramp is nearby beside the old wharf.

Topographic map number

Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 42"

Long 062° 22' 49"

Owner Private.

Owner allows use as a launch site.



Wharf and beach in front of motel

NEARBY SERVICES

Marquis of Dufferin Motel - www.marquisofdufferinmotel.com

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out (Pizza, Fish and Chips)

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SHEET HARBOUR - Bridge



Water access beside bridge

This launch has grassy areas for unloading and off road parking. From here you can paddle up the tidal East River for two kms or out the harbour.

Launch Site Rating Easy. Watch for currents.

Launch Site Description Mowed grass track to water

Amenities at site None. Parking for 1-2 cars. Grassy area.

Arriving by land About 300 m east of the bridge on Hwy 7 is a flashing light. Turn down the East River Road that goes back down under the bridge. Turn onto a small loop.

Arriving by sea

Look for the launch site immediately past the East River Bridge on the east side.

Topographic map number Tangier 11D15

GPS reading

Lat 44° 55' 10"

Long 062° 30' 52"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SHEET HARBOUR - Church Point



Boat launch at the end of Church Point

This launch site is at the end of the point that divides Sheet Harbour giving ready access to both sides.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Wide gravel ramp.
Back car to water then park next to graveyard.

Amenities at site None. Roadside parking.

Arriving by land If coming from the west, turn off Hwy 7 down Church Point Road and go 1.7 km. This road is a loop and you can also get to the launch site from the other end off the Hwy 7 a bit further east.

Arriving by sea Look for gravestones on the point. The ramp is just to the west of this.

Topographic map number Tangier 11D15

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 40"

Long 062° 30' 55"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SHEET HARBOUR - Marina



*The marina ramp
next to the road*

This little marina, Marlis Landing, has a small roadside ramp. From here you can paddle up the tidal East River for two kms or out the harbour. There is also water access across the river by the bridge. (See "Sheet Harbour- Bridge").

Launch Site Rating Easy. Watch for currents.

Launch site Description Gravel ramp. Back to water.

Amenities at site None. Do not block ramp. Off road parking.

Arriving by land Turn down the east end of Church Point Road (a loop) and go about about 200m.

Arriving by sea Look for the boats and floating dock before the bridge on the west side of the east arm of the harbour.

Topographic map number Tangier 11D15

GPS reading

Lat 44° 55' 07"

Long 062° 30' 59"

Owner Private. Permission given by owner Brian Smith. 902-885-2382

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SMITH COVE



Curved cobble beach at Smith Cove

This is a scenic cove with a few homes spread along the road. Like most many launch sites along the Eastern Shore, wilderness shores and off-shore islands are not far away.

Launch Site Rating Easy to moderate.

Launch Site Description Long, small cobble beach. Somewhat exposed. Short carry.

Amenities at site None. Off-road parking

Arriving by land Turn down South Shore Road off Hwy 7. Go about 500 m and then take the right fork, Smith Cove Road. Go to the end.

Arriving by sea Look for a break in the beach grass on the east side of the cove.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 57' 29"

Long 062° 12' 44"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Moser River - Convenience and liquor store about 500 m east of park.

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments.

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SOBER ISLAND - Bridge



This small gravel beach is to the left of the rock pile.

This launch site is on Sheet Harbour Passage, a short cut at one time into Sheet Harbour. The bridge height now allows only small boats.

The small launch area is not ideal and parking is on a narrow shoulder. However, it is the best low tide launch site on Sober Island. The waters near the causeway launch site dry up at low tide.

Several islands are close by to the east and some Crown islands about 3 kms away. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Sober Island", in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy. **Watch for currents under bridge.**

Launch Site Description Small gravel beach. Short 5m carry down grass track.

Amenities at site None. Narrow shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Take road off Hwy 7 down to Sober Island. The launch is on the south end of the bridge on the east side.

Arriving by sea Look for the bridge and take out on the south end.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 51' 18"

Long 062° 28' 20"

Owner Public. **Note:** The former Sober Island government wharf is no longer public.

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

SOBER ISLAND - Causeway



This beach has lots of room to pack and launch compared to the bridge site. However, it may be a long carry out over mud and sand at low tide. Several Crown Islands are about 2 kms off shore and smaller islands to the south.

Cobble beach on the causeway toward high tide.

For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Sober Island", in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy. Easier at mid to high tide.

Launch Site Description Gravel, sand beach. Short carry over a large rock.

Note: At the end of the road is a small ramp. It is at the end of a public road but in between a house and wharf. Ask permission of the owners to park and launch.

Amenities at site None. Off road parking.

Arriving by land Turn off Hwy 7 to Sober Island. Go around the cove and turn right down Mozier Cove Road. Look for the off road parking along the causeway on your left.

Arriving by sea Paddle into a shallow bay to the west of Hardwood Island. The parking area is near the south end of the beach beside the first clump of trees.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 50' 30"

Long 062° 27' 32"

Owner Public. **Note:** The former Sober Island government wharf is no longer public.

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.
Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments See also www.seacoasttrail.com

WATT SECTION



Looking out the harbour from the launch site at Watt Section.

This launch site is a pretty spot off St Andrew's Loop near Sheet Harbour. You could paddle from here back to town and up the river or stop at the waterfront pub.

Launch Site Rating Easy to moderate depending on wind.

Launch Site Description Gravel shoreline. Short carry.

Amenities at site Mowed grassy area, benches, garbage.

Arriving by land

Look for sign saying "St. Andrew's Loop" off Hwy 7 about 2 km east of the big bridge in Sheet Harbour. The water access is toward the south end of the loop near the church.

Arriving by sea

The access is near a church across the harbour from a large fibre shipping plant.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 24"

Long 062° 29' 52"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

Port Dufferin - Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

WEST QUODDY



West Quoddy Government Wharf and ramp

This is an inviting area for paddling with sheltered coves, high bluffs and a smattering of small Crown islands near the entrance to Quoddy Harbour. Brigitte's Holiday Apartments across the cove is a perfect base for paddle tours with its own launch area. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, East Quoddy", in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Short Gravel Ramp

Amenities at site None. Off road parking for 2-3 cars. A nearby lake, Gammon Pond, has a small launch site if you want to rinse off your gear.

Arriving by land Look for Gammon Road off Hwy 7 and go 1.5 km to the end.

Arriving by sea Look for the wharf and a large Inukshuk. The ramp is beside the wharf.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 12"

Long 062° 20' 58"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments. www.brigitteholidayapartments.com

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

BEAVER HARBOUR BEACH



Beaver Harbour Beach

This wide gently sloped gravel beach provides space to sort gear and launch. The path is a bit tricky to find. It is a 2km paddle out to dramatic Big Rocky Island and other islands in Beaver Harbour. See Google Earth.

Launch Site Rating Easy depending on wind.

Launch Site Description Gravel beach. Short grass path about 6m.

Amenities at site None. Wide shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Turn down Passage Road off Hwy 7 and go 1.3 km. The path is through a gap in the trees

Arriving by sea The path is at the north end of a crescent shaped beach. A cluster of houses is at the south end.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 53' 17"

Long 062° 25' 12"

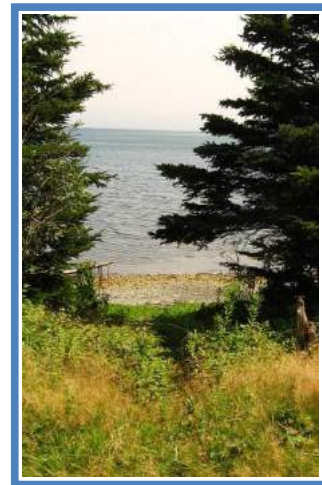
Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

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Path to beach

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

BEAVER HARBOUR RAMP



Beaver Harbour ramp at head of MacLeods Cove.

This ramp gives access to dramatic Big Rocky Island and other islands in Beaver Harbour. See Google Earth.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Overgrown grassy track. Narrow gravel/sand ramp. Short carry.

Amenities at site None Off road parking for 1-2 cars.

Arriving by land On Hwy 7 about 250 m east of turn for Passage Road. Easy to miss if coming from the east. More visible if coming from the west.

Arriving by sea Look for a gap in the trees at the head of MacLeod Cove. A guard rail is to the east and a pole wharf is to the west.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 00"

Long 062° 25' 02"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

See also www.seacoasttrail.com

EAST QUODDY - Aiken's Point



This narrow strip of beach is accessible via a short path off the road.

From this small site, you can paddle around Baptiste Island only 1 km away and other island groups. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, East Quoddy", in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy to moderate. May be slippery at low tide.

Launch Site Description Narrow sand/rock beach. Short 8m carry.

Amenities at site None. Off road parking for 1-2 cars.

Arriving by land Turn down Aiken's Point Road off Hwy 7 and go about 600m. A large lagoon is on the right. It has a steep drop into the sea.

Arriving by sea Look for the a small curved cove to the west of Baptiste Island with the road and poles behind it. The launch site is at the north corner of the cove about 500 m east of a wharf.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 54' 41"

Long 062° 18' 27"

Owner Public



Baptiste Island

NEARBY SERVICES

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments. Moser River - Convenience store.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

ECUM SECUM WEST



*Wide gravel ramp at
Ecum Secum West*

This quaint little cove is near the entrance to Ecum Secum Harbour. A couple of Crown islands are not far past the entrance. A paddle up harbour (about 2km) is another option. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Ecum Secum" in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia**(revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy. Open sea once past the end of the breakwater.

Launch Site Description Wide gravel ramp. The wharf just past it is private.

Amenities at site None. Shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Take the east end of South Shore Road off Hwy 7. Go about 2km and turn down Breakwater Road.

Arriving by sea As you enter Ecum Secum Harbour, look for a breakwater and wharf on the west side. The ramp is on the west side of the wharf.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 57' 36"

Long 062° 09' 48"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Moser River - Convenience and liquor store.

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments.

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

MOOSEHEAD BEACH



Moosehead Beach

This small sand beach has a freshwater stream and pool handy for rinsing off salty gear.

Launch Site Rating Exposed. Easy on a calm day.

Launch Site Description Small sand gravel beach. Short carry 6m. Not much sand at high tide.

Amenities at site None. Off road parking for 2-3 cars.

Arriving by land Beside Hwy 7 (Marine Drive)

Arriving by sea Road is visible. Small bridge and guardrail at east end.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 56' 32"

Long 062° 15' 55"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Moser River - Convenience store.

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments.

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

MOSER RIVER



Moser River Seaside Park and water access

This park is in the small village of Moser River at the head of Necum Teuch Harbour about 2 km from the open sea.

Launch Site Rating Easy. May be tricky at high tide.

Launch Site Description Concrete steps to gravel shore. Not visible at high tide.

Amenities at site Parking lot. Picnic Tables. Large grassy area for sorting gear.

Arriving by land On Hwy 7 (Marine Drive). Park in lot across from the Post Office. Carry about 20 through gap in fence (see above) to steps.

Arriving by sea Look for slide and playground.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 58' 19"

Long 062° 15' 20"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Moser River - Convenience and liquor store about 500 m east of park.

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments.

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out. Marquis of Dufferin Motel.

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. See also www.seacoasttrail.com

PORT DUFFERIN - SMILEY POINT



This launch site is at the entrance to sheltered Factory Cove and a jump off point for the Bay of Islands. It is not ideal for launching as it is slippery at low tide and rocky. It may be useful for an emergency landing. Port Dufferin has an easier launch site.

For detailed route information and cautions, see "Eastern Shore, Port Dufferin" in Scott Cunningham's excellent book **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** (revised 2013).

Rocky launch site beside old wharf.

Launch Site Rating

Easy to difficult. Exposed to SW winds once past entrance. Rock ledges at low tide in cove entrance.

Launch Site Description Rocky shore. Short carry 8m on grassy path.

Amenities at site None. Shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Drive to the end of Smiley Point Road off Hwy 7 about 2km. Paved road.

Arriving by sea Somewhat hidden by a wooded point to the south. Look for old wharf.

Topographic map number Ecum Secum 11D16

GPS reading

Lat 44° 53' 45"

Long 062° 22' 29"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Port Dufferin - Convenience Store and Take Out.

Marquis of Dufferin Motel- www.marquisofdufferinmotel.com

West Quoddy - Brigitte's Holiday Apartments

Sheet Harbour. Full range of services. Motels, restaurants, groceries, B and B.

See also www.seacoasttrail.com