

## ECUM SECUM GOVERNMENT WHARF



*Ecum Secum Government Wharf*



*Rock breakwater in front of wharf*

Nearby islands are visible from this launch site. It is protected by an unattached breakwater. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Ecum Secum" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

**Launch Site Rating** Easy 3 m carry.

### **Launch Site Description**

Narrow cobble beach. Launch on either side of wharf. Sand beach further to the east.

**Amenities at site** Parking. Do not block the wharf. No other amenities.

**Arriving by land** Turn onto "Wharf Loop" near the Ecum Secum Fire Hall.

**Arriving by sea** Look for a low stone breakwater in front of a T Shaped wharf.

**Topographic map number** 11 D 16

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 57' 58"

Long 062° 08' 14"

**Owner** Government Public

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Moser River Small Grocery Store

West Quoddy Brigitte's Holiday Apartment

Liscomb Mills Liscomb Lodge and Restaurant

Guysborough County [nseasternshore.com](http://nseasternshore.com) and [www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)

## HAPES POINT ROAD



*Gravel beach along Hapes Point Road*

This launch site is protected from SW winds and gives access to Marie Joseph Harbour and many nearby islands. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Ecum Secum" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

**Launch Site Rating** Easy 3 m carry.

**Launch site Description** Fine gravel/small cobble beach

### **Amenities at site**

Shoulder or off road parking for 1-2 cars . No other amenities.

**Arriving by land** Off Route 7 in Ecum Secum, turn onto "Hapes Point Road" (gravel) and drive .7 km.

**Arriving by sea** West side of the harbour south of flag pole. Small shoal in front at low tide and wreck on opposite side of harbour.

**Topographic map number** 11 D 16

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44 ° 57 ' 50 "

Long 062° 07' 28"

**Owner** Public

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Moser River

West Quoddy

Liscomb Mills

Marie Joseph Provincial Park

Guysborough County [nseashore.com](http://nseashore.com)

Small Grocery Store

Brigette's Holiday Apartment

Liscomb Lodge and Restaurant

Picnic Tables, outhouse

and [www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)

## MARIE JOSEPH GOVERNMENT WHARF



This launch site is in the small community of Marie Joseph and close to two large islands about 2 km off shore. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Ecum Secum" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

**Launch Site Rating** Easy.  
Protected harbour.

**Launch site Description** Concrete ramp plus accessible shoreline on other side of wharf.

*Concrete ramp at Marie Joseph Wharf*

### **Amenities at site**

Off-road parking for six cars. No other amenities.

**Arriving by land** 1606 Hwy 7.

**Arriving by sea** Behind a small peninsula. Look for large wharf, small buildings, boats and a huge wreck.

**Topographic map number** 11 D 16

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 57' 56"

Long 062° 04' 47"

**Owner** Government Public

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Moser River

West Quoddy

Liscomb Mills

Marie Joseph Provincial Park

Guysborough County [nseasternshore.com](http://nseasternshore.com) and [www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)

Small Grocery Store

Brigitte's Holiday Apartment

Liscomb Lodge and Restaurant

Picnic Tables, outhouse, 1 km west

## WEST LISCOMB POINT ROAD



This is not an ideal launch site but a good take out if you want to paddle down the long narrow sheltered inlet from Liscomb Lodge ( see next launch site to the east.)

**Launch Site Rating** Easy.

**Launch Site Description**  
Narrow gravel rock shoreline.

*Shoreline launch or take out along West Liscomb Road*

**Amenities at site** None. Tight shoulder parking.

**Arriving by land** Turn down "West Liscomb Point Road" and drive 2.3 kms.

**Arriving by sea** Look for where the road can be seen on the south side of the inlet shored up by large light coloured rocks. Power poles are visible.

**Topographic map number** 11 D 16 and 11 E 01

### GPS reading

Lat 44 ° 59' 58"

Long 062° 04' 19"

**Owner** Public Shoreline

### NEARBY SERVICES

Moser River

West Quoddy

Liscomb Mills

Marie Joseph Provincial Park

Guysborough County [nseasternshore.com](http://nseasternshore.com)

Small Grocery Store

Brigette's Holiday Apartment

Liscomb Lodge and Restaurant

Picnic Tables, outhouse

and [www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)

## LISCOMB MILLS



This launch site is part of Liscomb Lodge, a well established resort owned by the province. It is located where the Liscomb River meets the long narrow inlet out to Liscomb Harbour. You can paddle within the sheltered inlet to small beaches and islands or paddle 7 km to a takeout site at Pye's Point ( See map). Yachters motor up the inlet to enjoy a meal at the lodge or seek shelter.

*Long time marina manager Chester Rudolph beside the launch ramp and view down the inlet*

**Launch Site Rating** Easy.

**Launch Site Description** Gravel ramp

**Amenities at site** Parking for 1-2 cars, Canoe and kayak rentals. ( Free to guests)  
Meals and accommodations at lodge. [www.liscombelodge.ca](http://www.liscombelodge.ca)

**Arriving by land** 2884 Hwy 7. After entering the resort, turn right to reach the marina.

**Arriving by sea** Paddle ups the inlet and look for the ramp on your left just before the lodge.

**Topographic map number** 11 E 01

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 00 ' 44"

Long 062° 06 ' 12"

**Owner** Province

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke A small village about 25 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s. Wilson's Cove Cottage.

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## SPANISH SHIP BAY



This is an easy launch into a lovely small cove. The bay itself is protected with small islands at the entrance. It was supposedly used by pirates in the past and by drug smugglers in more recent times.

### Launch Site Rating

Easy. 2 m carry.

**Launch site Description** Gravel Beach.

*Grass track to beach*

### Amenities at site

None. Park on road shoulder after unloading boat.

**Arriving by land** Turn down "MacKinley Point" road at the ball field and go .5km

**Arriving by sea** Inside Spanish Ship bay, look for a small cove on the west side. The launch site is past a small wharf with a Nova Scotia flag.

**Topographic map number** 11 E 01

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 01' 16"

Long 062° 01' 41"

**Owner** Public

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke A small village about 15 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s.

Liscomb Lodge A large resort with cabins, restaurant and inn.

Birchill Cottage Lovely waterfront cottage across bay from launch site. B and B further east.

Wilson's Cove Cottage

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## PYES HEAD ROAD



This launch site is at the end of a peninsula at the entrance of the long inlet that goes all the way to Liscomb Lodge.

**Launch Site Rating** Easy

**Launch Site Description**  
Gravel beach beside wharf.

**Amenities at site**  
None. Roadside parking.

*Old wharf and beach at Pye's Point.*

**Arriving by land** Turn down Pye's Head Road and go 1.8 km.

**Arriving by sea** Just inside the entrance to Liscomb Harbour to the north. Look for the old wharf on the inside of the peninsula.

**Topographic map number** 11 E 01

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 00' 28 "

Long 062° 00' 48"

**Owner** Public shoreline

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke A small village about 15 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s.

Birchhill Cottage and B and B Wilson's Cove Cottage

Liscomb Lodge A large resort with cabins, restaurant and inn.

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## LISCOMB



The former wharf here is gone but the beach is still accessible. Another wharf is in use in Little Liscomb to the east.

**Launch Site Rating** Easy

**Launch Site Description**

Grass track to cobble/sand beach

**Amenities at site**

None. Parking.

*Grass track to the shoreline in Liscomb.*

**Arriving by land** Turn down Wharf Road in Liscomb to large cul de sac. Track to water is somewhat hidden to the left side of a stone jetty.

**Arriving by sea** Look for the old stone jetty. The ramp is just past it to the north.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

**GPS reading**

Lat 45° 01' 28"

Long 061° 59' 49"

**Owner** Public

**NEARBY SERVICES**

Sherbrooke A small village about 15 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s.

Birchhill Cottage and B and B in Spanish Ship Bay. Wilson's Cove Cottage

Liscomb Lodge A large resort with cabins, restaurant and inn. ([www.liscombelodge.ca](http://www.liscombelodge.ca))

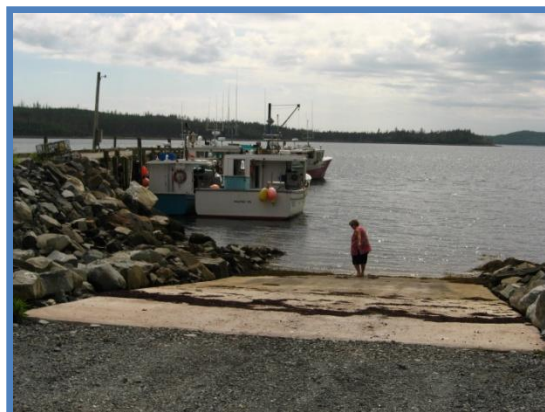
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## LITTLE LISCOMB GOVERNMENT WHARF



*Beach next to wharf*



*Ramp at Little Liscomb*

This launch site is the second closest to Gegogan Harbour. ( Redmand's Head at the end of the peninsula is about 2 km closer.) This harbour with its white sand beaches is inaccessible by road and a special paddle destination. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Liscomb Island " **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

**Launch Site Rating** Easy.

**Launch Site Description** Small gravel beach on both sides of wharf and steep concrete ramp next to wharf.

**Amenities at site** None. Parking lot.

**Arriving by land** Turn down Little Liscomb Road. Turn right at the Y and go .3km

**Arriving by sea** Look for wharf and boats on east side of Little Liscomb Harbour.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 01' 34 "

Long 061° 58' 17"

**Owner** Government

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke A small village about 15 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s.

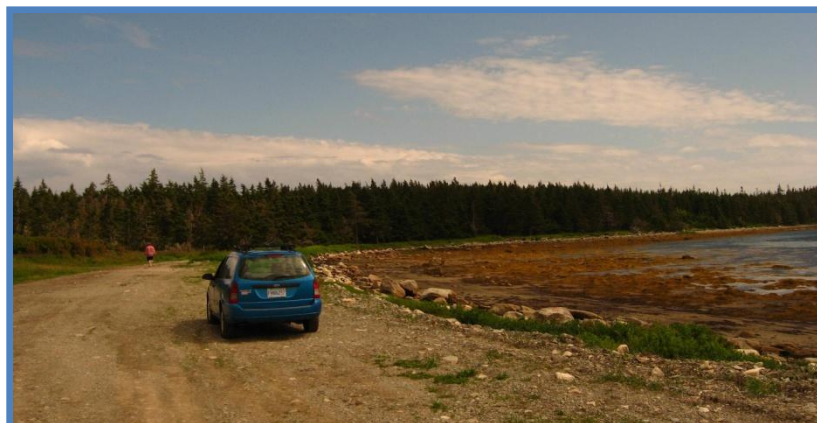
Birchhill Cottage and B and B in Spanish Ship Bay

Wilson's Cove Cottage

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## REDMAN'S HEAD



This launch site is the closest to Gegogan Harbour. The harbour with its white sand beaches is inaccessible by road and a special paddle destination. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Liscomb Island " **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

*The shoreline at Redman's Head.*

The Head is not labeled on the NS Atlas map but it is at the end of the peninsula dividing Little Liscomb Harbour and Gegogan Harbour. It is possible to launch on either side of the Head. The west side above is a short carry from the car and is exposed to SW winds. The other side involves a 50m carry or drive to a cobble beach.

<b>Launch Site Rating</b>	Short carry. Rocky at low tide.
<b>Launch Site Description</b>	Sand/gravel beach.
<b>Amenities at site</b>	None. Lots of parking
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Turn down Little Liscomb Road. Turn right at Y and go past the wharf to end of road ( about 2km)
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Look for wide dirt road on the west tip of Redman's Head.

**Topographic map number** 11 F0 4

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 00 ' 55 "

Long 061° 57 ' 11"

**Owner** Public Shoreline

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke A small village about 20 km east. Full range of services, Accommodations, groceries and restaurants. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Sherbrooke Village at the edge of town is a recreation of life in the 1800s.

Birchhill Cottage and B and B Wilson's Cove Cottage

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## SHERBROOKE



*Sherbrooke ramp*

*Riverside park*

Sherbrooke is a pretty community located about 10 kms up a long narrow inlet where the tidal waters meet the St Mary's River. It has a long history of lumbering and salmon fishing. A big attraction is the historic Sherbrooke Village depicting life from the 1800s. It's best to time any paddle tours on the inlet with the tide. You can get out at various spots along the east side. The next launch site is in Sonora, 10 km down the inlet.

<b>Launch Site Rating</b>	Easy.
<b>Launch Site Description</b>	Concrete ramp
<b>Amenities at site</b>	Parking, Picnic Tables, Small park, Large grassy area.

**Arriving by land** This launch site is unmarked and a bit hard to find. It is just downriver from Sherbrooke Village. Enter the Sherbrooke Village parking lot. At the back of it at the Exit Sign, turn left onto a dirt road and then immediately turn right onto Mill Road. This follows a large field and turns back toward the river. Turn left at the T and follow the road past the little park to the end.

**Arriving by sea** After a long paddle in from the sea, you will need to keep your eyes open to find the ramp. Where the river splits near town, take the right branch and look for the ramp floating docks and high walled shore on the right bank.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 08' 03"  
Long 061° 59' 00"

### NEARBY SERVICES

St Mary's River Campground. About 1 km downriver from launch site. Water front tent and RV sites.  
Owner Norrie Sarson rents kayaks and will do pick-ups.  
[www.riversidecampground.ca](http://www.riversidecampground.ca)

### Owner Community

Sherbrooke Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish.  
[www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html)  
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[www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)

## SONORA



This launch site/take out is 10 km from Sherbrooke if paddling down the inlet. This is a private site but the owners allow paddlers access to the water. For more route information, see "Eastern Shore, Liscomb Island" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

**Launch Site Rating** Easy. Watch for tidal currents at narrow inlet entrance.

*Slipway at Sonora*

**Launch Site Description** Gravel beach and log slipway. 20 m carry from parking lot.  
**Amenities at site** Parking at wharf.  
**Arriving by land** Turn down "Wharf Road". The wharf area has no ramp or accessible shoreline. Park at the wharf and carry your boat in front of a board and batten cabin and along a short path to the slipway.  
**Arriving by sea** Across the inlet from a sand bar that creates a narrow opening. The slipway is on the east side adjacent to the wharf and sheds.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 03' 27"  
Long 061° 54' 13"

**Owner** Kind permission of Leonard and Ruth Mahar, long time residents of the home above the slipway, who allow paddlers to use their waterfront.

### NEARBY SERVICES

Sherbrooke 10 km Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html)

St Mary's River Campground. About 9 km upriver from launch site. Water front tent and RV sites. Owner Norrie Sarson rents kayaks and will do pick-ups. [www.riversidecampground.ca](http://www.riversidecampground.ca)

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## BARRACHOIS COVE



*Shoreline launch at Barrachois Cove*

This is an out-of-the-way launch site to get to. It has a long wharf with many sheds on the end and fish farm pens lie on the shore. If you want to paddle in Indian Harbour, the next site at Port Hillsford is closer to the main road. However, this would be a good take out in a storm as it is protected and close to the harbour entrance.

**Launch Site Rating** Easy

**Launch Site Description** Narrow gravel shoreline.

**Amenities at site** None. Roadside parking.

**Arriving by land** Drive from Sonora or Port Hillsford along the road that connects them. Turn down Barrachois Road and go 3km to the end. Nearby community name on NS map is Wine Harbour.

**Arriving by sea** This site is inside a long sand hook on the west side of the harbour. Look for a long wharf made of old barges with sheds along the end. The shoreline to land on is just past this.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### **GPS reading**

Lat 45° 04' 40"

Long 061° 49' 35"

**Owner** Roadside public.

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Sherbrooke Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html) Small store in Port Bickerton  
Guysborough County [nseasternshore.com](http://nseasternshore.com) and [www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors](http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors)



## PORT HILSFORD



This is a pretty setting and beach where a few trailers are parked for the summer.

### **Launch Site Rating**

Easy to moderate depending on surf.

### **Launch Site Description**

Curved sand/ gravel beach.

Launching requires a 60 m carry along and across the brook to the beach.

*Brook leading to Port Hilsford Beach with view out harbour.*

**Amenities at site** Limited off road parking.

**Arriving by land** Turn off the 211 at Port Hilsford onto the road to Sonora. Immediately on your left before the bridge is a short dirt road to the beach.

**Arriving by sea** Paddle to the head of the harbour and take out on east end of the beach.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### **GPS reading**

Lat 45° 06' 27 "

Long 061° 50' 39"

**Owner** Beach public to high tide mark

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Sherbrooke 10 km Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html)

Small store in Port Bickerton.

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## PORT BICKERTON GOVERNMENT WHARF



*A foggy day at the Port Bickerton ramp and wharf. From here you could paddle to the lighthouse on a calm day and explore the trails there.*

<b>Launch Site Rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch Site Description</b>	Concrete ramp
<b>Amenities at site</b>	Parking.

**Arriving by land** Turn off Route 211 onto the Lighthouse Road and go about 350 m. The wharf is behind the white Coast Guard Building. (There is also a wharf in Bickerton West but no water access)

**Arriving by sea** Look for a long wharf and a radio tower on the east side of the harbour.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 06' 24"

Long 061° 43' 20"

**Owner** Government

### NEARBY SERVICES

Whitney's Corner Store on Route 211

Sherbrooke Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html)

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## PORT BICKERTON LIGHTHOUSE ROAD



This launch site is along a cove on the road to the lighthouse. The shoreline at the lighthouse itself is rocky and cliffy and not suitable for water access. From here on a calm day you could paddle east around the lighthouse head to a long sand beach.

*Roadside launch near lighthouse.*

**Launch Site Rating** Easy to moderate depending on surf.

**Launch Site Description** Sand shoreline at low tide somewhat protected. 2m carry over rocks. Narrow road - NO PARKING. Unload boat and gear and drive vehicle .2 km further to parking area.

**Amenities at site** (At lighthouse park) - Picnic area, washrooms, trails, interpretive centre at old lighthouse and new lighthouse.

**Arriving by land** Turn down the Lighthouse Road in Port Bickerton and go about 2.5 km to where shore is accessible.

**Arriving by sea** Look for two lighthouses on the headland. Paddle a short way up the west side.



*Port Bickerton Interpretive Centre*

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### GPS reading

Lat 45° 05' 37"

Long 061° 42' 08"

**Owner** Roadside public

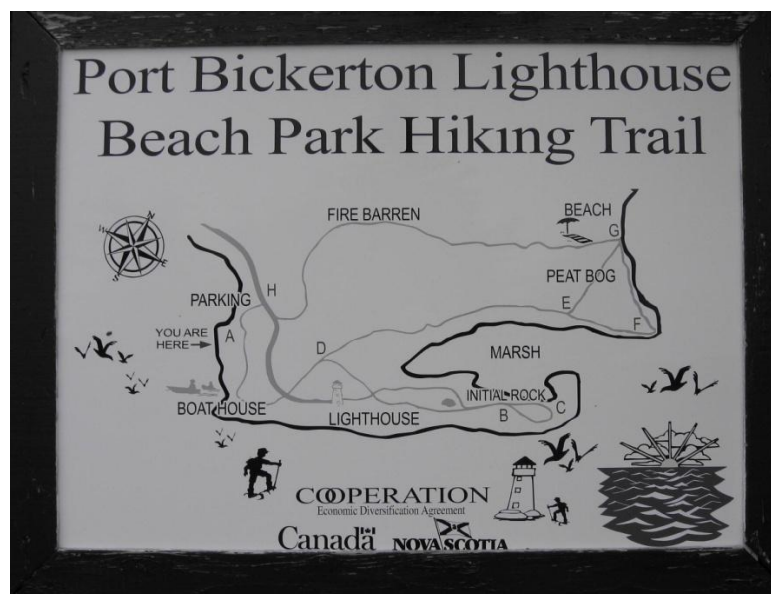
### NEARBY SERVICES

Whitney's Corner Store on Route 211

Sherbrooke Full range of services:

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## FISHERMAN'S HARBOUR



*Gravel beach and wharf at Fisherman's Harbour*

**Launch Site Rating** Easy at site. Exposed harbour.

**Launch Site Description** Gravel /cobble beach.

### **Amenities at site**

None. Park past wharf where road ends.

**Arriving by land** About 1 km east past the store In Port Bickerton, turn down "Fisherman's Harbour Road. 3km to end.

**Arriving by sea** On the south side of Fisherman's Harbour. Look for a low sandbar with a small tower, wharf and a few buildings.

**Topographic map number** 11 F 04

### **GPS reading**

Lat 45° 06' 34"

Long 061° 40' 49"

**Owner** Public Shoreline

### **NEARBY SERVICES**

Whitney's Corner Store in Port Bickerton on Route 211

Sherbrooke Full range of services: Accommodations, groceries, restaurants, cafés, library, VIC, smoked fish. [www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/tourism-in-st-marys.html)

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