

COUNTRY HARBOUR - WEST SIDE



Country Harbour Ferry Ramp - West side

Country Harbour is a 15 km long harbour that invites exploring up a treed wilderness. The ferry is 2 km up harbour and crosses every half hour. A scenic provincial campground is about 10 km up harbour from the ferry making for a paddle destination. (See Salsman Provincial Park launch site).

NOTE: DO NOT USE THE RAMP TO LAUNCH. Launch on the shoreline on either side of the ramp when the ferry is not there. Leave your vehicle back in the parking area.

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Gravel Shoreline next to ramp

Amenities at site Parking, Outhouse.

Arriving by land Hwy 211 about 7 km east of Port Bickerton.

Arriving by sea Just past a sand bar on the west side of Country Harbour.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 09"

Long 061° 42' 11"

Owner Province



Country Harbour Ferry

NEARBY SERVICES Sherbrooke - Full range of services. Small store in Port Bickerton.

Also a small store on the east side on the road to Stormont.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

COUNTRY HARBOUR - EAST SIDE



Country Harbour Ferry Ramp - East Side

Country Harbour is a 15 km long harbour that invites exploring up a treed wilderness. The ferry is 2 km up harbour and crosses every half hour. A scenic provincial campground is about 10 km up harbour from the ferry making for a paddle destination. (See Salsman Provincial Park launch site). According to ferry staff, the harbour can get windy but currents are not strong.

NOTE: DO NOT USE THE RAMP TO LAUNCH. Launch on the shoreline below the white building.

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Cobble shoreline next to ramp. Path to shore in front of building.

Amenities at site Parking, Washrooms.

Arriving by land HWY 211 west of Isaacs Harbour

Arriving by sea About 2 km up harbour on the east side.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 29"

Long 061° 41' 49"

Owner Province

NEARBY SERVICES Sherbrooke or Guysborough - Full range of services. Small store 5.5 from intersection of 211 and 316 on road to Stormont.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.mun

SALSMAN PROVINCIAL PARK



This lovely landscaped park is surrounded by water with gorgeous views of the harbour. It has waterfront camping and picnic areas. Beaches and islands are a short paddle away.

View down harbour from the park.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Concrete ramp.

Note: The ramp is not next to the wharf but further up harbour.

Amenities at site Lots of Parking, Toilets, Garbage Cans, Picnic Tables, Water, Large grassy area for sorting gear, camp sites.
www.novascotiaparks.ca/parks/salsman.asp



Arriving by land At the intersection of 211 and 316, turn up the 316. Drive about 8 km and look for the park sign.

Boat launch at Salsman Park

Arriving by sea About 10 km from the ferry on the west side. Check in at the office.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 14' 10"

Long 061° 46' 14"

Owner Province

NEARBY SERVICES

Small store 3 km east on Route 316.

Sherbrooke or Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

ISAAC'S HARBOUR - WEST SIDE



Shoreline access on Isaac's Harbour

This is not an ideal launch site but the only one found on the west side of the harbour. A better one is on the east side at Goldboro Marine Park. (See description.) You can paddle within this narrow 4 km harbour or venture to some large off shore islands. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Country Harbour" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Cobble beach

Amenities at site None. Shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Turn off Hwy 316 onto the road to Isaac's Harbour and go .9 km.

Arriving by sea On the west side of the harbour where it begins to narrow. Look for where the road is close to the water.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 11' 17"

Long 061° 40' 01"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES On the Harbour B and B. Small store 5.5 from intersection of 211 and 316 on road to Stormont. Guysborough - Full range of services

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

GOLDBORO MARINA



This small park is next to the Goldboro Interpretive Centre which has displays on the history of the local gold mining industry. You can launch here and paddle within this narrow 4 km harbour or venture to some large offshore islands. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Country Harbour" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Goldboro Marina ramp

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Concrete ramp and gravel shore.

Amenities at site Lots of Parking, Garbage Cans, Washrooms, Picnic Tables, Canteen.

Arriving by land 12881 Hwy 316.

Arriving by sea Look for a large square wharf and small new building on the east side of the harbour. Ramp is just past the wharf.



Goldboro Marina wharf and ramp

Topographic map number 11F04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 53 "

Long 061° 39' 07"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

On the Harbour B and B. Small store 5.5 from intersection of 211 and 316 on road to Stormont. Guysborough - Full range of services.

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DRUM HEAD



Drum Head ramp and breakwater

Drum Head is a good launch site to reach two large islands not far offshore. The small harbour is protected but it is open ocean once you leave. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Country Harbour" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Wide gravel ramp. Deteriorating breakwater

Amenities at site None. Limited parking

Arriving by land Turn down Drum Head Wharf Road. Turn left at the T and go to the end.

Arriving by sea On the east side of the harbour just past the breakwater.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 08' 45"

Long 061° 36' 03"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Isaac's Harbour - On the Harbour B and B. - New Harbour - Lonely Rock Seaside Bungalows.

Small store 5.5 from intersection of 211 and 316 on road to Stormont.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

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CODDLES HARBOUR



Coddles Harbour Ramp

Coddles Harbour like its name is a cute little place with a few houses, wharfs and large pond. It is a good launch site to reach a small island about 1 km offshore. The harbour is protected but it is open ocean once you get past the island. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Country Harbour" **Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia** by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Concrete ramp

Amenities at site None. Unload boat then park out of the way. Do not block driveway.

Arriving by land Turn down short dirt road just east of the bridge.

Arriving by sea Look for houses and boats in the harbour. Just past a wood piling wharf.

Topographic map number 11 F 04

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 00"

Long 061° 32' 31"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Isaac's Harbour- On the Harbour B and B. New Harbour - Lonely Rock Seaside Bungalows
Small store 5.5 from intersection of 211 and 316 on road to Stormont.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

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NEW HARBOUR GOVERNMENT WHARF



New Harbour wharf, ramp and breakwater

This small harbour has a lovely sand beach within it. Exposed once outside.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Gravel/concrete ramp

Amenities at site None. Park off road.

Arriving by land Turn off the 316 on the west side of the harbour onto a dirt road with a No Exit sign and go 1.6 km to the end. .

Arriving by sea Just past a breakwater on the west side of the harbour entrance.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 10"

Long 061° 27' 07"

Owner Government.

NEARBY SERVICES

Lonely Rock Seaside Bungalows - New Harbour on road to wharf.

Small store in Larry's River. Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

NEW HARBOUR - RIVER MOUTH



River mouth at New Harbour

A lovely sand beach stretches along the shore at the entrance to this river. It may be possible to paddle under the bridge with the incoming tide and explore New Harbour River which is more like a long narrow lake (6 km).

Launch Site Rating Easy to moderate. Watch for river current and tidal flow.

Launch Site Description Cobble shoreline. Short carry - 3m.

Amenities at site None. Off road parking.

Arriving by land Look for an open area off Route 316 just west of the bridge. Turn onto a short wide dirt road that loops to the wharf road.

Arriving by sea Paddle to the head of the harbour and upriver a short way past a sand bar. Land on the left side. If the current is too strong, it may be possible to line your boat up.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 10' 47"

Long 061° 27' 37"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Lonely Rock Seaside Bungalows - New Harbour. On road to wharf at harbour entrance.

On the Harbour B and B - Isaac's Harbour. Small store in Larry's River.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

TOR BAY PROVINCIAL PARK



A summer day at Tor Bay Beach.

The magnificent beaches at Tor Bay are divided by a headland and a lagoon. Boardwalks and trails lead from the parking lot to the beaches. The eastern beach is the shorter distance to transport a boat but still a 70 m carry. It would also be a good spot to land and relax or go for a walk if paddling by. No other public launch sites were found in the community of Tor Bay but there is one in nearby Larry's River (see Launch Site listing)

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| Launch Site Rating | Easy to difficult depending on surf. |
| Launch Site Description | Path to wide white sand beach |
| Amenities at site | Lots of Parking, Toilets, Garbage Cans, Picnic Tables (some covered), Change rooms, Interpretive Panels, Trails |
| Arriving by land | Turn off Route 316 at the community of Tor Bay and go 3.4 km to the park. Look for signs. Park at the far end of the parking lot to access the east beach. |
| Arriving by sea | Look for wide sand beaches on the outside coast of the west end of Tor Bay. |
| Topographic map number | 11 F 03 |

GPS reading

Lat 45° 11' 16"
Long 061° 21' 05"

Owner Province See www.novascotiaparks.ca

NEARBY SERVICES

Small store in Larry's River. Seawinds Landing, upscale inn and dining in Charlos Cove.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseashore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

LARRY'S RIVER

This is a small Acadian community with a big sense of heritage. The roadside display depicting the Acadian story is well worth a visit. Also the flag festooned foot bridge across the inlet. The busy government wharf area has no ramp but there is shoreline access suitable for small boats on the opposite side of the inlet.



Looking up the inlet to the village.

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Cobble beach

Amenities at site None. Roadside Parking

Arriving by land On the east side of Larry's River off Route 316. Turn down "Eastside Road" and drive .8 km.

Arriving by sea Follow a long breakwater up the east side of the inlet to where there is road access.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 13' 14"

Long 061° 22' 22"

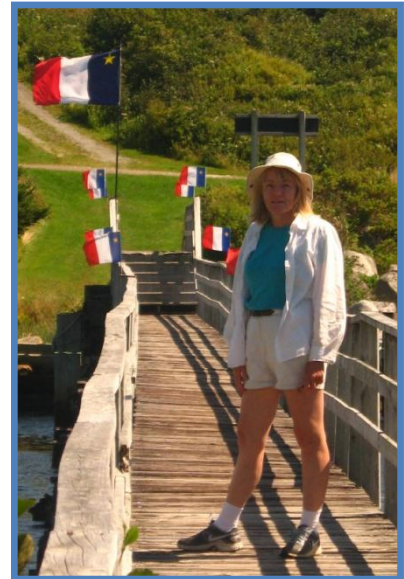
Owner Public Shoreline

NEARBY SERVICES

Small store in Larry's River. Seawinds Landing, upscale inn and dining in Charlos Cove.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseashore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors



Foot bridge across the inlet



Shoreline access at the inlet entrance

CHARLOS COVE



Charlos Cove wharf and launch site

This pretty cove is protected from the SW winds and has small islands to explore nearby.

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Path to very small gravel beach. 3m carry.

Amenities at site None. Roadside parking. Do not block wharf.

Arriving by land Turn down "Wharf Road" and go about 400m.

Arriving by sea Just west of a long breakwater as you enter the cove. Look for the wharf.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 14' 48"

Long 061° 19' 50"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Seawinds Landing - Upscale Inn and Dining. Water access for guests. Further up Wharf Road.

Small store in Larry's River. Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

ENGLISH COVE



Shoreline at English Cove

This lovely wooded cove is about 2.5 km east of Charlos Cove and lined with little beaches. From here you catch a distant view of the Sugar Islands group. Paddle to the sand beach at the next cove to the east. No launch sites were found in Cole Harbour.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description 5m carry through grass to cobble/sand beach

Amenities at site None. Shoulder Parking

Arriving by land Off Route 316, look for beach close to road.

Arriving by sea Paddle to the head of the cove toward the telephone poles.

Topographic map number 11 F 06

GPS reading

Lat 45° 15' 21"

Long 061° 18' 23"

Owner Public Roadside.

NEARBY SERVICES

Small store in Larry's River. Seawinds Landing, upscale inn and dining in Charlos Cove.

Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

PORT FELIX - Fred Davids Road



This launch site is the closest to the Sugar Islands about 2 km away. A few other islands are just offshore. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, The Sugar Islands" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Private wharf and shoreline launch in Port Felix.

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Gravel beach beside road.

Amenities at site

None. Park on grass shoulder. Do not block wharf. Permission to park on wharf if no one there. Lobster season from April to June.

Arriving by land

Turn down Fred Davids Road and go to end.

Arriving by sea

Look for wharf with pole on the end and large grey house.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 14' 48"

Long 061° 13' 26"



Owner Cecil Cashin (a local fisherman) gave permission to use this launch site.

NEARBY SERVICES

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas

Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Whitehead - Foxberry Cottages (Waterfront) Perfect as a base for touring.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

PORT FELIX - Avery Road



Gravel road access at Port Felix

This is a fine area for paddling with a group of islands nearby and the Sugar Islands group about 3 km offshore. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, The Sugar Islands" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Wide gravel path, back to water with vehicle.

Amenities at site None. Parking for 4-5 cars. Flat grassy area for unloading/sorting gear

Arriving by land Turn down Avery Road off Route 316 and go to the cul-de-sac at the end.

Arriving by sea At the seaward end of a small peninsula on the west side of the harbour before a large quonset hut.

Topographic map number 11 F 06

GPS reading

Lat 45° 15' 21"

Long 061° 12' 49"

Owner Community owned

NEARBY SERVICES

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas

Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Whitehead - Foxberry Cottages (Waterfront) A perfect base for paddle tours.

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WHITEHEAD



The east end of the canal into Whitehead Harbour.

A short (225m) canal connects Tor Bay and Whitehead Harbour which are divided by a long peninsula. This is a unique paddling experience. The launch site is the shoreline on the east end of the canal. From here you can access the island-filled harbour or launch for a multi-day tour around the Canso Coastal Barrens Wilderness Area to Dover.

For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Whitehead to Canso" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013). Note: The canal is a bit low to paddle easily at low tide. If you want to access the west side of the peninsula at low tide, there is access from the road about 400 m from the turn off from Route 316.

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch site Description Sand beach.

20 m level carry.

Amenities at site

Off road parking. Picnic tables along canal.

Arriving by land Turn off Route 316 to Whitehead and go about 1km. Turn off a dirt road on your left just before the canal. Note: The launch area just south of the canal is private.



Shoreline launch on east end of the canal.

Arriving by sea Paddle past two wharfs at the entrance to the cove. Land on the shoreline just north of the canal entrance

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 14' 30"

Long 061° 11' 24"

Owner Public

NEARBY SERVICES

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas

Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Whitehead - Foxberry Cottages (Waterfront)

Perfect as a base for touring.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and

www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

LOWER WHITEHEAD



Roadside beach launch

This launch site is close to the inviting islands at the entrance to the harbour. This site would also be handy if you needed an emergency exit with road access in this area.

From here you can also launch for a multi-day tour around the granite-studded Canso Coastal Barren Wilderness Area to Dover. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Whitehead to Canso" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy

Launch Site Description Narrow coarse sand beach. Short carry. It may be possible to haul across to the other side of the causeway.

Amenities at site None. Very narrow shoulder parking.

Arriving by land Drive down the road to Whitehead about 4 km to where the land narrows to a causeway to connect to an island. The launch is on the west side.

Arriving by sea Paddle into the cove created by the twin heads of the peninsula past a reef to the end. Look for large boulders in a row between the beach and the road.

Topographic map number 11 F 03

GPS reading

Lat 45° 13' 10"

Long 061° 10' 55"

Owner Public Shoreline

NEARBY SERVICES

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas

Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Whitehead - Foxberry Cottages (Waterfront) Perfect as a base for touring.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

LITTLE DOVER WHARF



Government Wharf ramp

This is a pretty, small active fishing community with a substantial government wharf and ramp.

From here you can paddle to the beach at Black Duck Cove or launch for a multi-day tour around the granite-studded Canso Coastal Barren Wilderness Area to Whitehead or to Canso. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Whitehead to Canso" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Launch Site Rating Easy.

Launch Site Description Concrete ramp.

Amenities at site Garbage. Limited parking. Do not block wharf.

Arriving by land Turn off Route 16 at Hazel Hill before Canso onto road to Little Dover (also called Dover). The ramp next to the post office.

Arriving by sea The community is spread along the west side of Dover Harbour. The ramp is near the largest wharf.

Topographic map number 11 F 06

GPS reading

Lat 45° 17' 23"

Long 061° 02' 57"

Owner Government

NEARBY SERVICES

Black Duck Park - Picnic area and canteen. 2.3 km further down road.

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas

Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County nseasternshore.com and www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors

LITTLE DOVER - BLACK DUCK COVE



There are two possible launch sites at Black Duck Cove just south of Little Dover. The first is before the Black Duck Cove Park and the second one (see left) after the park. Neither one is marked and neither one is a great launch but both are doable. For detailed route information, see "Eastern Shore, Whitehead to Canso" Sea Kayaking in Nova Scotia by Scott Cunningham (revised 2013).

Path to shore at Black Duck Cove (Launch Two)

One - Before the park by road

The first is somewhat hard to find. Look for the parking area for a trailhead on your left before the park. Carry your boat along a grassy road about 8m. Look for a space between large rocks to access the gravel shore. If coming by sea, pass the breakwater and then follow its north side to the end and look for a break in a row of boulders.

GPS reading for Launch One

Lat 45° 16' 44"
Long 061° 02' 00"

Two - Past the park by road

Follow the road to the cul-de-sac at the end. Short carry to a large rock and gravel shore. Exposed. Calm day launch. If coming by sea, look for a small cove tucked into the west side of the harbour. The road end on the west shore is hard to see. Look for a rusty red pole. The beach and covered tables at Black Duck Park are visible at the head of the cove.

GPS reading for Launch Two

Lat 45° 16' 27"
Long 061° 02' 01"

Amenities at Black Duck Park

Parking, Toilets, Garbage Cans, Picnic Tables, Washrooms, Trails, Canteen (Open May to August)

Topographic map number 11 F 06

Owner Park leased from province

NEARBY SERVICES

Half Island Cove - Small store and gas
Canso and Guysborough - Full range of services.

Guysborough County

nseasternshore.com and

www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/visitors