

## LOWER LAHAVE



*Ramp at Lower LaHave*

Lower LaHave is located along Creaser's Cove, a scenic cove tucked in behind Kraut Point at the mouth of the river. It has a large fish plant on one side and a floating wharf and marina on the other.

**Launch site rating** Easy. Caution: Wind coming down river can build up into cove. Also be aware of tidal currents at narrow entrance to river.

**Launch site description** Wide concrete ramp next to a small wharf.

**Amenities on site** None. Parking roadside for one car.

**Arriving by land** Drive through Riverport toward Lower LaHave. The ramp is at the head of the cove.

**Arriving by sea** Go around Kraut Point and follow shore past fish plant to the head of cove. To the left of the ramp is a small wharf.

**Topographic map** Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 17' 06 "

Long 064° 20' 07 "

**Owner** Public

### **Nearby Services**

Rose Bay	Store with café
Bridgewater and Lunenburg	Full range of services

## LOWER ROSE BAY



Rose Bay is a large pretty bay that is sandy and shallow. This is the only public access to the bay that was found.

*Looking across Rose Bay to Ovens Point from roadside.*

### Launch site rating

Easy but a short drop (1 m) over the road shoulder to the beach.

### Launch site description

Gravel beach. Shallow water.

### Amenities on site

None. Parking for one car.

### Arriving by land

At the village of Rose Bay, turn down the road to Kingsburg. Go 3 km. Turn left onto Shady Rest Road and go to the end.

### Arriving by sea

A bit tricky to find from sea. It is on the SE corner of the bay just past a small point. Look for a post about 2 m high and a house on either side of launch area.

### Topographic map

Lunenburg 21 A 08 page 74 in the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 17' 01"

Long 064° 16' 18"

### Owner Public

### Nearby Services

Rose Bay

Store and café

Feltzen South

The Ovens Campground

Lunenburg

Full range of services

## LUNENBURG - FISHERMEN'S Wharf



*Ramp at Fishermen's Wharf  
at low tide*

This wharf is right in downtown historic Lunenburg if you want to land, stroll around and have lunch. Or launch and get a perspective of the Old Town from the water.

Note: The launch at Little Island Picnic Park launch on Tannery Road is no longer available.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy.
<b>Launch site description</b>	Wide, concrete ramp
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Limited parking. Do not block commercial activity. Unload and move car if need be. Parking for 1-2 cars on Montague St. above the wharf. Public washrooms across the road.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	The wharf is at the far west end of Bluenose Drive, the street closest to the water. The ramp is beside the wharf.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Paddle to the NW corner of the harbour. The ramp is tucked in just past the red Fisherman's Museum building.

### Topographic map

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 of the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 22' 35"

Long 064° 18' 50"

**Owner** Town of Lunenburg

### Nearby Services

Lunenburg Full range of services. [www.explorelunenburg.ca](http://www.explorelunenburg.ca)

Many restaurants within walking distance. Visitor Information Center with campground.

## LUNENBURG - Little Island Picnic Park

A good stopover place for a visit to Lunenburg, a World Heritage Site. Walking distance to large grocery store, historic district and many restaurants.

**Launch site rating** Easy though muddy at low tide May be tricky to land or launch at low tide.

### Launch site description

Small sand/shale beach. A bit weedy and mucky BUT a big improvement since the town got a sewage system and removed sewage outfall pipe from this location a few years ago. Small wharf beside beach.

### Amenities on site

Parking for four cars. Sign says: "Overnight parking by permit only. For permit contact 634-4410." Picnic tables. Benches. Garbage.

### Arriving by land

Located where Tannery Road becomes Mason's Beach Road.

### Arriving by sea

Enter Lunenburg Harbour and stay to your left. Go past golf course on hill to your left. Look for timber retaining wall topped with rose bushes and a small wharf. The take out is on the right side of the wharf.

### Topographic map

Lunenburg 21 A/8

### GPS reading

Lat 44 22 24

Long 064 19 00

For a good map and further touring details, see Page 28-29 of the book **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** at this same Web site under "Nova Scotia Coastal Water Trails

**Owner** Town of Lunenburg

### Nearby Services

Groceries	Save Easy. 10 minute walk.
Restaurant	Numerous places to eat in town.
Accommodation	Harbour Lights B and B 1-902-634-3035. Great view of the town. 100 m from takeout. Plus many more in town.
Boat storage options	At park. Banks, gift stores, galleries, VIC.

## LUNENBURG - Saw Pit Wharf Park



*Gravel ramp at Saw Pit Wharf*

A spacious launch site area on the back side of Lunenburg on Back Harbour. From here you can paddle in the sheltered waters between Lunenburg and Second Peninsula or head down the Back Passage to Stonehurst.

For a good map, and route details, see the PDF of **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** (Lunenburg, Page 28-29) at the NS Coastal Water Trails home page.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy.
<b>Launch site description</b>	Stony beach. Gravel ramp to right of wharf
<b>Amenities on site</b>	Parking for 12 cars. Big turnaround area. Garbage. Picnic tables, benches.

### Arriving by land

Take Route 332 that goes around Lunenburg toward Blue Rocks.  
About 3 km from the main 4 way intersection, look for the sign "Saw Pit Wharf Park".

### Arriving by sea

Look for the wharf and a long large boulder retaining wall.

### Topographic map

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 of the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 22' 38"  
Long 064° 17' 53"

**Owner** Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

### Nearby Services

Lunenburg Full range of services. [www.explorelunenburg.ca](http://www.explorelunenburg.ca)  
Many restaurants and accommodations. Visitor Information Center with campground.

## MASON'S BEACH

This is a sandy beach near Lunenburg with a glorious view of Puffy Cup Cove and a good spot for a stopover.

### Launch site rating

Easy in calm conditions.  
Not recommended in surf.



*Path to Mason's beach from the road.*

### Launch site description

500m sand/ gravel beach backed by grass and marsh. 20 m carry to beach.

**Amenities on site** None. Parking along paved road.

### Arriving by land

Go up Mason's Beach Road in Lunenburg, past the golf course and down the hill to the Atlantic View Motel and Cottages. Access to the beach is down a short private dirt road across from the Motel but part of their property. The road has a chain across it but owners allow use for launching and landing. Check in with the motel about parking and using the road.

### Arriving by sea

Puffy Cup Cove is just west of the entrance to Lunenburg Harbour. Look for yellow cottages and a blue house at the north end of the cove and a break in the grass indicating the path.

### Topographic map

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 of the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 21' 55 "

Long 064° 19 ' 15"

**Owner** Public beach, private access (see above)

### Nearby Services

Atlantic View Motel and Cottages 1-902-634-4545

[www.atlanticview.ca](http://www.atlanticview.ca) Heidi and Alex Fischer-Brunner

Lunenburg Full range of services.

## MILLER POINT PEACE PARK



This launch site is located in a lovely, large, riverside wooded park with tall pines, trails and ponds. You need to drive through the park to reach the launch site and the park is locked at dusk. Nearby Dayspring may be more convenient. Nonetheless, the Miller Point Peace Park is a pleasant stopover on a river trip for a picnic and riverside hike.

*Looking across the river from the launch area*

### **Launch site rating**

Easy. Be aware of a minor tide and currents.

### **Launch site description**

Short hard-packed dirt ramp.

### **Amenities on site**

Parking for about 20 vehicles. Garbage, recycling, picnic tables, outhouse.

### **Arriving by land**

Turn at the park sign on Route 3, a few km downriver from Bridgewater. Drive down the main park road to a stop sign, continue straight. The road turns right and the launch site is at the end, a total distance of 600 m.

### **Arriving by sea**

The park is on the north side of the river about 1.5 km upriver from the Dayspring launch. It is just east of a graveyard on a point. Look for a green wood bench between two red pines about 10m apart.

### **Topographic map**

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 22' 06"

Long 064° 28' 56"

**Owner** Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

### **Nearby Services**

Mo's General Store on Route 3

Full range of services in Bridgewater.



## OXNER'S BEACH



*Cobble and sand shore at Oxner's Beach*

This curving beach is on the east shore just before the entrance to the LaHave River. It has a large marshland behind it filled with birdlife and is an undeveloped stopover spot.

**Launch site rating** Moderate. Exposed area with surf. Not recommended in rough conditions.

**Launch site description** Cobble stone beach with sand at low tide.

**Amenities on site** None. Limited Parking. Carry 20 m. May be longer if the road is impassable. Stay on road and off fragile dunes and grass.

**Arriving by land** At Lower LaHave ramp, turn left to Five Houses and go about 2 km to the end of the road.

### **Arriving by sea**

Just past a high bluff with a house. Fort Point lighthouse is ahead on the opposite side of the river entrance.

### **Topographic map**

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 16' 34"

Long 064° 20' 16"

**Owner** Private local landowners.

### **Nearby Services**

Rose Bay	Store and café
Bridgewater and Lunenburg	Full range of services



## RISSER'S BEACH

Risser's is a popular provincial park with an oceanside RV and camping area (book ahead). It is busy and crowded in summer but mentioned here as one of the few public places to camp along the coast. There is fine wilderness beach camping on nearby Cape LaHave Island (see below at end).

**Launch site rating** Moderate. Surf may be present.

**\*\*Not recommended in rough conditions\*\***

### **Launch site description**

Long, sand beach. Walk down rough paths from campsites to beach

### **Amenities on site**

Parking at each camp site.

### **Arriving by land**

On Route 331 near Petite River.

### **Arriving by sea**

Look for row of RVs behind beach.

### **Topographic map**

LaHave 21 A/1

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44 13 55

Long 064 25 21

**Owner** Provincial Park 1-902-688-2034. More info at [www.parks.gov.ns.ca](http://www.parks.gov.ns.ca)

### **Nearby Services**

Groceries Petite River or Crescent Beach

Restaurant Canteen

Camping Yes. Booking must be done in advance. Call 1-888-544-3434 or reserve on line at [www.parks.gov.ns.ca](http://www.parks.gov.ns.ca) . Suggest site 19, 20, 21 or 22 for short carry to beach.

Boat storage options Carry to site.

Other Showers in day use area, water, toilets, boardwalk trail.

Camping on Cape LaHave:

For further details and a map, see Page 25-27 of the book **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** at this same Web site under "Nova Scotia Coastal WaterTrails". You can launch from Risser's

Beach to Cape LaHave though Sites # 25 and #26 are closer and the route is more protected.

## BAYPORT



*Bayport ramp at the government wharf*

Bayport is located in a long protected T-shaped harbour with a narrow opening into Lunenburg Bay.

**Launch site rating** Easy

**Launch site description** Wide concrete ramp

**Amenities on site** None. Parking. Do not block commercial activity or vehicles.

**Arriving by land** Off Route 332 look for Bayport Wharf Rd sign.

**Arriving by sea** Once through the narrow entrance, look for a stone breakwater about 700m due south. The ramp is just past that between the breakwater and the wharf.

### **Topographic map**

Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 of the NS Atlas

### **GPS reading**

Lat 44° 19' 45"

Long 064° 18' 59"

**Owner** Managed by Harbour Authority

### **Nearby Services**

Bayport Shore Boat View Campground

Feltzen South The Ovens Campground

Rose Bay Store and café

Lunenburg Full range of services



## BRIDGEWATER - SHIPYARDS LANDING



*The ramp at Shipyards Landing*

A paddle down the wide LaHave River from Bridgewater to LaHave (18 kms) provides a very different environment from ocean paddling. The river is tidal and it is easy (if not too windy) to paddle here (go with the tide if possible). You could take out down river at Miller Point Peace Park (2 km) or in Dayspring (3.5 km). There is also a floating wharf further upstream on west side of river past the bridge though launching here is not easy.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Concrete ramp at downriver end of park.
<b>Amenities at site</b>	Lots of parking. Picnic tables. Path. Gazebo. Grassy areas.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Follow King Street south (downriver) to the park.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	A retired navy ship is docked on the opposite side of the river from the landing.
<b>Topographic map</b>	Bridgewater 21 A 07 Page 73 in the NS Atlas.
<b>GPS reading</b>	
Lat	44° 22' 19"
Long	064° 30' 29"
<b>Owner</b>	Town of Bridgewater
<b>Nearby Services</b>	
	Convenience store about 50m south.
	Bridgewater Full range of services.

## BUSH ISLAND - GOVERNMENT WHARF

It used to be difficult to launch here but it now has a ramp and is included here as access to the LaHave Islands. These islands have some of the best paddling in Nova Scotia with lots of beaches, coves, islands and places to camp and explore.

*The ramp at the government wharf*



For a good map, route details and camp sites, see the PDF of **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** (LaHave Islands , Page 25-27) at the NS Coastal Water Trails home page.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Concrete ramp.
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Parking for 3-4 cars. Do not block wharf.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Drive down the causeway behind Crescent Beach on to Bush Island. Turn right on to LaHave Islands Road and after 150 m turn right again down Wharf Road.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Look for the large government wharf just west of the high bridge between Bush and Bell Island. The ramp is tucked in on the west side of the wharf beside the slipway.
<b>Topographic map</b>	LaHave Islands 21 A 01 Page 80 in the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 14' 03 "  
Long 064° 22' 22 "

**Owner** Public

### Nearby Services

Mobile canteen at west end of Crescent Beach in summer

Crescent Beach	Kayak tours <a href="http://www.capelahaveadventures.ca">www.capelahaveadventures.ca</a>
Cape LaHave Island	Wilderness Camping on common land
Risser's Beach Provincial Park	Camping (limited waterfront sites). No close access to day use area for launching.
Crescent Beach and Petite River	Store with gas
Bridgewater	Full range of services

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*The ramp at the government wharf*



NOTE: The ramp on the north end of Bush Island is no longer available to the public. The other launch option is at Crescent Beach.

For a good map, route details and camp sites, see the PDF of **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** (LaHave Islands , Page 25-27) at the NS Coastal Water Trails home page.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Concrete ramp.
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Parking for 10 cars. Do not block wharf.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Drive down the causeway behind Crescent Beach on to Bush Island. Turn right on to LaHave Islands Road and after 150 m turn right again down Wharf Road.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Look for the large government wharf just west of the high bridge between Bush and Bell Island. The ramp is tucked in on the west side of the wharf beside the slipway.
<b>Topographic map</b>	LaHave Islands 21 A 01 Page 80 in the NS Atlas
<b>GPS reading</b>	
Lat	44° 14' 03 "
Long	064° 22' 22 "
<b>Owner</b>	Public
<b>Nearby Services</b>	
Crescent Beach	Kayak tours <a href="http://www.capelahaveadventures.ca">www.capelahaveadventures.ca</a>
Cape LaHave Island	Wilderness camping on common land
Risser's Beach Provincial Park	Camping (limited waterfront sites). No close access to day use area for launching.
Crescent Beach and Petite River	Store with gas
Bridgewater/Liverpool	Full range of services



## BUSH ISLAND PROVINCIAL PARK



This sheltered ramp and small gravel beach provide the best access to the LaHave Islands. The islands have some of the best paddling in Nova Scotia with lots of beaches, coves, islands and places to camp and explore.

*Public Ramp at Bush Island*

For a good map, route details, and camp sites on Cape LaHave Island, see the PDF of **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** (LaHave Islands , Page 25-27) at the NS Coastal Water Trails home page.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Short concrete/asphalt ramp
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Parking for about six vehicles. This spot is used by island residents to park. Take care not to block their vehicles. If the lot is full, unload your boat and park back up the road (or try the government wharf ramp or beach)
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Drive down road behind Crescent Beach and follow the paved road straight ahead to where it ends at the ramp on Bush Island.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	At the north tip of Bush Island, look for the ramp on the east side.
<b>Topographic map</b>	LaHave Islands 21 A 01 Page 80 in the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 14' 21"

Long 064° 22' 12"

**Owner** Province of Nova Scotia

### Nearby Services

Mobile canteen at west end of Crescent Beach in summer 7

Crescent Beach	Kayak tours <a href="http://www.capelahaveadventures.ca">www.capelahaveadventures.ca</a>
Cape LaHave Island	Wilderness Camping on common land
Risser's Beach Provincial Park	Camping (limited waterfront sites). No close access to day use area for launching.
Crescent Beach and Petite River	Store with gas
Bridgewater	Full range of services

## CRESCENT BEACH



The only road to the LaHave Islands runs behind this 2 km long sand beach. The sand is firm and cars drive along it too. This beach is open and surfy. The two launch sites on Bush Island may be easier.

*Access to the beach at the west end. A small cove at the east end may also be usable.*

The LaHave Islands are the paddling gem in this section of coastline with many beaches on nearby wild islands. Five of the 20 islands are connected by road. Picture perfect old homes facing their wharfs take you back to another time when people traveled by boat. For a good map and route details, see the PDF of **Paddle Lunenburg-Queens** (LaHave Islands , Page 25-27) at the NS Coastal Water Trails home page.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Variable depending on surf conditions.
<b>Launch site description</b>	Gently sloping firm sand beach. Longer carry at low tide.
<b>Amenities on site</b>	Parking at entrance for about 8 cars and on beach. Garbage.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Turn off Route 331 onto the causeway and park on the right.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	At head of Green Bay is a wide crescent beach. Road access is at the far west end at the break in the rock wall above.
<b>Topographic map</b>	LaHave Islands 21 A 01

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 14' 07"

Long 064° 24' 48"

**Owner** Provincial Crown Land

### Nearby Services

Mobile canteen at west end of beach in summer

Cape LaHave Island

Wilderness Camping on common land

Crescent Beach

Kayak tours [www.capelahaveadventures.ca](http://www.capelahaveadventures.ca)

Risser's Beach Provincial Park

Camping (limited waterfront sites). No close access to day use area for launching.

Crescent Beach and Petite River  
Bridgewater

Store with gas  
Full range of services

## DAYSPRING



*Dayspring ramp  
with island offshore.*

The Dayspring ramp provides easy access to the Lahave River. The river begins to widen here going downriver and is still tidal up to Bridgewater. The ocean is about 12 km away. Take advantage of the tides and winds if possible.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Concrete gravel ramp
<b>Amenities on site</b>	Large turnaround, parking for 6 cars. picnic table, garbage can.

**Arriving by land** On Route 3, downriver from Snyder's Boatyard. No sign. Look for off road parking. The ramp is visible from the road if driving downriver.

**Arriving by sea** The launch site is located on the north side of the river. The ramp is on the upriver side of a bump of land extending out into the river just past a small island. Snyder's Boatyard is visible upriver with silver buildings and large vessels at the wharf.

**Topographic map** Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 22' 10"  
Long 064° 27' 50"

**Owner** Lunenburg County

### Nearby Services

Bridgewater Full range of services

## DUBLIN SHORE



*Roadside launch site at Dublin Shore*

From here you can paddle across the channel to the wild shore there or southward to the LaHave Islands.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Sandy shore. Longer carry at low tide.
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Shoulder parking. Grassy areas.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Along Route 331 in Dublin Shore.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Paddling toward the entrance to the LaHave River, look for an L shaped breakwater to the west and the shoreline beyond that.
<b>Topographic map</b>	Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas
<b>GPS reading</b>	
Lat	44° 16' 07"
Long	064° 21' 58"
<b>Owner</b>	Public roadside.
<b>Nearby Services</b>	
Risser's Beach Provincial Park	Camping (limited waterfront sites).
Crescent Beach	Store with gas
	Kayak tours <a href="http://www.capelahaveadventures.ca">www.capelahaveadventures.ca</a>
LaHave	Bakery and café
Bridgewater	Full range of services

## FELTZEN SOUTH



*The ramp at Feltzen South government wharf*

A small, protected fishing harbour on otherwise exposed Lunenburg Bay.

<b>Launch site rating</b>	Easy
<b>Launch site description</b>	Narrow concrete ramp
<b>Amenities on site</b>	None. Parking. Do not block commercial activity.
<b>Arriving by land</b>	Off Route 332, between Bayport and Rose Bay, take the road to Feltzen South about 3.5 km.
<b>Arriving by sea</b>	Look for a long boulder breakwater ( the only one along this shore ) and paddle in behind it.
<b>Topographic map</b>	Lunenburg 21 A 08 Page 74 of the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 19' 43"

Long 064° 16' 45 "

**Owner** Managed by Harbour Authority

### Option 2 Spindler Cove

This cove is about 500m east (or before) Feltzen South Harbour. On a calm day, the sandy shoreline is a good launch site or stopover. The widened road shoulder provides parking. You could paddle west 2 km to the sea caves at the Ovens along a cliffy coast.

*Roadside access at Spindler Cove*



### Nearby Services

Feltzen South The Ovens Campground - kayak rentals, day fee, water access

Rose Bay Store and café

Lunenburg Full range of services

## KINGSBURG BEACH



This is a rugged coastline of rocky headlands and long exposed beaches. The beaches are not great for launching but they may be useful as a place to land in an emergency. The north end of Kingsburg Beach has the best road access and parking and is protected from SW winds. Nearby Hirtle's Beach also has road access in two locations.

*Path to the beach.*

<b>Launch Site Rating</b>	Moderate to difficult depending on surf.
<b>Launch site Description</b>	20 m carry to long sand beach with scattered boulders.
<b>Amenities at site</b>	None. Parking for about 4 cars

**Arriving by land** Follow the Kingsburg Road to where it comes to a T. Turn left onto Mosher Road and take the first right to the parking area.

**Arriving by sea** Kingsburg Beach is north of Hells Point and south of Rose Point. Look for a beach about 1 km long with houses close to the sand. Land at the north end.

**Topographic map number**  
21 A 08 Page 74 in the NS Atlas

### GPS reading

Lat 44° 16' 38"  
Long 064° 15' 26"

**Owner** Public beach

### NEARBY SERVICES

Rose Bay	Store and café
Feltzen South	The Ovens Campground.
Lunenburg	Full range of services



*Parking area for beach access*