

Nova Scotia to PEI



Lighthouse on PEI

DAY Thirty-six- Port Hastings Skye Lodge to Antigonish CG

Monday August 24/09

D53.25 k[55.21 tp cg] A16.3 M 50.1 PT 2h15 AT3h OD 2424.7 km



Trees blowing and rain coming down during the storm last night: Hurricane BILL

Interesting.... Left the hotel after it rained most of the night... cloudy sky and 18C The causeway was no problem at all... I thought it was more a bridge, but a regular causeway with minimal shoulder. They had it closed part of the storm last night. Rolling hills with no services to Antigonish. Lots of traffic probably people that could not make it home yesterday. Probably 50 electric company trucks! Every hill they put in a passing lane and took our shoulder.... Some people not to kind and didn't move an inch... Ken getting very experienced at wobbling.

Started to rain so we headed in for lunch.... Best portabello mushroom marinated and in a sandwich with veggie soup... finally someone with some taste.

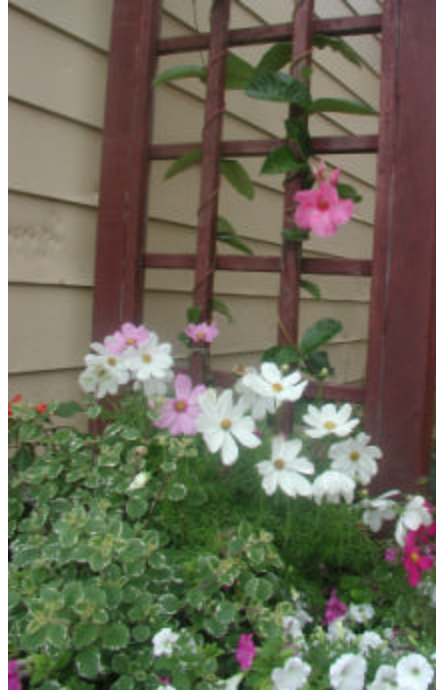
Come over to the mall to hide out from the rain... decided to stay in Antigonish as the information says our campground does not exist... Farm View... Ken phoned but said it was a wrong number? The campground is on main street about 4 blocks away, but still raining! Maybe I can put up my tent in the mall.



Modest homes all along the way with little or no vegetation close by the houses.

Antigonish means in MicMac “place where bears come to break the branches off the trees, to get the nuts”

Anyways we did see a lot of flowers around the businesses in town.



We headed out from the mall to the CG in the town of Antigonish between rain storms and met a fellow, Robert from State College Pennsylvania, where we have been a couple of years ago, [met him at the hotel yesterday, but he headed off as we stayed there] He has been a lot of places we have been .. Interesting fellow.. would be great to spend more time with him..Riding a Surley with Ortilibe bags too. He free ranges every nite so spends afternoons in towns in coffeeshops then heads out early evening to find spot... said often he is offered a place... I need my shower and to get set up so when I'm tired I can just hit the pillow.

Anyways set up at the CG in town a real ripoff at \$33 for a pup tent and the neighbor has a CO2 detector beep beep beeping.... Went down to a coffee shop and visited with Robert then headed to get a great supper as the campground did have a room with kitchen and tv room so we could make a great veggie supper for ourselves. As usual my diet doesn't fit with the “regular” fat cat diet of the world... I guess I should not be so judgemental, but if you look at the locals physique it is not what I would like to be even at my young age of 58.

Found Ken's Grandma's Brown sugar candy at a pro life shop in Antigonish... she said the secret is to make it on a cold day as it will not set on a humid day.

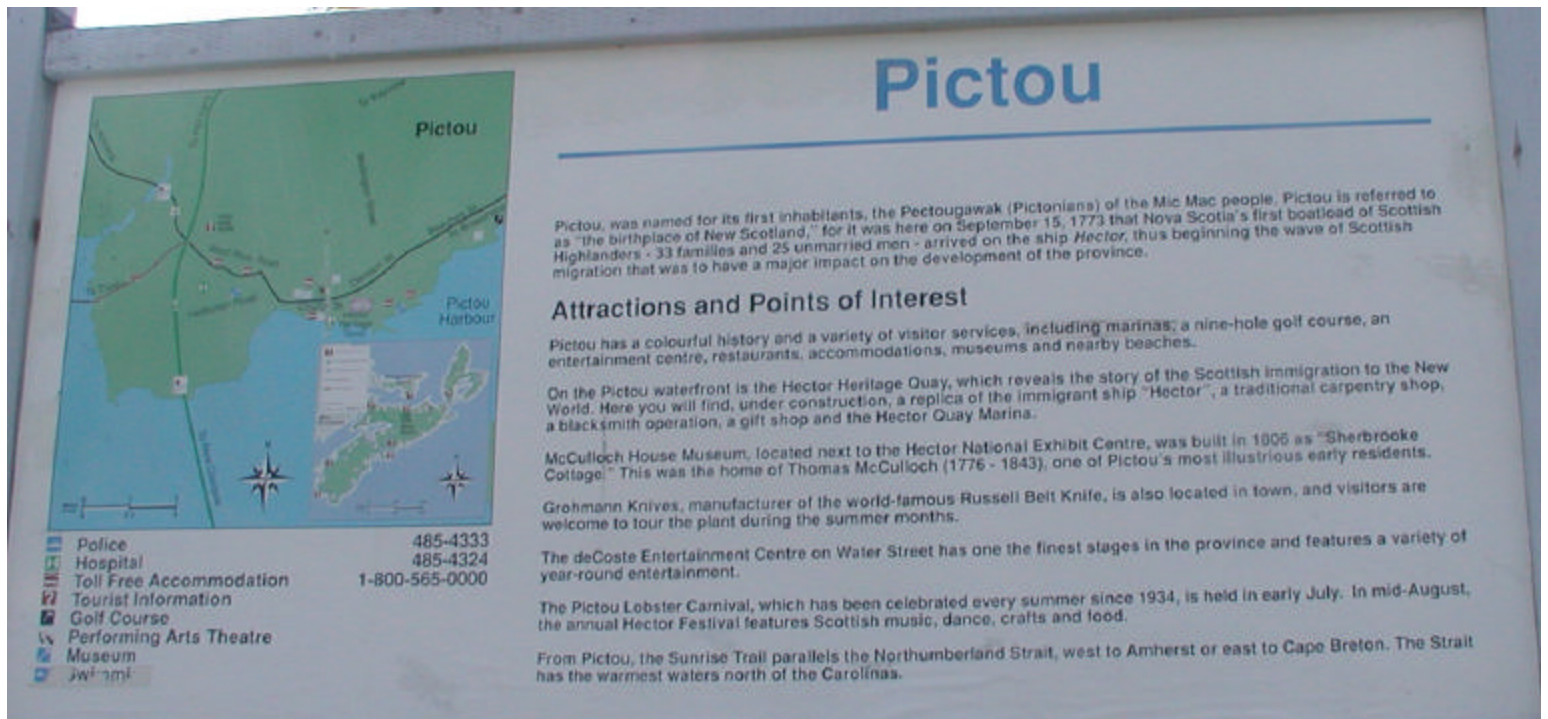
DAY Thirty-seven Antigonish CG to Northumberland Prov park PEI

Tuesday August 25/09

D86 A16.1 M47.6 PT5h15 AT12h OD 2501.7km

Rained for short while overnight and also a bit last evening when we were having supper. Set off at our usual 0730 and found at 12km a private campsite on a farm... so much for the info center as she was adamant that she had lived here 45 years and there were no other campsites... it is on John Munroe Rd off Hwy 104 [tch]

Went on to French River at 45km and had our bagel, tomato, avocado, cuc sands. Finally able to find decent food. Got off the TCH at Sherbrooke exit. Neat old houses mostly fixed up... lots of flowers suddenly. Stopped at Sobeys and on to Pictou. Decided after a short stop at the info center to make the PEI 1630 ferry.



Pictou

Pictou, was named for its first inhabitants, the Pectougawak (Pictonians) of the Mic Mac people. Pictou is referred to as "the birthplace of New Scotland," for it was here on September 15, 1773 that Nova Scotia's first boatload of Scottish Highlanders - 33 families and 25 unmarried men - arrived on the ship *Hector*, thus beginning the wave of Scottish migration that was to have a major impact on the development of the province.

Attractions and Points of Interest

Pictou has a colourful history and a variety of visitor services, including marinas, a nine-hole golf course, an entertainment centre, restaurants, accommodations, museums and nearby beaches.

On the Pictou waterfront is the Hector Heritage Quay, which reveals the story of the Scottish immigration to the New World. Here you will find, under construction, a replica of the immigrant ship "Hector", a traditional carpentry shop, a blacksmith operation, a gift shop and the Hector Quay Marina.

McCulloch House Museum, located next to the Hector National Exhibit Centre, was built in 1806 as "Sherbrooke Cottage." This was the home of Thomas McCulloch (1776 - 1843), one of Pictou's most illustrious early residents.

Grehmann Knives, manufacturer of the world-famous Russell Belt Knife, is also located in town, and visitors are welcome to tour the plant during the summer months.

The deCoste Entertainment Centre on Water Street has one the finest stages in the province and features a variety of year-round entertainment.

The Pictou Lobster Carnival, which has been celebrated every summer since 1934, is held in early July. In mid-August, the annual Hector Festival features Scottish music, dance, crafts and food.

From Pictou, the Sunrise Trail parallels the Northumberland Strait, west to Amherst or east to Cape Breton. The Strait has the warmest waters north of the Carolinas.

Map Legend:
Police 485-4333
Hospital 485-4324
Toll Free Accommodation 1-800-565-0000
Tourist Information
Golf Course
Performing Arts Theatre
Museum
JWI mfi





Boats at the ferry dock just bobbing in the wind.



The ferry was a great smooth 75minute crossing on which we made our own great sandwiches with stuff I brought along.... Really nice to have great food stuffs. Note you only pay to get off the island so either you pay off the ferry or bridge which ever you take... it is cheaper to go off via the bridge for us as it is \$8 for the suttle and it is \$36 for passenger and bike on the ferry... We got to PEI at 1800 with lots of time to go to the Provincial Park just 3km away right on the ocean. Gorgeous. Ocean temp 17C and dropping after the hurricane. Waided but no time to swim as getting dark and tide going out.. Two other cyclists arrived in camp from NS had been to the Magdeline Islands and said it was fabulous. They are headed home.

DAY Thirty-Eight Northumberland Prov park PEI to Charlottetown

Wednesday August 26/09

D61.96 A16.1 M52.5 PT3h505 AT4.5h OD 2572.3km

Usual day up early and into the wind, but the road twists and turns so we had a tail wind quite a bit but a wicked side wind that was blowing me into the ditch.

@25km there is a Restaurant and Bakery in Elton... young guy waiting tables mom owns this spot... he lives in South Africa.... Extremely polite... met 2 hitch hikers that are going all over Canada... just quit their jobs and closed their

apartments in Toronto and are trying to hit every province... gave them a card to call us if they are in BC after October 1... nice kids.

Went on to meet on British girl alone has come across the country alone... headed to Nfld then home. Also 3 others from Toronto going to Sydney then home. Into CG early... tried to get into the hostel in town but full so across the inlet at Stratford in a nice RV Motel CG

Walked across the bridge into town after setting up and pub crawled, walked the streets and just looked around. Small town, but full of tourists. The Canada games are on, but nothing we could go see tonight. Young couple with a 10month old [Aussi girl and boy from NS] tenting in a tent our size awaiting university to start. He is registered in Culinary college , but awaiting notification on his grants. They had been out in Canmore when he got accepted here for school. She says there are not a lot of apartments for rent , but they cann't stay camping too much longer as it is getting cooler out for the babe. I give them a lot of credit... not everyone would do it this way.



Well we planned a day off here tomorrow, but I think we will head off for Summerside tomorrow.

DAY Thirty-Nine Charlottetown to Linkletter Provincial Park PEI

Thursday August 27/09

D 83.36k A13.1 M30.5 on the only downhill PT6h21 AT12h OD 2655.6km

Well we did decide to head off to Summerside and take our day off there. We had heard their Trans Canada Trail is in better shape than the one in Nfld so we headed across the bridge and into town to the info center where they gave us a map of the trail. We took Hwy 2 basically to Winsloe then entered the trail at the Timmies... fine crushed stone all the way. Slower than on the hiway for the surface, but only 3 % grades and more sheltered from the wind, there are benches and picnic tables at intervals, the map shows things of interest ie campgrounds, cottages, stores, etc. We stopped at Breadalbane @43.73k 13.4/30.5 for our picnic lunch. Family there from New Brunswick, Dad sagwagon, 2 teenage girls and Mom cycling "tip to tip" on the trail 270km... great to see a family enjoying this. Some locals walking, cycling, one guy looking for his car key after jogging it. You could probably camp in some spots but we were headed for Summerside and the PP. The



Ken and I fantasized that Mom and Dad when they took this train to Summerside in 1941 as to what they saw and did. There was an apple tree and Ken says Dad would have thrown his apple core out the train window and here is the

proof! Just a little something to keep us smiling. I think that would have been there honeymoon trip... I must ask Mom.

There was a local family with Dad pulling 2 toddlers in a trailer, Mom and 2 pre teens all on bikes. They went as far as Black berry patch and stopped to pick berries... they had eaten from the apple tree! We also saw lots of chockcherries along the route.99?



Ken stuck in one of the entry gates for the trail.... A little annoying as every time we cross a road they have these gates to keep the ATV's off the trail.... There are large fines for ATV, horses, any motorized vehicle, no helmets...etc

@ 62km we hit Kensington a small place with a pub in the old stone train station "Island Stone Pub" was a good stop for "PEI Potato" nachos and a brew. It's a long day in the saddle so we headed back to the hiway into Summerside and felt the full force of the head wind... glad we spent the extra time and mileage taking the trail... about 12 km farther than on the hiway.

We shopped and headed for the PP which is about 5km out of town on the Bedeque Bay ... great sunset and way in the distance we can just see the Confederation Bridge to the mainland.

It is turning into fall top temperature today was 22C and dropping rapidly in camp to 10C overnight. The sky is blue and the water wavy. Talk of another hurricane coming this way so will have to be monitoring the weather.... Suggest by Sunday we will have to find a hideout.

DAY Fourty Linkletter Provincial Park , Summerside, PEI

Friday August 28/09 DAY OFF



1941



2009



Beaton House (1907), 27 Granville St.

The 1941 is a photo of a house that Mom and Dad stayed in during the war in Summerside by the train station and near the water... I need to ask Mom if she remembers the name of the people who owned it as they only rented a room. Ken says this must be where Jimmy was conceived! Anyways look at the next photos.... This is most probably the house. It is on Grandville , corner of Hanover where Foundry butts into Grandville. The owner told us that it is called the "Beaton House" as Mrs Beaton, a nurse during WW11, owned the house and rented out rooms to RCAF men. It still has the hedge out front. We need to look at it on Historical Places in Canada for photos. There is only one chimney now and the veranda on the right was added on he says. Also the house was not built here, it was moved here after a fire in Summerside prior WW11.... I never thought we would actually find the house... we were cycling from the super store into down town to go to the train station and I saw it stopped and told Ken it was the house... denial..... took a photo went on and compare the 2, went back and spoke to the owner. He has had it 8 years and they rent the rooms out to fisherman who go to some school here.

Had a great day Ate at the First Cup Café which is reasonable and makes a good veggie sandwich and soup. The waitress saw the 1941 photo and said "That house is just down the street... it has a really neat circular stair case in it" Would you believe such a coincidence.



- 1 COURT HOUSE & JAIL
- 2 GOVERNOR HOUSE
- 3 NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 4 BRICK SHOP
- 5 W. W. DODD
- 6 LONDON HOTEL
- 7 MOUNTAIN VIEW
- 8 CONVENT OF BONAERIE
- 9 CHURCH OF ENGLAND
- 10 PRESBYTERIAN
- 11 ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
- 12 HOSPITAL
- 13 BAPTIST
- 14 CONVENT
- 15 BONAERIE CHURCH
- 16 CEMETERY

PANORAMIC VIEW OF

SUMMERSIDE

PRINCE COUNTY, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 1878

- 18 SAW MILL WAREHOUSE, J.R. CALDWELL
- 19 NEW MILLS WAREHOUSE
- 20 SHIP YARD, JOHN SETTERLEY
- 21 - - - - - ANDRUS WYLLAN
- 22 - - - - - JOHN BARNLEY
- 23 THOMAS JOHN BARNLEY
- 24 - - - - - GEO. HUNTON
- 25 - - - - - JOHN PURDIE
- 26 FOUNDRY & MACHINE SHOP, LE. MURPHY
- 27 MACHINE SHOP
- 28 PLANING MILL
- 29 FURNITURE FACTORY, GEO. W. DODD
- 30 - - - - - CAMPBELL & WOOD
- 31 CLOTH HOUSE, J. MALLETT
- 32 CENTRAL HOUSE, Wm. D.A. DUNN
- 33 OTHER HOUSES
- 34 QUARRY WHARF
- 35 WAREHOUSE WHARF
- 36 WHARF

DAY Fourty One Summerside PEI to 7 Gabels B&B Tignish NS

Saturday August 29/09

D75.26 k A 16.1 M32.7 PT4h45 AT7h OD2760 km

Got cold overnight 6C..... had on most of my warm stuff and still felt the cool air overnight.



this is the site of the Railway where Mom and Dad would have arrived behind this the Summerside station.



Potato barns new and old type all along the roads next to miles of fields of potatoes... seed and table

Headed off at 9am thru Summerside to the Confederation bridge... 32km 2h 15.9/32.7 bikes and walkers must take a shuttle over the 12km toll bridge.... \$4 for a person and \$8 for a cyclist.... They don't make your wait too long to take you over the bridge and drop you off at a visitors center.



We headed off on TCH 16 to Port Elgin @60km Stopped for a pizza . The rain had started about 1 hour prior but not much wind. We decided to try to head towards our destination and look for a B&B which we found when we were rather cold and wet at Tignish about 15km short of the Provincial park which was our destination for the day. It is a lovely home some where about 4500 sq ft.... every room has a private bath.... I think 5 bedrooms, lovely yard and a small garage for our bikes we set up our tent to dry in the shed.... It has continued to rain most of the night.