

# Fundy National Park

Alma, New Brunswick

**Coordinates:** N45° 35.973 W064° 56.883

**Geocaching.com code:** GC54J4Z

**Type of Cache:** Traditional\*



Fundy National Park covers an area of approximately 207 km<sup>2</sup> (80 sq mi). Its landscape represents the Maritime Acadian Highlands. The Park includes the rugged coastline of the Bay of Fundy which is home to the highest tides in the world, as well as forests of the Caledonia Highlands which is part of the Appalachian Mountain range.

Fundy National Park falls within traditional Mi'gmaq territory called Sikniktewag ("drainage area"). The Mi'gmaq, Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Passamaquoddy Aboriginal peoples have a long history with the area and consider it part of their traditional territory. In the 1800, the forests became attractive to a growing lumber industry. Logging and shipbuilding were closely intertwined throughout the 1800's, and several small communities developed in the area with saw mills, shipbuilding and fishing activities. By the mid-1920s, much of the thriving lumber and shipbuilding activities had declined and people had left the area in search of opportunities elsewhere.

In 1948, the area was chosen as New Brunswick's first national park. Fundy is one of Canada's few national parks to offer both a backcountry wilderness experience and an extensive development of recreational activities. The Park includes 3 large campgrounds, a salt-water heated swimming pool, a natural playground, over 120 km (75 miles) of hiking trails, as well as a motel and chalets provider and a nine-hole golf course. Within the Park, there are also a number of on-going research and environmental management activities including ecological monitoring, habitat restoration and species at risk recovery actions.

Fundy National Park also serves as the core area for the Fundy Biosphere Reserve. In September 2007, UNESCO designated the Upper Bay of Fundy in New Brunswick as a Biosphere Reserve because of its unique geological formations, terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and cultural heritage. The Biosphere Reserve includes an area of over 430,000 hectares (1,000,000 acres) extending from the Tantramar Marsh near Sackville to St. Martins and inland to Moncton. Fundy National Park was also recently designated as a Dark Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), which means that the Fundy National Park is one of Canada's best places to explore the night sky.



Parks Canada

## Learn more about this area:

[www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nb/fundy/visit.aspx](http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nb/fundy/visit.aspx)

[fundy-biosphere.ca/en/](http://fundy-biosphere.ca/en/)

[www.rasc.ca/dark-sky-site-designations](http://www.rasc.ca/dark-sky-site-designations)

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## Passport Question:

Who lived in the house near this site and what were they the first of?

**\*Please note:** This geocache is part of the Cache Up NB/ Fundy National Park Geocaching Program and the Fundy National Park Passport 2014. For more information on this Passport visit: <http://www.cacheupnb.com/fundy-park/>

**The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan** identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at [www.gulfofmaine.org](http://www.gulfofmaine.org)

