

Cape Forchu

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Coordinates: N43°47.657 W066°09.288

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This spot marks the most southwesterly point of Nova Scotia. Its harbour was once the jumping off place for ships heading to New England. Today, fishing fleets head out into the Gulf or across the end of Bay St. Mary to reach the Bay of Fundy. This site embodies cultural history and physical geography in its very accessible but stark setting at a tip of land, the most southwest point of Nova Scotia.

This shoreline is thought to have had its first European visitation by Leif Erickson in 1007. Samuel de Champlain landed here in May 1604 and provided the name, relating to its “fork” like surroundings. By the late 19th century, Yarmouth was the second largest port of sailing ship registry in Canada. The wealth of the town at that time is still evident in its residential historic district.



Geologically, you are looking at a massive volcanic formation. At this site, if you look carefully, you will be able to find pock marks where lava “bombs” fell back to the ground into still molten lava.

Cape Forchu has convenient parking, an interpretive centre, a small cafe, and a new coastal trail. The site is open year round but some services are seasonal. The athletic can climb on the rugged rocks. You will observe sea birds and maybe seals.

Learn more about this area:

www.capeforchulight.com

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Passport Question:

What is the name of the red boat on the “Lost to the Sea” interpretive panel?

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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

Did You Know: The Gulf of Maine Council has presented awards to many individuals who have supported the work of the Gulf of Maine Institute: Linda Kukis Scherf (2000) for her Gulf of Maine Institute Without Walls youth stewardship program; John Terry (2008) for his mapping programs and stewardship programs; and Roger Outhouse (2012) for the environmental work done by his Gulf of Maine Institute youth team