

News from The Friends Fall 2021

Another summer season is behind us and now's a perfect time to check out our selection of cozy sweaters and hoodies! Our gift shops will be open throughout the fall and winter with reduced hours, still stocked with unique products from local artisans, Fundy National Park gear, and assorted goods for families. **Outpost East**, located in the Visitor Reception Centre of Fundy National Park, is open Friday - Sunday, 10-6; **Outpost Alma**, located beside the Post Office in the Village of Alma, is open Saturday - Sunday, 10-6.

If you can't make it down to Alma, you can check out our online store [here](#). Be sure to [follow us on Facebook](#) as we'll be holding **giveaways** throughout November and December!



'Tis the Season!



Looking to get some Christmas Shopping done early as well as give the local economy a boost? The Albert County Chamber of Commerce has launched a program to help you do both. From October 15th to December 20th, it's your chance to support Albert County independent retailers and get something in return!

HINT: Friends of Fundy is a participating location at Outpost Alma!

Each time you visit a participating shop (physical or online) in Albert County, you can fill in a ballot on-site, scan a QR code, or click their link to enter to get your "passport" stamped. Once you have visited all the participating retailers to fill your passport, you'll be entered into a draw for one of 50 \$20 gift cards to local businesses, as well as the draw for the one of two grand prizes of \$500 in local gift cards. You can find full details at <https://www.albertcountychamber.com/> or click here for terms and participating vendors.

As we draw closer to the Christmas season there will be Christmas Fairs and Markets popping up in Hillsborough, Hopewell Cape, Riverside-Albert and surrounding areas so keep your eyes on social media and ears open to local buzz to catch all of these great opportunities!

For more information, check our website
friendsoffundy.ca

Friends of Fundy AGM Update

The Friends of Fundy held their Annual General Meeting in October which brought with it a few new faces to the Board. Before welcoming the new Directors, however, we'd like to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and expertise to the organization and are stepping down. Thank you to Arthur Allan, the outgoing Chair of the Board, and Directors Kevin Bulmer, Susan Dean, Daniel Sinclair, and Catherine Rhyno for your time and dedication!

We'd also like to thank the Directors that have been nominated to the Executive positions: Paul Burns as Chair of the Board, Edmund Dawe as Vice-chair, and William MacCallum continuing as Treasurer. We'd like to welcome the following new members to the Board: Jamie Burke, Gary Hoadley, Clarissa Hoffman, and Adrienne Sharp as well as thank the continuing Directors Melissa Richards, Jennifer Hawkins Forbes, and Lee Fui Lim.

If you'd like to know more about the Board of Directors or the Friends of Fundy, you can find that information and more on our website: <https://www.friendsoffundy.ca/en/>

Become a Friends of Fundy Member or RENEW Your Membership

Become a member of a growing organization that supports the environmental, social and economic goals of the Fundy region.

As the official 'Friends' of Fundy National Park, we strive to enhance visitor experiences that contribute to the region's conservation and community economic development goals. Here's a bit of what we do!

- Host one of New Brunswick's largest nature book selections to support learning and connecting with nature at all ages.
- Work closely with our partners to support annual events in Fundy National Park such as the Rising Tide Trails & Tunes Festival, Fundy All Nations Pow-Wow, Parks Day / Take a Hike, and Fundy Circuit ULTRA. As well as local community events—Alma Celebration Days, Alma Fleet Launch Festival, and Winterscape Alma.
- Promote the Fundy Geo-caching Program and Fundy Challenge Awards for hiking 100 km in National Parks!
- Showcase the Molly Kool Heritage Centre and host, in cooperation with Fundy National Park, family-friendly kitchen parties full of songs, stories and dancing.
- Work along side partners to support environmental projects within the region such as The Fundy Pollinator Trail and the Alma Knotweed Project.

Memberships includes:

- 10% discount on all purchases at all of our Outpost Gift Shops and Online.
- Quarterly Newsletter.
- Invitation to the annual Friends of Fundy fall hike and BBQ.
- A locally designed cotton tote bag featuring some of the Friends of Fundy partnerships.
- Opportunities to support Fundy National Park and volunteer with Friends of Fundy events.

Memberships can be purchased at our gift shops, through our website or by contacting office@friendsoffundy.ca

Individual \$25
Family \$40
Sponsor Membership \$50
Corporate Membership \$150



Update from Fundy National Park

As the busy peak season winds down, Fundy National Park looks ahead to cooler weather, beautiful foliage, and expanded operations and services! Visitors will have access to the following services and facilities:

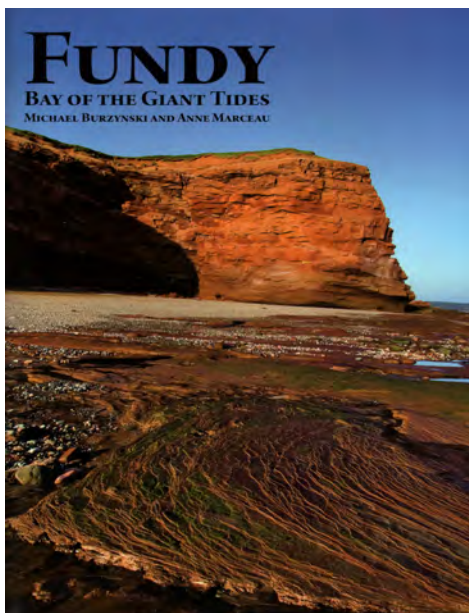
- The Eastern Visitor Reception Centre and the Headquarters Campground will remain open year-round until Victoria Day in May, with reservation services for Headquarters now open.
- Campground's roofed accommodations, campsites, as well as for the park's rustic cabins are open until the end of March, 2022.
- The Chignecto Pavilion remains open year-round; it includes full-service washrooms with showers and a kitchen shelter.
- The Eastern Visitor Reception Centre, camping at Headquarters, roofed accommodations and rustic cabins will be closed from December 24 to 26. Visitors will still be able to enjoy the park (trails, sliding, etc.) during this brief Christmas break.



The Fundy Salmon Recovery project reported record numbers of salmon returning to the Park!

Click [here for Fundy National Park's website](#) for detailed information on what is open, what visitors can expect, how to prepare for a visit and what services may be available.

New Edition: Fundy, Bay of Giant Tides



First published in 1984, the publication ***Fundy: Bay of Giant Tides*** served as a window into the region surrounding the Bay of Fundy. The newest edition, published summer 2021, views the Bay through several lenses, such as the geological legacy, the abundant wildlife above and below the water, and the communities that have gathered along its shores for centuries.

Produced by the Friends of Fundy, this book is available for purchase at Outpost East (in the Visitor Reception Centre in Fundy National park) and Outpost Alma.

Regardless if you're a visitor or resident, the full-colour photos and the breadth of information will inspire you to look around and explore this unique region. In fact, the book contains a list of 22 places to discover to start you on your journey!

Spotlight on Nature:

Why exactly do the leaves change colour? by Michael Elliott



A lot of people find solace in the beautiful colours of the fall. They walk through their favourite trails, or travel to their favourite lookout points to admire the shades of red, orange, and yellow. Few ponder the question why the leaves change colour though.

I'm sure we all know the basics. Fall comes, it gets a little bit colder, windier, so the leaves can't hold on to their precious branches anymore and fall to the ground; giving way to one of the most satisfying noises in human history: the leaf crunch. But have you ever thought about why this happens?

It's actually quite simple!

Leaves need a lot to survive. They need sunlight, air, water, and chlorophyll to keep that lovely green pigment that we see during the warmer months. Chlorophyll is basically sugar that keeps the tree and leaves healthy. Imagine it as a Kit Kat bar, except, the leaves actually need that Kit Kat bar in order to survive.

As the days get shorter, and less and less sun is around, those leaves lose the ability to hold on to that green pigment, and their true colours starts to reveal themselves. This is when we start to see those famous colours like the reds and oranges. Once those leaves have done their job (producing enough food for the tree to survive the winter), then they grow weaker and eventually allow themselves to fall to the ground.

Then the crunching begins.

But you may still see some leaves on trees through the winter! Weird, right? Well, that is called marcescence (pronounced how it looks). This is a term for when the leaves do not shed from a branch. There are a lot of reasons that it happens. Some scientists blame genetics, some blame evolution, but think about how smart it is for the tree to retain some of its leaves.

Often, this occurrence happens near buds, acting as a sort of shield to protect the tree's future generations. Just like how we wear a coat, the tree then has a protective lair to protect itself from the harsh snows of winter, and therefore keep the offspring alive for when spring comes! Pretty neat!

So, as you're out there enjoying the beautiful colours, just remember how much work each leaf is doing to keep those beautiful trees a live. Admire the ones that have fallen, appreciate their sacrifice, and of course, crunch it, just how it was intended!



Michael Elliott is a naturalist, mass communicator and educator. He spends most of his days learning about the great outdoors and shares his passion of nature with his scouts and friends. He is the creator of the web series Nature with Rusty.

Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award

On November 9th, Friends of Fundy was honoured and thrilled to receive the 2021 Parks Canada NB Sustainable Tourism Award at the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick Annual Summit.



From left to right: Carol Alderdice, CEO of TIANB, Julie LeBlanc, Superintendent of Fundy National Park and the Southwest Field Unit, Micha Fardy, Executive Director of Friends of Fundy and Ginette Doiron, Executive Director of Destination Sud-Est and past Chair of TIANB.

Sustainable Tourism is defined by the Tourism Association of Canada and Parks Canada as “tourism that actively fosters appreciation and stewardship of the natural, cultural and historic resources and special places by local residents, the tourism industry, governments and visitors. It is tourism which can be sustained over the long term because it results in a net benefit for the social, economic, natural and cultural environments of the area in which it takes place.”

Parks Canada’s Sustainable Tourism Award increases public awareness and acknowledges the extensive efforts of those already involved with working towards sustainable tourism.

To qualify for this award, an operator must demonstrate a commitment to excellence and an appreciation and respect for our natural, cultural, and aesthetic heritage. Harmonizing economic objectives with the protection and enhancement of this heritage, the operator must offer tourism products and services that are consistent with community values and the surrounding environment.

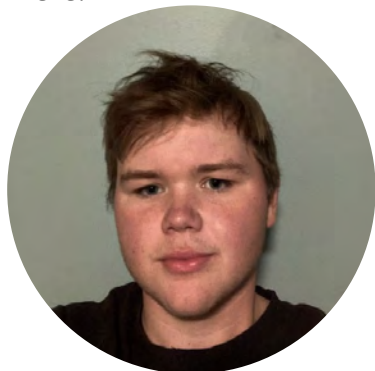
The recipient of this award has contributed to sustainable tourism in New Brunswick by:

- Demonstrating a commitment to excellence and encouraging an appreciation of, and respect for, New Brunswick’s natural, cultural and aesthetic heritage.
- Striving to achieve tourism development in a manner which harmonizes economic objectives with the protection and enhancement of New Brunswick’s natural and cultural heritage.
- Cooperating with colleagues and the tourism industry in promoting sustainable development.
- Offering tourism products and services that are consistent with community values and the surrounding environment.
- Fostering greater awareness of the economic, social, cultural and environmental significance of tourism.

We share this award with the many communities, organizations and local businesses with whom we partner to do work that benefits our communities and our natural surroundings.

The Friends of Fundy Team

This was another truly unusual summer as the Province swung from phase to phase and visitation roller-coasted from week to week. We're very grateful that our **fantastic** summer students and Outpost Sales Associates rose to the challenge and were able to adapt to the ever-changing situation. Joining the team this year were:



Connor Sealy

Returning to the Maritime College of Forest Technology for his second year.



Kacey Hope

Starting her first year at St. Thomas University



Karli Dixon

Back for her 4th year at St. Thomas University



Dana de Graaf

Resident of Harvey audio and visual artist



Sharon Campbell

Knowledgeable long time supporter of local producers



Michael Shaver

Store manager and dog lover



Micha Fardy

Executive Director



Sam Bosence

Mountain Bike Atlantic Project Manager



Ian Duncan

Festival and Events Coordinator, IT Support

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