



2008 Lobsterpalooza Calendar of Events - May 25 to June 30

May 1 - Lobster season opens in District 26B (Inverness County)

May 10 - Lobster season opens District 27 (Victoria County)

Saturday, May 31st

- 1) St. Andrews Presbyterian Church lobster supper, North River Bridge
- 2) The Cabot Trail Black & White Exhibit , Grand Etang

Sunday, June 1

- 1) Climb aboard Cabot Trail's only boat tour headed for the Bird Islands, Puffin Boat Tours, Englishtown
- 2) Golf Le Portage with the dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean and breathtaking backdrop of the Highlands

Monday, June 2

- 1) Try one of the 15 whale watching opportunities
- 2) Explore one of 25 trails ranging from a stroll or a challenging climb in Cape Breton Highlands National Park
- 3) Earn your whale watcher certificate with Fiddle Whale Watch Tours, Pleasant Bay.
- 4) Walk the miles of untouched beaches along Aspy Bay and be awed by the white cliffs of Dingwall

Tuesday, June 3

- 1) Enjoy seafood with a spectacular view - at the Silver Dart Lodge overlooking the Bras d'Or Lakes.
- 2) Visit the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts & Crafts Gift shop for your clan tartan and custom made kilt.

Wednesday, June 4

- 1) Whale Interpretative Centre, Pleasant Bay View Life Size models of whales, exhibits, interactive media, and saltwater livestock tank
- 2) Cape Breton Highlands National Park offering panoramic views of canyons, the highlands and seacoasts
- 3) Shop for colourful marine folkart at one of the many quaint gift shops in Cheticamp.

Friday, June 6

- 1) Visit Les Trois Pignons for a glimpse of Acadian heritage
- 2) Take in the Gaelic Festival - Feis A Bhaille, Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre
- 3) Cape Breton Musicians at the Barn, Normaway Inn
- 4) Visit the North Highlands Community Museum in Cape North for a glimpse of pioneer life.
- 5) Explore your private beach at Glenghorm Beach Resort
- 6) Drop by Kingross Quilts, Art Dolls, Hooked Rugs and Unique Clothing by Anne Morrell Robinson, Margaree Valley

Saturday June 7

- 1) Pub Night - ShaunAckie Ceilidh Hall, Giant MacAskill Museum , Englishtown.
Steamed mussels and local entertainment
- 2) Walking the Wildside Nature Tours, Baddeck. Guided interpreted natural history hikes through magical woodlands and along coastal trails with legendary views.
- 3) Enjoy nightly live music at the Highland at Keltic Lodge Resort and Spa.
- 4) Visit the breathtaking Meat Cove, a photographer's dream
- 5) St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Heritage Supper being held at Indian Brook Firehall
5 :00 pm. \$ 10.00 a plate

Sunday, June 8

- 1) Spend the day with go carts and water bumper boats at The Lakes Campground and Restaurant, Lake O'Law, Northeast Margaree
- 2) End your day with a Resort Spa experience offered by Island Sunset, Keltic Lodge and Inverary Resort.
- 3) 'Play-a-Round' at the #1 public golf course in Canada, Highlands Links, Ingonish Beach

Monday, June 9

- 1) The Waters Edge Inn Café and Gallery, situated in historic Baddeck, overlooking the picture-perfect harbour and stunning vista of the Bras d'Or Lakes
- 2) Pitch a tent at one of the picturesque Cape Breton Highlands National Park campgrounds
- 3) Fish for Atlantic salmon and speckled trout on the Baddeck, North, Margaree and Middle Rivers. Fully guided and outfitted. Fly-casting instruction for all levels at the Green Highlander Lodge
- 4) Indulge in the "Saturday Night Lobster Delight" at the Island Sunset Resort & Spa
- 5) June 9th - 14th - Join us for Lobster Lunches and Music at the Grand Étang Wharf daily from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10

- 1) Register for instruction in the Gaelic Language and Song or weaving, fiddling, or dance, at the Gaelic College on the banks of St. Ann's Bay
- 2) Taste the unique lobster chowder and homemade strawberry shortcake at the Inverary Resort's Lakeside Restaurant
- 3) Kayak at North River - Even for beginners

Wednesday, June 11

- 1) SeaVisions Whale Watch by Sail offers the largest whale watching vessel in Cape Breton!
- 2) Visit Parks Canada's Chéticamp Interpretative Centre
- 3) Explore the Top of the Island's colourful harbours
- 4) Learn more about the ecology of the Bras d'Or Lakes at the Bras d'Or Interpretive Centre, Baddeck

Thursday, June 12

- 1) Ask your hosts at Keltic Lodge to arrange a Lobster boil on the beach.
- 2) Cabot's Landing Heritage Park, overlooking Aspy Bay, is one of the most scenic on the Cabot Trail and commemorates the historic landfall of John Cabot

Friday, June 13

- 1) Enjoy a visit to Smelt Brook Studio on the shoreline cliffs above Aspy Bay, where they produce one of a kind stoneware pottery, canvas floorcloths and driftwood whales.
- 2) Savour the flavour of the Silver Dart's seafood menu items by Chef Krista

Saturday June 14

- 1) If Oysters are your passion, stop by Hideaway Campground and Oyster Market in South Harbour
- 2) Toast marshmallows at the private beach at the Glenghorm Beach Resort
- 3) Visit Canada's second oldest fish hatchery in Margaree
- 4) "The Maritime Way of Life" lobster dinner and theatre, at 6pm, Hall of the Clans, Gaelic College, St. Ann's
- 5) St. Ann's Bay United Church Lobster Supper. Take out only
- 6) The Celtic Quilt Guild will be holding a display, demonstrations, and sale on Saturday and Sunday, 14/15 June 2008, at the Belle Cote Community Center.

Sunday, June 15

- 1) Stay awhile at the world renowned Cape Breton Highlands National Park - Coastal cycling, hiking, fishing, golfing, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming are all activities that the park boasts
- 2) Go kayaking in the large fjord where the Ingonish River meets the sea with Sea Coast Adventures of Wreck Cove
- 3) Enjoy Fathers Day Brunch at the St. Joseph du Moine Parish Hall
- Lobstercakes and Lobster Salad

Monday, June 16

1) After a day of sight seeing, enjoy a relaxing dinner and all the modern amenities with a heritage charm at Baddeck's Telegraph House.

Tuesday, June 17

1) Timmons Folk Art, Pleasant Bay -specializing in hand carved whales, dolls, fisherman and animals, painted drift wood and rocks,and whimsical local folk art painting.

Wednesday, June 18

1) A European atmosphere and a warm welcome awaits at Gisele's Country Inn, Baddeck, - succulent seafood and mouthwatering memories

2) Meandre the Boardwalk that hugs Chéticamp harbour

3) Stop along the Trail for a steaming bowl of homemade Chowder!

Thursday, June 19

1) Amoeba Sailing Tours invite you for a sailing experience asunique and unforgettable as Cape Breton's Bras d'Or Lakes.Operating from Baddeck Harbour

2) Stop by Le Centre de la M-Careme to watch the artists make masks.

La Mi-Careme or mid lent is a 200 year tradition in Cheticamp, that still continues today but in June they celebrate lobster!

Friday, June 20

1) Choose your dinner - fresh from the saltwater lobster tank at the spectacular Island Sunset Resort & Spa, Belle Cote

2) Grab a boogie board, snorkel or mountain bike and some fresh air at Glenghorn Beach Resort, Ingonish

3) Buy fresh seafood at the Seafood Stop and Fish Market Gift Shop, Chéticamp

4) Take in the last leg of the Ride of the Lobster, World's longest Unicycle race, as it finishes in Baddeck - a sight to be seen!

Saturday, June 21

1) What could be better than an outdoor lobster boiland some storytelling to go with it at the Silver Dart Lodge, Baddeck?

2) Indian Brook Fire Hall Lobster Supper, Indian Brook, Take out or Eat In.

Sunday, June 22

- 1) Relax in a gazebo or take to the water in a paddleboat at North River, Chanterelle Country Inn and Cottages
- 2) The only boat tour on the Cabot Trail that takes you to the Bird Islands, nesting grounds of the Atlantic Puffin, Donelda's Puffin Boat Tours operates daily from Englishtown

Monday, June 23

Take a drive down to the Margaree Valley to visit the Margaree Salmon Museum (the history of salmon fishing in the area is over 100 years old) or visit the Margaree Fish Hatchery - the 2nd oldest in North America.

Tuesday, June 25

Tour the Bras d'Or Lakes from the dock at the Inverary Resort

Wednesday, June 25

- 1) The Margaree Fish Hatchery Visitor Center is a great learning facility offering films, photographs, posters, artifacts and displays of Atlantic Salmon, Nova Scotia wildlife, hatchery operations, Mi'Kmaq history, and aspects of recreational angling in NS
- 2) Watch the colourful sailboats in Baddeck Bay
- 3) The Lone Sheiling Trail in the Grand Anse Valley brings you through an old growth forest of 350 year old sugar maples

Thursday, June 26

- 1) Northeast Margaree is home to the Margaree Salmon Museum which houses artifacts, aquarium, exhibits and materials all focused on the preservation of salmon and trout in the famous, pristine Margaree River
- 2) Tee off at Bell Bay, overlooking the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes in Baddeck, one of Canada's top ranked golf courses and recently Audubon certified.
- 3) Take home lobsters from The Lobster Pound, Island Sunset Resort & Spa - large boiled lobster and recipe suggestions from Chef Krista

Friday, June 27

- 1) St. Ann's Bay United Church Tea Room Ceilidh
- 2) Share a story with the fishers that haul in the lobster, snowcrab, mussels and oysters that serve as the main ingredients in the homes of communities at the Top of the Island.
- 3) Explore one of several shops on the scenic Cabot Trail - the perfect place to find a nautical souvenir.
- 4) Open a window on the world of the whale and its intricate web of life at the Whale Interpretive Centre, Pleasant Bay
- 5) Savour the seafood at the Duck Cove Inn with a spectacular view of the Margaree River
- 6) Last chance to see "*The Cabot Trail in Black & White*" -Grand Étang

Saturday, June 28

The Englishtown Mussel Festival is a day long food and music festival featuring Mussels and lobsters from the local St. Ann's Bays. Activities include a Celtic music fest all day, children's entertainment and a chef 's contest where hopefuls can enter any seafood dish. A European chef will judge entries and award a prize. The Baddeck Quilt Guild will have a Quilt Show and Sale from 10 till 5, St.Mark's Presbyterian Church Englishtown. Enter the 5 km fun run at noon or take a 45 minute ride on St. Ann's Harbour. A dance follows at the end of the day. Location Englishtown Hall

Sunday, June 29

The English Country Garden presents English Afternoon Tea and Garden Tour. Smoked Salmon Sandwiches, Cucumber Sandwiches, Scones with Jam and Clotted Cream, Dundee Cake and Tea

Monday, June 30

- 1) Steamed Mussels, Seafood Chowder, Seafood Medleys of scallops, salmon, lobster and much more all found at the Silver Dart in Baddeck - in a picturesque setting overlooking the Bras D'Or Lakes
- 2) Pub night - Hall of Clans, Gaelic College
"A Night of Music and Mussels"