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## **New Brunswick Summer Eco-Experiences**

Are rising gas prices making you think about staying close to home this summer? If so, why not lower your family's carbon footprint and enjoy a few eco-friendly experiences right here in New Brunswick this summer.

### **Fredericton area**

The City of Fredericton is an international award winner for its Green Shops program. More than 70 businesses have publicly committed to improve their environmental performance – an eclectic blend of restaurants, retail shops, golf courses and spas, and many more. Visit [www.greenshopsfredericton.com](http://www.greenshopsfredericton.com) to find out which Green Shops you should visit this summer.

While you are planning some days in Fredericton, check out Fredericton Tourism's innovative edVentures program ([www.edventures.ca](http://www.edventures.ca)) program, Atlantic Canada's largest and most diverse vacation learning program in craft and culture.

Then you can head north from Fredericton (about an hour and forty minutes) to The Falls Brooke Centre in Knowlesville, a sustainable community demonstration and training centre. It offers interesting and educational experiences. Spend a few hours at Falls Brooke Centre and learn about organic agriculture, sustainable living, renewable energy and how to sun dry tomatoes.

### **St. Andrews**

Did you know that the Algonquin golf course is New Brunswick's only Audubon International Certified golf course? Audubon certifies members for their commitment through standards for protecting the environment, conserving natural resources and providing wildlife habitats.

And while in St. Andrews, visit the Atlantic Salmon Interpretive Centre where you can discover the natural history, science and cultural importance of the wild Atlantic Salmon. Take a guided tour through the underwater in-stream viewing room and through the trails following Chamcook Stream.

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## **Southeast New Brunswick**

How many of us have driven through Sackville and never stopped at the Sackville Waterfowl Park? This is the summer to do it. Go on a 60 to 90 minute guided tour of the park and look for over 160 species of birds and 200 species of plants.

And one of my favorite places in this province is the Cape Jourimain Nature Centre, located on the New Brunswick side of the Confederation Bridge. The Centre offers education and activities, including beach and walking trails, bird watching, and eco-education programs for children and adults. The Centre also features a number of innovative green technologies including composting toilets, rainwater collection, geothermal heat pump, solar water heater and a wind turbine.

## **Vote Fundy**

New7Wonders Foundation, in partnership with the UN, is currently hosting a challenge to identify the new Seven Wonders of the World. There are 28 finalists in the competition which closes this Fall, including wonders like the Amazon, the Dead Sea, Galapagos, Grand Canyon, and Canada's only entry; The Bay of Fundy!

There are many reasons to vote for the Bay of Fundy, including the highest tides in the world, marine ecology comparable to the Amazon Rainforest, home to 12 species of rare and endangered whales, and it is the best site on the planet for tidal power. So visit [www.votemyfundy.com](http://www.votemyfundy.com) today to vote for the Bay of Fundy - one of the world's wonders right in here in our own back yard.

There are many eco-friendly experiences to enjoy within a tank of gas (or less) in New Brunswick. Take some time this summer to discover them again or for the first time. It's good for our economy and our environment.

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