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Points East Coastal Drive Springtime Itinerary



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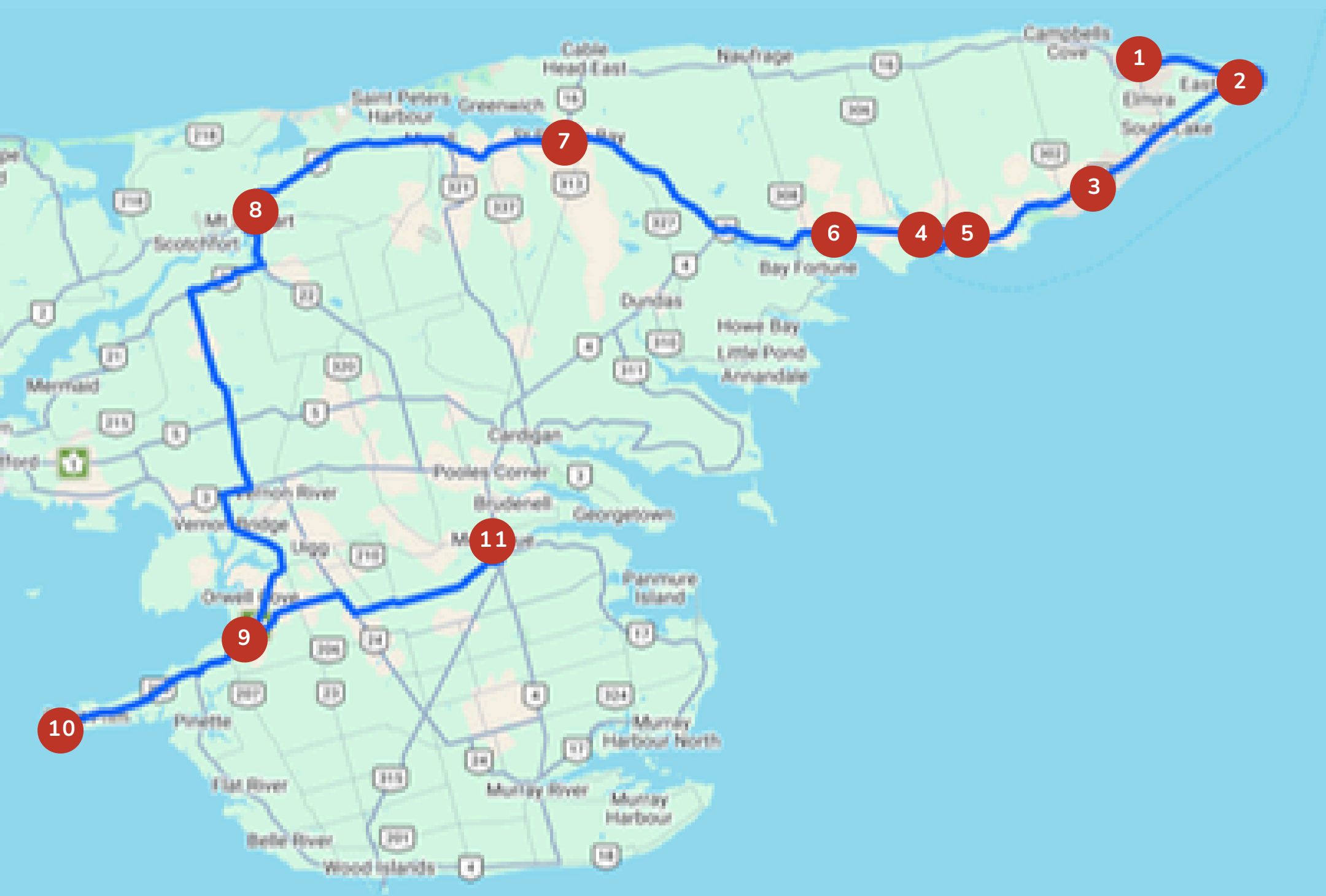
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ITINERARY OVERVIEW



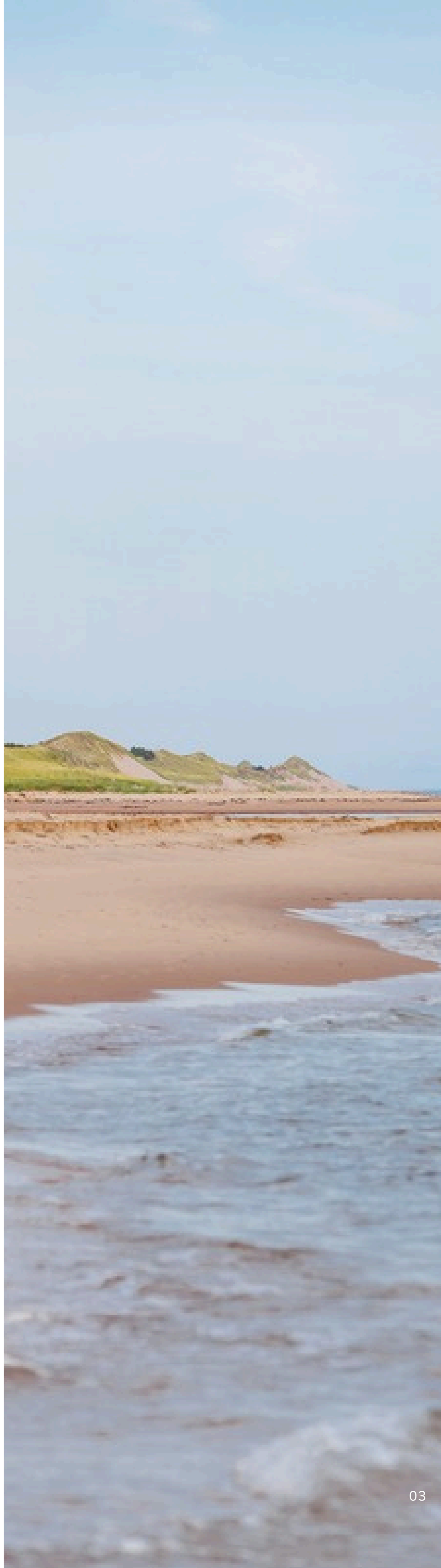
A LOCAL'S GUIDE TO SPRINGTIME IN EASTERN PEI

There's a particular kind of springtime magic on PEI. The summer crowds haven't arrived yet. The roads, albeit a little bumpy after a long winter, are not too busy. The air smells like salt and fresh earth, and there are, blessedly, no bugs. The beaches aren't ready for swimming, but they're wide open for exploring, and if you walk the shoreline in May or June, you may find the first sea glass of the season before anyone else gets to it. Along the ponds and streams, locals are out looking for the first trout of the season.

Island-wide, spring has its own rhythm. Inns and cottages reopen after a long winter. Dairy bars flip their signs from closed to open for the first time since September. Seasonal kitchens fire up again. And down at the harbours, lobster season is starting, one of the most anticipated moments on the Island calendar. Setting Day is a big deal in fishing communities across the Maritimes, and here on the eastern end it's no exception. The wharves come alive early, boats loaded with traps head out together, and the whole community turns out to watch. It happens once a year, and in spring you might just be lucky enough to catch it.

The Points East Coastal Drive covers the eastern end of PEI, a part of the Island with a quiet, understated charm that tends to stick with people long after they leave. In spring you'll find active fishing harbours with boats loaded with lobster, tulip fields coming into bloom, wide-open beaches to roam, and restaurants and patios just opening their doors for the season. Take your time, chat with locals, and don't be afraid to go off-script.

This itinerary meanders along the Drive, from the eastern tip at East Point and south toward Point Prim, but please pull over whenever something catches your eye! Dress in layers. There's a lot to discover out there.

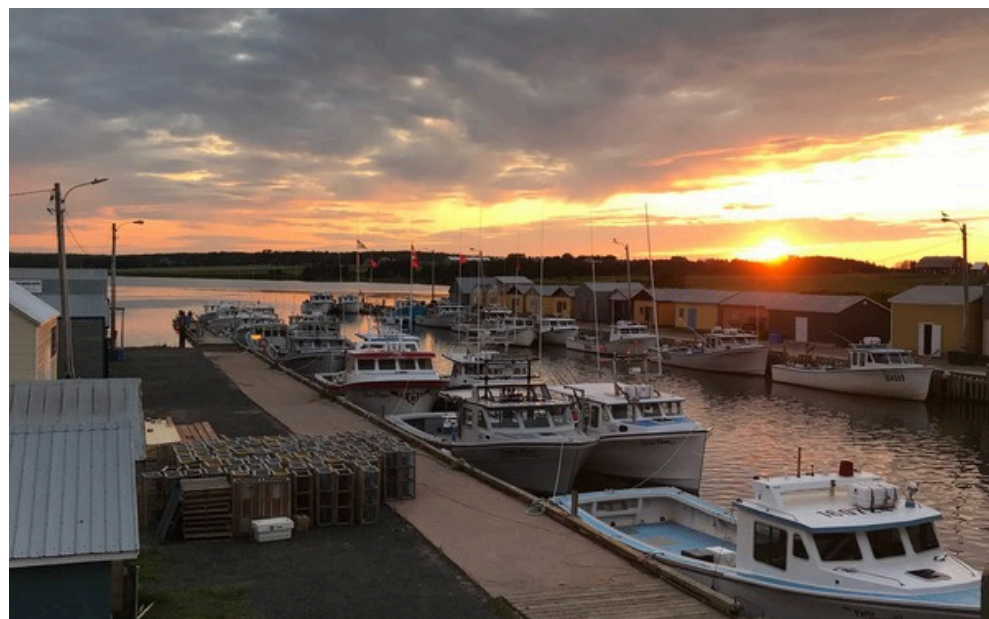


POINTS EAST COASTAL DRIVE SPRINGTIME ITINERARY

1 NORTHLAKE HARBOUR

📍 [N Lake Harbour Rd, Souris, PE C0A 2B0](#)

Start your day with a drive up to the eastern tip of PEI. May and June is lobster fishing season, so what better place to begin than one of the largest and most active lobster fishing harbours on the Island. If you're lucky enough to be there on Setting Day or Landing Day (early May and late June respectively), you'll find the harbour alive with activity. Boats loaded with traps heading out for the first time of the season, or coming in with their final catch. Any morning during the season, though, you'll find the wharves busy and worth a wander. Walk the dock, stroll the beach, or strike up a conversation with a local fisherperson. Hungry or in need of a coffee refill? Swing into the North Lake **Boathouse Eatery**, a quaint little spot in a boathouse right on the harbour.



2 EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE

📍 [404 Lighthouse Rd, Elmira, PE C0A 1K0](#)

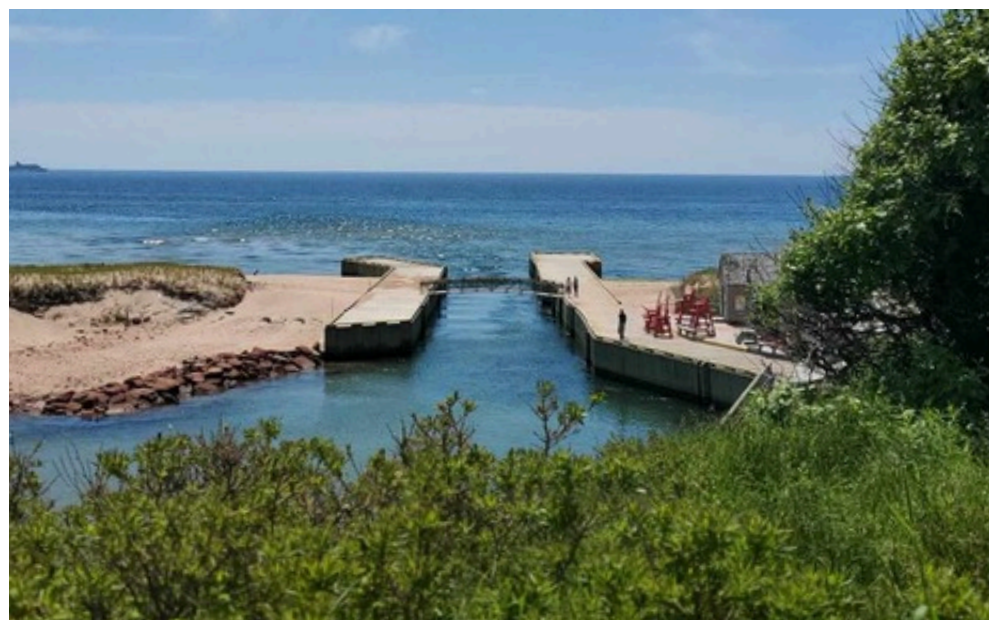
You can't make it all the way to North Lake without going just a little further to East Point. This is the easternmost tip of PEI, where the Northumberland Strait meets the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and on a clear day you can actually see the tides collide. The lighthouse itself was built in 1867 and offers guided tours in season. There's a gift shop on site if you want to have a look around before heading back down the road. The lighthouse typically opens mid to late May.



3 BASIN HEAD BEACH

📍 [336 Basin Head Rd, Route 16, Kingsboro, PE C0A 2B0](#)

Head down Route 16 to **Basin Head Provincial Park** and see one of Canada's top ten beaches before the summer crowds arrive. Walk the shoreline and keep an eye out for sea glass that hasn't been picked over yet. Listen for the singing sands squeaking under your feet. It's a real thing and worth stopping for. Cross the bridge, it's a right of passage. And if you're feeling brave, plenty of people have jumped in during May and June. The park officially opens June 5, but you can walk it anytime.



4 LUNCH IN SOURIS

Depending on the time of day, you may want to stop for brunch or lunch in Souris before heading west. There are a few good options to choose from. If you're passing through in June, you're likely to find more seasonal restaurants opening their doors.

Tipsy Farmer: Casual, dine-in, grab and go. Grab and go open daily from 10am. Kitchen open daily from 11:00am, except Sundays when brunch is served from 10am to 2pm.

📍 [120 Main Street, Souris, PE C0A 2B0](#)

21 Breakwater: Dine-in, overlooking Souris Harbour. Open Thursday and Friday 12pm to 8pm, Saturday 5pm to 8pm, Sunday 10am to 8pm.

📍 [21 Breakwater St, Souris, PE C0A 2B0](#)



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5 ARTISANS ON MAIN

📍 [Suite 114b, 106 Main Street, Souris, PE C0A 2B0](#)

If you appreciate locally made goods, take a few minutes to browse **Artisans on Main** on your way through Souris. Think knit goods, jewelry, art prints, textiles, and more. A good spot to find something that didn't come off an assembly line. Open Friday to Sunday 10am to 5pm in May, and Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm in June.



6 FORTUNE BRIDGE FARMS & TOBY'S FARM MARKET

📍 [1444 Veteran's Memorial Hwy., Souris, PE C0A 2B0](#)

On your way west out of Souris, it's worth pulling over at **Toby's Farm Market**. They're open for spring with fresh produce and a well-stocked ice cream freezer. Pick up something local for dinner, browse the greenhouse, grab a snack at the food truck, or let the kids loose in the Fun Park for a bit. Check their website for current hours.



7 ST. PETER'S BAY AND GREENWICH

📍 [29 Wild Rose Road, Greenwich, PEI, C0A 1S0](#)

St. Peter's Bay is always worth a stop. The scenery is lovely and it's a great starting point for a hike or a bike ride. The stretch of the Confederation Trail from St. Peters to Morell is considered one of the most scenic on the Island, and **Greenwich**, part of PEI's National Park, has beautiful trails leading out to the largest sand dunes on PEI. After some exploring, be sure to pop into the **St. Peter's Visitor Information Centre** and **Pints East** for visitor services, local beverages, a snack from **Coastal Crumbs Kitchen**, and to learn about their events and live music series. Daily from 8am-9pm starting in May.



8 HIVE + HONEYCOMB

📍 [301 Main St, Mount Stewart, PE C0A 1T0](#)

If you've had a full day outside and want something a little more low-key, or the weather has other plans, **Hive + Honeycomb** is a great stop for the whole family. It's a pottery-painting and board game lounge with a licensed café, their famous crazy shakes, and a solid snack and sandwich menu. No reservation needed to paint, but you can book ahead if you'd like [here](#). Open Thursday to Saturday 10:30am to 6:30pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm.



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BELFAST TULIPS

📍 [5265 Trans-Canada Hwy, Belfast, PE C0A 1A0](#)

It doesn't get more spring than a visit to **Belfast Tulips**. This is Atlantic Canada's only tulip u-pick farm, nearly five acres of blooms with millions of bulbs. It makes for a genuinely lovely afternoon and the photos basically take themselves. Book ahead to skip the line. Typically open mid-May to early June, 9am to dusk. Admission \$10 per person (ages 4 and up). U-pick bucket \$25. Make sure to pop into **Country Taste Kitchen & Bakery** next door while you're there. This quaint rural bakery and cafe is a great find. Make sure to try their pastries!



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POINT PRIM LIGHTHOUSE & BARVELA PIZZERIA

📍 [Point Prim Rd, Point Prim, PE](#)

Point Prim Road is a long red clay spit that juts out into the Northumberland Strait, and the lighthouse at the end of it is the oldest on PEI. It's worth the drive for the view alone. Walk the shore, look for sea glass, and take your time heading back. If it's getting close to dinner, stop in at **Barvela Pizzeria** on the way out. Chef Matteo makes his dough fresh and sources locally, and wood-fired pizza at the end of a busy spring day is a pretty good way to finish the day. Barvela is open Friday to Sunday from 9am to 6pm.



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DINNER IN MONTAGUE

If your timing doesn't line up for dinner at Point Prim, Montague has you covered. Our favourites:

Bogside Brewing: 22 taps, two kitchens (Crafters Smokehouse and Famous Peppers pizza), seating inside and on the patio, and live music and trivia nights. Open daily from 11:30am to 8pm. Check the [events page](#) for what's on.

📍 [11 Brook St, Montague, PE](#)

Copper Bottom Brewing sits up on the hill above the Montague River with a view over the harbour. Good food, draft and canned beer, board games, and live music some evenings. Kitchen open Wed and Thurs 12pm to 7pm, Friday 12pm to 8pm, Sat 11am to 8pm, Sun 11am to 7pm. Check [events page](#) before you go.

📍 [567 Main St, Montague, PE](#)



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POINTS EAST BY NIGHT

If you still have energy left, a couple of evening options worth knowing about:

Kings Playhouse: The largest cultural organization east of Charlottetown and a genuine hub for the region. If there's a show on while you're around, it's worth going. Check the schedule at [here](#).

📍 [65 Grafton St, Georgetown, PE C1A 1K8](#)

Nature Space Resort: For something a little different, Nature Space Resort offers drop-in yoga classes in a beautiful custom yurt. A nice way to wind down after a full day on the road. Check their website for current class times and to book your spot [here](#).

📍 [631 St. Peters Harbour Rd, Morell, PE C0A 1S0](#)



RED EARTH ADVENTURES



Growing up on PEI, we knew there was something special about Island summers. We would never leave the Island during these months; that time was far too precious. We looked forward to regular summer visitors who became friends 'from away' and time spent at the beach in between jobs. We knew our community, our beaches, and the occasional trip to Cavendish.

Like many Islanders, we moved away for university and work, but eventually found ourselves being drawn back to the Island more and more - especially for those priceless summer months. This time has provided us with a newfound appreciation for all the Island has to offer. We became tourists on our own Island and found ourselves exploring new areas and identifying places we just had to return to again the next year.

We started to think about how much the Island has to offer beyond the major attractions and whether new visitors get to fully experience this place we love so much. Red Earth Adventures was born as the passion project of two friends that want to share the best beaches, sites, activities, shops, and cuisine that each region of the Island has to offer.

Red Earth Adventures is more than just an adventure guide; it's a curation of unique, authentic Island experiences that will allow you to maximize your time in this unforgettable place; and it's a guarantee you will make amazing memories that will leave you wanting more.

Welcome to a new way of discovering PEI – welcome to Red Earth Adventures.

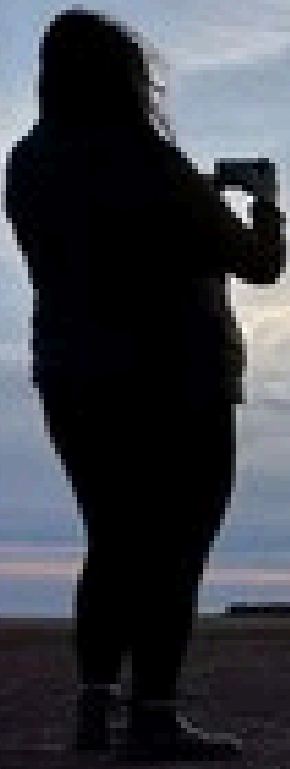


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