

Bus Day Trip to: Prince Edward County and Adolphustown

To "The County" – A Day Bus Trip Saturday August 18, 2007

Mark your calendar and reserve your seat today.

Each year the Gov. Simcoe Branch UELAC organizes a one-day bus trip to visit heritage sites of interest, especially those with a Loyalist relevance. Although we had done such trips previously in some years, the first of these regular trips in 1997 was also to Prince Edward County and Adolphustown.

Although the Sulpician Priests established a Mission



Prince Edward County and to the east Adolphustown

in the Lake Conseccon area called Kente in 1668, it was abandoned in 1680. Following the Seven Years (French Indian) War in the 1756 to 1763, Prince Edward and beyond was declared "Indian Country" and no formal settlement by Europeans was allowed.

Captain Justine Sherwood carried out a reconnaissance survey of the area in 1783, followed by formal surveying in preparation for settlers. Some 900 'Associated' Loyalists, the Van Alstine and Grass groups, who were taken by ship from New York City

Day's Agenda:

- 7:00 and 7:30 Toronto pickups
- 10:15 Marine Museum
- Noon lunch at Picton Legion
- Legion Museum
- Picton tour
- Loyalist Cultural Centre, Adolphustown and area
- 6:30 Napanee
- 8:30 and 9:00 Toronto drop-off's

to Quebec where they wintered at Sorel, were settled on the Bay of Quinte (at Adolphustown and Kingston). In Prince Edward, the first Loyalist settlers, led by Lieutenant Archibald MacDonnell, arrived in the fall of 1784 at MacDonnell's Cove, later named Prinyer's Cove after his son-in-law, and began to build their cabins and clear the land.

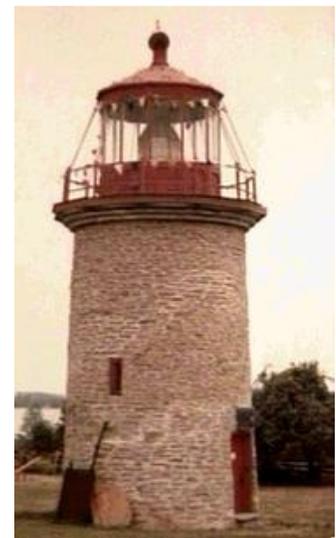
Carrying Place serves as the gateway to Prince Edward. It was named for its location on the portage between the Bay of Quinte and Weller's Bay on Lake Ontario. Long before the white man, Natives portaged the seven mile stretch and gave the place its name. Here on the 23rd of September 1787, Sir John Johnson concluded the Gunshot Treaty with chiefs of the Mississauga Indians, by which they ceded to the Crown, lands extending westward from the Bay of Quinte to Etobicoke River and northward from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe and Rice Lake. It was a major stagecoach stop on the old Danforth Road (now Loyalist Parkway).

Mariner's Park Museum.

Our first stop for coffee and to visit, will be at South Bay. In the 1830's, as the Government built the Rideau Canal and promoted the development of trading, private schooner wharves were built along the banks of South Bay, and Port Milford became a settlement. The

days of wooden sailing ships, the schooner days, are very much part of the heritage of the County of Prince Edward. The Museum's mandate is the preservation and interpretation of the significant maritime history of Prince Edward County and the Province of Ontario, and to help visitors rediscover their rich maritime heritage and that wonderful pioneering spirit which enabled

commerce in this developing new country to be conducted in a human and meaningful way. Many hundreds of nautical artifacts of early vessels of the Great Lakes, both steam and sail, from papers, photographs, vessel models, early motors, various types of engines, deck houses to early birch bark canoes are displayed.



False Duck Lighthouse at
Mariner's Park Museum

Picton:

Although the current site of Picton was granted to Lieutenant Moore Hovendon following the American Revolution, it was purchased at a Sheriff's sale in 1790 by Robert Macaulay, who passed it on to his son in 1800. William Macaulay had it laid out as a village in 1815, naming it Picton after General Sir Thomas Picton, Wellington's second-in-command at the Battle



Picton Architecture

of Waterloo, who had been killed that year in that same battle. Street names (Portland, York and Pitt) were all heroes of the day. In 1837, the adjacent village of Hallowell on the north side of the Bay was amalgamated with Picton. The industrial activities in

Picton, combined with the settlement there of families of means, resulted in the rich architectural heritage now so valued in the County. It was here that Sir John A. MacDonald managed a law office for his uncle, Lowther P. MacPherson.

We will lunch at the Legion in Picton, visit the Legion museum and pass by some of the notable buildings of this town.

Glenora Ferry

Next to the Glenora Ferry which will take us to Adolphustown and the Loyalist Cultural Centre

Loyalist Adolphustown

The Bay of Quinte Branch UELAC operates the Loyalist Cultural Centre and the Loyalist campground at Adolphustown. They have undertaken



Church of St Alban-the-Martyr
"Loyalist Memorial Church"

many heritage initiatives and have more on the drawing board. They will host the last portion of our day starting with a Walking Tour:

- 1784 Landing Site
- 1784 Encampment Site
- 1784 Burial Ground
- 1784 Casey House
- 1884 Centennial Celebrations
- 1984 Bicentennial Celebrations
- 2009 225th Anniversary Celebrations and National Convention



1784 Loyalist Burial Ground

Tea and Refreshments will precede a driving tour of:

- 1884 St. Alban the Martyr U.E.L. Memorial Anglican Church
- 1884 Adolphustown U.E.L. Memorial United Church
- 1792 Old Hay Bay Church National Historic Site
- Gravesite of Alexander Fisher U.E.L. Magistrate of the District
- Homesite of Capt. George Singleton (KRRNY 2nd Bn.)

Homeward Bound

We will pick up a sandwich tray for our trip back to Toronto.

Details

Saturday August 18, 2007

Depart: Kipling Subway Station at 7:10 am
Donway Covenant United Church
230 The Donway West at 7:30 am

Return: Don Mills at 8:30

Kipling Subway at 9:00 pm

Entrance fees, most food, etc included.

Cost: \$80.00/person

Cheques: to "Gov. Simcoe Br. UELAC"

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Entrance fees, lunch, coffee are all included.

We will pass by some additional sites on the way to and from, and will serve sandwiches, dessert and drinks on the bus during our return trip. Water and other drinks, snacks and fruit available anytime on the bus.