



# Port Bickerton Light

**Length:** 3.3 km loop

**Time:** 3 hrs

**Type:** boardwalk, natural path, barrens,  
ATV trail

**Facilities:** picnic tables, toilets,  
garbage cans, benches

**Closest Amenities:** Port Bickerton

**Rating:** 2



**Access Information:** From Sherbrooke Village travel east on Hwy 7 toward Antigonish. Beyond Sherbrooke, turn right at the sign directing you to Port Bickerton. Follow this road into Port Bickerton to the first intersection, where you will turn left. Follow the sign pointing you in the direction of the lighthouse. You will come to the end of the paved road and will travel on the Lighthouse Road for 1 km, arriving in the parking lot of the day use park.

**Special Features:** The community of Port Bickerton was settled in 1840 by a group of fishermen who came from Peggy's Cove. The first lighthouse in this area was built in 1901 and several others were built at this location over time, as some of the older buildings had been destroyed by fire. The building that stands on the site today was built in 1930. There is a lighthouse interpretive center at this location offering insight into this area's fascinating history. This hike takes you through fire barrens that are rich with plant life and a variety of berries. There are interpretive panels all along the route, as well as wooden boardwalks and washrooms.

**Description:** In the parking lot of the day use park, a map of the hiking trails allows you to choose your own route, or you may follow the directions suggested on the map.

When you leave the parking lot you will head toward the water following the grassy paths that guide you along the cliff edge, descending down to meet the shoreline. The paths are labeled with letters making it easy to stay on course. The sights all along this route are spectacular, while the crashing ocean tides are felt and heard. A famous rock called "The Kissing Rock" has the initials of local residents carved into it from the early days of Port Bickerton. Continuing along plush wooded paths and to a rocky beach, you will soon enjoy the last leg of the trail which guides you through fire barrens which feature a wide variety of plants and berries. Many of these plants grow as a result of the intense heat that comes from fire. You may see rabbits, fox, coyotes, various birds and waterfowl in this area. At the end of this trail you will find yourself back in the parking lot where you began. There are picnic tables for you to sit and enjoy a snack and take in the breathtaking view.

