

Tidnish & Area

Featuring:

- Tidnish Suspension Bridge & Henry Ketchum Trail
- Tidnish Dock Provincial Park
- Amherst Shore Provincial Park
- Northport Beach Provincial Park
- Heather Beach Provincial Park

The community of Tidnish is located on the NB/NS border and although not highly publicized, is yet another entry point to Nova Scotia from New Brunswick (via Port Elgin, NB). The more common way to Tidnish, however, is by traveling east from Amherst and taking the coastal Route 366 from the Sunrise Trail's Route 6. This area features miles of beautiful **sandy beaches** and **genteel coastline**. Removed from all signs of 'hustle and bustle,' Tidnish and surrounding communities rejuvenate the soul with serene **natural beauty** and **peaceful surroundings**.

Though it was not always this way. In the 1890's the Tidnish area was the site of what would have been the **World's Largest 19th Century Civil Engineering Project!** The **Chignecto Marine Railway** was an adventurous project that would have transported fully laden tall ships by rail from the Bay of Fundy to Tidnish Docks, enabling the boats to bypass the graveyard of the Atlantic – Sable Island. Unfortunately, the project was

abandoned when it was 90% complete! Much lore exists about the project to this day. A model of the Chignecto Marine Railway and additional information can be found at the local **Visitor Information Centre**.

Also near the visitor information centre is the **Henry Ketchum Hiking Trail** that leads over a picturesque **suspension bridge**. The trail continues 4 km along an abandoned railway bed before revealing a stunning view of the Northumberland Strait at the **Tidnish Dock Provincial Park**.

Uncrowded beaches and uniquely **warm salt waters** are definitely the main attraction in the Tidnish Area. **Amherst Shore Provincial Park, Northport Beach Provincial Park, and Heather Beach Provincial Park** all provide great beach access for picnics, walking, swimming, or other water sport activities such as sea kayaking. Amherst Shore Provincial Park features great hiking trails and camping while Heather Beach is one of the few supervised beaches along this shore.

For those seeking a spiritual connection to the land, just south of Northport in Shinimicas visitors (by appointment) may meet Charles Hubbard on his biodynamic organic farm at the **Shinimicas Rogation Centre**. Charles is an internationally recognized farmer, dowser, researcher and lecturer who shares a variety of alternative organic farming methods that harness earth and cosmic energies to achieve a healthier and more plentiful harvest. And don't miss out! **Lobster** is available locally as well. At the Northport Wharf fishing boats go with and return with the tide in season. So watch for the boats and fisherman.



Tidnish Swinging Bridge