

Two Day Loop - Complete Tour

This itinerary is for visitors arriving to the Bonavista Peninsula at its southern gate (Clareville area), ready to experience every site that the 2025 Bonavista Biennale has to offer. We recommend two days to take everything in, although you may choose to extend your stay longer!

Estimated time: 2 days

Heading north, you'll arrive on the Bonavista Peninsula via Rte 230. Turn off on Rte 239 and wind your way approximately 3km into the historical town of Trinity. Here's you'll find sites at two of Trinity's most recognized historic properties. Follow Trinity Road to West Street and continue on until you arrive at the central parking lot. Both Biennale sites are within walking distance.



Site 17: Hiscock House, Trinity
Church Road, Trinity
Artist: Clara Clayton Gough



Site 16: Lester Garland House, Trinity
40 West St., Trinity
Artist: Sancia Miala Shiba Nash

After your time in Trinity, return to Rte 230 and carry on north to Port Rexton. Look for the yellow Port Rexton Value Grocer and gas station, where you'll turn right onto Church Rd. On your right, you will soon see Port Rexton Brewery and on the opposite side of the road you will find the FPU Store.



Still on view from 2023 Bonavista Biennale: Host, Port Rexton Brewery

6 Ship's Cove Rd, Port Rexton

Artist: Born in the North



Site 15: Fishermen's Protective Union Store, Port Rexton

Ship's Cove Road, Port Rexton

Artist: Toby Rabinowitz

Stop for a drink or snack at Port Rexton Brewery, or return to Rte 230 and turn right. Almost immediately on your left, you'll find the Two Whales Coffee Shop, another Biennale site, as well as another opportunity for snacks (coffee shop hours are 8am - 4pm daily).



Site 14: Two Whales Coffee Shop

99 Main Road, Port Rexton

Artist: Brian Amadi

Continue north on Rte 230 for about 15 minutes. On your right, just before Port Union, you'll see the Women's Institute. Drop in to tour the exhibition that WI members have created for the Biennale. There is also a shop here with handcrafted items for sale.



Site 13: The Women's Institute Craft Shop

100 Discovery Trail, Port Union

Artist: The Women's Institute

Just a few minutes further along Rte 230, turn right into the National Historic District of Port Union, North America's only "union built town." Ahead on your right, you'll find Union House Arts, an important artist-run centre that hosts artist residencies and maker's workshops. There is a parking lot across the street. Head inside to see works by four Biennale artists.



Site 12: Union House Arts

74 Main Rd, Port Union

Artists: Andrea Flowers, Sarak Baikie, Nellie Winters; Maureen Gruben

Across the street at The Factory, you'll find another Biennale exhibition. This building also houses a gift shop, and an interpretation centre where you can learn more about Port Union's unique history.



Site 11: The Factory

67 Main Road, Port Union

Artist: Michael Massie

Continue on Rte 230 until you reach the turn off to Elliston. Turn right onto Rte 238. Proceed for several kms until you reach the John C. Crosbie Sealers Museum. Turn right and follow Maberly Rd. past Sandy Cove Beach and onward to Site 10.



Site 10: South Bird Island picnic platform

Maberly Road, Maberly

Artist: Melissa Tremblett

Elliston's Puffin Viewing Site is also nearby. As you drive back toward Elliston, you will find a parking lot on your left.



Tracking back to the Sealers Museum and just beyond, turn right after the Elliston Community Centre, and continue on to the Calvin Hayley Event Centre parking lot to visit Site 9.



Site 9: Calvin Hayley Event Centre

5862 Main St, Elliston

Artist: Eastern Owl

That is a lot for Day One of your tour! Find your accommodations (a booking in either Elliston or Bonavista is recommended), rest up and enjoy a nice dinner.

There are a selection of restaurants available in both towns, with Bonavista recommended if you're looking for later dining options.

Day two begins with a tour of the sites around Bonavista, and then a drive through the less-travelled west side of the Peninsula.

Drive out Cape Shore Rd toward the Cape Bonavista Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site to find Site 8. Landfall Municipal Park is on your left just before reaching the lighthouse. There is a parking lot right inside the park.



Site 8: Landfall Municipal Park

Cape Shore Road, Bonavista

Artist: Haruna Sugisaki

Return to town following Cape Shore Rd. The road will become Church St at Confederation Dr. Continue to the intersection with Coster St West, where you'll find Site 7. Street parking is available.



Site 7: Generator Shack

Intersection of Church & Coster St. West, Bonavista

Artist: Douglas Penney

Take a quick detour turning left down Sweetlands Hill to visit a mural by Jordan Bennett, originally created for the 2019 Biennale.



Still on view from 2019 Bonavista Biennale: Floe

Dr. Hilda Tremblett Wellness Centre, 139 Coster St W., Bonavista

Artist: Jordan Bennett

Return to Church St and left. Head across the bridge and past the fish plant. Park in the public lot by The Harbour Quarters Inn. Site 6 will be on your right just up ahead, down by the water.



Site 6: Ryan Premises Salt Store

10 Ryans Hill Road, Bonavista

Artist: Larry Weyand

As you head out of Bonavista on John Cabot Dr / Rte 235, please note that the roads on the west side of the Peninsula are not always as well maintained. Take care and watch for potholes. The first installation you will encounter, about 25 minutes into your drive, is at Knight's Cove. If you wish to take a closer look at this project, there is a gravel lane on your right that you can turn down to get closer to water level.



Still on view from 2017 Bonavista Biennale: Art Encounters on the Edge

Knight's Cove Beach

Artist: Reinhard Reitzenstein

Continuing on Rte 235, your next stop is King's Cove. Opposite King's Cove Pond, on the left side of the road, you'll find the Community Hall.



Site 5: King's Cove Community Hall

1 Mill Path, King's Cove

Artists: Ethan Murpuly, Inuuteq Storch

Just beyond the Community Hall, turn right on Top Rd and ascend to Chapel Hill. Parking is available in the church's parking lot, where you'll find the trail head of the King's Cove Lighthouse Trail. Site 4 is an approximately 4 minute walk from the lot. If you're in the mood, the full trail is a lovely 4km loop with beautiful views, a historic lighthouse, and the Brook Point Geosite.



Site 4: Pat Murphy's Meadow

Lighthouse Trail, King's Cove

Artist: Marianne Nicolson

Continue along Top Rd for about 5 minutes and follow signs to Duntara. Turn right onto Power's Ln and look ahead to see The Matthews House, one of the most photographed installations of the 2021 Biennale.



Still on view from 2021 Bonavista Biennale: The Tonic of Wildness

The Matthews House, Duntara

Artist: Marcia Huyer

From Duntara, continue on to Keels. Continue along Power's Ln, then turn left onto Main Rd. After 5-6 minutes, you'll arrive in town and turn right onto Church Rd. Follow signs up the gravel lane to the Community Hall.



Site 3: Community Hall

6 Church Road, Keels

Artist: Lisa Myers

Track back to the Main Rd. and continue to the next intersection where you'll find Maudie's Tea Room at Mesh's General Store. Daniel Rumbolt's work spans both inside the tea room (Mon - Wed 2-6pm, Thurs - Sat 12-10pm, Sun closed) and the cove that the tea room overlooks. This is a beautiful spot to browse the store and have a bite. If it's more to your taste, the Peninsula's most famous Chip Truck, Clayton's, is also tucked away just down the road from Mesh's. Ask anyone you see for directions!



Site 2: Maudie's Tea Room at Mesh's General Store

20 Main Rd, Keels

Artist: Daniel Rumbolt



Site 1: Keels Bay

20 Main Rd, Keels

Artist: Daniel Rumbolt

This concludes your full loop tour of the 2025 Bonavista Biennale. If you are spending more time on the Peninsula, enjoy your continued explorations! There are plenty of suggestions on our website for other things to see and do. The Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism website is also a fantastic resource.

If you are heading back home / to town tonight, retrace your steps to King's Cove and take Rte 235 / 230 onward through lots of lovely communities including Plate Cove West (Round da Bay Inn has a nice gift shop), Princeton (stop at Beth's Variety for frozen yoghurt), Summerville, and Georges Brook through to Clarenville.