

Guide to Planning Your New Brunswick Seaglass Weekend

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Whether you're like me and you have been collecting seaglass since you were a little girl or it's a new hobby and you're absolutely obsessed— there is no better place to call home than New Brunswick to have ample options for seaglass adventures.

This summer, if you're looking to plan the perfect seaglass weekend escape, you have more than a handful of options here in New Brunswick.

And while you certainly don't have to go far, as you can find seaglass on many of the beaches along the coast of the province; if you're looking for a weekend away and plenty of seaglass possibilities, it's time to book your summer vacay to one of my two favourite islands for seaglass hunting.

Grand Manan Island

It's no secret that Grand Manan is a seaglass lover's dream. With numerous beaches to choose from and beautiful accommodations right on the water aplenty, if you're itching to spend your weekend head down on the beach hunting but also have never visited the island, this should be your first stop.



While you can visit Grand Manan any time of the year, to enjoy it to the fullest and have plenty of dining options, I recommend visiting between June and September. If you want to wake up to seaglass (or look for seaglass in your sleep) I can't recommend staying at the Surfside Motel enough.

Located right in North Head and minutes from the ferry, the Surfside is right on Stanley Beach which is arguably one of the most reliable seaglass beaches on the island. With the tide rolling in and out twice a day—and with a little help from the largest tides in the world thanks to the Bay of Fundy—you have two fresh batches of seaglass to choose from daily. You might even find the most perfect frosted stopper!



And when your neck and back start to get a little sore (if you seaglass, you know what I'm talking about) you have a whole island to explore as part of your downtime. From the otherworldly South Head Cliffs at the end of the island to the timeless Swallowtail lighthouse,

there is so much to do when the tide's up and you're ready to play. Want to play alongside whales? Book a whale watching tour with the Lambert Family.



Want to experience some of the most delicious food and treats? Make sure to stop by the Old Well House Cafe for one of their specialty coffees and fresh baking. *I'm absolutely bananas for their carrot cake.* And don't hesitate to head back for their delicious soups and sandwiches for lunch.

Want an afternoon drink and unbelievable hot lobster dip? Stop by Trapped in Grand Harbour. For dinner, take a page from this beach bum's playbook and pick up some Mexican takeout from Isla Cocina and head 2 minutes down the road to Seal Cove Beach for a beach picnic.

What you need to know before you go:

- Grand Manan is only accessible by ferry and reservations are highly recommended during the peak travel season. You can book your trip here and don't forget to arrive and check-in 45 minutes before your sailing.

- While there are plenty of Airbnbs and cottages to choose from in addition to the Surfside Motel, it is an island and so reservations book up fast every summer. To avoid disappointment, book your stay soon!
- There is only one gas station and one grocery store on the island. Both have varying hours so I recommend always having a full tank of gas (just in case) and planning ahead for what groceries or snacks you will want during your stay.

To plan your 2021 visit to Grand Manan, make sure to check out my [Guide to Planning the Ultimate Grand Manan Staycation](#). Freshly updated for the 2021 season!