

## **PEA POINT (Black's Harbour)**

**Distance:** 1.5 km loop

**Difficulty:** Easy, but scrambling is necessary if going down to Lumberyard Beach.

**This trail leads you along the Fundy shore, surrounded by the sound and smell of the sea. The soft green mats of crowberry on the cliff tops are great places to sit a while. On summer evenings, whales can sometimes be seen cruising parallel to the shore.**

### **CAUTION:**

**Don't go to the lighthouse on Pea Point Island unless the tide is fairly low.**

**If you get caught by the tide you will have to wait 6 hrs or more to get off the island.**

**The tidal current here is strong, and the tide can rise several inches in just a few minutes.**



### **GETTING THERE:**

Drive to Black's Harbour and then on towards the Grand Manan Ferry terminal.

From the Fire Station in Black's Harbour drive 1.8 km until you see the Connor's Bro. Nature Preserve sign on the left.

### **THE TRAIL:**

**There are 3 parking areas from which to access the trails.**

- 1. Tuckers Field:** Walk straight back from the parking area to where the trail divides. The left trail leads to the shore and then west to the Pea Point Light house. The right trail leads past a side trail to a rocky hill top, and then connects to the light house service road.
- 2. Light house service road:** Park near the sign, go under the red gate and walk down the old lighthouse road towards the shore.

At the .44 km mark there is a small trail to the left that leads to Lumber Yard Beach. The tidal currents deposit flotsam and jetsam along this beach. It is also a good place to harvest and dry a bit of Dulse at low tide in late June. Whales can sometimes be seen cruising along the shore on late summer evenings. Another nice thing to do here is relax on the cushions of crowberry that grow on the peat at the top of the cliffs.

Continuing on to Pea Point Beach, you can see glacial striations on the smooth rocks, caused by mile high ice dragging stones across the ground 40,000 years ago. The direction of movement is marked by these lines.

If the tides are right, you can walk out across the bar and onto the island to see the lighthouse, but be careful. The tides rise fast here, and the current is strong. You wouldn't be the first to spend a night on the island waiting for low tide.

3. **Glass Beach:** To park near the Glass Beach, stop at the Grand Manan Ferry Terminal gate and let them know that you are going to the beach. This is a great place to look for beach glass. The trail entrance is tucked away in a corner near the woods, and leads along the shore for 400 meters to Pea Point Beach.

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