



Let Cathy & John Gillies bring the past to life as they lead you through Port Hood or Port Hood Island.

A Choice of Two Tours

Choose between a tour of Port Hood or Port Hood Island.

- Tours of Port Hood Island are 2 hours – including travel time to and from the Island.
- Walking tours of the Island commence from Smith's Cove, follow along Back Road and then turn down Beach Road. The tour stops to visit Jubilee United Church and then follows Beach Road back to Smith's Cove.
- Tours of the village are 90 minutes in length and commence at Ceilidh Fishermen's Co-op.
- Village tours will include a stop at the Stone House and either the Catholic or Union Protestant Cemetery.

Who We Are

About Us

The Chestico Museum & Historical Society was established in 1978 by a dedicated group of local residents who wanted to preserve Port Hood's history and heritage. The museum, currently located in the former Harbourview School, houses artifacts, archival holdings and genealogical material. Special events such as weekly summertime ceilidhs, Storytelling Sessions and slideshow presentations are held throughout the year. Stop in and see all we have to offer!

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**Chestico
Museum
Walking
Tours 2016**

Step into the past!



Cathy & John Gillies on the steps of the Stone House.

Historical Walking Tour FAQs

Where do I purchase tickets?

Tickets may be purchased at the Chestico Museum:

Monday to Friday – 9 AM to 5 PM

Saturday (July & Aug) – Noon until 4 PM

Tickets are also available before and after our Thursday evening ceilidhs.

We regret that we are unable to process debit or credit cards.

Do I need to bring anything with me?

The only thing you really need is a comfortable pair of walking shoes. You may also wish to take a bottle of drinking water or a jacket if it looks like it may rain. You will be doing a lot of walking so you probably won't want to carry a lot of items.

“Beautiful evening for a boat ride to the Island to enjoy a walking tour ... It was fantastic!”

Melanie MacDonald, Dartmouth, NS

What happens if it rains?

If there is only a slight drizzle, tours will still take place. In cases of heavy rain, it will be necessary to cancel. If cancellation is necessary, we will contact you at the number provided at the time of booking. You will have the choice of a full refund or of taking the tour on an alternate date.

What time should I show up for the tour?

We ask that you please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the tour departs. If you arrive late the tour may have already left.



You will travel to Port Hood Island aboard Captain Danny Gillis' vessel the Getaway.

What dates are tours offered?

Village Tours

July 11

July 15

July 18

July 25

August 1

August 8

Island Tours

July 13

July 20

July 27

August 3

August 10

August 12

How many people will be on the tour?

We can accommodate 20 people on walking tours of the village. A minimum number of participants is not required.

Tours of Port Hood Island are limited to 12 participants and we need at least 5 bookings for a tour to proceed. If you are booked on an Island tour that is cancelled due to a lack of participants you will be given the choice of a full refund or we will book you on an alternate date.

Who are the tour guides?

Cathy & John Gillies are active volunteers with the Museum and have extensive knowledge of the history of Port Hood and Port Hood Island.