The Head

Where once Fortune Head and its lighthouse played a significant role in the past, the area is now a beacon in our future. It is the home to one of the richest fossil sites in the world - the Fortune Head Ecological Reserve. Dubbed by international geologists as the "Golden Spike", the shale cliffs of Fortune Head contain Pre-Cambrian and Cambrian trace fossils that date back 500-600 million years. Chosen as a "Global Stratotype", it is an international reference point for determining the earth's age.

We are about a two hour drive from Goobies on the Trans-Canada Highway; 30 km from the Grande Meadows Golf Course; 320 km from the Marine Atlantic Ferry in Argentia; 365 km from St. John's; and 372 km from Gander International Airport.

Experience the Character and the Culture of

Fortune Newfoundland & Labrador

"Take in our friendly atmosphere and charm, then take us home."

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From a scientific viewpoint, this boundary marks a fundamental change in the earth's history - the first appearance of skeletal bioturbating organisms, making it one of the most significant geological finds in the world.
The Town of Fortune is unique in charm and character, with a history dating back to the 1500's when the French, Portuguese, and Spanish fishermen first frequented the area.

Situated on the western side of the Burin Peninsula, in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, the name is thought to have originated from the Portuguese word “fortuna” meaning “harbour of good fortune.”

Incorporated in 1946, it has a population today of approximately 2000 and the fishery is still the mainstay of the economy.

Within a 60 km radius, residents can avail of shopping centres, hospitals, a golf course, provincial and private parks, colleges, and numerous recreational areas.

**THE FRENCH CONNECTION**

The historic town of Fortune holds the distinction of being “The Gateway to St. Pierre-et-Miquelon.” As many as 20,000 tourists pass through our community each year on their way to the French islands. The connection between the two communities is very strong and centuries old.

**FESTIVALS, EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS**

- Spectacular and Inspirational View of Fortune Bay
- Summer and Winter Carnivals
- Historic Waterfront Area
- Victoria Hall Museum
- George and Mary Lake Heritage House
- Fortune Head Ecological Reserve
- Community / Youth Centre
- Horsebrook Trailer Park and Walking Trail
- Community History Board
- War Memorial
- Heritage Walking Tour
- ATV Trails
- Excellent Harbour / Facilities

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