

Things to Do while Visiting Grand Manan

1. Get a copy of the Grand Manan Trails guidebook. Great short hikes include Eel Brook Beach, Indian Beach, Hole in the Wall, Long Pond, and Flock of Sheep, along with many others.
2. Get a copy of Grand Manan Geology: Excursions in Natural History, and visit some interesting geological places (combine it with your hikes).
3. Drive out to Dark Harbour and walk along the shoreline beneath the towering cliffs (best not around high tides).
4. Bicycle to Castalia Marsh and walk along the beach. Bring your bird book -- in the spring and fall many kinds migrate through the marsh.
5. Leave your car at Ingalls Head, and take your bikes on the free ferry out to White Head Island for an easy and scenic road tour. Watch the ferry schedule for returning!
6. Take a sea kayak tour, rented in North Head.
7. Take a whale watch tour from North Head or Seal Cove.
8. Take a boat trip to Machias Seal Island (in July) to see the puffins nesting, up close!
9. Play darts at the Legion Hall (across from Newton's in Grand Harbour) on Wednesday evenings.
10. Play bingo at the Legion Hall on Tuesday evenings.
11. Visit the Farmer's Market for great local food, crafts, and arts, Saturday mornings from 10 to 12, late June to mid-September, in North Head.
12. Visit a beach at low tide to beach comb for pretty stones, sea glass, and sand dollars. Stanley Beach is good, with excellent fresh bread at the nearby bakery!
13. Watch the sun set from the bench down the road from The Whistle, or from Southwest Head.
14. Attend a tea, breakfast, lunch, supper, or yard sale, frequently offered by the many churches.
15. Bring a lunch to one of the shoreline picnic tables at Castalia Marsh, Long Pond, or Red Point.
16. Spend an hour at the Grand Manan Museum, and come back for an interesting evening lecture.
17. Take a walk around the old herring smoke sheds in Seal Cove, visit the herring museum, and get some sun at the adjacent sand beach.
18. Participate in the annual Rotary Festival, last week in July into the first week in August. Don't miss the chicken BBQ and be sure to watch the fireworks!
19. Take a shopping tour of the gift shops and art galleries, from North Head to Seal Cove.

20. Walk down the steps, across the bridge, and out the trail around the lighthouse at Swallowtail Head. Bring your camera!

21. Sit with your sketch book at Pettes Cove or another shoreline spot for drawing some art to remember.

22. Take the kids for a swim in the outdoor pool or play a game of tennis at the park in Grand Harbour.

23. Get a workout at the exercise machine room at the Community Center.

24. Read in bed during a misty evening with the window open a little, listening to a distant fog horn.

25. Sit on the deck at the end of the day with a Moosehead or glass of wine, thinking about when you can come back!