

Stones2Gems

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Stones2Gems Cottage Travel Information

Grand Manan is within a day's drive from New England and the Maritime Provinces. In Canada, take Rte. 1 along the coast of New Brunswick to exit 60 to Blacks Harbour, about 35 minutes drive southwest of Saint John. People from the USA will generally travel up I-95 to Bangor in Maine, then east on Rte. 9 to Calais. Cross the border (you will need your passport to return) and go east on Highway 1 about 30 minutes to the Blacks Harbour exit 60. It is 10 km or 6 miles on Rte. 776, ending at the ferry wharf.

Reserve your space on the ferry boat via their website <http://www.coastaltransport.ca/> or call 506-662-3724 (or visit the ticket office) to be sure of getting on the boat trip that you need. See the above website for the ferry schedule and information. In the summer, two boats are running to make 6 or 7 trips per day. From mid-September through the winter, there is one boat with 3 or 4 trips per day. You must arrive at the ferry wharf at least 45 minutes before the boat leaves to keep your reserved spot, or else you are on stand-by, and in the summer it can be busy! Remember that New Brunswick is on Atlantic Time, an hour later than Eastern Time. There is no charge or paper ticket to come out to the island, but you need a ticket in-hand to return (pick it up at the office window in North Head when you arrive for ferry parking). There is a cafeteria on board with a full menu including excellent chowder or soup. The boats are large, comfortable, and safe, so no worries! Whales and porpoise are often spotted along the way.

Please call or email ahead using the letterhead information to let us know what boat trip you are on, so we can meet you at the cottage with the key. On arrival, turn right at the end of Ferry Wharf Road, then left between the two houses onto Old Airport Road. Pettes Cove and Swallowtail Head will be on your right. Turn left onto Durant Drive and then left after the 2nd house into the cottage driveway between the pine trees, at 15 Durant Drive. See you there!

Have a safe trip! Greg and Nancy McHone

