



## Robinsons Island Geocache Challenge

This is a five-stage multi-cache that follows the newly-developed Robinsons Island Trail System (R. I. T. S.) in the Brackley-Dalvay portion of Prince Edward Island National Park. Robinsons Island was acquired by the federal government in 1937 as a part of this National Park. Occupation of Robinsons Island extends back to the early Mi'kmaq, some 1500 years ago! Archaeological evidence suggests that this area was originally used for harvesting food and preparing bounty from the sea. This peninsula has seen varied human activity and use throughout its history, having been utilized or settled by Acadians, Loyalists and others of British origin after the first European settlement of the French in 1720. This geocache challenge will allow you to discover the exciting and diverse natural and cultural history of Robinsons Island!

\*If you are completing this challenge on bicycle, please begin with stage 5 and make your way to stage 1 – this is due to the fact that Robinsons Island is a multi-use trail, with one direction for hikers and the other direction for cyclists.

\*\* Please do not leave any traders in these caches.

### The Changing Landscape

46 26.335N 063 14.758W



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Prince Edward Island's coastline is constantly changing due to the natural force of the winds and oceans causing erosion on the cliffs and movement of the sands. This is a great area for observing the sheer power of these forces! While you're at it, check out the interpretive panels to see how the shape of Robinsons Island has changed over the years.

**Question:** What was the name of the first of the Robinson family to own and live on the island?

**Hint:** This cache might be hiding right under your nose! Or even your eyes!

### Birds of Robinsons Island

46 26.316N 063 15.047W



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Robinsons Island is a bird-lovers paradise. While walking through the trails, pause for a moment and listen to their songs. You might hear the *chickadee-dee-dee* call of the black-capped chickadee or the patriotic *Oh-sweet-Canada-Canada* song of the white-throated sparrow.

**Hint:** This cache is hiding in the home of these birds. Be careful not to disturb them!

**Question:** What is the name of the endangered shorebird who often inhabits the shores of Robinsons Island?

### Midway Bonus: Earth Cache – View of Rustico

46 26.180N 063 15.386W

\*There is no physical cache at this point

Congratulations! You are almost halfway through the Robinsons Island Geocache Challenge! Stop for a quick pause beside this lonely spruce and look out across the bay to what is South Rustico in front of you and North Rustico further to the right. Can you spot the steeple of St. Augustine's Church? Built in 1838 by local Acadian craftsmen, this is one of the oldest catholic churches in Prince Edward Island. Directly adjacent is the Farmers' Bank of Rustico National Historic Site, the first "people's bank." What a history to learn!

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