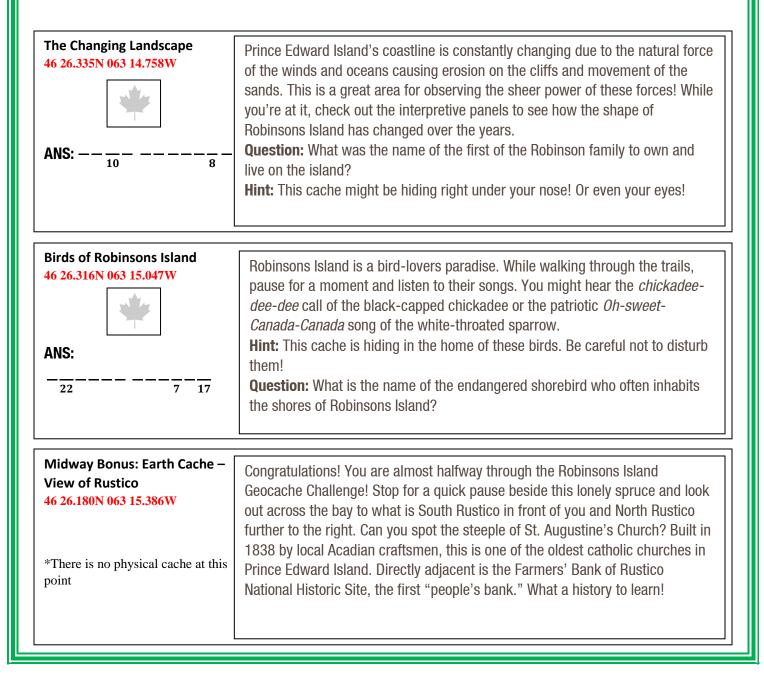
Robinsons Island Geocache Challenge

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.



Prince Edward Island National Park Parc national de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard A Shell Midden A shell midden is a term used to describe an area that has had historic use as a waste 46 25.968N 063 15.010W site to deposit shells, most likely from peoples processing shellfish for food. Archaeologists can learn much about the development and history of a group of peoples from a site such as this. Near this cache, looking out toward the bay, is where American Scholar Jesse Fawkes, while on vacation at Rustico's Seaside Hotel in 1894, **ANS 1:** $--\frac{1}{1}-\frac{1}{2019}$ found the shell midden left by early Aboriginal peoples during the pre-Contact era. **Question 1:** What is the name of the Aboriginal group that inhabit areas around Prince ANS 2: - th ---14 Edward Island? Question 2: Since which century has Robinsons Island been the preferred camping site of peoples in the area? **Camping Markers** In addition to its natural and cultural history, this section of Prince Edward 46 26.054N 063 14.938W Island National Park has much history in the national park system as well. Most notably, from 1964 to 2005, this section made-up a small campground. There are still many indicators of its past use that we can still see today. **Hint:** This cache loves a particular site! Which one is it? Site # **Cranberry Harvest** Every year, the residents of Robinsons Island would host a cranberry harvest. 46 26.078N 063 14.643W Pickers from around the area would come to aid in the harvest over a period of 10-14 days in late September. They would begin picking at 7:30am and finish up at 5pm. This was an important tradition in the area from as early as the 1820s until the 1930s. ANS: --%**Question:** What percentage of cranberries could the pickers keep for themselves?

Final Question:

If you look out to the Gulf of St. Lawrence on the north side of the island, you'll be looking at a graveyard of vessels. What is the name of the1851 storm that swept through this area, destroying approx. 74 ships and taking approx. 150 lives?

Filling in answers the table below, solve the following code Note: You will not be given every letter in the answer Eg. Using the table below $\underline{P} \underline{M} \underline{C}$ would be $\underline{J} \underline{O} \underline{B}$

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