

# Topsail, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Tree Lined Streets and Incredible Views of Conception Bay



Beach video:

[https://youtu.be/p\\_cKQLWFnFE](https://youtu.be/p_cKQLWFnFE)

Sunset video:

<https://youtu.be/OQaBQ SJglGc>

When we arrived in Conception Bay South to settle for the next couple of months, we were delighted to find that our accommodations are in the quaint old community of Topsail, just a short walk to the historic Topsail beach. By the end of the day we had hiked to the lookout to take in the stunning view of CBS, the beach and Bell Island.

# Topsail, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Home Away From Home



We are really happy with our new space. Our landlord Greg lives upstairs and is very nice. We have settled in and have been doing lots of cooking and baking. These are two of our friendly neighbours; we call them Harley and Davidson.

# Topsail, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Tongue 'n Cheek



It's cod season here and we've discovered an excellent fish shop in nearby Long Pond. The staff are super friendly and helpful. They even convinced us to try some cod cheeks and tongue. We both preferred the tongue to the cheeks, which is more like a dark meat. The cod filets are amazingly fresh and delicious; we agree they're the best we've had anywhere.

# Topsail, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Land and Sea

Seaside T’Railway video:  
<https://youtu.be/JcorxUg1nRM>



Tidbit: In Aquaforte we were lucky enough to see seals, whales and even goats (on land). A short video (no video of the wildlife) can be seen at <https://youtu.be/RNaWSkdez-Q>.



Kayaking from Topsail Beach video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI0KS5t9RzY&list=PLdGAg6TDHghtY8fwBgLK6zsymttR4teAp&index=103&t=0s>

There is an excellent seaside trail nearby and the weather has been stellar, so we’ve been able to do lots of biking and kayaking. We weaseled our way into a couple of paddles with the Newfoundland Paddle group (Healey’s Pond and Aquaforte). Labour Day was particularly sunny and calm so we did a 20 km paddle on our own to a nearby cove, close to Bell Island. The park was really busy with lots of families making fires and cooking on the beach.

# Manuel's River, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Splashing Around

Splashing around in Manuel's River video:  
<https://youtu.be/KNVpWeEZ1IQ>



Manuel's River is a major attraction in Conception Bay South. There are hiking trails and an interpretation centre which we have not yet visited. But the highlight is splashing around in the rocky riverbed. It's difficult to capture in photos, but there is a whole series of pools and waterfalls to explore. The water was surprisingly warm.

# Newfoundland (August, September 2018) – All Around the Circle



Real Canadiana stuff at the Legion video:  
<https://youtu.be/TD3bFOiGWv4>

East Coast Music is one of the things we love about the Maritimes. So far we've had the chance to attend a few concerts of some Newfoundland and Irish performers. In the small towns they set up tables with chairs and serve snacks at the performances. We were even offered some moose (mousse?) We visited our favourite music store, Fred's, and even attended an open-mic night of good old tear jerker country music at the local Legion!

# Ferryland, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Famous Lighthouse Picnics



This popular activity is by reservation only. All of the food is prepared in the lighthouse, including the fresh baked bread. You may have seen the Ferryland “sheep island” featured on the Rick Mercer Report.

# Ferryland, Newfoundland (September 2018) – Famous Lighthouse Picnics

Ferryland Lighthouse  
coastal view video:  
<https://youtu.be/g7j4S1SxcXU>



Ferryland is one of the oldest settlements in Newfoundland. There is an archaeological site here where the remains of a 17<sup>th</sup> century village are being uncovered.