

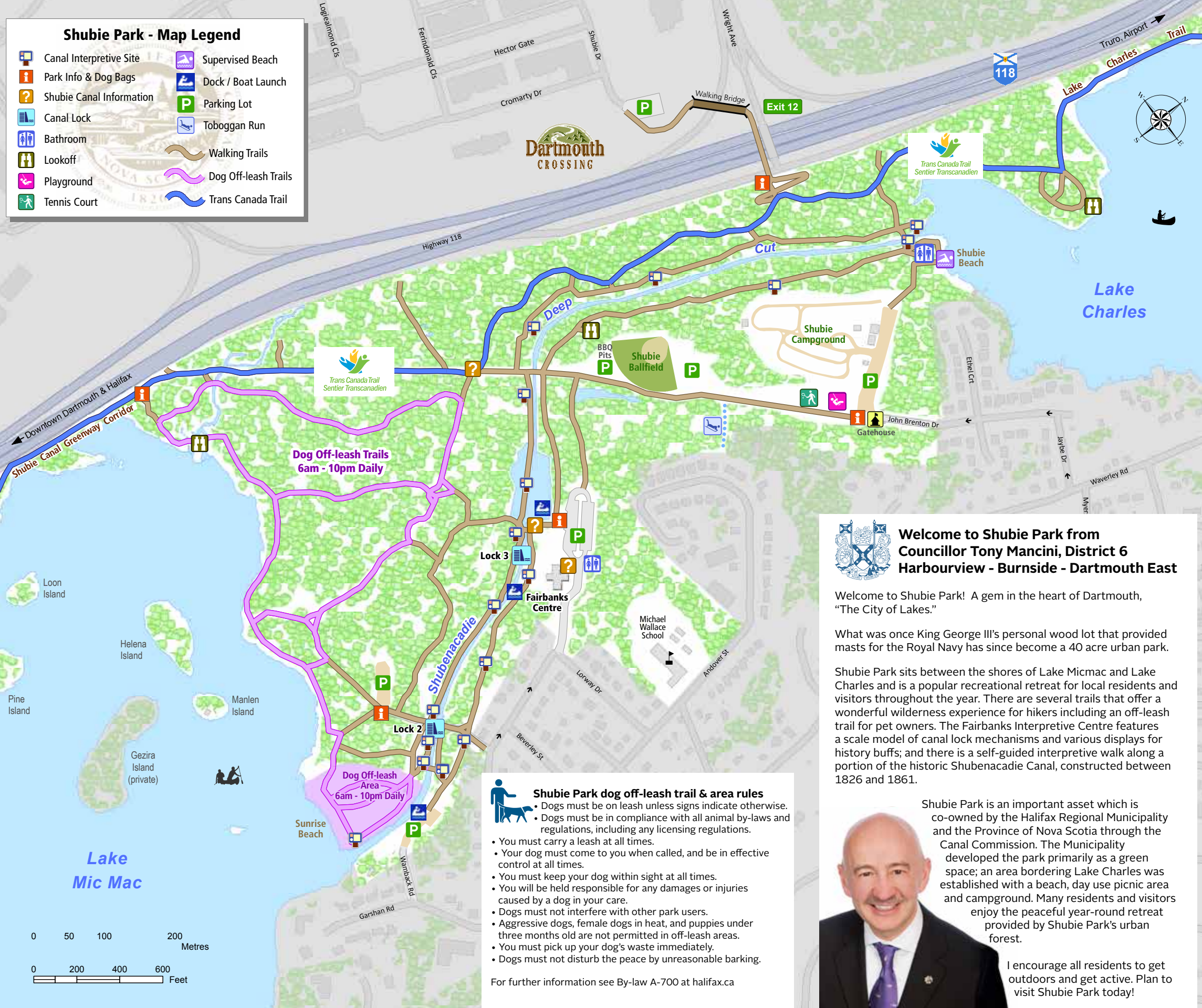
# Shubie Park

## Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

# Trail Guide

### Shubie Park - Map Legend

	Canal Interpretive Site		Supervised Beach
	Park Info & Dog Bags		Dock / Boat Launch
	Shubie Canal Information		Parking Lot
	Canal Lock		Toboggan Run
	Bathroom		Walking Trails
	Lookoff		Dog Off-leash Trails
	Playground		Trans Canada Trail
	Tennis Court		



### Welcome to Shubie Park from Councillor Tony Mancini, District 6 Harbourview - Burnside - Dartmouth East

Welcome to Shubie Park! A gem in the heart of Dartmouth, "The City of Lakes."

What was once King George III's personal wood lot that provided masts for the Royal Navy has since become a 40 acre urban park.

Shubie Park sits between the shores of Lake Micmac and Lake Charles and is a popular recreational retreat for local residents and visitors throughout the year. There are several trails that offer a wonderful wilderness experience for hikers including an off-leash trail for pet owners. The Fairbanks Interpretive Centre features a scale model of canal lock mechanisms and various displays for history buffs; and there is a self-guided interpretive walk along a portion of the historic Shubenacadie Canal, constructed between 1826 and 1861.

Shubie Park is an important asset which is co-owned by the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia through the Canal Commission. The Municipality developed the park primarily as a green space; an area bordering Lake Charles was established with a beach, day use picnic area and campground. Many residents and visitors enjoy the peaceful year-round retreat provided by Shubie Park's urban forest.



I encourage all residents to get outdoors and get active. Plan to visit Shubie Park today!



#### Shubie Park dog off-leash trail & area rules

- Dogs must be on leash unless signs indicate otherwise.
- Dogs must be in compliance with all animal by-laws and regulations, including any licensing regulations.
- You must carry a leash at all times.
- Your dog must come to you when called, and be in effective control at all times.
- You must keep your dog within sight at all times.
- You will be held responsible for any damages or injuries caused by a dog in your care.
- Dogs must not interfere with other park users.
- Aggressive dogs, female dogs in heat, and puppies under three months old are not permitted in off-leash areas.
- You must pick up your dog's waste immediately.
- Dogs must not disturb the peace by unreasonable barking.

For further information see By-law A-700 at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca)



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# Shubie Canal Greenway Corridor



The Shubie Canal Greenway Corridor continues along the shores of Lake Banook, via the G. Fraser Conrad Bridge, around scenic Sullivan's Pond, connecting to the Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail.

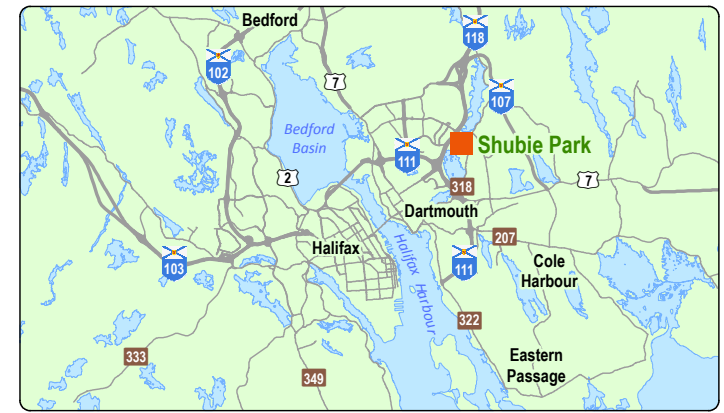
## Getting to Shubie Park

The main entrance is at the Fairbanks Interpretive Centre. Located at 54 Locks Road, Dartmouth. Two kilometres from the junction of Highway 111 and Route 318.

**Bus Route 55 stops along Waverley Road. Ask your bus driver for the Locks Road, Shubie Campground or Lake Charles Trail stop.**

## Contacts:

Emergency 911  
 Information 311  
 Police non-emergency 902.490.5020  
 Shubenacadie Canal Commission 902.462.1826 shubiecanal.ca  
 Shubie Campground 902.435.8328 shubiecampground.com



Halifax Regional Municipality Recreation and Shubenacadie Canal Commission partner for Summertime Outdoor Adventure Day Camps

An exciting series of outdoor summer adventure camps in the heart of Dartmouth, Shubenacadie Park! Programming includes canoe adventures, map and compass discovery, living history like an early explorer, and environmental learning for children and youth ages 6-14. Contact Recreation Programming at 902.490.4728 or visit [halifax.ca/rec](http://halifax.ca/rec) for more information.

The Trans Canada Trail runs through Shubie Park. Visit [TCTrail.ca](http://TCTrail.ca) for more information.

**The Shubenacadie Canal**  
 Used by the native Mi'kmaq for centuries, the Shubenacadie waterway was carved out of bedrock by glaciers during the last ice age.  
 Construction of the Shubenacadie Canal started in 1826 to provide a safe trade route to the Bay of Fundy. However, construction stopped in 1831 when the Shubenacadie (sic) Canal Company went bankrupt. In 1854 the Inland Navigation Company was formed and construction started on the canal once again.

Construction of 9 locks and 2 inclined planes connected a chain of 7 lakes and the Shubenacadie River, enabling boats to travel from Halifax Harbour to the Minas Basin. The famous "deep cut" between Lake MicMac and Lake Charles, in what is now Shubie Park, was the single most expensive and time consuming piece of work in the entire canal. It was a cut into the bedrock over a kilometre long and at least eight feet deep. The deep cut section of the Canal includes two of the Canal locks.

The Shubenacadie Canal opened in sections and operated between 1860 and 1870. Steam vessels hauled barges laden with goods along the system. The canal moved goods needed for gold mining to Waverley which included machinery and coal from Dartmouth. Lumber, bricks, and granite from the Grand Lake area were also transported through the canal.

By 1870, railways were able to transport goods faster and more cheaply than ships. The canal was used in the construction of the railway and – ironically – the low railway bridges that would ultimately prevent the passage of vessels and force its closure in 1870.

The Shubenacadie Canal System is now a National Historic Civil Engineering site.