



# Navy Island & Leigh Williamson Nature Preserve



## Overview

The Navy Island Nature Preserve and Conservation Easement are located in the Northwest region of Navy Island, in Passamaquoddy Bay. The island is located less than 1.5 km off the South-west shore of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. This preserve can easily be viewed from the mainland, specifically from the town of St. Andrews. The island itself serves as a scenic backdrop to the Town and is admired by residents for

its unspoiled beauty. The nature preserve covers 19.7 hectares (48.7 acres) and borders the Leigh Williamson Conservation Easement, consisting of 5.3 hectares (13.1 acres), which is located on the North-west tip of the island.

The preserve and easement hold great value aesthetically, historically, and ecologically.



## History

Comprising a large portion of Navy Island, the Navy Island Nature Preserve shares the historical significance of the area. The island was inhabited by loyalist settlers even before there was a formal settlement known as St. Andrews. Evidence of these early settlers includes remnants of cellar holes, building foundations, and a cemetery located at the north-east boundary of the preserve.



Hairy Woodpecker, Photo Cred: Mandi Maher

## Ecology

Navy Island an ecologically significant area which hosts the magnificent Fundy tides and creates a key habitat for many coastal and migrating bird species throughout the year.

## Access and Activities

The nature preserve is accessible only by boat or kayak from the St. Andrews wharf. There are marked hiking trails on this preserve; however, these trails are not fully developed. Improvements are planned for the future.

***\*The property is undeveloped and there are a variety of hazards and risks associated with accessing this preserve. While this nature preserve is open for public access, visitors must assume responsibility for their own actions and safety and are to use the land at their own risk.***