



2016 Activity Guide

Where Inventions Take Flight



How To Reach Us

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site



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Hours of Operation

May 20, 2016 – October 30, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Entry fees

Adult (ages 17-64) \$ 7.80
Senior (ages 65+) \$ 6.55
Youth (ages 6-16) \$ 3.90
Family/Group* \$ 19.60
Children 5 and under are admitted free.

*Up to 7 people, with a maximum of 2 adults.



Where Air Meets Water

A full-scale replica of the *Silver Dart* was built by the “Aerial Experiment Association 2005” in commemoration of the original’s 1909 flight – the first controlled, powered airplane flight in Canada. The replica was flown by former astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason across Baddeck Bay in February 2009; now it soars high over the full-scale replica of Bell’s *HD-4* hydrofoil! New exhibits complement these two wonderful examples of transportation history.

Welcome to Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

Imagine when global communication and travel as we know them were just a dream. How did we move from that reality to one where communication is instantaneous and globetrotting is an everyday event? Alexander Graham Bell was a communication and transportation pioneer, as well as a teacher, family man and humanitarian. He devoted his life to the benefit of humankind.

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site is an architecturally unique exhibit complex where models, replicas, photo displays, artifacts and films describe the fascinating life and work of Alexander Graham Bell. Programs such as our *White Glove Tours* complement the exhibits at the Site, which is situated on 10 hectares of land overlooking Baddeck Bay and Beinn Bhreagh peninsula, the location of the Bells’ summer home.

In the Words of Bell, a Born Inventor

“Wealth and fame are coveted by all men, but the hope of wealth or the desire for fame will never make an inventor ... you may take away all that he has, and he will go on inventing. He can no more help inventing than he can help thinking or breathing. Inventors are born not made.”

– Alexander Graham Bell



Schedule of Events

July 1	Canada Day We are proud to be Canadian! Free admission day and celebrations.	
2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29 (7:30 p.m.) 3, 28, 31 (4:00 p.m.)	The Bells of Baddeck The Alexander Graham and Mabel Bell Story – A Music-Drama.	
16	Parks Day Family fun is on the menu with experiments, and kites to make and fly.	
August 1, 2 (7:30 p.m.)	The Bells of Baddeck The Alexander Graham and Mabel Bell Story – A Music-Drama.	
21	Aviation Day Aviation-themed activities celebrating the legacy of Bell’s <i>Silver Dart</i> airplane.	
September 17	Harvest Home A festive tradition established by the Bell family in the early 1900s.	
October 10-14	Celtic Colours – Bell Series Performers share music and insights into their creative process.	

Visit our website for more information on all events.

Top 5 Experiences Not to Be Missed!

1. Holding history in your hands on a *White Glove Tour*.
2. Flying a kite you built in our *Come Fly a Kite* workshop.
3. Viewing beautiful Bras d’Or Lake from our rooftop patio.
4. Catching a performance of the original music-drama *The Bells of Baddeck*.
5. Checking out the light-table map in the *Bras d’Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Exhibit*.

Find your RED CHAIR moment Time to Connect

Seek out our red chairs and revel in a magical moment. Take the time to slow down, relax and enjoy stunning scenery so loved by Bell. Snap a photo, share your experience on Facebook and tag our page.

[facebook.com/AGBNHS](https://www.facebook.com/AGBNHS)
#ShareTheChair #TimeToConnect



Program Schedule

Measure of a Man Guided Tour	June	2:00 p.m.
	July and August	9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.
	September	11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
	October 1 – 15th	9:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m.
White Glove Tour	June	4:00 p.m.
	July and August	10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m.
	September	10:30 a.m., 3:15 p.m.
	October 1 – 15th	10:30 a.m.
Alec and I	July and August (Thursday to Tuesday)	1:15 p.m.
	September	2:15 p.m.
	October 1 – 15th	11:15 a.m.
The Bell Family Album	June	3:15 p.m.
	July and August	10:30 a.m., 3:15 p.m.
	September	9:30 a.m.
Come Fly a Kite Workshop	July and August	2:15 p.m.
	September 1 – October 15th (Weekends)	2:15 p.m.
Tetrahedral Kite Workshop	July and August	4:00 p.m.
Experiments	July and August	10:30 a.m.
	September 1 – October 15th (Weekends)	3:45 p.m.
Special Presentation	July and August (Wednesdays)	1:15 p.m.

Please note: Some programs may be available only during peak season, although every effort will be made to accommodate curious visitors! Please call ahead for further information.



The Measure of a Man – Guided Tour – His mother’s deafness, his father’s scientific interests, his grandfather’s encouragement – discover how these influences shaped Bell’s personal and professional life in this exhibit tour, led by one of our knowledgeable guides. 30 minutes, \$3.90

Alec and I – Alexander Graham and Mabel Bell show us that the world can literally be changed by one’s love for another. They stood side by side, meeting the trials and tribulations of their lives together. Mabel’s hearing loss brought her to deaf educator Alexander, and the rest is history. Led by a guide, you’ll discover their story in this multimedia presentation, featuring artifacts and photographs from their time together. 45 minutes, \$7.30

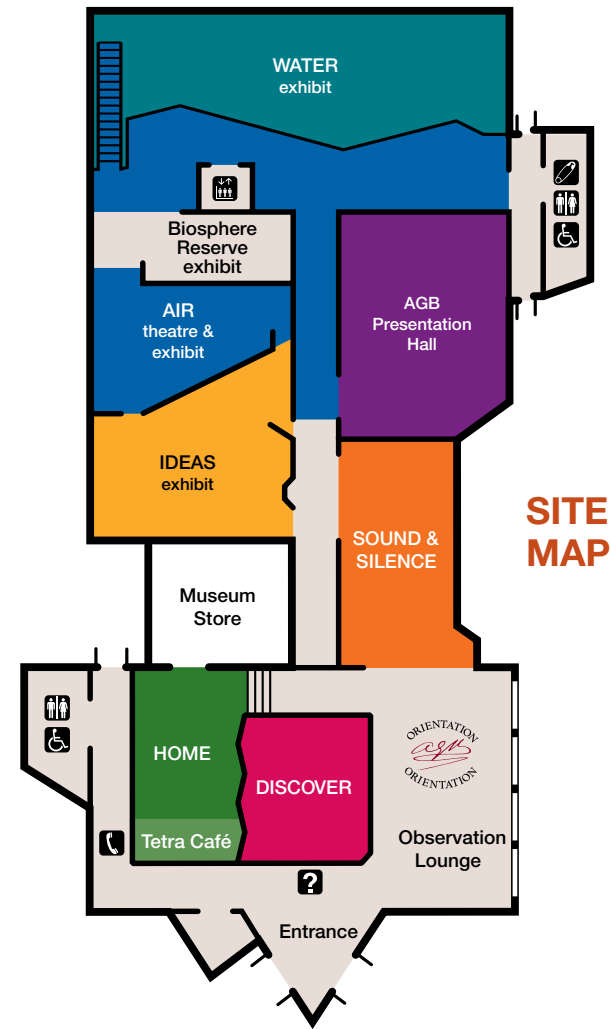


The Bell Family Album – This family of photographers has gifted us with a legacy of images that illustrate stories about the Bells’ lives at home and at work. Narrated by a member of our guide staff, come see these photos on the big screen! 30 minutes, \$2.40

Experiments – Can water go uphill? Find out in our experiment program and help us perform simple experiments like those Dr. Bell did with his grandchildren. 20 minutes, free



White Glove Tour – Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour, getting you up close and personal with Alexander Graham Bell’s photos, mementos, gadgets and gizmos! You will be introduced to the Bell collection and the basics of museum conservation, and invited to scrutinize a selection of Bell artifacts. 30 minutes, \$12.27 – Limited to 6 people per tour



Come Fly a Kite! – Create, decorate and fly a kite that’s yours to keep in our kite-making program. In the kid-friendly “Discover” area, invent and imagine as you get to know the role kites played in Bell’s experiments with flight. Then come out and marvel at your creation as it rises in the sky dotted with kites. 30 minutes, \$2.40

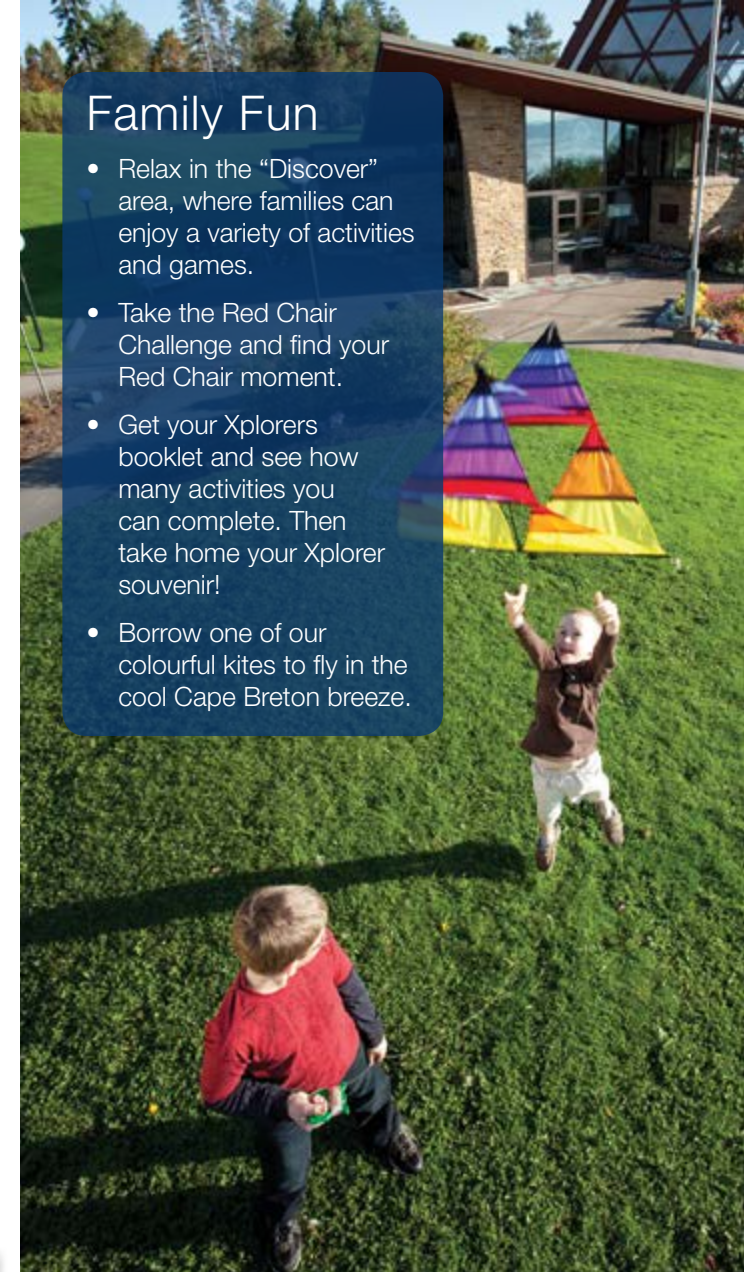


Tetrahedral Kite Workshop – Let your imagination take flight! Bell invented the four-celled tetrahedral kite during his flight experiments at the turn of the last century. See if you have what it takes

to build your own then put your kite to the test when you step outside to fly it. This is not child’s play! 45 minutes, \$9.60 per kite

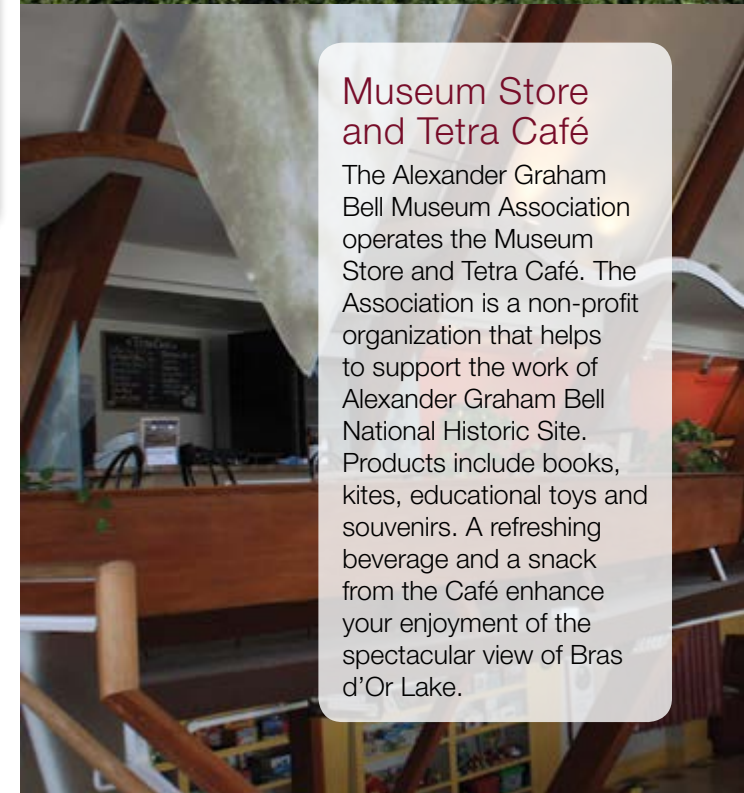
Family Fun

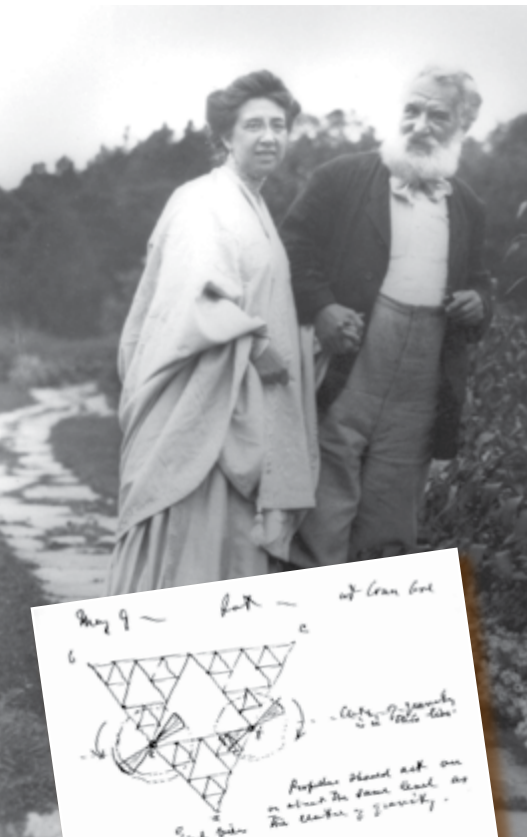
- Relax in the “Discover” area, where families can enjoy a variety of activities and games.
- Take the Red Chair Challenge and find your Red Chair moment.
- Get your Xplorers booklet and see how many activities you can complete. Then take home your Xplorer souvenir!
- Borrow one of our colourful kites to fly in the cool Cape Breton breeze.



Museum Store and Tetra Café

The Alexander Graham Bell Museum Association operates the Museum Store and Tetra Café. The Association is a non-profit organization that helps to support the work of Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Products include books, kites, educational toys and souvenirs. A refreshing beverage and a snack from the Café enhance your enjoyment of the spectacular view of Bras d’Or Lake.





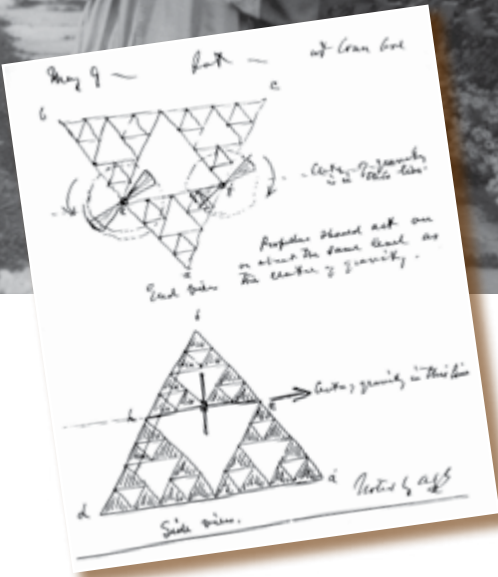
A bit of history...

Alexander Graham Bell had just turned 29 when he patented the telephone in Boston. This invention marked the beginning of a lifetime of innovative achievements, many of them inspired by his beloved home Beinn Bhreagh in Baddeck, N.S., where he spent the better part of the second half of his life.

Some of Bell's most notable contributions were born at his Beinn Bhreagh laboratories, from the *Silver Dart* that achieved the first controlled, powered flight in Canada and the *HD-4* hydrofoil that broke a marine speed record, to experiments in sheep breeding and kite flying. Bell was also one of the outstanding figures of his generation in the field of deaf education. When external demands on his time necessitated that he give up his role as a teacher, his concern for deaf people never lessened. He continued to contribute financially and lend his name to worthy causes. His story, in this spectacular Cape Breton setting, is filled with family, friends, associates, creativity, innovation and a magnificent family home still privately owned by his descendants.

Mabel (Hubbard) Bell played a vital role in her husband's career, providing him with both financial and moral support to pursue his diverse interests. It was Mabel Bell who inspired, founded and funded the Aerial Experiment Association which achieved heavier-than-air flight. Mabel Bell was primarily responsible for the management of Beinn Bhreagh, which provided work for men and women both in traditional service occupations and in jobs connected with Bell's experiments, such as production of thousands of tetrahedral cells for his massive kites. Mabel was deeply involved in village life, helping to establish the local public library and the Home and School Association, as well as The Young Ladies Club to promote sociability and the acquisition of general knowledge. This Club is one of her many legacies, still operating today under the same principles established in 1891.

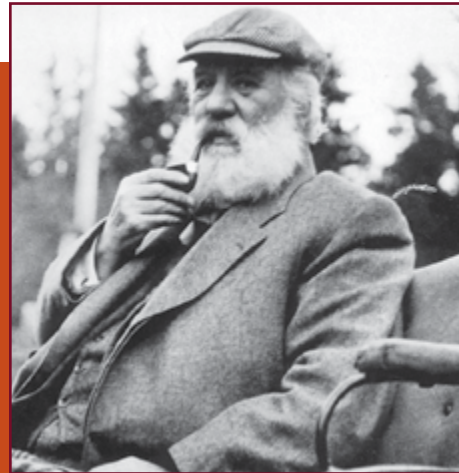
Designated a national historic site in 1952 and opened to the public in 1956, Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site reveals the extraordinary heart and mind of a world-famous inventor whose genius helped shape the modern world. Feel his legacy come to life as you explore remarkable artifacts, photos and full-scale replicas that mark his masterful career as an engineer, inventor, scientist and humanitarian. Expect heart-stirring moments, including discovering the touching love story of Alec and Mabel Bell, the woman who inspired Bell's greatest invention, the telephone.



Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)

Some key dates

- 3 March 1847** Born in Edinburgh, Scotland
- 1870** Bell family settles in Ontario
- 1871** Alexander moves to Boston to teach
- 7 March 1876** Telephone patented, Boston (Massachusetts)
- 1877** Marries Mabel Hubbard
- 1885** Visits Baddeck for the first time, travelling from Washington D.C. with his wife and daughters
- 1886** Returns to Baddeck and begins purchasing land for his Beinn Bhreagh estate
- 1897** Succeeds his father-in-law as President of the National Geographic Society
- 1907** Aerial Experiment Association founded (Bell works with Casey Baldwin, Douglas McCurdy, Lt. Thomas Selfridge and Glenn Curtiss)
- 23 Feb 1909** *Silver Dart* makes the first controlled, powered flight in Canada (Baddeck, Nova Scotia)
- 9 Sept 1919** *HD-4* hydrofoil sets world marine record in trial run
- 2 Aug 1922** Dies at age 75, Beinn Bhreagh, Baddeck (Nova Scotia)
- 1952** Designation of Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Today** A time for you to discover the life and legacy of a genius



The Bells of Baddeck

The Alexander Graham and Mabel Bell Story

A Music-Drama by Lorna MacDonald & Dean Burry

Stage Director - Mimi Mekler Musical Director - Stuart Calvert

"a tour de force production... an exuberant musical tribute"

OPERA CANADA

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NEW THIS SEASON!

Pre-show talks - 3 matinee shows at 4:00pm - 19 shows at 7:30pm
Special benefit performance Friday, July 8 to end child poverty

TICKETS

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1-888-790-1477 (toll free)
902-295-2069 (on site)

PERFORMANCES

July 2 - August 2, 2016
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