

# Trans Labrador Frontier Loop

## The 1,054km Trans Labrador Highway

During the summer of 2010 the final touches were applied to the Trans Labrador Highway as it opened for vehicular traffic to drive across Labrador; creating a **new** transportation network between Eastern Canada and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

New territories of unspoiled pristine wilderness and remote villages are yours to explore! The ultimate free-wheeling adventure.

### Halifax – Baie Comeau / 796km / 10h 40m / paved

Routing will take you across the province of Nova Scotia, north through New Brunswick to a ferry crossing from Matane, QC (2h 15m) to Baie Comeau.

### Baie Comeau – Labrador West / 581km / 8h 10m / partially paved

North from Baie Comeau route 389 will take you pass the Daniel Johnson Dam, onward to the iron ore mining communities of Fermont, Labrador City and Wabush on the Quebec / Labrador border.

### Labrador West – Labrador Central / 534km / 7h 31m / partially paved

Traveling east, 320km of route 500 is paved (204km on the Lab West side, 116km on the Goose Bay end). Construction will be ongoing each summer, with the remaining 206km scheduled to be paved in 2013, some final touches may be required during the summer of 2014.

The highway affords you opportunities to view the majestic Smallwood reservoir and **Churchill Falls** Hydroelectric generating station enroute to **Happy Valley – Goose Bay**, the “hub of Labrador” and **North West River** for cultural exploration. Goose Bay is also the access point to travel to **Nunatsiavut** via the **Northern Ranger** or to the **Torngat Mountains National Park**.

### Central Labrador - Red Bay / 556km / 9h 29m / gravel

The new section of highway 510 was completed during the summer of 2010. Scenic pull-offs and rest stops are beginning to develop; with 5 built and/or enhanced in 2012.

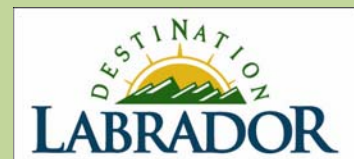
The highway known as **Labrador Coastal Drive** passes to the south of the Mealy Mountains and onward through sub-arctic terrain to the coastal communities of Port Hope Simpson and Mary's Harbour, the gateway to **Battle Harbour National Historic District**. Take a side trip on **Iceberg Alley**, route 513, to St. Lewis for one of the best iceberg viewing opportunities in the province or to Cartwright on route 516 to visit the **Wonderstrands**, a 54 km stretch of sandy beach!

### Red Bay - Blanc Sablon / 83km / 1h 44m / paved

At the **Red Bay National Historic Site**, you can visit a Parks Canada operated interpretation centre for a glimpse back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when Basque whalers operated a major whaling station out of this harbour. Route 510 continues through small fishing villages, alongside several terrific whale and iceberg viewing spots and **Point Amour**, the tallest lighthouse in Atlantic Canada, to Labrador's most southern community L'Anse au Clair. 6 kms further is the town of Blanc Sablon, QC, your departure point for the ferry to the Island of Newfoundland (St. Barbe).

### St. Barbe – Port-aux-Basques / 565km / 7h 31m / paved

Route 430 and later the TCH will take you down the west coast of Newfoundland through Gross Morne National Park onward to where you will catch the ferry back to Nova Scotia.



### Product Updates

- **Battle Harbour** – New facility under construction will add additional 7 double rooms (one wheelchair accessible) and a new dining room. Planned completion for 2013 but uncertain.  
<http://www.battleharbour.com/home/>
- **Pioneer Footpath** – Trail network completed from L'Anse au Clair to Pinware. <http://www.labradorcoastaldrive.com/home/156>
- **Torngat Mountains National Park base camp** – Enhanced package offerings. New spring packages (Northern Lights and Polar Bears viewing).  
[http://www.torngatbasecamp.com/home/base\\_camp\\_packages.htm](http://www.torngatbasecamp.com/home/base_camp_packages.htm)
- **Red Bay National Historic site** – Site inspections recently completed for UNESCO world heritage designation. Announcement anticipated in Spring 2013. Enhanced cutting-edge programming to be launched by Parks Canada in 2013.  
<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/nl/redbay/index.aspx>
- **Mealy Mountain National Park reserve** – Boundaries are currently being surveyed (first stakes have been driven) and assessment of product development opportunities being conducted by Parks Canada.
- **Aqua Labadie** – New scallop farm offering FIT and Group tours of operations. <http://www.facebook.com/AquaLabadie>
- **New Eco Lodge** – Existing high-end remote fishing lodge has purchased another existing lodge and converting it to new eco-lodge in 2013.
- **Goose Bay Airport** – Major enhancements completed.

### Other Helpful Links

- Destination Labrador image library  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/onlylabrador/>
- Newfoundland and Labrador Tourism image library  
[www.flickr.com/photos/newfoundlandlabradortourism/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/newfoundlandlabradortourism/)
- Cruise Association of Newfoundland & Labrador  
[www.cruisethedge.com](http://www.cruisethedge.com)
- Iceberg locations around the province [www.icebergfinder.com](http://www.icebergfinder.com)

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