

# WINTER EVENTS

2025



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# WINTER ACTIVE 2025

The Inverness County Recreation and Community Wellness Department is partnering with community groups and organizations throughout the county to sponsor "Winter Active 2025".

The Winter Active Celebration will provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults to participate in fun outdoor recreational activities that encourage a healthier, active living lifestyle.

**Check social media and local newspapers for an up-to-date list of the communities taking part in Winter Active 2025!**

## A Winter Fun Day

**Coady Tompkins Memorial Library**  
7972 Cabot Trail, Margaree Forks

**January 25, 2025**

Morning and afternoon activities for all ages to enjoy at the library grounds!

Check social media for event details.

Cancellation date: February 1st.

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## La Magie de l'hiver 2025

**Cabot Trail Arena**  
15582 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

**February 8, 2025 2:00-3:30pm**

Family skating at the Cabot Trail Arena, guided walk through Le Portage Golf Course, arts & crafts, music, treat bags.

Cancellation Date: March 1, 2025

For more details, [facebook.com/lestroispignons](https://facebook.com/lestroispignons)

## Mabou Fèis Fuar Winter Festival

**Festival Headquarters: West Mabou Hall**  
2399 Little Mabou Road, West Mabou

**February 14-17, 2025**

Community winter festival for all ages.

Activities will include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, and sledding.

On Saturday, put on your dancing shoes for the family Square Dance!

BBQ, movie night and fireworks on Sunday!

Schedule of events TBA

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## Winter Fun! Let's Snowshoe!

**CBHNP, Chéticamp**  
16648 Cabot Trail Road

**February 15, 2025 11:00am-3:00pm**

A snowshoe event for participants of the Green Door, staff and families. Enjoy the fire in Shelter C, pizza for lunch and a visit from PARKA! Everyone welcome!

Cancellation date: February 22, 2025

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## West Bay Winter Fest

**West Bay Community Centre**  
2048 Cenotaph Road, West Bay

**February 17, 2025 1:00-5:00pm**

Fun afternoon filled with snowshoeing, outdoor games, indoor games, chowder, chilli, dessert, tea & coffee.



## Glendale Winter Family Fun Day

Father John Angus Rankin  
Cultural Centre

4248 Hwy 105 Glendale

**February 17, 2025: 1:00-3:00pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of snowshoeing, outdoor games and Tamarack tea. Pizza, hot chocolate and cookies available.

Free admission.

Cancellation Date – February 18, 2025

## Margaree WinterFest

Cranton Cross Road Community Centre

206 Cranton Crossing Road,  
Margaree Centre

**February 17, 2025 3:00pm**

Family fun event with snow sculpting, sleigh rides and outdoor games. Hot meal, snacks and hot chocolate provided.

## Whycocomagh Winterlude

Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

9650 Hwy 105, Whycocomagh

**February 18-22, 2025**

Fun for all ages with events including snowshoeing, card tournament, seniors lunch, pickleball tournament, chili dinner and LIVE entertainment.

For more details, visit [facebook.com/WhycocomaghWaterfrontCentre](https://facebook.com/WhycocomaghWaterfrontCentre)

## Les Mi-Carêmes dans la Neige

Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang

51 Old Cabot Trail Road

**March 23, 2025 2:00pm**

Outdoor family dance on the front lawn of the Mi-Carême Centre with LIVE music, a caller, and hot chocolate.

# SNOWMOBILE RALLIES

## Margaree Highlander's Snowmobile Rally

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The Margaree Highlanders Snowmobile Rally will take place on Saturday, February 8th.

Registration from 10:00am-12:00pm at Cranton Crossroads Community Centre.

Dinner at 5:00pm, Dance 9:00pm-1:00am

## Cape Breton Highlander Ride

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

A fun-filled day of riding to the highlands while helping to support a local charity. Ride leaves from Inverary Resort, Baddeck. Evening banquet to follow with LIVE music.

## Inverness Capers Snowmobile Rally

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

The Inverness Capers Snowmobile Rally will take place on Saturday, February 22nd.

Registration from 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Lake Ainslie Fire Hall, Scotsville.

## Mass on the Mountain - St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

Make way to St. Margaret of Scotland Church in River Denys by snowmobile on Sunday, March 2nd for the annual "Mass on the Mountain" at 2:00pm.

More fun inside! Open up for more Inverness County Winter event listings.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **Crafting for Wellness - Six-Week Sessions**

**Storyteller's Gallery**

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

**Mondays: 1:00-3 :00pm**

**Session 1:** January 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb 3, 10

**Session 2:** February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Quilting, felting, and other projects TBA.

\$5 per class

## **Games Get Together**

**Scotsville School of Crafts**

2234 Strathlorne-Scotsville Road, Scotsville

**Mondays: 1:00-4:00pm**

Enjoy a variety of games such as Cribbage, Scrabble, Euchre, Tile Rummy, Crokinole, and more.

Play, teach or be a spectator.

Visit: [scotsvilleschoolofcrafts.ca](http://scotsvilleschoolofcrafts.ca) for a full list of events.

## **Dance Fitness Videos: 6 Sessions**

**Storyteller's Gallery**

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

**Tuesdays: 7:00-8 :00pm**

January 21, 28, February 11, 18, 25, March 4

\$5 per class

## **Music Circle**

**Chéticamp Seniors Hall**

15108 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

**Tuesdays Year-round: 7:00-9 :00pm**

Kitchen party style music every Tuesday evening at the Chéticamp Seniors Hall.

## **Toast & Tea with the Ancestors**

**Storyteller's Gallery**

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

**Wednesdays: 8:00-11:00am**

January 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19

Small Plate: \$5, Large Plate: \$7

## **Card Games**

**Chéticamp Seniors Hall**

15108 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

**Thursdays: 1:30-4:00pm** Held on the

second Thursday of the month

Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10

## **Port no Dhà /A Tune or Two**

**An Drochaid | The Bridge Museum, Mabou**

11511 Hwy 19, Mabou

**Thursdays: 7:00-9:00pm** Held every second Thursday beginning January 9th

Jam sessions with two featured artists each evening – song, music, and dance. Learn a Gaelic song/chorus and useful phrases every lesson.

Tea will be served. Admission: \$5

## **Jam Sessions**

**Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre**

9650 Hwy 105, Whycocomagh

**Thursdays: Bi-weekly 7:00pm**

Admission \$5

## **Friday Happy Hour**

**@ The Creig Pub & Patio**

**Creignish Recreation Centre**

2123 Highway 19, Creignish

**Fridays: Year-round 6:00-9:00PM**

Music and Dancing

Local LIVE entertainment.

Scuff n Scoff - Try the "Smash Burger"

Visit the CRC Facebook page for weekly event listings

## **Sunday Ceilidh**

**Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique**

**Sundays: Year-round. 2:00-5:00pm**

Enjoy lively fiddle & piano tunes and join in a square set!

Admission: \$10 per person, 12 yrs & under FREE

For more information, visit:

[celticmusiccentre.com](http://celticmusiccentre.com)

[facebook.com/celticmusiccentre](https://facebook.com/celticmusiccentre)

Instagram - @celticmusiccentre

# CANTON CULTUREL

15118 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

## All Over the Map Art Exhibit

Current – January 31, 2025

Tuesday-Friday, 12:00pm-5:00pm

An eclectic collection of art by  
Lisa O'Neill & Velvet Dodge Matinnia

## Pysanky Workshop

January 16, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 12+, \$40

Decorate Ukrainian eggs  
with artist Lisa O'Neill

## Stop Motion Animation Workshop

January 21, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 8+, \$20

Workshop with artist Sheila Ward

## Clay Art Workshop

January 28, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 15+, \$35

Workshop with  
artist Velvet Dodge Matinnia

## Mathieu LeBrun Art Exhibit

February 28-April 11, 2025

Tuesday-Friday, 12:00pm-5:00pm

A collection of paintings  
by Mathieu LeBrun

## March Break Makey Makey Workshop

March 18, 2025 1:00pm-3:00pm

Ages 8+, \$20

Explore Makey Makey technology  
with artist Sheila Ward.

## Oil Painting Workshop

March 12, 2025 and April 15, 2025

6:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 12+, \$20

Workshop with artist Mathieu LeBrun

## Robert Burns Afternoon

Storyteller's Gallery

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

January 25: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Celebrating Scottish poets and traditions.

## Winter Watershed Walk

Chéticamp Visitor Centre Parking Lot

16648 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

January 25, 2025: 11:00am-12:30pm

Join us for a Winter Watershed Walk in Chéticamp! We will meet at the Chéticamp Visitor Centre at 10:45am and proceed for a walk along Robert Brook through to the Salmon Pool Trail. On this walk, we will learn about trout, salmon, and stream habitat restoration. The walk is approximately 1km, with a hike rating of easy/beginner.

*Please bring your own snowshoes, a limited number of snowshoes will be available.*

To register, please email  
Monica at [mragan@acapcb.ns.ca](mailto:mragan@acapcb.ns.ca)

Storm date is February 8, 2025

*Sponsored by: ACAP Cape Breton, the Chéticamp River Salmon Association, and the Municipality of Inverness County*

## Ceilidh/Open House

Storyteller's Gallery

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

February 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025

2:00-4:00pm

## Musical Show Famille LeBlanc

Père-Anselme-Chiasson

15118 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

March 23, 2025 7:00-9:00pm

## Festival de la Mi-Carême 2025

Centre de la Mi-Carême

51 Old Cabot Trail Rd, Grand Étang

March 23-29, 2025 6:00pm-12:00am

Celebrate the century old Mi-Carême tradition at the Centre de la Mi-Carême in Grand Étang with free LIVE Music, local Acadian dishes and Mi-Carême's!

## Pickleball

### Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

9650 Hwy 105, Whycocomagh

**Wednesdays: 6:30pm**

Racquets provided. Admission \$5

## Senior OPEN House for 55yrs+

### “Lifelong Learning”

#### Creignish Recreation Centre

2123 Highway 19, Creignish

**Wednesdays (Until June, 2025):**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

Card Playing, Crafts, Puzzle Board, Sing Song, Lectures, Social Chats.

Coffee/Tea and snacks served. Visit the CRC Facebook page for complete list of weekly events.

## Craft Circle/Quilting Bee

### Scotsville School of Crafts

2234 Strathlorne-Scotsville Road, Scotsville

**Wednesdays: 1:00-3:00pm**

Bring a project to the craft circle, or just stop in for a visit!

Beginners welcome at the Quilting Bee.

Visit: [scotsvilleschoolofcrafts.ca](http://scotsvilleschoolofcrafts.ca) for a full list of events

## Senior Workshops

### Chéticamp Seniors Hall

15108 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

**Wednesdays: 1:00-3:00pm** Held every second Wednesday starting January 8th.

Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 19, Mar 5, Mar 19, Apr 2, Apr 16, Apr 30

Workshops on a variety of subjects such as yoga, music, nutrition, etc.

## Indoor Curling

### Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

9650 Hwy 105, Whycocomagh

**Thursdays: 11:00am** Admission \$5

## WINTER GEAR RENTALS

Looking for an enjoyable day outdoors? The Inverness County Recreation and Community Wellness Department has skis, snowshoes and walking poles available on a rental basis. Great fun awaits for individuals, school groups, community organizations and more! Please call 902-787-3508 for more information.

## Oraidean:

### 50th Anniversary Lecture Series

An Drochaid | The Bridge Museum

11511 Hwy 19, Mabou

**Sundays: 2:00pm** Held on the second Sunday of every month in 2025

Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, etc.

A series of 12 lectures on various topics pertaining to the community, the cultures, the history, the Gaels, and the Gaelic language of the area, presented by a variety of speakers.

## Hunters Breakfast

### Fr John Angus Rankin Cultural Centre

4248 Hwy 105, Glendale

**Sundays: 9:00am-12:00pm**

Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, 2025

Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, beans and toast.

Admission: \$13 adults, \$7 ages 12 and under

## New Year's Day Levee

### Storyteller's Gallery

5663 Hwy 19, Judique

**January 1, 2025 1:00-3:00pm**

## 50th Anniversary Year Open House

An Drochaid | The Bridge Museum

11511 Hwy 19, Mabou

**January 1, 2025 12:00-3:00pm**

Open House to begin the 50th Anniversary Year of the Mabou Gaelic & Historical Society. Music, songs, stories, refreshments, and New Year traditions.

## Song Writer's Circle

### Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

9650 Hwy 105, Whycocomagh

**January 18:** Featuring Aaron Lewis, Jordan Musycsyn, Eddie Cummings

**February 22:** Entertainment TBA

**March 15:** Entertainment TBA

**8:00pm** Admission \$20, Ages 19+

## WINTER GUIDED HIKES

December - March

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

Enjoy community and nature on these beginner friendly adventures led by municipal staff! Times for each event will vary, for further details, please visit: [facebook.com/municipalityinvernesscounty](https://facebook.com/municipalityinvernesscounty)

## Pub Night featuring band Our Fathers Fools

St Mary of the Angels Community Hall  
4216 Hwy 105, Glendale

April 5, 2025: 7:00-9:00pm Admission: \$10

## Rainbow Rockstars Rockin' Variety Show

Père-Anselme-Chiasson  
15118 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp

April 27, 2025 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00pm

## AGE WELL LUNCH & LEARNS

Informative sessions on  
topics of interest to older adults.

Sponsored by the  
Municipality of Inverness County.

Sessions will be held at various  
locations throughout the county  
during the winter months.

For more information, and  
schedule of sessions, please visit:  
[invernesscounty.ca/seniorsevents](http://invernesscounty.ca/seniorsevents)

## LET'S SKATE!

### Al MacInnis Sports Centre - Port Hood

45 Wharf Road, Port Hood  
902-787-3210  
[porthood.rinkbook.ca](http://porthood.rinkbook.ca)

Visit [porthood.rinkbook.ca](http://porthood.rinkbook.ca) for schedule of events

### Mabou Athletic Centre - Mabou

186 Mabou Harbour Road,  
Mabou  
902-945-2378  
[mabou.rinkbook.ca](http://mabou.rinkbook.ca)

Sunday

Family Skating

5:30-6:45pm

Tuesday

Over 35  
Skating

8:00-9:00pm

Friday

Over 35  
Skating

8:00-9:30pm

### Dr. Bernie MacLean Cultural & Recreation Centre - Inverness

Forest Street, Inverness  
902-258-2712  
[inverness.rinkbook.ca](http://inverness.rinkbook.ca)

Tuesday/  
Thursday

Adult Skating

2:00-3:00pm

Tuesday/  
Thursday

Parent & Tot  
Skating

3:00-4:00pm

Saturday/  
Sunday

Family Skating

6:00-7:00pm

### Cabot Trail Arena - Chéticamp

15582 Cabot Trail,  
Chéticamp  
902-224-3337  
[cheticamp.rinkbook.ca](http://cheticamp.rinkbook.ca)

Thursday

Adult Skating

1:00-2:00pm

Friday

Family Disco  
Skating

5:30-6:30pm

Check weekly arena schedules for up-to-date times.

# INVERNESS COUNTY RECREATION & COMMUNITY WELLNESS PROGRAMS

For more information or to register for community programming, please visit [invernesscounty.ca/county-wide-programs](http://invernesscounty.ca/county-wide-programs) or call the Inverness County Recreation & Community Wellness Department at 902-787-3508.

NDA	Tuesday	Adult Pickleball	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Wednesday	Adult Badminton	7:00pm - 8:30pm
	Thursday	Adult Pickleball	7:00pm - 9:00pm
CBHA	Thursday	Adult Soccer	7:00pm - 9:00pm
IECA	Monday	Adult Pickleball	7:30pm - 9:00pm
	Wednesday	Adult Pickleball	7:30pm - 9:00pm
	Thursday	Adult Basketball	7:30pm - 9:00pm
	Friday	Adult Volleyball	7:30pm - 9:00pm
WEC	Monday	Adult Pickleball	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Dalbrae	Tuesday	Teen Basketball	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Wednesday	Adult Soccer	7:00pm - 9:00pm
	Friday	Adult Pickleball	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Bayview	Monday	Adult Pickleball	7:00pm - 8:30pm
	Tuesday	Youth Soccer	6:00pm - 7:00pm
	Tuesday	Adult Volleyball	7:00pm - 8:30pm
	Wednesday	Adult Pickleball	7:00pm - 8:30pm

Please note: Activities will not take place when schools are closed due to holidays or school functions.

[canadasmusicalcoast.com](http://canadasmusicalcoast.com)

Listing coordinated by the Municipality of Inverness County.

Please note: all events are subject to change without notice.



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