

Stones2Gems

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Stones2Gems Cottage Travel Information



Grand Manan is within a day's drive for many of the northeastern states and the Maritime Provinces. In Canada, Rte. 1 along the coast of New Brunswick exits toward Blacks Harbour (exit 60) about 35 minutes drive southwest of Saint John. People from the USA will generally travel up I-95 to Bangor in Maine, then east on Rte. 9 to Calais. Cross the border (you will need your passport to return) and head east on Rte. 1, about 30 minutes to the Blacks Harbour exit 60. It is another 10 km or 6 miles on Rte. 776 to the ferry dock (cars line up).

Try to arrive at least an hour before the ferry leaves, as it is first come – first served, and in summer it can be busy.

Remember that we are on Atlantic Time, or an hour later than Eastern. See <http://www.grandmanannb.com/ferry.htm> for more information. There is no charge to come out to the island, but you will buy a ticket in North Head to return. Reserve it a day in advance (call 506-662-3724 or visit the ticket office) to be sure of getting on the boat trip that you need. In the summer, two boats are running to make 7 round trips per day, 90 minutes each way. On September 12, 2011, it is back to one boat with 4 trips per day; the late boat leaves Blacks Harbour around 9 PM. There is a cafeteria on board, with good chowder. Whales and porpoise are often spotted along the way.

Let us know what boat you are on, so we can meet you at the cottage (call or email using information at the top). On arrival, turn right at the end of Ferry Wharf Road, then left between the two houses onto Old Airport Road (it is very close). Pettes Cove and Swallowtail Head are on your right. Turn left onto Durant Drive and soon a left into the cottage driveway between the pine trees, at 15 Durant Drive. See you there!

Have a safe trip! Greg and Nancy McHone

