



Uniacke Estate Museum Park

Imagine...

It's 1820. You're visiting this grand new country house and its parkland. Your host is Richard John Uniacke, an Irishman. A prominent citizen and Attorney General, he is a man whose fortune was made in Nova Scotia. His estate is created in the English style of his youth.

Natural Scenery

Uniacke chose the location for his estate and house for its natural scenery – the lakes, hills, and streams. The house stood out prominently when viewed from Nova Scotia's only road of the time, the Post Road between Halifax and Windsor.



Uniacke went shopping in London to furnish his grand country house. His library was filled with books on every subject. Interested in the latest agricultural methods, he spent his last years as a country gentleman, improving his land by clearing and composting, growing exotic plants, and entertaining visitors. Almost two hundred years later, you can still visit the house with its original contents.

Explore

Now you can explore 7 walking trails. Outdoor exhibits on the trails around the house tell you about the historic landscape. Discover Nova Scotia's rich natural heritage in every season. Walks range from easy to challenging, and trails offer plenty of recreational opportunities for people of all ages, and in all seasons.

The Trails

Lake Martha Loop

<i>.9 km</i>	A hardpacked-gravel trail suitable for families and strollers; features woodland, lakeshore, a brook, and the original road to Windsor.
<i>30 minutes</i>	

Drumlin Field Trail

<i>2.1 km</i>	Veers off the Loop through woodland along the lakeshore, panoramic view of the house at the top of the drumlin.
<i>45 minutes</i>	

Hothouse Hill Loop

<i>.9 km</i>	See Richard John Uniacke's hothouse foundation, stone walls, abandoned fields, woodland, and a mature American chestnut tree.
<i>30 minutes</i>	

Red Spruce Trail

<i>1.5 km loop</i>	Challenging walk of high difficulty. Encounter magnificent hemlock; a stand of straight Red spruce, Nova Scotia's provincial tree; brooks and a mossy bog. Return along the edge of Lake Martha (also known as Uniacke Lake).
<i>60 minutes</i>	



Post Road Trail

<i>2.5 km one way</i>	This is the original road between Halifax and Windsor. It became the Post Road when a stagecoach started to carry mail in the early 1800s. This trail takes you through a variety of forest types, from young conifer to mature deciduous.
<i>75 minutes</i>	



Wetlands Trail

<i>2.5 km accessed via other trails</i>	This loop can be accessed along the Barrens Trail, or by the Post Road Trail. Anticipate a 3-hour round trip from the Trailhead. Follow the Post Road Trail to Black Brook. Leave the Post Road through a small ravine into a grassy marshland.
<i>3 hours</i>	

This nature-lovers hike features a brook; two lakes; a beaver dam; huge boulders, called erratics, left behind by glaciers; and Pitcher plants. You may see deer and birds. The trail loops around to rejoin the Post Road.

Barrens Trail

<i>1.5 km one way</i>	Connecting the Red Spruce and Wetlands Trails, the Barrens Trail features streams and brooks; open forest; erratics; and lush marsh.
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Nature Walks

Guided nature walks for visitors are offered as special events during the June to mid-October season. See our events listings at <http://uniacke.museum.gov.ns.ca> Want to bring your youth or seniors group? We offer several interpretive trail walks to suit your needs. Book your group by calling 866-0032.

Are you a bird-watcher?

Bring your binoculars and take a walk along the trails at Uniacke Estate Museum Park. Observe bird species common to Eastern Canada, such as the Pileated Woodpecker.

Be prepared for your walk...

- watch for directional signs at trail junctions
- make sure you have enough time to walk the trail of your choice
- choose appropriate clothing and footwear for weather and trail conditions.
- bring a compass and your trail map
- *Please note: cell phones are NOT reliable in this location*

Access the Murphy Lake municipal walking trail from the Drumlin Field Trail. A short connector road joins the Murphy Lake Trail and Drumlin Field Trail to the tree-lined drive near the front gates of Uniacke Estate Museum Park.

The estate grounds are open year-round, and trails remain in an ungroomed, natural state throughout the winter.

*Visitors use the trails at their own risk.
Trails and grounds close at dusk.*

It's Your Heritage....

Help us preserve this place for the future:

- use only designated, colour-coded trail paths
- bring your garbage to receptacles at the Trailhead
- clean up after pets
- admire plants with your eyes; don't pick or damage the flora
- watch birds and animal life from a distance
- don't feed any wild creatures
- dogs on leash at all times
- no motorized vehicles permitted on waterways and trails
- hunting and trapping prohibited by order of the Minister, Nova Scotia Dept. of Natural Resources

Information for Visitors

- trails available year-round
- ample parking located by Uniacke House
- picnic tables on site
- year-round toilet facilities located near the Trailhead.
- parking near Uniacke House and in lot outside front gates

House open June 1-October 15

Admission charged.

House hours:

Mon.-Sat., 9:30am-5:30pm

Sun., 11am-5:30pm

Visit the gift shop and enjoy light refreshments at the Post Road Tea Room, open the same hours as the House.

Located on Route 1, off Highway 101

Mount Uniacke, Hants County, Nova Scotia

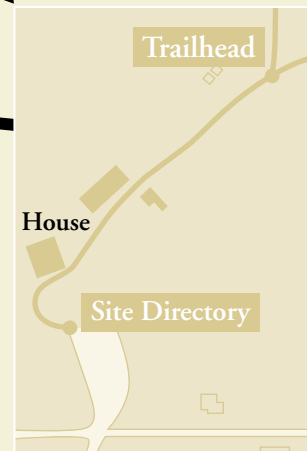
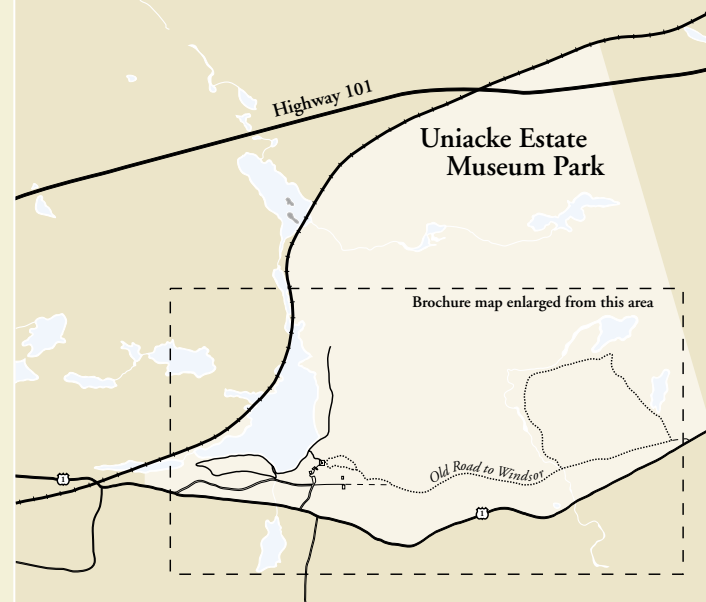
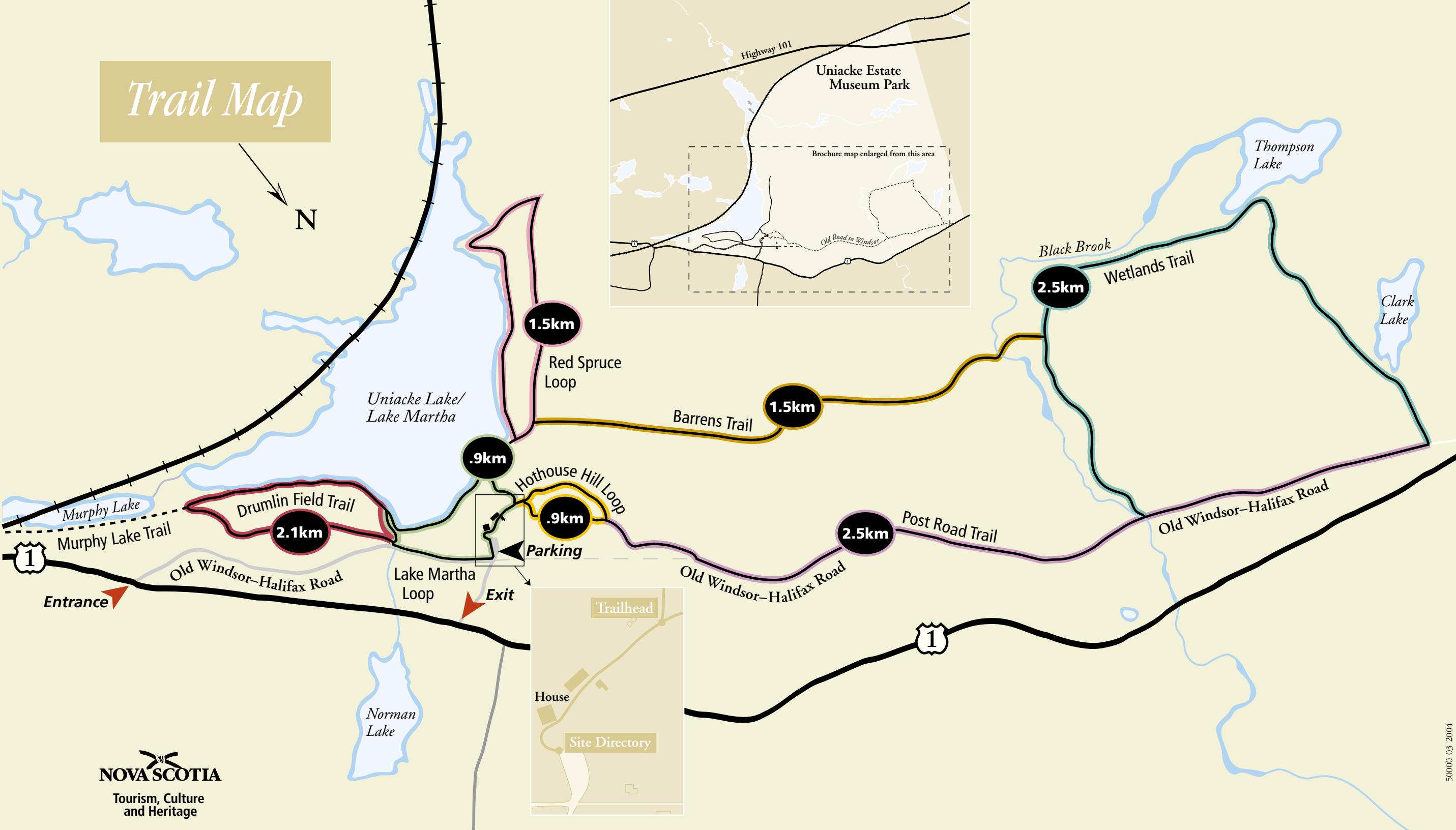
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Telephone: (902) 866-0032

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Trail Map



Walking Trails at Uniacke Estate Museum Park

Mount Uniacke, N.S.

