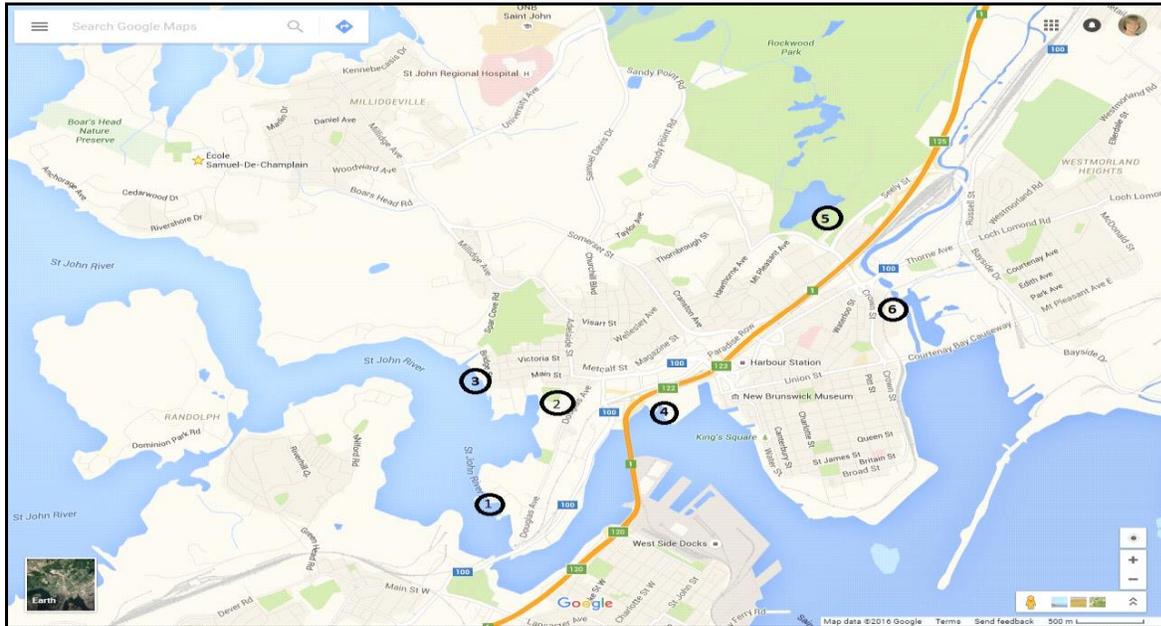


SAINT JOHN CENTRAL - MAP 1A



AROUND TOWN

1. REVERSING FALLS

From the east end of the Reversing Falls Bridge turn left onto Douglas Avenue and then left again onto Fallsview Avenue, which leads to Fallsview Park. At this point, the St. John River is largely salt water because of the high tides in the Bay of Fundy just downstream. Walk upriver from the parking area to see, in winter, Common Merganser, as well as other ducks and gulls among the islands and in Marble Cove. Numerous Great Black-backed Gulls and Double-crested Cormorants nest on Goat Island. Hundreds of feeding cormorants frequently put on a great display as they repeatedly fly up river and ride the current down through the rapids on the ebb tide.

2. MARBLE COVE

Continue along Douglas Avenue to the (original) New Brunswick Museum. The parking area offers good viewing with a scope over Marble Cove, which is a wintering area for Bufflehead, scaup, goldeneye, and gulls. Another access is from Fallsview Park (see previous entry).

3. INDIANTOWN

Continue north on Douglas Avenue until you reach Main Street. Turn left heading down Main Street toward the St. John River. Drive to the end of Main Street and turn right onto Bridge Street where just past the playground on your left hand side a parking area provides access to the river. The shore of the St. John River yields fine views of wintering Bufflehead, goldeneye, scaup and other ducks with occasional varieties such as Tufted Duck.

Another view of the river can be found by returning up Main Street and taking a right onto Kennedy Street which heads to a boat ramp and provides good views of Marble Cove.

4. HARBOUR BRIDGE and FORT LaTOUR

From the east end of the Reversing Falls Bridge (Hwy 100 on google maps), take Chesley Drive toward the city center and turn right at 1.8 km onto Fort LaTour Drive. Park under the approaches to the Harbour Bridge. From this location various waterfowl can be seen such as gulls, ducks and cormorants. In the winter watch for hundreds to thousands of European Starlings arriving toward dusk to roost under the bridge.

5. ROCKWOOD PARK

This beautiful park includes 870 hectares of mixed woodland with 10 lakes, swamps, bogs and plenty of walking trails. From Route 1 eastbound, take Exit 123, turn right on Somerset Street and immediately move into the left lane to continue a left turn down Garden Street to City Road (Hwy 100). Turn right onto City Road and continue in the right lane until you reach Haymarket Square, turning right and continuing left over the Crown Street Overpass. The Lily Lake entrance to Rockwood Park is just ahead on the right. From Route 1 westbound, take Exit 125, follow the campground signs on Seely Street and turn right on Mount Pleasant Ave. Enter the park at the Lily Lake entrance and continue straight past the Lily Lake Pavilion to the Interpretation Centre for a trail map.

Over 137 species have been recorded here including Whip-poor-will, Barred and Great Horned Owl, 20 species of warbler (12 breeding), teal, American Wigeon, Ring-necked Duck, American Black Duck and several gull species. Accessibility to birding areas in Rockwood Park varies from paved roads to wide footpaths and hiking trails; these provide great opportunities to view all of the many lakes which provide habitat for many of the numerous species found within the park.

6. COURTENAY BAY/MARSH CREEK

Courtenay Bay is a tidal mud flat that can produce many ducks and migrant shorebirds especially in the spring and fall. In the winter waterfowl congregate in the bay especially during high tides. There are three viewing points for Courtenay Bay/Marsh Creek.

- **Hanover Street** – Turn left out of Rockwood Park, continuing over the highway overpass onto Crown Street and take a left turn onto Hanover Street. Good views of the inner bay (Marsh Creek) can be rewarding with duck species, gulls, shorebirds and the occasional wading migrant such as Snowy Egret and American Avocet.
- **Elliott Row/Crown Street** – Return to Crown Street and take a left. Continue through the intersection (Causeway/Union) and take a left onto Elliott Row. Parking is on the street but you can walk to the end for views of the bay. Turn left onto Crown Street where Courtney Bay is on your left. There is no street parking on Crown Street but it is possible to park on some of the side streets and view the bay from the sidewalk which runs along Crown Street.
- **Tin Can Beach** – Continue along Crown Street towards the City Centre. At a sharp right curve, Crown Street becomes Broad Street. Continue along Broad Street and then take a left at Sydney Street which will bring you to Tin Can Beach. This newly restored area provides views of the entrance to Saint John Harbour. Year round but especially in spring and late fall, waterfowl are abundant. The beach area can also be home to sparrows and other small migrants.