



NOVA SCOTIA PLACE NAMES DATABASE

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- ◆ *Nova Scotia Place Names Database (all place names)*
- ◆ *Gazetteer of Nova Scotia (current names)*
- ◆ *available online via web application*
 - *georeferenced and searchable place names database*

QUICK FACTS

- ◆ *authoritative theme for provincial mapping programs*
- ◆ *participation with the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC)*
- ◆ *regular maintenance of current and historical records*
- ◆ *over 2,800 classified community names and 20,000 classified natural features*



What is the Nova Scotia Place Names Database?

The Nova Scotia Place Names Database is the authoritative source for locations and spelling of all places in Nova Scotia.

What's in a name?

With cultural influences over many centuries—English, Irish, Scottish, French, German, Aboriginal, and African, to name just a few—Nova Scotia has become noted for the history and diversity of its many destinations. All geographic places within the province, such as towns, counties, rivers, lakes, hills, and valleys, have distinct names, and it is vital that one consistent and accurate source contains their official information.

The Nova Scotia Place Names Database is the official reference for every place name within the province. Exact locations, historical roots, establishment dates, distinct features, name evolutions, and proper spellings (called “uniform nomenclature”) are catalogued, managed, and maintained in the place names database.

Accurate and up to date

Nova Scotia Place Names is an essential tool for anyone who needs to rely on accurate and current place names and locations. Ultimately, for personal or professional use, Nova Scotia Place Names is a comprehensive collection that is as accessible as it is informative.

Public knowledge and feedback of community or feature names are taken into consideration during database maintenance.

Who can benefit from the Nova Scotia Place Names Database?

- ◆ *historians and genealogists*
- ◆ *GIS professionals and cartographers*
- ◆ *real estate professionals*
- ◆ *urban and rural planners*
- ◆ *anyone with an interest*