



Remembering Speedy

Help us commemorate the loss of the Speedy and celebrate Presqu'ile's rich cultural history by participating in the following events:

August 21, 22: War of 1812 Re-enactment Weekend
The Americans are coming! Observe the lives of soldiers and battle re-enactments as the British defend the peninsula, an important site along the military supply route.

October 9, 2004: Spirits of the Speedy
Join this evening spirit walk to learn more about those lost aboard the Speedy.

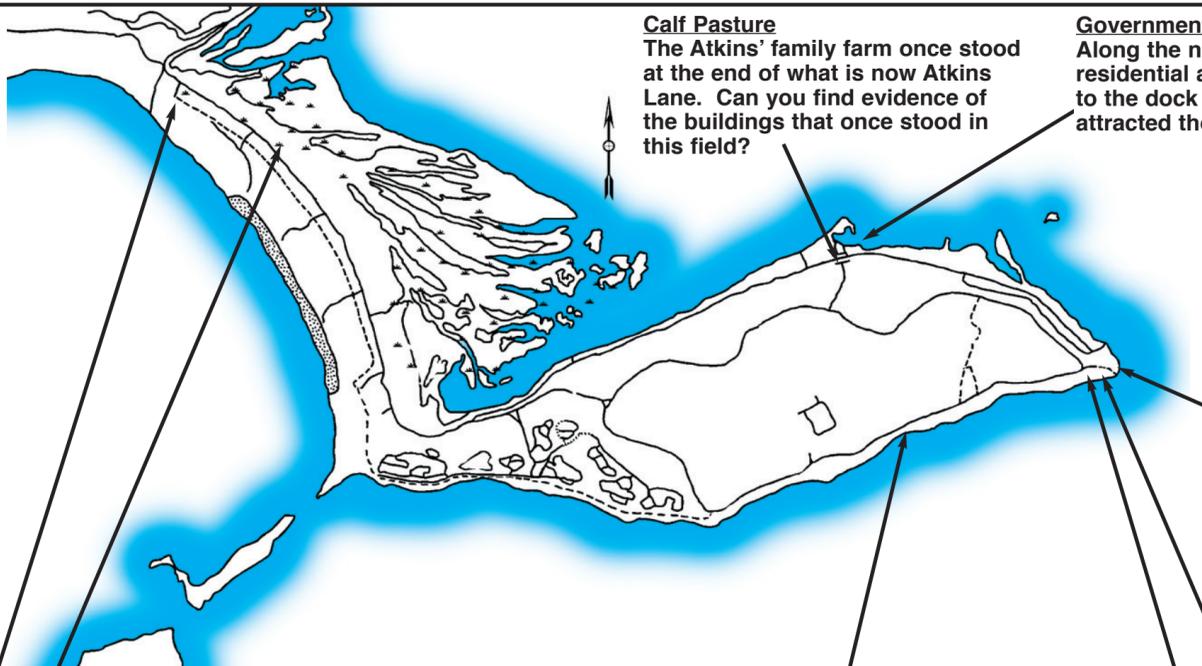
Look for our pamphlet for more details on all the 2004 commemorative events.

Memory Junction
See the restored locomotive, caboose and lots of Brighton memorabilia in the last standing of the original 14 Grand Trunk Railroad stations between Belleville and Cobourg. Find out what piece of Presqu'ile's history is in the caboose.

Proctor House Museum
This 1869 mansion was once the home of the Proctors, one of the most powerful families in Brighton. Find out the connection the Proctors had to Presqu'ile and visit the belvedere high above the upstairs rooms to get an excellent view of Presqu'ile.

Simpson Cairn
The stone cairn outside the park gates recognize the Brighton area's first settlers, who arrived in 1796.

Boy Scout Cairn
In 1967, the Boy Scouts assembled a stone cairn at the old road east of Bayshore Road, the entrance they used to reach their camp in the Fingers area.



Calf Pasture
The Atkins' family farm once stood at the end of what is now Atkins Lane. Can you find evidence of the buildings that once stood in this field?

Government Dock
Along the northern shore of the peninsula, in the residential area, stands the government dock. Next to the dock once stood the Presqu'ile Hotel, which attracted thousands of vacationers in the early 1900's.



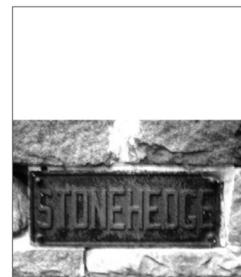
Lighthouse
Take the short trail around Presqu'ile Point to see the lighthouse up close (sorry, you can't go inside.) Interpretive panels along the way illustrate the fog station, local shipwrecks and the original lighthouse keepers home.

Speedy Plaque
In 1964, the Ontario Historical Society recognized the importance of the Loss of the Speedy and erected a plaque at Presqu'ile Point.

Lighthouse Interpretive Centre
Explore Presqu'ile's marine heritage through displays highlighting lighthouses, rum-running, pirates, boating and recreation in the area.



Lighthouse Lane
Four cottages remain on the southern shore of the park and each is named after the family that last owned them. Cousins Cottage (Nature Centre), open in July and August, is the only cottage open to the public.



A new story from Jack

Visit the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre for your chance to hear a new story from our talking mannequin Jack Atkins. He'll show you how people have entertained themselves at Presqu'ile since the early 1900's.

Important Dates in Presqu'ile's past:

- 1784: Thousands of Loyalists arrived in the Bay of Quinte area
- 1795: Governor John Graves Simcoe orders a survey of Presqu'ile: 'an excellent harbour'
- 1796: Obadiah and Mary Simpson are the first settlers in this area
- 1797: 'Plan of Newcastle in the Home District' drawn by Alexander Aiken.
- 1802: An act was passed to build a District Town named Newcastle at Presqu'ile.
- 1804: On its way to the first trial at the Newcastle courthouse, the Speedy sinks.
- 1805: Location of the district capital of Newcastle moved to Cobourg from Presqu'ile
- 1812: Presqu'ile used as shelter along the military supply route in the War of 1812.
- 1840: Construction of Presqu'ile's lighthouse completed.
- 1846: Lighthouse keepers residence was built.
- 1889: Construction of the Murray Canal completed, linking Presqu'ile Bay to the Trent-Severn Waterway.
- 1894: Presqu'ile's lighthouse covered in planks and shingles to protect the stonework.
- 1905: The Presqu'ile Summer Hotel opened at Calf Pasture.
- 1907: A fog station, with a steam-powered foghorn, was built beside the lighthouse.
- 1920: Most of Presqu'ile, except the lighthouse area, was transferred from federal to provincial jurisdiction.
- 1922: Presqu'ile Park Act was passed, allowing a private commission to run the park.
- 1922: Presqu'ile Park Commission purchases four farms, constructs new roads and a golf course in the park.
- 1935: Lighthouse was electrified
- 1948: Fog station dismantled.
- 1952: Lighthouse converted to fully automatic operation.
- 1954: Provincial Parks Act was introduced, bringing all parks under a single authority.
- 1956: Presqu'ile's first Park Superintendent was appointed.
- 1957: Presqu'ile's nature interpretation program began.
- 1962: Calf Pasture was purchased by the park.
- 2000: The Lighthouse Interpretive Centre is opened.

Presqu'ile's history challenge crossword puzzle

The answers to these questions can be found by reading the tabloid and visiting the historic locations marked on the map above.

- Down:
- Who was the most famous of Rum Runners to use Presqu'ile as a hideout?
 - What geometric shape is the lighthouse?
 - David Archibald's song 'The Ballad of Pirate ___' talks about this infamous pirate.
 - The last name of the first settler in the Presqu'ile area.
 - The district capital was moved to this town after the Speedy sank (what was its name in 1804?)
 - What challenges did the Provincial Marine face in the 1800's? 'Never enough___' (one of three)
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 - Last name of the man who designed Presqu'ile's lighthouse.
 - What feature on the New Dominion made it suitable for sailing into shallow ports on the Great Lakes?
 - Last name of the first lighthouse keeper.
 - Last digit of the number of steps that take you up to the belvedere in Proctor House.

- Across:
- How many stairs would you have to climb to get to the top of the lighthouse?
 - What is the last name of the first Police Officer known to be killed in the line of duty in Ontario?
 - Four cottages still line the southern shore of the park. One of them serves as office

Just for Kids!

Visit the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre

- Colour a picture of your favourite scene in Presqu'ile's history. Let us keep your picture and it will become part of the Remembering Speedy pictorial history book.
- By his (or her!) knots, ye shall know a sailor! Show the interpreter you can tie your knots and earn your knot-tying certificate.
- Check out the treasure chest - what might you find on the bottom of Lake Ontario?

Ask an adult to bring you to a children's program.

- Meet pirates, pioneers or soldiers from Presqu'ile's past.

Ask an adult to buy you the Presqu'ile for Kids Activity Book

- Complete the many tasks to earn your Level 1, 2 or 3 Nature Explorer Certificate. The book includes history activities too.

Attend special events on History Weekend July 30 to August 2, 2004

- Participate in the kids boat-building bee and sailing regatta, old fashioned fun and games and mini-golf.



The Loss of the Speedy

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

- CAPITAL
- COURTHOUSE
- CREW
- FIRE
- HARBOUR
- JUDGE
- LAKE
- LAWYER
- MURDER
- MYSTERY
- NEWCASTLE
- PAXTON
- PRESQUILE
- SAIL
- SCHOONER
- SELLECK
- SPEEDY
- STORM
- TRIAL

R Q K C E L L E S M T E R X
M M W X M R N N F W S L R R
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