

# Maple Ridge Trail



The trail leads to a lookout high over West Arm bringing Triton West and Badger Bay into view.

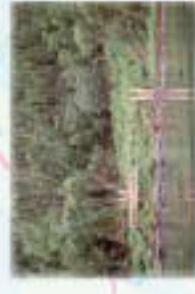


Triton Island is the easternmost of a tiny group of islands separating Halls Bay from Badger Bay. The town of Triton includes Cards Harbour, Jims Cove & Triton West. The many coves and tickles offer protection from the windblown atlantic making it an ideal area for shellfish culture. It was first settled by Dorset Eskimos who prized it for its rich fishery and safe harbour. Modern day visitors can also take advantage of its geography, exploring the many miles of irregular shoreline in relative tranquility.



Jims Cove

The Maple Ridge Trail is fully developed with steps and boardwalks making for a leisure 2 Km hike. The trail entrance at the west end of Triton has a large parking lot and picnicing area with a boat launch into Great Triton Harbour, swimming pool and gazebo. The lookout at the trails end offers a rare view of open waters in an area enclosed by rolling hills.



West Arm

Following the ridge above West Arm, the route winds through a mixed forest of balsam fir and various hardwoods that add a splash of color in fall when cooler temperatures make the climate ideal for hiking. Passing the first lookout opposite Triton West, mussel buoys can be seen dotting the waters of West Arm from the ridge above. The trail descends into a maple grove at the bottom of the arm before making the ascent to a central barren peak for a birds eye view of the greater area.



A booming fishing industry as led to economic independence and the preservation of the traditional lifestyle. The boating capitol of Green Bay, residents still cruise the tickles on family outings and visit deserted coves for a traditional boil up. A recreational saltwater fishery allows visitors an opportunity to jig or cast for fish along the many shoals.

Several boat charters offer the full spectrum of adventures, from long distance kayaking to luxury cabin cruises. Points of interest include the resettled communities of Julies Harbour and Vincents Point as well as a waterfalls in Badger Bay. Sea caves and other rock formations can be explored while kayaking through the tickles. Seabirds, eagles and osprey nest in the cliffs and whales and icebergs visit in spring.



Triton has a variety of services to offer visitors. Restaurants, motels & b&b's offer hospitality with traditional and modern foods. It is a picturesque town with neatly painted boats tied up at the docks that line the shore. Large vessels can be seen in dry dock. It is the home of DRL busline, an island wide service that also charters to mainland destinations and the U.S.