



Salmon & Fiddlehead Homecoming Festival



Wed. July 30 - Mon. Aug. 4, 2025

Doaktown has a lot of anniversaries to celebrate in 2025 – it's been 200 years since Squire Doak moved his family to what is now known as the Doak Provincial Heritage Site, and 100 years since construction on our former train bridge was completed. The Doaktown Legion began offering its services to military members and their families 95 years ago, and 40 years ago the first player teed off at the Old Mill Golf and Country Club. The St. Thomas United Church is celebrating 100 years and fifty years ago the graduating class of 1975 said its final goodbyes to the DCHS. In 2000 (25 years ago) our beloved Nite Lite Parade was launched. Best of all, the Village of Doaktown is honoured to have been chosen as the official site for this year's New Brunswick Day festivities so mark your calendars, spread the word and plan to join us at some or all of the following events:

Wednesday, July 30

- Let's Do Lunch - Atlantic Salmon Museum River Room
 - 12 - 1:30 pm
 - Menu is parmesan chicken, tossed salad, dessert, coffee, tea
 - Price: \$5.00 per person
 - Take-outs available but please call the Museum (506) 365-7787 to make your reservation
 - NOTE: The Salmon Museum is open from 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Saturday, and on Sunday from 12 - 5 pm. Admission is by donation only and items in our Gift Shop are all tax free

THURSDAY, JULY 31

- Opening Ceremonies - Doak Provincial Heritage Site
 - 6 pm
 - Overview of Weekend's Events
 - Announcement of Contest Winners
 - Honourary Mayor and Members of Council
 - Honourary Fire Chief
- Bingo - Catholic Church Center
 - 7 pm
 - Pay to play - \$10 (Using Chips not dabbers)
 - Canteen will be available



FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- Family Day - Doaktown Library
 - 9:30 - 11:30 am and 1 - 3 pm
 - Story Walk
 - 1 - 3 pm
 - Science East
 - Face Painting
- Salmon and Fiddlehead Supper - Atlantic Salmon Museum, River Room
 - 4:30 pm
 - Only 50 seats available at \$30 per person
 - Call the Museum at (506) 365-7787 to reserve yours.
- Catch the Queen - Doaktown Legion
 - 7 pm
 - Jackpot approx. \$18,000.
 - Tickets: 1 - for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00, or 7 for \$20.
 - Purchase at the Legion or e-transfer to raisestation328@doaktown.ca. Proceeds help support the construction of a new Fire Hall for Doaktown.
- Sock Hop (8-12 Year Olds) - Atlantic Salmon Museum
 - 7:30 - 9 pm
 - Admission is free (ice cream and other snacks available from the Gift Shop)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- Community Breakfast - Doaktown Curling Club
 - 7 - 11 am
 - Menu: scrambled eggs, toast, bacon, sausage, hash browns, tea, coffee, juice
 - Admission: \$15 per person or \$40 per family
- Central NB Championship Washer Toss Tournament - Prospect Place
 - 10 am
 - Cash prizes awarded: \$500 for First Place, with prizes for Second and Third Place
 - 50/50 Tickets and Beer Tent available on site
 - Entry fee is \$20.00 per 2-person team
 - Sign up by contacting Joey LaPointe (506) 987-4581, Trevor Price (506) 365-0389, Tammy Amos (506) 440-6402 or @Joeysindependentgrocer. Sponsored by Joey's Independent Grocer
- A Walk Through Time
 - 10 am
 - Insights into the fascinating history of our Village by local historian Monty Carr (sponsored by the Central Miramichi Historical Society)
 - Maximum of 20 participants. Please reserve your spot by Fri., Aug 1
 - Contact Belva Brown at (506) 365-7868 for reservations or for transportation assistance.
- Saturday at the Museum - Atlantic Salmon Museum
 - 10 am - 1 pm
 - Touch a Truck
 - 9 am - 5 pm
 - Free Admission to the Museum / no tax on anything in our Gift Shop

SATURDAY, AUG. 2 CONTINUED

- The Great Miramichi Duck Race
 - 11 am
 - The ducks will be released at the Atlantic Salmon Museum at approximately 11 am. The first place winner is expected to cross the finish line at the Doaktown Train Bridge around noon
 - First duck across the finish line wins \$1,000
 - Ducks are \$10 each
 - Your duck can be purchased at the Atlantic Salmon Museum, Doaktown Pharmasave, Joey's Independent Grocer or the Doaktown Home Hardware.
 - Proceeds in support of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23, Doaktown
- Market - Doak Provincial Heritage Site
 - 9 - 11 am
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 23
 - 2 - 5:30 pm
 - Tours of Legion building available upon request
 - Downstairs Lounge is open & everyone is welcome
 - Dinner Theatre - Featuring traditional Miramichi folk songs by award winning Mike Bravener in costume as "Abe Moon"
 - 4 - 6 pm
 - Menu: Cold plate with a build-your-own ice cream sundae for dessert. Beer, wine and spirits available for purchase at the bar
 - Tickets (Advance purchase only) \$20 per person
 - Available by e-transfer to doaktownlegion23@gmail.com or at the Home Hardware (Doaktown & Blackville), the Doaktown Legion, or Green's Garden Patch in Blissfield
- Adult Dance - Prospect Place
 - Admission - \$10 pp & cash bar
 - 8 - 9 pm: Kylie Watson
 - 9 pm - 1 am: Poor Man's Habit

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- Nine-Hole Family Frolic Scramble - Old Mill Pond Golf Club
 - 9 am
 - Teams of four golfers - must include one female, and one junior (under 19).
 - Entry fee (including meals and prizes) is \$80 per team. Contact Judy Astle at jastlenb4@gmail.com or (506) 440-9986 for further information
- Cold Plate Take-Out - Catholic Church Center, 714 Main St.
 - Price: \$12 - Adults / \$7 - Children 12 and under
 - Pick-up available between 12 - 2 pm at the Catholic Church Center or at St. Raphael's Blackville center from 2:30 - 3 pm
 - Call Colleen Wilson (506) 440-3901 or Cassie Kervin (506) 365-0444 to reserve your meal
- Doaktown Destruction (Wrestling) - Prospect Place
 - Doors open at 1:30 pm and bell rings at 2 pm
 - Tickets are \$ 20/ adult and \$10 for youth (12 and under)
- Cribbage Tournament - Doaktown Legion
 - Registration starts at 12:30 pm and games begin at 1 pm
 - Everyone is Welcome
- Gospel Service - Doaktown Community Park
 - 4 PM - with Pastor Ron Carroll of the Doaktown Abundant Life Church



SUNDAY, AUG. 3 CONTINUED

- Atlantic Salmon Museum and Gift Shop
 - Open from 12 – 5 pm
 - Free admission and no tax on anything in our gift shop
- Doak Provincial Historic Site
 - Open 9 - 5 pm
 - Admission is by donation only
- 25th Annual Nite Lite Parade
 - 2 pm: BBQ in support of the Doaktown Volunteer Fire Department
 - Set up in front of Doaktown Elementary School/Library
 - 9 pm: The Parade begins
 - Parade route follows Route 8 from the picnic site at the upper end of the Village to the Doaktown Elementary School. Please note that the road will be closed except for emergency vehicles for the duration of the parade
 - Fireworks (following the Parade) – Doaktown Elementary School



MONDAY, AUGUST 4 - NEW BRUNSWICK DAY

A hearty Miramichi welcome to the Hon. Susan Holt, Premier of New Brunswick, who will be helping us celebrate this very special New Brunswick Day.

- Doaktown Community Park (In the event of rain all activities will be held at the Doaktown Legion)
 - 11:00 - 11:45 am Miramichi Boot Scooters (Line dancing demonstration)
 - 12 pm - Welcome / Flag Raising / Singing of O Canada
 - 12:10 pm - Premier Susan Holt / Announcement of the Order of NB Recipients
 - 12:20 pm - Doaktown Mayor, Art O'Donnell - Announcement of Nite Lite Parade Winners
 - 12:30 pm - Cake Cutting
 - 1 - 2:15 pm - Performance by The Lumber Jills with Drowsy Maggie
 - 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Music by Josh Norrad

Throughout the day there will be food vendors and kiosks in the parking lot adjacent to the park

- Biggest Indoor / Outdoor Market –Atlantic Salmon Museum
 - 9 am – 3 pm
 - Crafts, yard sale items, 50/50 draw, BBQ, bouncy castles, pirate ship and much more
 - 30 tables of wonderful things to choose from
- Doak Provincial Heritage Site
 - 10 am – 4 pm
 - Petting Zoo, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Cotton Candy and Snow Cones
 - Free guided tours of the Site and the historic School House
 - Weaving, spinning and quilting demonstrations
 - Carlotta Stewart's Country Tails; Bryson Beek's snacks and drinks; Robinson's ice cream
 - A visit from Squire Doak
 - 11 am - 1 pm
 - Free BBQ (hot dogs, pop & water)
 - 11 am - 3:30 Music
 - 11:30 am - Kylie Watson
 - 1:15 pm - Bagpipe Performance
 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm - Stephen Lyons
 - 1 pm
 - Cutting of the Doak Site's Anniversary Cake / Unveiling of School House Plaque

