

September 2026

Recreation programming

Adult & Family Programming

For more information on adult programming, reach out to jason.calder@invernesscounty.ca

Escape Room

The 150-year-old house that belonged to the famous illusionist Houdini, has become a museum. While looking around you stumble into a secret room that no one has seen for over a century and as you enter, the door shuts and locks behind. Danger is everywhere and the key to escape is hidden in the room, can you find it in time?

Monday, September 14 | Cranton Cross Road Community Centre, Margaree

Monday, September 21 | Whycomomagh Public Library

Monday, September 28 | Glendale Community Hall

From 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | \$5 per person or \$20 per group | Max. of 6 people per group (Recommendation: 2–4 people per group)

Email Jason.Calder@invernesscounty.ca to book your timeslot.

Weekend Guided Hike

Explore the beautiful hiking trails of Inverness County with our experienced staff! All are welcome.

Fair Alastair's Loop, Cape Mabou

Saturday, September 26

Meet at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mabou at 8:30 a.m. for carpooling or meet directly at trailhead at 9:00 a.m.

Drop-in | No cost

4.7km | 216 m elevation gain | two hours

Beginner-friendly hike with one moderate climb

If you would like to borrow hiking poles (no cost) or if you would like more information regarding trail programming, email Emery.Ferraro@invernesscounty.ca

Book Club

September Sessions

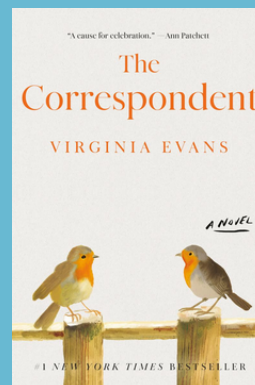


The Book Club takes place monthly in each location —Mabou, Inverness and Chéticamp. You only need to attend one session per month, whichever is most convenient for you.

Our September Book Club pick is *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

- September 3 | 6:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. | An Drochaid, Mabou
- September 10 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | The Dancing Goat Café & Bakery, Inverness
- September 17 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Whycomomagh Public Library
- September 24 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Chéticamp Public Library

Please come ready to discuss the book!
Ages 14+ | No cost | Drop-in



October Book Club Pick

For those who want to read ahead, the October book pick is *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia.



The book club is on a drop-in basis. To receive updates, including emails on voting for the next book, send your full name and email to keshi.macdonald@invernesscounty.ca

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Once Upon Inverness County Short Stories Collection

Do you have a story to tell—or have you always wanted to become an author?

Once Upon Inverness County is a new annual short story collection celebrating the creativity, imagination and unique character of our community. We are inviting local authors and aspiring writers to share an original work of fiction inspired by the year's theme: *'Whispers by the Water'* – We invite you to explore stories connected to water in any way you choose. Your story might be set along our coastline, rivers, lakes or beaches—or simply use water as a starting point for a story of mystery, memory, adventure, family, friendship or imagination.

Stories may be set in Inverness County or beyond. There is no single interpretation of the theme—we want to see where your imagination takes you.

Selected stories will be reviewed and edited before being published in the annual collection. Each contributing author will receive a complimentary copy of the finished book and will be invited to celebrate the publication at an Author Gala in 2027.

Submission Requirements:

- Must be an original work of fiction, but it can be based on a true story
- Between 1,000 and 7,500 words
- Can be submitted in English, French or Gaelic

Timeline:

Oct. 2026 – Jan. 2027: Open Submissions

Feb. – Mar. 2027: Review / Editing

Apr. – May 2027: Book Publication

Summer/Fall 2027: Author Gala

Submission Deadline: January 20, 2027.

Send submissions to recreation@invernesscounty.ca

Seniors Programming Schedule

For more information, reach out to
Anna.Solomon@invernesscounty.ca

Seniors Walking Group

A flat, slower paced walking group, designed for walkers of all abilities. Hosted in partnership with Cape Breton University's Centre for Healthy Aging.

Thursdays, September 3 & 17 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Judique Community Centre

No cost | Drop-in

Age Well Ice Cream Social

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy outlines the steps the government must take to ensure people with disabilities have real choices about where and how they live, with the right supports in place.

Inclusion Nova Scotia will offer a presentation on that this means for you and your loved ones. Join us for an informative evening with dessert and social time.

Thursday, September 24 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre | No cost | Drop-in

Pickleball Clinic

Come learn the ins and outs of pickleball!
Gear provided for use during the clinic.

We'll start with a quick tutorial, go over basics, and answer any questions you have before diving into drills to build confidence in rules, serving, and team play.

A slow-paced, guided game to ensure participants feel confident in the game play, followed by free-play time on the courts.

Wednesday, September 9 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Creignish Tennis Courts (Rain Location: Creignish Recreation Centre)

Drop-in | No cost

Rental Equipment

Online booking now available!



GT Off-Road Bike

Rental Fee: \$5/day or
\$25/week



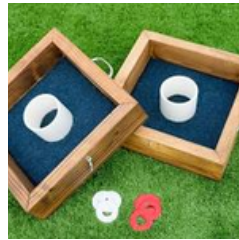
Giant Connect Four

Free to borrow.



Cornhole

Free to borrow.



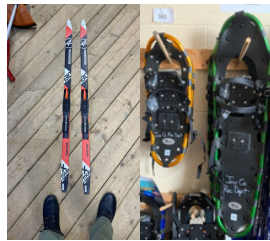
Washer Toss

Free to borrow.



Giant Jenga

Free to borrow.



Winter: Skis / Snowshoes

Rental Fee: \$2/day or
\$10/week.

ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT



All-Terrain Hippocampe
Free to borrow.



The "RIG"
Free to borrow.



Varna II Handcycle
Free to borrow.

Inverness Multicourt

Online booking now available!

Exciting news! You can now book court time at the Inverness Multicourt Facility online at [PlayFinder.ca](https://playfinder.ca).

Before you book, here are a few important things to know:

- The facility is free for residents for casual use, and can be booked for up to two hours per day
- Bookings can be made up to 14 days in advance
- Submitting a request does not guarantee court time. Users will receive a confirmation email once the request has been processed and approved
- Requests for weekend (Saturday and Sunday) bookings will be processed up until 12:00 p.m. each Friday

Organized groups (such as leagues, clubs, schools, etc.) who wish to set up a recurring block booking at the facility may do so by contacting facilitybooking@invernesscounty.ca. These bookings are \$25/hour per court and must be approved by the Municipality.

To read the full booking policy and for a handy step-by-step guide to online booking, visit invernesscounty.ca/services/recreation.

If you have questions about the facility, contact recreation@invernesscounty.ca, or call toll-free, 1-866-258-0223, select option #6.



Book now on [PlayFinder.ca](https://playfinder.ca)