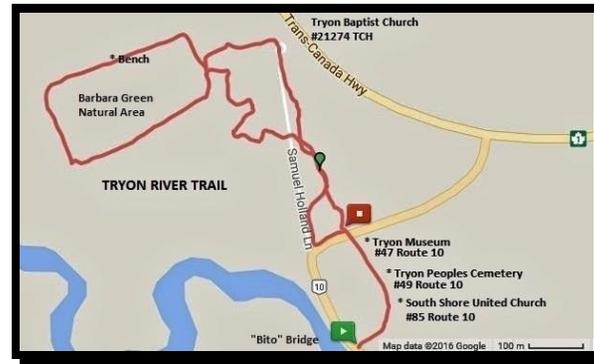


Tryon River Trail

The communities of **Tryon and North Tryon** which centre around the **Tryon River** have a rich historical background, dating from the **Indigenous People** 11,000 years ago to the arrival of the **Acadian** settlers around 1750, and the **English** arrivals in 1768. The salt water marshes have contributed significantly to the establishment of settlements along the river banks and continue to be a haven for a wide variety of wildlife.

Trails have been developed by the **Tryon River Watershed Cooperative** for interpreting the natural and historic sites. For your safety, and respect for plants and wildlife, you are asked to please stay on the paths. For emergencies please note the civic numbers located at the three trail entrances. **Emergency is 911.**

Trail Coordinators; Bob, 902-658-2045; Jack, 902-658-2009.



South Shore United Church is the first Church on PEI designed by **Wm. Critchlow Harris** and was completed in 1882. The church's simple but bold form including prominent steep roof, low walls with buttresses and picturesque tower places it within the High Victorian phase of the Gothic Revival. Harris Churches are noted for their

superior acoustics and are a choice venue for performers.



At the West end of the Church is a **Monument** designating the building as a **National Historic Site**, commemorating the design of the church and celebrating 200 years of **Methodism** in the area.



This location also gives a wonderful view of the historical “**Bito**” **Bridge**, the name derived from the French word “**Aboiteau**”, a type of bridge used by the early farmers for controlling the flow of water on the marsh.



The **Tryon River** was important to the early settlers for navigation and fishing and dams on the upper two tributaries provided power for various mills. Hay was harvested on the **SaltMarsh** beginning with the **Acadians** who first developed a system of dykes and canals for controlling the water. The practice of farming the marshlands continued until the mid 1940s. **Shipbuilding** was also an important business carried out from the late 1700s till the mid 1800s. On the opposite side of the river near the bridge **Leard’s Brick Kiln** was situated. Various **ponds** on the marsh are evidence of early farmers digging marsh mud as fertilizer for their farms. The **Tryon River** was named after **William Tryon**, friend of Samuel Holland.



The **Tryon People's Cemetery**, is a pioneer cemetery and was incorporated in 1920 as non-denominational cemetery.



Next to the church is a grave stone marking the burial site of the wife and descendants of **Surveyor General Samuel Holland** whose survey crews completed surveying the Island into 67 lots in 1765. Samuel Holland, proprietor of **Lot 28**, is buried in Quebec city.



The **Tryon War Memorial** is situated at the Cemetery.



The **Nature Trail** entrance at Route 10 winds through a partly wooded area where many species of wildlife abound.



Native trees and shrubs are labelled and represent species that were part of the ancient **Acadian Forest**. **QR codes** can also be scanned.



The trail continues across **Samuel Holland Lane** and follows along **saltmarsh**.



Different species of plants which can be seen on the marsh are tolerant of the salt water which floods the marsh during the rising tides. The **Common Reed**, visible in summer as tall dark green foliage, was probably planted by the Acadian settlers as a thatching material.



Wetlands can also be seen with groves of Cattails, a valuable food supply for the Muskrat. This is also a favorite nesting place for the Red-winged Blackbird.



The trail makes a loop around the **Barbara Green Natural Area**, land donated by Mrs. Green to the **Island Nature Trust**. This area gives a spectacular view of the river and marshlands. Winding streams are fed by natural springs which feed into the main river, providing a source of fresh water for the early settlers.

Start: #50 Route 10, Tryon

Coordinates: Lat. 46.239830;

Long. (-)63.543224

Complete loop is approx.2 km

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