



**NEW PARK FEATURE
A Splash Pad!**

On July 2nd 2010, the newest edition to Bowring Park, the Splash Pad, was opened for enjoyment of children and on-lookers. The structure features directional water jets, sprinklers, and fountains; all of which can be moved and controlled by the children at play.

The recent summer weather has allowed children to get plenty of use out of the park's new feature. By creating a space where children can play while being closely supervised by the parents, the Splash Pad has become a popular family attraction.

The Splash Pad is open 10am to 7pm daily, tentatively closing August 28th 2010.



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PARK UPDATES

The Bowring Park Foundation is partnering with the City of St. John's to restore the Stone Bridge that crosses over South Brook near the tennis courts. The work is set to begin in late August.



The Bowring Park Tennis Courts are temporarily closed for resurfacing. They will be re-opened shortly to provide an improved playing experience to park patrons.

BOWRING PARK POOL SCHEDULE

Fitness/Parent & Tot = (F/P&T), Community Group Swim = (CG), General Swim = (G)

As of July 2nd, for more info & updates call 576-7708

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	(F/P&T) 11- 12:45PM		(F/P&T) 11- 12:45PM		(F/P&T) 11- 12:45PM	
	(CG) 1:00 - 2:00PM	(CG) 11:00 - 2:00PM	(CG) 1:00 - 2:00PM	(CG) 11:00 - 2:00PM	(CG) 1:00 - 2:00PM	
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BOWRING PARK FOUNDATION DONATES A BENCH TO THE PARK IN MEMORY OF MR. DERRICK BOWRING



A bench in memory of Mr. Derrick Bowring, great-great-grandson of Benjamin Bowring, will be donated to the park by the Bowring Park Foundation to commemorate his life and his generous contributions to the park. The memorial bench will be next to the Rose Garden which is located between the Park Bell and the Conservatory/Greenhouse.

*And the soul of the rose went into my blood,
As the music clash'd in the hall;
And long by the garden lake I stood,
For I heard your rivulet fall
From the lake to the meadow and on to the wood,
Our wood, that is dearer than all*

From Derrick Bowring's oft' quoted poem,
"Come into the Garden, Maud"
by Alfred Lord Tennyson

SWANS IN BOWRING PARK

Swans were first introduced to Bowring Park on July 1, 1946. Originally, they were acquired from King George VI's personal collection in England. On April 8, 2003, two breeding pairs purchased by the Bowring Park Foundation were released in the Bowring Park Duck Pond. There are a total of ten swans residing in St. John's presently, four of which make their home in the Park; two in the Duck Pond and two in the Fountain Pond. Other pairs can be found in Mundy Pond, Kenny's Pond & Virginia Lake. Swans are the heaviest flying birds and can live for 30 years or more! Be sure to come by and admire their captivating beauty.

FLOWERS IN BOWRING PARK

- Common Lilac
(*Syringa vulgaris*)

Grows 6–7 m high, with grey bark and light green leaves. The flowers are usually lilac, mauve, or white in colour and have a sweet smell.



- Flowering Crabapple

Grows to 4.6 - 7.6m. Crabapple blossoms are clustered with five petals and bloom before their leaves open. They are usually pink or red; then fade paler as time goes on.



- Choke Cherry
(*Prunus virginiana*)

Grows to 5m with fruit varying from bright red to black and having a sour taste. The bark of the chokecherry root was once made into a mixture that was used by Native Americans to heal minor illnesses. The fruit is also used to make jam, jelly, or syrup.



The Annual General Meeting for the Bowring Park Foundation is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the Bungalow in Bowring Park.

Foundation members and the General Public are welcome to attend.



THANK YOU TO THE BUTTON SHOP

The Button Shop has been assisting the Bowring Park Foundation in the packaging of duck food since February 5, 2003. The Button Shop employs members of the Vera Perlin Society who allow individuals with developmental disabilities to enjoy independence through employment. The employees package bags of duck food that are then sold at Marie's Mini Mart locations as well as at the Bowring Park Lodge. This allows patrons of the Park to buy bags of duck food which provide proper nutrition for the birds rather than feeding them bread which can dehydrate them and cause illness. All of the profits from the sale of duck food go back into Park projects. Bowring Park would like to thank the Button Shop employees for all their hard work and dedication to excellence.



FEATURES & ATTRACTIONS OF BOWRING PARK

Beaumont Hamel Replica Plaques

These plaques commemorate the WWI battle on the Somme in Northern France on July 1, 1916. They are a relatively new addition to Bowring Park, having been unveiled July 1, 2009. They are exact replicas of the original memorial plaques that were unveiled at Beaumont Hamel Park in France in 1925. On these plaques, there are the 820 names of Newfoundland and Labrador soldiers, seamen and sailors who died in WWI and who have no known graves. This is a significant site for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador because, in a symbolic way, we have finally brought these servicemen back home. Before now, families and friends had to travel to Europe to pay tribute to their comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice.



Beaumont Hamel Replica Plaques

Peter Pan Statue

This well known park attraction is over 80 years old. It is one of only 6 Peter Pan statues in the world by the sculptor George Frampton. All six of the statues are slightly different with the original in London's Kensington Garden. The Peter Pan statue that resides in Bowring Park is a memorial for Sir Edgar Bowring's granddaughter Betty Munn, who was only 4 years old when she died with her father and 92 other people when the SS *Florizel* crashed in a storm off Capahayden in 1918. The statue was unveiled on Children's Day in front of 3000 children and is still enjoyed today by children admiring and climbing over the fairy tale characters.



Peter Pan

The Bowring Park Foundation was established in 1995 as a not-for-profit organization under the patronage of the late Mr. Derrick Bowring. Its mandate is to assist the City of St. John's with the restoration, preservation and development of Bowring Park.

The Bowring Park Foundation has revamped and updated the Park map and brochure this year and will have it available to the Public free of charge. You can pick up your copy at the Bowring Park Foundation Lodge located at the Park's East Entrance or at the City of St. John's Tourism Information Center on Water Street or you can print your own copy from our website: www.bowringpark.com.

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Bowring Park Foundation Memberships

Membership forms are available at the Bowring Park Foundation Lodge; located next to the East Entrance or they may be downloaded at www.bowringpark.com
Membership Fees: Senior \$10.00, Individual \$12.00, Family \$18.00

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Bowring Park Bungalow



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The Power of Community

Our history of community involvement stems from the devotion our employees have to the places they call home. With locations throughout the island, the power of our contributions can be seen from coast to coast.

At the heart of everything we do is a desire to strengthen our connection to our customers and communities.

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