

The Bowring Park Foundation

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



Bread has little nutritional value, dehydrates the birds and promotes bacteria growth in ponds and rivers.

Bowring Park welcomes dogs!

Dog owners are responsible for keeping their pets on a leash and for cleaning up after them. Disposable pet waste bags are available throughout the park. Don't forget to toss used bags in the garbage containers provided.



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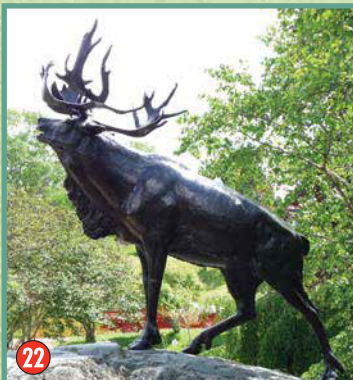
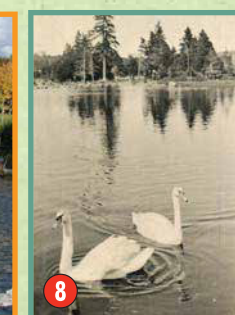
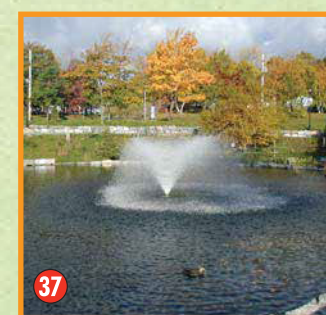
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A Generous Gift for Public Pleasure and
Enjoyment since July 15, 1914



1 Newfoundland T' Railway

2 **Fishway** — Allows free passage past dams and bridges for Brown Trout and Atlantic Salmon to migrate to sea and back again to complete their life cycle.

3 **Duck Pond** — Almost entirely man-made, this is a popular and scenic place to sit and enjoy the birds.

4 **Peter Pan Statue** — A celebration of childhood for Sir Edgar Bowring's granddaughter, Betty Munn, who lost her life when the S.S. Florizel sank off Cappahayden, Newfoundland in 1918. It was unveiled on Children's Day in 1925 and is the work of British sculptor, Sir George Frampton. It is one of six such monuments in the world, the others found in Toronto, Brussels, Perth, Camden, NJ, and the original located in Kensington Gardens in London, England.

5 **Connaught Stone** — The Linden Tree that was planted by the Duke of Connaught during the official opening of the park on July 15, 1914 was destroyed by Hurricane Igor on September 21, 2010. The stone that stood underneath the tree is a block of native granite and if you look behind the Gnome you can see the name "Humber" engraved on the stone. It is believed that this stone was once used as a headstone for Sir Richard Squires' dog, Humber. Sir Richard was a former Prime Minister of Newfoundland who had a residence close to where the Labyrinth is now located.

6 **Bowring Park Lodge** — Constructed in 1914 as the residence for Park Superintendents. The Bowring Park Foundation has its office here.

7 **Conservatory** — Built in 1947 to grow plants for the park, it was reconstructed as a Conservatory in 1996.

8 Swan Quarters

9 Waterford River Walk*

10 **Bell** — Originally up high in a tower, Park Superintendents pulled a rope, signalling to patrons that the park would close at 10pm.

11 **Horse Trough** — The last of its kind, relocated from the east end of Duckworth Street. The cobblestones in the wall came from Water Street.

12 **Beech Tree and Rustic Benches** — Planted by the Governor General of Canada, the Viscount Alexander of Tunis, on his first visit to Newfoundland in 1949. Benches beneath were hand-crafted from young spruce — the design originally used for all the furniture, fences and bridges in the park.

13 Confederation Monument

14 **Rustic Gazebo** — Built in 1914 with a unique self supporting roof structure. (i.e. no central pole).

15 Tennis Courts

16 **The Stone Bridge** — Constructed in 1931 with pink granite stones and bent tracks from the old railway line. Remnants of the iconic old swimming pool wall can be seen immediately upstream.

17 **Old Swimming Pool** — In the 1920s a section of the eastern side of South Brook River by the Stone Bridge was dammed to make a 'natural-like' swimming pool and it served the city for over 40 years until the outdoor pool was constructed in the late 1960s.

18 **South Brook Trail*** — A nature hike, 1.4km one way, along the South Brook River, across Royal Bank Bridge, to the far west end of the park.

19 **Cantilever Bridge** — This bridge is especially interesting as it is anchored only on one end. It does not touch the ground on the south end. The Montreal architectural firm, van Ginkel Associates, with Ove Arup as the structural engineering consultant, designed this bridge for use as a pedestrian overpass above the railway tracks that used to run south of the park. Arup, one of the world's most brilliant structural engineers, also made possible the construction of the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

20 **The Fighting Newfoundlander** — A local favourite, this statue of a soldier in WWI battle gear was sculpted by Captain Basil Gotto and unveiled in 1922 as a tribute to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

21 **Whale's Back Falls** — Use your imagination when you look down at the rock formation in the Waterford River. Can you see the whale's back?

22 **The Caribou Memorial and Beaumont Hamel Replica Plaques** — The Caribou, the official insignia of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, was unveiled as a tribute on July 1st, 1928. This Caribou, like its counterparts in the six European battlefield parks, gazes in the same direction in which the men of the Regiment would have faced their enemy. The plaques are exact replicas of those in Beaumont Hamel, France. They list the names of 820 Newfoundland soldiers, seamen and sailors who died in WWI and have no known graves.

23 **Cochius' Plaque** — A humble tribute to Mr. Rudolph Cochius, the landscape architect who was assigned the task of bringing Frederick Todd's design for Bowring Park to reality. The Bowring Park Lodge was built for his family to live in while he oversaw all construction and subsequent landscape design. Other than Bowring Park, Cochius is probably best known for his work on a series of World War I memorials to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in Northern France and Belgium.

24 Weeping Beech

25 Sundial

26 **The Bungalow** — Built in 1915, a popular location with its lush lawn, sundial and weeping beech tree.

27 **Angel's Grove** — A memorial site for stillborn babies, miscarriages & newborn deaths.

28 **The Overpass** — Defines the boundary between the old original park, 50 acres on the east, and the newer park, 150 acres on the west.

29 Sliding Hill

30 Skateboard Park

31 Bob Whelan Multi-Purpose Field

32 Swimming Pool

33 Susan Harvey Patten Pool House

34 Nevaeh Denine Splash Pad

35 **Barrier-Free Playground** — Accommodating disabled, visual and hearing impaired children.

36 St. John's Cabot 500 Amphitheatre

37 Fountain Pond

38 **Squires' Well** — A remnant from former Prime Minister Sir Richard Squires' property which was called Midstream (1920s -1930s). His house, Cherry Lodge, was demolished in the early 1970s.

39 **Labyrinth** — Officially opened on October 8th, 2021, it is based on the Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located close to Paris, France. You may use it for many reasons including peace, inspiration and fun. Whatever the reason, experiencing the labyrinth may stimulate the relaxation response which helps ease stress.

40 Commemorative Tree Planting Bulletin

41 Midstream Green — A Lawn Bowling Facility

42 Maintenance Shed

43 Maintenance Compound

44 Jamie Morry Soccer Field

45 Captain's Falls

46 Royal Bank Bridge



*The Waterford River and South Brook Trail are located in Bowring Park and are part of an extensive network of walks called the Grand Concourse. This 200km walkway network stretches across the metro region.