



# Prince Edward Island Register of Heritage Places Guidelines

The Province of Prince Edward Island has developed a register of heritage places in Prince Edward Island. Any site or structure important to the history and culture of Prince Edward Island is eligible. If the site or structure meets the criteria for historical and architectural assessment, it can be placed in the register according to the *Heritage Places Protection Act*.

## **What is the *Heritage Places Protection Act*?**

The purpose of the act is to protect all classes of historic resources, interpret and enhance historic resources and to create an informed and involved public.

## **What does the *Heritage Places Advisory Board* do?**

The board advises and assists the minister on all matters relating to the protection of heritage places.

## **Who is the minister responsible for heritage?**

The minister of Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture is responsible for the administration of the *Heritage Places Protection Act*.

## **What is a heritage place?**

It is a place in the province which includes or is comprised of a heritage resource primarily of value for its paleontological, archaeological, prehistoric, historic, cultural, natural, scientific or aesthetic interest.

## **What is a registered heritage place?**

Any site or structure that has been researched and meets certain criteria is eligible to appear on the register. This level of specification does not provide legal protection for the place.

## **What is a designated heritage place?**

A designated heritage place is a protected place subject to the provisions of the *Heritage Places Protection Act* and regulations. This level of specification has legal restrictions on any changes to the landscape of the place or to the architectural character defining elements of the place. A place may not be designated without the approval of the minister responsible for heritage. For more information, contact the Heritage Officer at the Dept. of Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture. A designated place is eligible to receive a blue plaque to indicate its status as a protected heritage place.

## **Who can apply to have a structure or site placed on the register?**

Any interested person who can supply the necessary information may apply.

## **Does the owner of the property have to be informed?**

No, but informing the owner that you are nominating his or her property is a normal courtesy.

## **What if I can't supply all the information requested on the form?**

Please try to provide all pertinent details. Lack of data will slow processing of your application. If data is unavailable to you, please say so in the space provided.

**Why should I go to the trouble of applying to have a structure/site added to the register?**

For many years, Islanders have recognized the need for a register of our valuable historical resources. However, keeping a list is not enough. To preserve what exists today, concerned Islanders must act promptly to identify, maintain and cherish the reflections of our past. What is destroyed is gone forever. What is preserved is a gift to future generations. Establishing an accurate register is a vital first step in the preservation of Prince Edward Island's rich heritage.

**What sort of structure could qualify for the register?**

Any building constructed for the following purposes: religious, commercial, industrial, educational, agricultural, recreational, navigational, military, and marine. Eligible structures include houses, churches and barns.

**What sort of site could qualify for the register?**

Any site reflecting our natural heritage or traditional use of natural areas. Eligible sites include parks, roads, wetlands, shorelines, vistas and harbours.

**What are the criteria used to assess applications for the register?**

Sites or structures nominated for the register will be assessed using the following criteria, as appropriate: age; style or historical period; design; architect or builder; streetscape; integrity; construction methods; exterior condition; landmark; historical or site context; event, person or activity connected with the site; and its context as an institution.

**Who decides if my property qualifies for the register?**

The minister responsible for heritage with the assistance of the Heritage Places Advisory Board.

**Does a registered or designated place qualify for government grants of any kind?**

Yes, designated places may qualify for assistance under the Provincial Heritage Incentive Program.

**Can I make changes to my property?**

Yes. A registered property is not a designated property. However, it is hoped that owners of registered properties will use good judgement in the care of their properties. Designated properties have more controlled restrictions.

**Do I have to pay an application fee to register my property?**

No.

**Where can I get more application forms?**

Electronic forms are available online at [www.princeedwardisland.ca](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca).

Forms are also available at [www.peihistoricplaces.ca](http://www.peihistoricplaces.ca).

**Where do I send this form?**

You may use the following address and mail it to:

**Heritage Officer**

Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture  
PO Box 2000  
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

For more information, please contact the Heritage Officer at:

Tel: (902) 368-5940

Fax: (902) 368-4663

Email: [heritageplaces@gov.pe.ca](mailto:heritageplaces@gov.pe.ca)

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All designated or registered historic places in Prince Edward Island are eligible for inclusion in the PEI Register of Heritage Places, [www.peihistoricplaces.ca](http://www.peihistoricplaces.ca), and in the Canadian Register of Historic Places, [www.historicplaces.ca](http://www.historicplaces.ca).