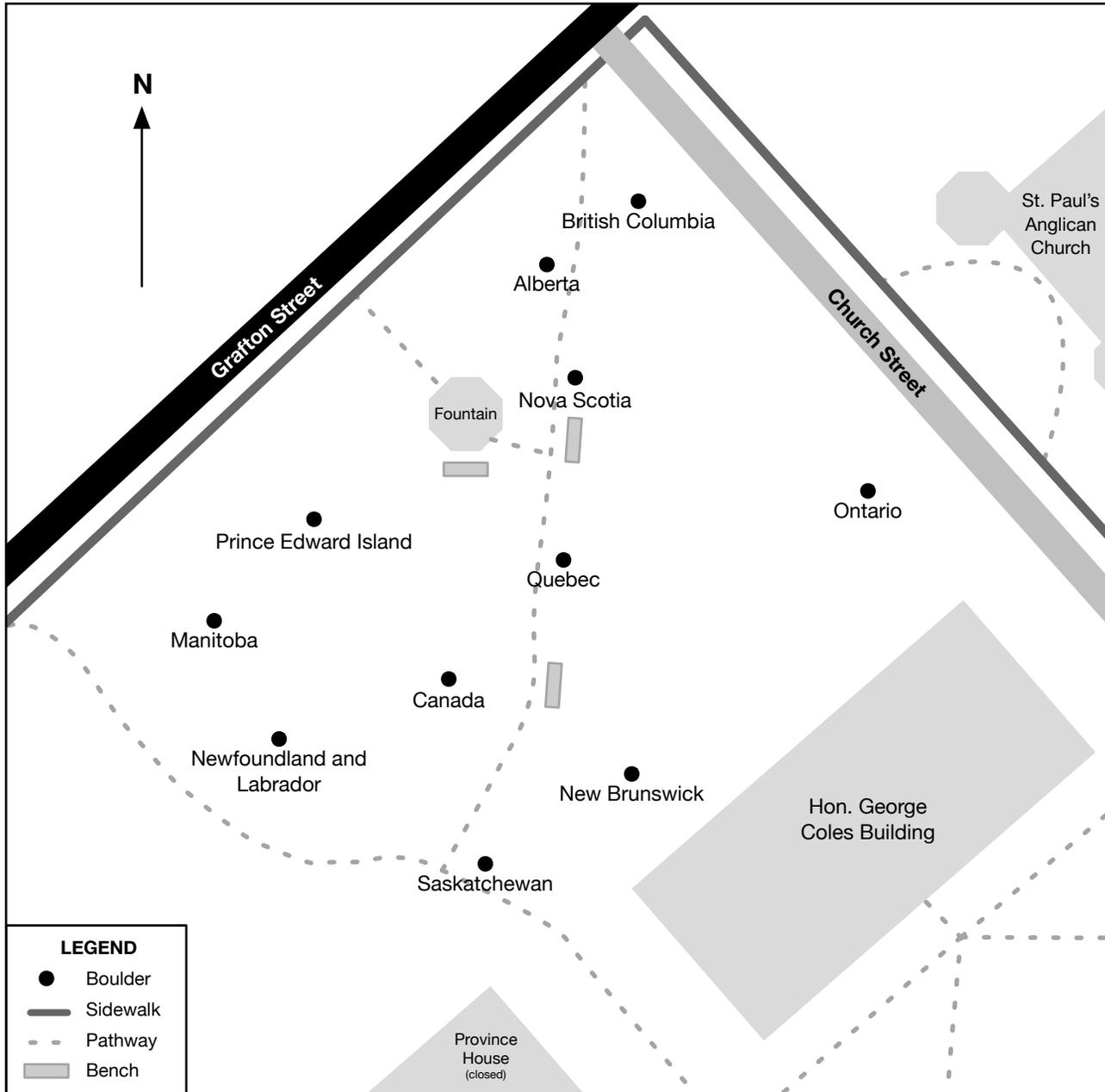


Boulder Park Map

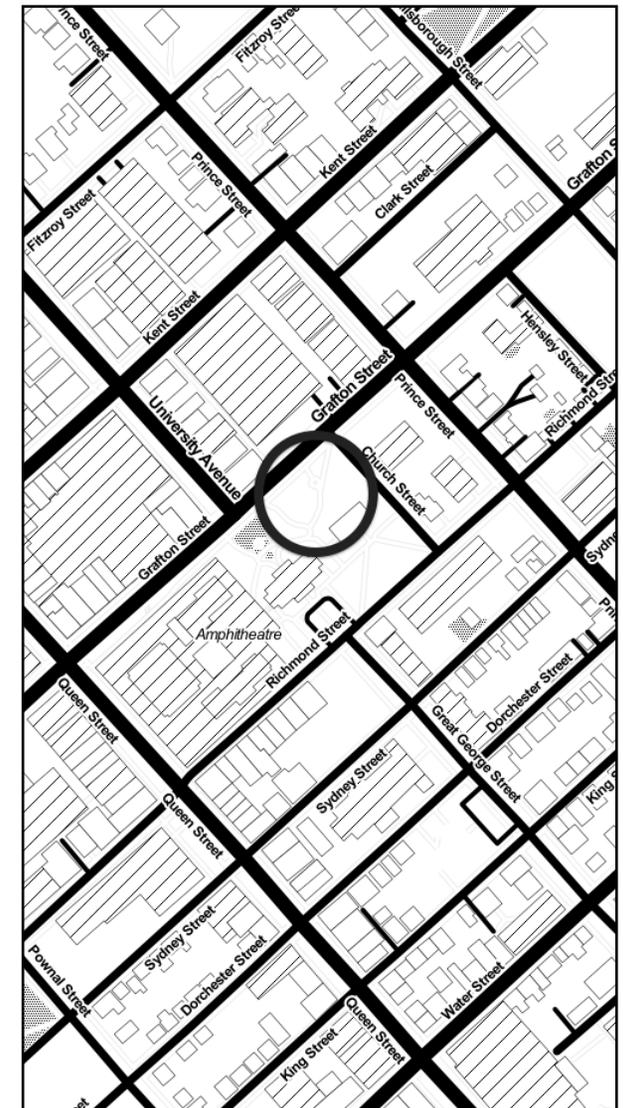
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The Charlottetown Boulder Park is located in downtown Charlottetown behind the Hon. George Coles Building, between Province House and St. Paul's Anglican Church. There is 1 hour free parking on Church Street and metered parking on Grafton St. Entrance to the park is free for all, and it is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Bring a picnic lunch!

The Charlottetown Boulder Park

Celebrating Canada, one rock at a time.



About the Park

YOU ARE STANDING on the back lawn of the Hon. George Coles Building, constructed in 1874 as a home to Prince Edward Island's Supreme Court, a role it played for 100 years. In recent years it has housed offices for Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Public Archives; even more recently it has served as temporary home to the Legislative Chamber during the restoration of Province House.

To the west, beyond Province House, you will see the Confederation Centre of the Arts, opened in 1964 as a memorial to Canada's Fathers of Confederation. Construction of the Centre was funded by a 15 cents per capita contribution from every Canadian province, plus the federal government: 30 cents from every Canadian.

To celebrate and memorialize that contribution, Dr. Eric Harvie, chair of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Citizens Foundation, conceived of this park, which includes a boulder from each province, and from the federal government.

Boulders were selected from a rock formation suitable for representing the province; each was shipped to Charlottetown and installed on these grounds with the support of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The park opened in a ceremony on September 1, 1966, the 102nd anniversary of the start of the Charlottetown Conference.

Alberta

Devonian Dolomite

A carbonate mineral that, because it is porous, is an important reservoir for oil; the Leduc-Woodbend Oilfield National Historic Site of Canada celebrates the role of Devonian dolomite oilfields in the history of Alberta.

British Columbia

Quartz Diorite

With a distinctive "salt and pepper" look, this is an extremely hard rock that is common in the province. It can be highly polished, and is used for inscriptions and as building stone.

Manitoba

Tyndall Limestone

Quarried northeast of Winnipeg, this is a cream-coloured limestone that contains many fossils. The stone has been used in the construction of the Canadian Parliament Buildings and legislatures of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

New Brunswick

Limestone Containing Archaeozoon Acadiense

Named in the 1890s by part-time geologist George Matthew, this limestone contains cyanobacteria fossils visible as concentric circles, the first Precambrian fossils ever described in the scientific literature.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Lower Ordovician Limestone

This limestone is found throughout Newfoundland, particularly in the Great Northern Peninsula. It is a rock composed primarily of the skeletons of marine life and is an essential ingredient of Portland cement.

Nova Scotia

North Mountain Basalt

North Mountain is a ridge composed of a dark, fine-grained volcanic rock that runs along along the Bay of Fundy.

Ontario

Biotite Hornblende Gneiss

Gneiss is a metamorphic rock, a rock which has been changed by extreme heat and pressure. It has a banded structure, is typically coarse-grained and consists mainly of feldspar, quartz and mica.

Prince Edward Island

Sandstone

A sedimentary rock made up of mainly of cemented quartz and feldspar particles, it is found in the foundations of many Island homes. St. Paul's Anglican Church, to the east of the park, is constructed from it.

Quebec

Anorthosite

An igneous rock composed mainly of feldspar that underlays large portions of eastern Canada.

Saskatchewan

Granite

A very hard, granular, igneous rock consisting mainly of quartz, mica and feldspar. It is often used as a building stone.

Canada

Jasper Conglomerate

Consisting of gravelly sands and sandy gravels which are fused together, this rock can be up to 90% pebbles. It occurs in northern Ontario.

Credits

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