

# Hell Point Hike

## Getting There

From the Riverport to Lunenburg highway 332, in the community of Rose Bay, take the exit signed "Lower Rose Bay and Kingsburg". Drive about 4.3km along this winding road then go right at the sign "Hirtles Beach Rd". It's then 1.7km to the end of this narrow road to the parking area in back of the beach.

## The Hike

Go down to the beach and turn left, to the East. If the tide is low you can walk easily on the sand, otherwise walk along the margin between the beach rocks and the dunes. Once past Hirtles Pond you will see a steep grassy hill. The landowners have kindly provided and mowed a hiking trail up and all along the edge of this bluff, which has a great view across to the LaHave Islands. You come back down to a short section of dunes passing Dry Spitz Pond. Continue along the beach a short way then climb over some ridges of dark shale rock. Just behind here you will find an old road with easy walking for some distance. Where the road turns sharp left into a driveway, continue along the obvious coastal footpath. This path continues all around Hell Point (the southernmost point of the peninsula) and then heads to

the North. After passing by a couple of nice houses, you walk up over a mowed field. Now look for a gravel road with a power line along it. Walk up this gravel road. After a distance you come to a fork. Turn right at the fork. Follow the road for 100m or so, you will see a pole fence along the left side. There is a break in the fence and a picnic table. Go round behind the fence and to the left in the woods, there you will find a marked footpath. Follow the path which runs along the shore, all around the Northern part of the peninsula. Towards the end, the trail is washed out in places and you are forced to walk over the cobble beach for a bit, until you reach the sand of Kingsburg Beach. Walk the entire length of this beach, well over a km. At the end, look for a house with a striking circular balcony, and a small mowed field in front. Just before the field you can find an exit from the beach onto a gravel area and a narrow paved road beyond. Go left on the road. A short way brings you to an intersection with the main road which goes to Rose Bay. Go this direction (the large Kingsburg Pond should be to your left) and continue onto the Hirtles Beach Road, back to the start. Total distance is about 8.5km.

