

Red Bay National Historic Site

Red Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador



Red Bay Revealed

Red Bay National Historic Site is part of the Red Bay Basque Whaling Station UNESCO World Heritage Site. This 16th-century whaling outpost is the world's most complete example of early industrial-scale whaling.

APA worked closely with Parks Canada, other consultants, and Indigenous communities to design new exhibits that reveal Red Bay's hidden stories. Through artifacts and digital media, visitors piece together cultural and archeological stories that span millennia. Visitors get up close to a 16th-century Basque whaling "chalupa," one of the best-preserved examples in the world. Visitors take a boat to nearby Saddle Island to experience the archeological site firsthand. There, a reconstructed whaling station takes visitors back in time while evocative interpretation tells the story of whaling ships that lay shipwrecked offshore.

