Find below a "pilot run" directory of folk festivals in Canada. This is an experimental (and thereby incomplete) effort to determine if it is possible and useful to compile a Canada-wide listing. The directory is broken down by province with entries in each being ordered by starting date.

Of particular note is the tremendous number of entries for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. It appears that a "musical holiday" is a very distinct possibility in these two provinces. Thanks to Jim Payne and Jack O'Donnell for providing the wealth of information on these festivals. Also thanks to Sandi Hackler for her efforts to initiate this listing.

Next year it is hoped to provide a fuller listing in the April Bulletin. With luck, we will have enough information then to provide a brief description of each festival plus a contact address. Right now our files are too incomplete to do this. For now the listing should be considered a "bare bones" effort, with the possibility that we can flesh it out over the next while.

Please let us know if you think this kind of project is worthwhile. If you have any suggestions about contact persons, information sources, distribution of the listing, possible co-sponsors - anything that may help us publicize festivals in Canada please write (1314 Shelbourne St SW, Calgary, Alberta T3C 2K8). If you are interested in helping with the project please contact us. If we have missed your favourite festival, please accept our apologies, and let us know, so we can include it for the next go-round.

The Directory

NEWFOUNDLAND

Trepassy Folk Festival: June 4 in Trepassy Parish Hall, Trepassy, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in St John's: July 1-3 in Arts and Culture Centre, St John's, Newfoundland.
Conception Bay Folk Festival (5th Annual): July 3 in Francis Field, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Woody Point: July 3-4 in Woody Point, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Stephenville: July 3-7 in Stephenville, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Argentia: July 4 in Argentia, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Gander: July 4-7 in Gander and Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Goose Bay: July 4-7 in Goose Bay, Labrador.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Burin: July 5 in Burin, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in St Anthony: July 5-6 in St Anthony, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Marystown: July 6 in Marystown, Newfoundland.

Canadian Heritage Festival in Corner Brook: July 7-8 in Margaret Bowater Park, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Hangashore Folk Festival: July 9-10 in Margaret Bowater Park, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.


Fish, Fun and Folk Festival: July 28-30 in Twillingate/New World Island, Newfoundland.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in St John's: July 30-31 in The Arts and Culture Centre, St John's.

Labrador Heritage Days Folk Festival: July 30-31 in Happy Valley/Goose Bay, Labrador.

International Traditional Music Festival: August 1-10 in throughout Newfoundland with concerts in the Arts and Culture Centre, St John's on August 1-2.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Grand Falls: August 2 in Centennial Park, Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Corner Brook: August 3 in Prince Edward Park, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Regetta Day Folk Festival: August 3 in Quidi Vidi Lake Park, St John's, Newfoundland.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Stephenville: August 4 in Pieroway Field, Stephenville, Newfoundland.

Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival (7th annual): August 5-7 in Quidi Vidi Lake Park, St John’s, Newfoundland.

Une Longue Veille - Traditional French Folk Music: August 6-7 in Cape St George, Newfoundland.

Codroy Valley Folk Festival: August 6-7 in Codroy Valley, Newfoundland.


NOVA SCOTIA

Mabou Ceilidh: June 29-July 3 in Mabou, Capre Breton.

Pugwash Gathering of the Clans: July 1 in Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

LeFestin de Musique de la Baie Ste Marie: July 2-3 in Church Point, Nova Scotia.

Tidnish Festival: July 2-3 in Tidnish, Nova Scotia.

Boisdale Scottish Concert: July 3 in Boisdale, Nova Scotia.

Liverpool Scottish Concert: July 3 in Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Scottish Festival: July 4-10 in Truro, Nova Scotia.
North British Society "Kirkin o' the Tartan": July 4-9 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Men of the Deeps Concerts**: weekly throughout July and August in Miners' Museum, Glace Bay, Cape Breton.

**A Cape Breton Summer Evening**: July 6 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Baddeck Handcraft Festival**: July 8-9 in Baddeck, Cape Breton.

**Cape Breton Fiddle Festival**: July 8-10 in St Ann's Gaelic College, Cape Breton.

**Festival of Piping**: July 9 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**Festival of Nova Scotia Music**: July 10 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**OnThe Floor Days**: July 15-16 in Judique, Cape Breton.

**Cheticamp Giant Bazaar (annual)**: July 15-17 in Cheticamp, Nova Scotia.

**New Waterford 70th Anniversary Celebration**: July 16-23 in New Waterford, Cape Breton.

**Big Pond Outdoor Scottish Concert**: July 17 in between Johnstown and East Bay, Cape Breton.

**Shore Club Craft Festival**: July 17 in Hubbards Beach, Nova Scotia.

**Inverness Gathering**: July 20-24 in Inverness, Cape Breton.

**Festival Acadien a Ste Anne du Ruisseau**: July 21-24 in Tusket, Nova Scotia.

**Founders' Weekend**: July 22-24 in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

**Festival of the Forts**: July 26-31 in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.


**Open House at Taigh Nan Gaidheal**: July 30 in New Waterford, Cape Breton.

**Broadcove Scottish Outdoor Concert**: July 31 in near Inverness, Cape Breton.

**Taigh Nan Gaidheal Hospitality**: August 1-13 in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

**Digby Scallops Days**: Aug 5-7 in Digby, Nova Scotia.

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Sydney**: August 6 in Atlantic Street Complex, Sydney, Nova Scotia.

**Highland Village Day**: August 6 in Iona, Cape Breton.

**Pipers' Picnic**: August 6 in Earltown, Nova Scotia.

**Sea Winds Celebration '83**: August 7 in Wanderers' Ground, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Pictou**: August 9 in deCoste Entertainment Centre, Pictou, Nova Scotia.

**Festival of the Tartans**: August 10-15 in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

**Cape Breton Mod**: August 10-15 in St Ann's, Cape Breton.

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Annapolis Royal**: August 14 in T.B.A., Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

**St Joseph du Moine Outdoor Scottish Concert**: August 14 in near Cheticamp, Cape Breton.

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Wolfville**: August 15 in University Hall, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

**Alfie Dalton's Triple-D Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival**: August 19-21 in Triple-D Ranch, Black Rock, Nova Scotia.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Georgetown**: August 16 in Three River Sportplex, Georgetown, PEI.

**Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Summerside**: August 17 in Summerside Raceway, Summerside, PEI.
LeFestival Acadien de la Region Evangeline: September 2-4 in Exhibition Grounds, Abram Village, PEI.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Moncton: August 10 in Moncton High School, Moncton, New Brunswick.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in Campbellton: August 11 in Sugarloaf Provincial Park, Campbellton, New Brunswick.

Great Canadian Folk Music Express in St Stephen: August 13 in The Border Arena, St Stephen, New Brunswick.


QUEBEC

Festival d'Eté de Québec: July 7-17 in Quebec, PQ.
Festival Mondial de Folklore Drummond: July 8-18 in Drummondville, PQ.

ONTARIO

Northern Lights Festival Boreal: June 30, July 1-3 in Bell Park, Sudbury, Ontario.
Summer Solstice Festival: June 18-19 in Current River Park, Thunder Bay.
Festival of Friends: August 5-7 in Gage Park, Hamilton, Ontario.
Manitoulin Folk Festival: July 8-10 in Jaset Head, Gore Bay, Ontario.
Canadian Open Fiddle Championships: August 5-6 in Shelburne, Ontario.
Clarendon Blue Skys Festival: August 6-7 in Clarendon, Ontario.
Owen Sound Summer Folk Festival: August 12-14 in Kelso Beach Park, Owen Sound.

MANITOBA

Winnipeg Folk Festival: July 7-10 in Bird’s Hill Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

SASKATCHEWAN

Regina Folk Festival: May 13-15 in Education Building, U of Regina Campus, Regina, Saskatchewan.
Western Canada Amateur Olde Tyme Fiddling Championship: Sept 29,30 and Oct 1 in Legion Hall, Swift Current, Sask.

ALBERTA

Lethbridge Folk Festival: July 1 in Fort Whoop-up, Lethbridge, Alberta.
Canmore Heritage Day Fair: July 30, 31, August 1 in Canmore, Alberta.
Sylvan Lake Craft Festival: sometime during July in Sylvan Lake, Alberta.
Edmonton Folk Festival: August 5-7 in Gallagher Park, Edmonton.
Folk Festival on Rails: August 8-10 in Edmonton to Fort McMurray, Alberta, and back again.
Calgary Folk Festival: August 12-13 in Prince’s Island Park, Calgary, Alberta.
Storyfest (Storytelling Festival): sometime during August in Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver Folk Festival: July 15-17 in Tericho Beach, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Barnes Creek Country Faire: July 29-August 1 in Edgewood, British Columbia.

THE TERRITORIES

Folk on the Rocks: June 24-26 in Yellowknife NWT.
Dawson City Music Festival: July 22-24 in Dawson City, Yukon.