

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL ON THE MOVE

HOW TO GET HERE AND AWAY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Four separate types of public transport operations (bus, Community Transit, taxis and shuttle services) can help you get to, from, and around Annapolis Royal and environs.

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BUS

The **Kings Transit** buses that pass through town are part of a far-reaching network.



A chain of bus lines connects communities on Highway 1 between Weymouth and Wolfville / Hants Border. From Annapolis Royal, you will have to change buses if you want to go further than Bridgetown or Cornwallis. For more Kings Transit details, see below.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT

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TAXI-TYPE SERVICES

CONTACT DETAILS ARE SHOWN BELOW

Annapolis Royal & Bridgetown Taxi is a more traditional taxi service offering everything from airport transfers to local area travel (eg an evening out, transport to an appointment, a visit to friends, or a shopping run). It offers a shopping service which includes carrying your purchases from the store to your home. Local package collection or delivery is also offered. Pre-book if possible.

Annapolis Valley Travel, a 3-vehicle transport service, offers tailor-made airport transfers, shopping centre trips, medical appointment transport and much more – all at times to suit you. The company can also take you to Halifax or the airport so that you can then connect with the Maritime Bus network, or shuttle services on Cape Breton Island. Pre-booking is necessary.

SHUTTLE SERVICES

CONTACT DETAILS ARE SHOWN BELOW

Up to three shuttle services a day (**The Cloud Nine Shuttle** originating in the Yarmouth area, **Mariner Shuttle** originating in the Clare area and **Kathleen's Shuttle and Tours** which is based in the Digby area) connect the town with Halifax and the airport. Departures are in the morning with return journeys in the afternoon. Subject to availability, these shuttles could also be used for late afternoon travel from Annapolis Royal to the French Shore / Yarmouth.



To / from the Digby – Saint John ferry:

Bay Ferries' MV Fundy Rose crosses between Saint John (New Brunswick) and Digby (Nova Scotia) at least once daily year round (weather permitting). The terminus of the ferry between is 35km - 42km from Annapolis Royal (depending on whether you use Highway 1 or Highway 101). By car or taxi this should take 35 -40 minutes. The ferry terminus is just over 5km from downtown Digby.

Cheapest - and slowest - way to travel between Annapolis Royal and the ferry terminal (or vice versa) would be to take a **Kings Transit** bus (every two hours, Monday – Saturday only, \$3.50) between Annapolis Royal and Digby and then a taxi between downtown Digby and the ferry terminus (approx \$12). Try Admiral's Taxi (902 245 4542), **Basin Taxi (902 245 4408)**, or Digby Cab (902 245 6162).

Other options between Annapolis Royal and the ferry terminal would be a taxi (try **Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Taxi** or **Annapolis Valley Travel** – contact details below for both - or **one of the** Digby-based taxi companies mentioned above: expect to pay around \$45-\$55. **TCTS** (Community Transit) are another possibility. Pre-booking will be required for TCTS and the Annapolis taxi companies.

To / from hospital appointments in Middleton or Kentville

The cheapest way to get to Middleton's Soldiers Memorial Hospital or the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville is to take Kings Transit buses. You will have to change buses in Bridgetown to/from Middleton, and in Bridgetown and Greenwood to/from Kentville. A bus leaving Annapolis Royal around 7.20am will get you to Soldiers Memorial Hospital around 8.40am.



Leave Annapolis Royal	Arrive Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Middleton	Arrive Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville
Change buses in	Bridgetown	Bridgetown & Greenwood (One hour's wait in Greenwood)
7:20am	8:40am	11:20am
9:20am	10:40am	1:20pm
11:20am	12:40pm	3:20pm
1:20pm	2:40pm	5:20pm

Other options (pre-booking will be required) between Annapolis Royal and the two hospitals would be **TCTS** or a taxi (try **Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Taxi** or **Annapolis Valley Travel**) : contact details for all three are shown below.

To / from Yarmouth or the Yarmouth – Portland (USA) ferry

The **CAT ferry** (1 877 762 7245; www.ferries.ca) crosses between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine (USA) 5 – 7 times weekly 08 June – 08 October. As the departure from Yarmouth is early morning and arrival late evening, only a taxi (eg Annapolis Valley Travel) will allow you a same-day connection. Otherwise, Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Taxi or TCTS (for those requiring accessible transport)) are possibilities, as are the three shuttle companies. Contact details for all these companies are shown below. In addition, Yarmouth Town Taxi (902 742 7801) is a licensed, Yarmouth-based taxi company.



TO / FROM HALIFAX AIRPORT

If you do not drive, do not want to drive, and don't have a friend or relative who can drive you, what are your options should you need to go to – or come back from – Halifax Airport ?

There are two common methods of travelling between the Annapolis Royal area and the airport: **shuttle services** and **taxi-type services**.

The scheduled departure and / or arrival time of your flight is likely to limit which method(s) may be relevant to you. If you need to be at the airport in the morning or need to be picked up from the airport in mid-afternoon or later, taxi-type services are the only realistic option.

SHUTTLE SERVICES are an option for

- a) Passengers with flights departing in the afternoon (or evening, if you don't mind hanging around)
- b) Passengers with flights arriving between midnight / early morning (if you don't mind hanging around) and lunchtime.

If you don't fit these categories, one of the **taxi-type services** is your best bet.

Three companies - **Mariner Shuttle**, **The Cloud Nine Shuttle** and **Kathleen's Shuttle & Tours** - connect Annapolis Royal with the airport: not all run every day. See shuttle company contact details on page 8.

Shuttles to the Airport tend to pass through Annapolis Royal between about 8:45am and 10:00am arriving at the airport around noon. Check with the shuttle operator and airline if your outgoing flight is due to leave before 1:30pm (for flights within Canada) or 3pm (for international flights).

For **Shuttles from the Airport**, check with the shuttle operator if your flight is due to land at 1:30pm or later: it can take quite a bit of time to get from the plane to the shuttle departure area....

TAXI OR TAXI-TYPE SERVICES

If two or more passengers are travelling together, **Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Taxi** and **Annapolis Valley Travel** (contact details below) are the best choices. They offer more convenient services - **they will take you to or from the airport at a time that suits you and your flight.**

If you are travelling alone, a shuttle service might well be cheaper, but you might have more waiting around time.

Taxi or Taxi-type services are your best bet for morning or late afternoon departures and arrivals.

The best option for **passengers requiring accessible airport transport** is **TCTS** (see below).



SLOW, AND NOT SO SURE - Chains of buses

The nearest places that "long distance" buses come to Annapolis Royal are the Maritime Bus terminals at Kentville and Wolfville. But three Kings Transit (see below) bus lines must be used to travel between Annapolis Royal and Kentville or Wolfville (note that Kings Transit does not operate on Sundays). Between Wolfville / Kentville and the airport, a change of bus - usually in Dartmouth or Halifax – is necessary.

Although this is the cheapest method of using public transport between the Annapolis Royal area and the airport, the overall journey (costing around \$41) is only likely to save about \$35 over a shuttle.

We do not recommend using a chain of buses to get to/ from the airport. Apart from ludicrously long journey times (a minimum of around six hours going, over eight hours coming back), using five separate buses greatly increases the chances of something going wrong. Airlines and travel insurance companies would be unlikely to help out if you missed your flight, and for those coming back from the airport, a missed connection could mean having to pay for a hotel en route. Rather than a clever money-saver, this could really turn out to be a false economy.

To / From Halifax

As with Halifax Airport (see above), **shuttles** (see below) departing Annapolis Royal around 9-9:30am will get you to Halifax around lunchtime. If you intend to return the same day, you won't have long in the city as the shuttles leave a couple of hours later.

Taxi-type services (see below) will take you door-to-door at a time that suits you, then (if you wish) pick you up at an agreed time and bring you back home.

Best option for those with a hospital appointment in Halifax is **TCTS** (see below) who will take you door-to-door, wait for you, and bring you back home for a very reasonable rate.



Slowest and cheapest way to the city is to take three **Kings Transit** buses (one to Bridgetown, one from there to Greenwood, then a bus to Wolfville: all Monday-Saturday only) and then take **Maritime Bus** (see below) from Wolfville to Halifax. The journey will take well over 6 hours (leave around 9:15am, arrive around 3:40pm) and cost around \$27.

To / From the South Shore (eg Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Liverpool)

Taxi-type services (see below) will take you door-to-door at a time that suits you, as will **TCTS** (see below).

To / From New Brunswick

Going to NB: First get to the Digby Ferry Terminal (see above), take the ferry to Saint John, take a taxi from the Saint John ferry terminal to the city's Maritime Bus station (125 Station St) from where **Maritime Bus** (see below) offers services to various destinations in NB and beyond. Check schedules as an overnight in Saint John may be necessary.

OR: Take a **shuttle** (see below) or **taxi-type service** (see below) to Halifax or the airport, or a taxi-type service (or if time isn't important, Monday – Saturday only, three **Kings Transit** buses) to Wolfville (one to Bridgetown, one from there to Greenwood, then a bus to Wolfville). Then take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to various NB destinations (from Wolfville you will have to change buses in Halifax or Dartmouth).

Coming from NB: See 'How to get here from the Digby Ferry Terminal' (see above). OR: Take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to Halifax Airport arriving at or before lunchtime and in time to take a **shuttle** (see below) to Annapolis Royal. OR: Take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to Halifax, Halifax Airport or Wolfville: book a **taxi-type service** to meet you and bring you to your destination.

To / From Amherst, Oxford or Truro

Going: Take a **shuttle** (see below) or **taxi-type service** (see below) to Halifax or the airport, or a taxi-type service (or if time isn't important, Monday – Saturday only, three Kings Transit buses) to Wolfville (one to Bridgetown, one from there to Greenwood, then a bus to Wolfville). Then take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to Amherst, Oxford or Truro (from Wolfville you will have to change buses in Halifax or Dartmouth). Amherst passengers should note that the Amherst Maritime Bus stop is next to the junction of Highways 104 and 6, several kilometres from the town centre.

Coming from Amherst, Oxford or Truro: Take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to Halifax Airport arriving at or before lunchtime and in time to take a **shuttle** (see below) to Annapolis Royal. **OR:** Take **Maritime Bus** (see below) to Halifax, Halifax Airport or Wolfville: book a **taxi-type service** (see below) to meet you and bring you to your destination.

To / from New Glasgow, Antigonish, or Cape Breton Island

Going: Take a **shuttle** or **taxi-type service** (see below) to Halifax Airport, then take a Cape Breton shuttle (for eg Port Hastings, Whycomomagh, Baddeck, Sydney / North Sydney) or Maritime Bus (for eg Port Hawkesbury, Whycomomagh, Wagmatcook, Sydney / North Sydney).

Note that other than at the airport or in Sydney, shuttle or bus stops may be at highway exits rather than town centres. **Cape Breton shuttles** include B&N Atlantic Shuttle (atlanticshuttleservice.com , phone 1 800 330 4223) and Cape Shuttle (www.capeshuttleservice.com, phone 1 800 349 1698)

Coming from New Glasgow, Antigonish, or Cape Breton Island:

From Antigonish take Maritime Bus to Halifax airport then a shuttle or taxi-type service (see below) to Annapolis Royal. Or from Antigonish or (eg) Port Hastings, Whycomomagh, Baddeck or Sydney / North Sydney, take A1 Shuttle (www.a1shuttleservice.com, 1 800 471 7775) or Island Shuttle (www.islandshuttle.net, 1 866 463 4065) to Halifax airport then a shuttle or taxi-type service to Annapolis Royal.

Maritime Bus

maritimebus.com

1 800 575 1807 6:30am – 6:30pm

Long distance bus service with routes in Nova Scotia and beyond

For more details on Maritime bus, see below.

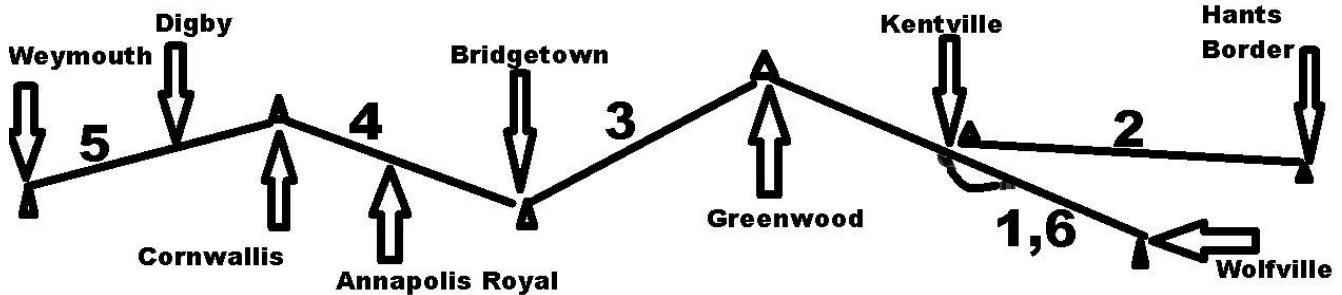
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LOCAL TRANSPORT OPERATORS

BUS - KINGS TRANSIT



Website	www.kbus.ca	Twitter	@KingsTransit
Phone	1 888 546 4442; or 902 678 7310	Facebook	www.facebook.com/kingstransit/



On Monday – Saturday only, a chain of **Kings Transit** bus lines (Routes 1 – 6) connects Weymouth (to the southwest) with Wolfville and area (to the east).

NOTE THAT Kings Transit does not operate on Sundays, and may not operate – or may run a different schedule – on Public Holidays.

ROUTE(S)	BETWEEN
1 and 6	Greenwood – Wolfville and vice versa
2	Kentville -Hants Border and vice versa
3	Bridgetown – Greenwood and vice versa
4	Bridgetown – Cornwallis and vice versa
5	Cornwallis – Weymouth and vice versa

Routes 1 and 6 run between Greenwood and Wolfville (but only route 6 stops at Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville). Route 2 connects Kentville with Hants Border, and route 3 runs between Greenwood and Bridgetown (via Middleton). Annapolis Royal is on route 4, which connects Bridgetown and Cornwallis. Route 5 runs between Cornwallis and Weymouth (via Digby).

Annapolis Royal is on the line connecting Bridgetown (to the east) with Cornwallis (to the west). Head to Bridgetown for connections to (for example) Middleton, Greenwood, Kentville, New Minas, or Wolfville. To reach Digby or Weymouth, first take the bus to Cornwallis.

Buying tickets: You can buy single tickets, multiple tickets, or passes at various locations: in and around Annapolis Royal these are:

- Municipality of Annapolis
- Guardian Hutchins Pharmacy
- Lequille Country Store
- Irving Granville Ferry .

Tickets can also be bought from the driver (exact change only).

Ticket and pass prices	Adult (12-59)	Senior (60+)	Student	Child (5-11)	Under 5s
Single ticket	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$1.75	Free
10 tickets	\$30	\$19	\$19	---	---
Monthly pass	\$90	\$65	\$65	---	---

USING THE BUS

Board the bus through the front door. If you already have a ticket, drop it into the box by the driver. If you don't have a ticket, put the correct change in the box by the driver. In either case, if you will be changing buses to continue your journey, ask for a transfer (a slip of paper used instead of a ticket) which you will need to give to the driver of the connecting bus. If you have a pass, show it to the driver. Paying the fare allows you to change to the onward bus at the terminus (eg take the bus from Annapolis Royal to Cornwallis, then change to the bus from Cornwallis to Digby and Weymouth without paying anything extra. In fact, you could travel all the way from Annapolis Royal to Wolfville (changing buses in Bridgetown and Greenwood) on one ticket for less than \$4 !

In most cases, when you change buses you will only have a few minutes to wait before your bus arrives and your onward bus leaves. If an “arriving” bus is running late, Kings Transit makes every effort to ensure that those wishing to transfer to an onward bus don't miss their connection.



Not many bus stops have signs now, so if you're not sure where to wait, ask someone. Check that you're on the right side of the road for the direction that you want to take. When you see the bus approaching, put your arm out to let the bus driver know that you want the bus to stop. If unsure, check with the driver that you're heading in the right direction.

Unless you are getting off at the terminus, shortly before you want to get off, let the driver know by pulling the cord. Typically, a bell will ring and the "stopping" sign will illuminate. The driver will usually ask where you want the bus to stop. When the bus has stopped, the front doors will open: if you want to get off through the middle doors, when the bus has stopped step down onto the platform and touch one of the vertical door bars.

WHERE TO CATCH THE BUS IN ANNAPOLIS ROYAL – TOWARDS BRIDGETOWN

Going towards Bridgetown: Coming from Cornwallis, the bus comes in on Highway 1 and (at the traffic lights) turns right up St George St. It passes the Historic Gardens, pulls in to the Health Centre, turns left onto Highway 201 before turning right onto Cape Rd, passing the Highways facility. It then turns right back on to St George St, turns right and passes AWEC school, then turns back onto St George St passing the Academy. It crosses the traffic lights, and continues down St George St, passing Fort Anne, the Town Hall, and Kings Theatre before turning right onto Chapel St and left onto St Anthony St. After passing Home Hardware, it turns left onto Highway 1, crosses the causeway, then turns left onto Granville Rd. The bus pulls in to the Community Services parking area, and then goes back on Granville Rd before turning left onto Highway 1 and heading towards Granville Centre and Bridgetown. Change here for buses to Middleton & Greenwood.

WHERE TO CATCH THE BUS IN ANNAPOLIS ROYAL – TOWARDS CORNWALLIS

Coming from Bridgetown on Highway 1, the bus turns right onto Granville Rd. The bus pulls in to the Community Services parking area, and then goes back on Granville Rd before turning right onto Highway 1, and crossing the causeway. It turns right onto St Anthony St passing the Independent and Foodland. At Hutchins Pharmasave, the bus turns left onto St George St, passes Fort Anne, and continues up St George St. It passes the Historic Gardens, pulls in to the Health Centre, turns left onto Highway 201 before turning right onto Cape Rd, passing the Highways facility. It then turns right back on to St George St, turns right and passes AWEC school, then turns back onto St George St passing the Academy. At the traffic lights it turns left onto Highway 1, crossing the bridge and heading for Upper Clements, Clementsport and Cornwallis. Change buses here for Digby and Weymouth.

MORE KINGS TRANSIT INFORMATION

In addition to a helpful, informative website and facebook pages, Kings Transit publishes a useful **Riders' Guide** which includes times and details of all its services.

e-mail Kings Transit info@kingstransit.ns.ca



COMMUNITY TRANSIT



TRANS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY - TCTS

www.tcts.ca

Phone: 902 665 1212

Also on Facebook: Trans-County-Transportation-Society-1042289222470680/

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm

Booking hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am – 1:00pm

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Pick-ups can be anywhere in Annapolis County or western Kings County.

To use the services, you must first become a member: annual membership fee is \$20. Drives must be booked at least 24 hours in advance, and prices will be confirmed at the time of booking. *Attendants for wheelchair clients travel at no cost.*

Note that TCTS is not just for those requiring accessible transport – anyone who has difficulty finding or using other modes of transport is welcome to use the service.

Drives must be booked at least 24 hours in advance, and prices will be confirmed at the time of booking.

SHUTTLE SERVICES TO HALIFAX / DARTMOUTH & THE AIRPORT



KATHLEEN'S SHUTTLE AND TOURS

Based in the Digby area

Phone 1 877 720 8747 (toll free), 902 249 0086 (call or text)

kathleensshuttleandtours.webs.com

E-mail: goingwithkathleens@gmail.com

Service days (will travel on other days for two or more people)

JAN 15 - JUNE 15 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

JUNE 15 - SEP 15 Sun-Fri (not Saturday)

SEP 15 - DEC 10 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

DEC 10 - JAN 15 Daily

MARINER SHUTTLE

Daily from/to Clare (French Shore)

www.marinershuttle.co

Phone: 1 855 586 6140 or 902 586 8302

E-mail a63mikedugas@hotmail.com

Service is primarily door-to-door; the company picks up (and drops off) in Annapolis Royal and Granville Ferry as well as several communities along the route.



THE CLOUD NINE SHUTTLE

Daily from Yarmouth area

thecloudnineshuttle.com

Phone 902 742 3992

E-mail cloud@istar.ca



Daily service either via Annapolis Valley or South Shore. The first booking received for a particular day determines which route the driver will take. So if you call or e-mail to book at reasonably short notice, the driver might not be able to take you as he may not be travelling via Annapolis Royal that day.

TAXI-TYPE SERVICES

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY TRAVEL

www.annapolisvalleytravel.com

Phone: 902 824 3131

e-mail: annapolisvalleytravel@gmail.com

FB: www.facebook.com/annapolisvalleytravel1



Operating 24/7 year round, Annapolis Valley Travel offer a tailor-made service and will run their vehicles especially to fit in with your requirements whether for airport transfers, shopping trips, VIA rail, hospital appointments, shuttle connections, or anything else.

Pre-booking is required.



ANNAPOLIS ROYAL AND BRIDGETOWN TAXI

www.bridgetowntaxis.com

Phone: 902 665 0057 (6:00am – 9:00pm)

e-mail: bridgetowntaxi@gmail.com

Hours: 6:00am – 9:00pm

Offers everything from airport transfers to local area travel (eg an evening out, transport to an appointment, just visiting friends, or a shopping run). Shopping service includes carrying purchases from the store to your home. Local package service.

On trips to the airport, the driver can (if required) help with your luggage and check-in.

Maritime Bus maritimebus.com

1 800 575 1807 6:30am – 6:30pm

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Maritime Bus runs long distance bus services in Nova Scotia, with connections to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

The closest Maritime Bus terminals to Annapolis Royal are Kentville and Wolfville. Buses run between there and Dartmouth and Halifax, where there are connections to services to (eg) Truro, Amherst, Antigonish and Cape Breton Island, and to New Brunswick and /or Prince Edward Island.

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