

Cape Jourimain Nature Centre (Sabine Dietz, Executive Director)

Cape Jourimain Nature Centre is a learning experience for visitors, offering an opportunity to explore the area's rich past and to appreciate the delicate balance between nature and humankind. Education, appreciation and sustainability are fundamental mission cornerstones. Cape Jourimain is a tourist attraction and education facility built in a National Wildlife Area with the aim to offset negative impacts from the building of the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island through a federally protected area. In building the Centre in 2001, the charitable non-profit organization set itself the mandate to have as small an ecological footprint as possible (integration of green technologies), to work towards reducing the visitors' ecological footprint, and to promote lifestyle choices that are sustainable. The Centre acts as steward for the National Wildlife Area, and has been developing biodiversity exhibits and programs to educate the public about protected areas, species at risk, and biodiversity.

Our story is a story of linkages and choices: between fair trade purchasing practices, organic and local food choices, learning experiences, and sustaining our environment and its biodiversity. Education and outreach activities link to foster environmental appreciation through exhibits and through experiential programs on-site and within schools and summer camps.