

THE BELDINGS REEF NATURE PRESERVE

Belding's Reef Preserve is an area with both historical and environmental importance. Spanning 14.01 acres along the Bay of Fundy, the preserve is known for its landscape with reddish shale, sandstone cliffs and rocky ledges all shaped by the strong tides. It not only has unique rock forms but also unique and rare plants like Knotted Pearlwort and Rands eyebright.

The Belding family was one of the first settlers in the area in the 1700s. Daniel Belding moved from Connecticut to later settle in Chance Harbour. In 1819 he and his son petitioned for land where they established a homestead that gives the preserve its name. In 2004 the Nature Trust preserved the Belding's Reef Nature Preserve through donation by Mrs. Dorothy Haley.

The Chance Harbour Lighthouse is just North of the Preserve. It was built in 1915 to help guide ships safely. Nathan Belding was the first lighthouse keeper from 1915-1950. It was originally a square wooden tower on Reef Point in Chance Harbour but in 1969 it was replaced by a cylindrical tower made from stronger materials. The lighthouse and surrounding cove, known as Belding Cove continues to carry the Belding name and link the Preserve to its heritage.



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