



## LIVING IN COLE HARBOUR

Cole Harbour is where "suburban" meets "seacoast." It's a place where you can spend your morning at an NHL-grade rink and your afternoon on a saltwater marsh trail, all without leaving your neighborhood. It's the perfect spot for someone who wants a backyard and a community feel, but still wants to put their toes in the ocean regularly.

Cole Harbour strikes a rare balance between quiet suburb streets with trees and kids playing, but with immediate access to some beautiful coastal landscapes and beaches. Here are a few of the reasons people love living in Cole Harbour:

### 1. The Salt Marsh Trail

One of the most photographed and beloved trails in the province is right in the backyard. Part of the Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail), this converted rail-bed takes you directly across the water.

- **The Experience:** It's a flat, accessible trail perfect for cycling, running, or a sunset stroll.
- **The View:** You are surrounded by water, salt marshes, and 90+ species of birds. It's not uncommon to see bald eagles or blue herons on your morning commute to the gym.

### 2. The Heritage Farm Museum

In the heart of the suburb lies a "rural oasis." The Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum is a working farm that preserves the area's agricultural roots.

- **For Families:** Kids can meet farm animals and explore heritage barns.
- **The Food:** The Rose & Kettle Tea Room serves up "English-style" cream tea and homemade soups that will make you feel like you've stepped back 100 years.

### 3. World-Class Beaches Nearby

While Cole Harbour itself is a hub, it is the gateway to the Eastern Shore lifestyle.

- **Rainbow Haven Beach:** Just a 10-minute drive away, this is one of the most popular beaches in the Halifax region, known for its boardwalks and sandy shores.
- **Lawrencetown Beach:** You're less than 20 minutes from a surfer's paradise - a world-renowned year-round destination for surfing and kiteboarding.

### 4. Exceptional Recreation Facilities

For a suburban community, the infrastructure for active living is top-tier, both indoors and outdoors:

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- **Cole Harbour Place:** This is the community's heartbeat. It features two NHL-sized arenas (where local hero Sidney Crosby honed his skills), an aquatic centre, a massive fitness complex, a library and community meeting rooms.
- **Cole Harbour Heritage Park:** Quiet and extensive forest trails that overlook the ocean, perfect for dog walking or off-road biking.

## 5. The "Best of Both Worlds" Location

Living in Cole Harbour means you aren't sacrificing convenience for peace.

- **Shopping & Dining:** You have the "Big Box" convenience of Dartmouth Crossing and Mic Mac Mall just 10–15 minutes away, while still being able to buy fresh eggs and produce from local roadside stands.
- **Commuter Friendly:** You can reach Downtown Halifax in 20–25 minutes via the MacKay or Macdonald bridges, or take the Dartmouth Ferry for a scenic commute across the harbour.

## 6. Walkable Convenience

The "walkability factor" of homes along Merrimac include access to:

- **Grocery & Retail:** You are minutes from major hubs like Gateway Meat Market (a local favorite for deals) and various grocery stores including both Sobeys and Atlantic Superstore.
- **Dining:** Nearby spots like Jamieson's Irish House & Grill, Big League Burgers & Wings or the local cafes such as Selby's Bunker Coffee provide easy options for a night out without having to drive into downtown Halifax.
- **The "Greenbelt" Access:** Quick access onto the Forest Hills Trail System, a series of paved and gravel paths that connect the residential streets directly to Cole Harbour Place and nearby schools.

## 7. Families & Education

- Cole Harbour offers well-regarded schools like Auburn Drive High or Cole Harbour District High, and opportunities for late French Immersion, if desired, at Sir Robert Borden Junior High School.
- Cole Harbour Place hosts a variety of day camps and pre-school programs, making it a massive asset for working parents who need high-quality childcare close to home.

This vibrant, family-oriented community has something to offer everyone!

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