



Mermaid's Tears

Description



Okay, we admit it, we've become addicted to sea glass

hunting. As Hector says “the ocean coughs up jewels for you to pick up on the beach”. It’s kind of magical how the ocean takes garbage – broken glass – and carves it into beautiful “gems”.

Part of the charm is that we’re discovering some absolutely striking beaches in our hunt for sea glass. And, since they’ve generally been too cold for me to swim in, this is a way to “connect” with the beaches without having to go into the water.



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I find sea glass hunting to be incredibly relaxing. It’s a



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otally get it.

And, like with many

things that we’ve “discovered”, we find that there is an entire culture around sea glass. Also known as

mermaid's tears a romantic thought. Sophisticated collectors, books, websites, conferences etc are



There are various ways to rate sea glass, but basically the

more rounded, pebbled and frosted pieces, known as "conditioned" and "weathered" are the true sea



Clear (white),
some research, we

And part of the

intrigue of sea glass is trying to figure out where it came from. There are many sources of sea glass, thrown over cliffs and washed down to the beach. There are many clues, but there



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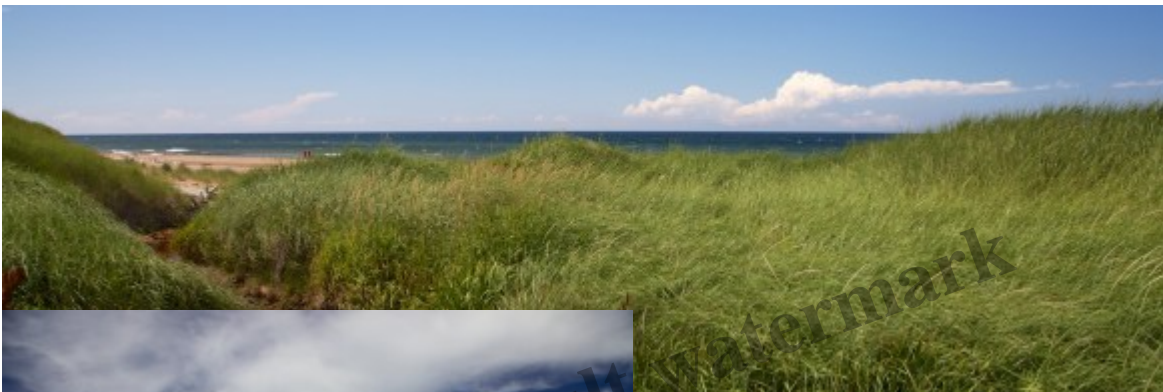
On Breton Island, we found one of the most beautiful sea glass beaches, Inverness Beach. It's in a lovely cove, almost deserted on some days we visited, and stretches for about three miles. A stunningly beautiful beach by any standard, and each tide delivers a fresh batch of sea glass jewels to be found. Magic.



Where did the sea glass come from? In this case, a town dump site that closed fifty years ago. Hard to think that people were dumping garbage into the ocean so recently. But five decades of ocean processing makes this one of the best beaches for sea glass we've found.

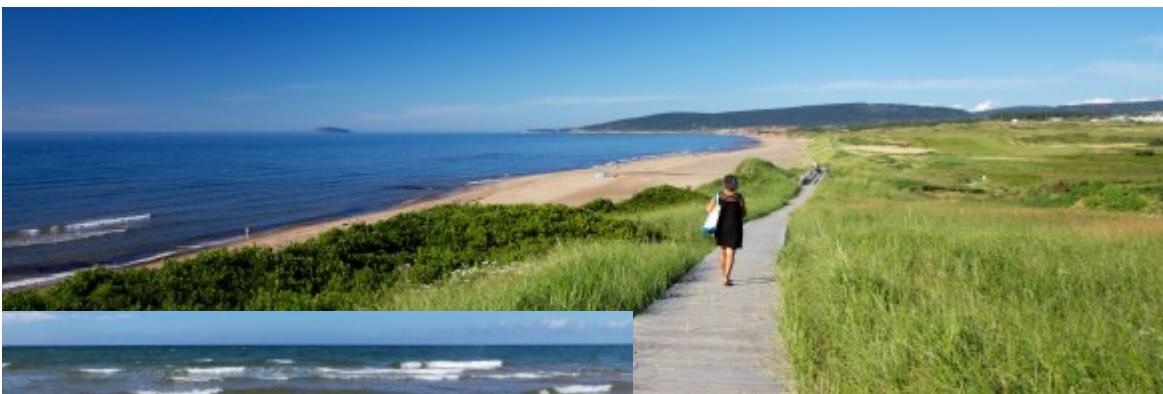
There's also an interesting story about the town of Inverness, which was formerly a coal-mining town in decline. Inverness now boasts a golf course rated as the best new development in the world by Golf Inc. partially located above those very same coal mines.

For those that know golf (not me), the Cabot Trails course is one of 246 true "links" courses in more than 30,000 golf courses in the world. Every hole overlooks the Gulf of St. Lawrence. This design is partially from Scotland, where golf is said to have originated. And the town of Inverness was originally settled by Scots.



The project was controversial for a number of reasons not

the least of which was that the golf course would block some access to the beach, leaving only one road going all the way to the beach from the town. Since it's a three mile beach that was a big issue.

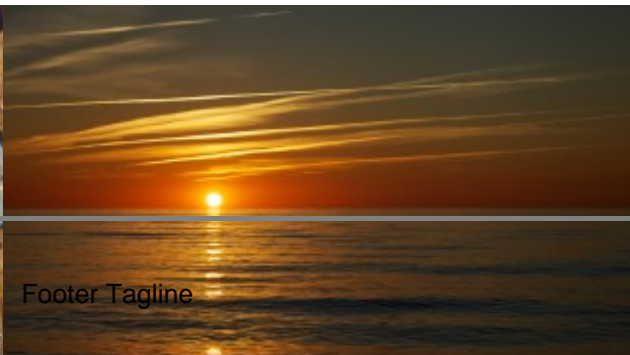


the entrance point to the end of the beach with multiple access points down to the water. So it's still a long walk to the opposite end of the beach, but it's a bit more accessible. Of course, the golf course promises new life to the town. And I hope for the best for Inverness.



But back on the sand, I'm beginning to think about actually

taking a dip in the water. The water temperature is feeling like the warmest one so far in Canada.





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But we continued to

enjoy the beachcombing and the beautiful views of the water and the golf course.





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Now back to the

hunt.



~ Brenda

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