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ROBINSONS, NL**

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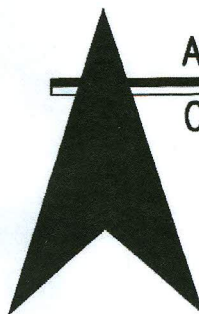
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PIRATE'S HAVEN CHALET'S & ADVENTURES

Aim of pirate-themed park is to spoil the outdoor enthusiast

Story by Frank Gale

ROBINSONS For as long as Paul Gale can remember, he has been intrigued by pirates and stories about them having been in the area.

There is one tale that is of particular interest to him and that's a buried treasure being under a large rock located on land he owns on Robinsons Head.

While there are different theories of who might have buried treasure there, the most logical one to him would be Eric Cobham and Maria Lindsay, pirates who are chronicled to have operated out of Sandy Point for some 20 years in the 1700s.

Then there's Peter Easton, a pirate who was better known for being around Conception Bay South but one of his ships of a fleet of 10 was believed to have frequented waters in Western Newfoundland.

Because of the "lay of the land" of Robinsons Head, Gale believes it would be an ideal place for a pirate to bury treasure as it would be an easy landmark to spot from the sea.

He said their local lore that at one time there was even a map in existence leading to where the treasure was located and that it had been in the hands of local people.

The history of Robinsons, named after an Irishman John Robinson, was even supposed to have a tie-in to

pirates as he was supposed to have taken in a boy, who had got his hand into a treasure chest on a pirate ship captured by a British man-of-war.

After the boy was put off at Lark Harbour, Robinson took his daughter and the boy from there in a long boat, went to The Gravels at Port au Port and portaged it across there, eventually making their way south to a cave in the face of a cliff at what is today known as Robinsons Head.

The story has it they later built a cabin on top of the head near a pond located there.

In the spirit of that and other local pirate history, Gale and his wife, Ruth Forsey-Gale have named their business Pirate's Haven, Chalets & Adventures.

It's a theme park that is all-terrain-vehicle (ATV) friendly that is geared towards Recreational Vehicle campers.

"Our business is based on catering to ATV camper/outdoor enthusiasts all year round. We will even have a number of secure permanent sites with lots of amenities for those who wish to leave their RV there year round," he said.

In total, 60 acres of land is being developed for the park and it's overlooking Robinsons River, a licensed salmon stream and has access to five other rivers from

the Newfoundland T'Railway that actually goes through the property.

The park is located in Moose Management Area 8, and has access to hundreds of miles of woods roads in that area, as well as Areas 9, 10 and 11.

There is already a longhouse on site at the park, which is a log building measuring 24'x 72' and will have an expansion of 16' x 72' this year to accommodate washrooms, showers, a laundry-mat, kitchenette and eating area.

As well, included in the theme park are such amenities as a 24'x 24' cookhouse for a meeting area and 10 tent sites with picnic tables, running water and wash-room facilities.

There's access to beaches, a walking/hiking trail and the Appalachian Trail runs right through the property as well. They are offering ATV tours directly out of the park with certified guides and those excursions can include trout and salmon fishing in back ponds, brooks & rivers as well.

Early in the season this year, Gale expects to have 30 RV sites set up with running water, sewer and power hookups with 50-amp service. He's well looking at 20 semi-serviced lots to be completed this summer as construction continues through the season.

www.pirateshavenadventures.com
Ticket to ADVENTURE

5km Trail for Biking or ATV Use

Location of Existing "Longhouse" 24'x72' Log Building with Planned Expansion for 16'x72'

Cleared & Ready for Development

This cleared area is currently under construction for the development of 50 new sites with power, water & septic systems.

The 40' x 72' Activity centre which hosts special events such as the annual PIG ROAST will have washrooms, showers, laundrymat, kitchen facilities & eating area.

This all year ATV Park for RV's offers access to the following:

- Troutling ponds
- Access to 5 major salmon rivers
- Robinson's Beach
- Robinson's Head
- High head - highest point in southwest coast - 360° view
- Appalachian Mountains
- Tabletop Mountains

ROBINSON'S RIVER

The park will feature weekend cook-ups for park users with everything from pig roasts, jigs dinners, also crab boil-ups to lobster boil-ups and much more in the longhouse, where everyone can gather, eat and socialize.

There's a playground area with swings and slides for kids and keeping in line with the theme of their business, they do pirate hunts with hidden treasures the kids have to find.

Gale feels the work they've been doing on building trails for the past 15 years and now the developments that are taking place are all coming together well.

"Pirate's Haven is really going to catch on, especially when people learn that our facility is there to spoil the fisherpersons, ATV and snowmobile enthusiasts," he said.

To find out more about these park sites you can contact Paul or Ruth at 709-645-2169 / 709-649-0601 or visit their website:
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From this ATV park you can access the T'Railway system - taking you anywhere in Newfoundland. Pirate's Haven is situated approximately 125 km from Corner Brook, 100 km from Port aux Basques & roughly 75 km from Stephenville.

There is a 5 km trail within the park for ATVs or snowmobiles. There is also a licensed restaurant - convenience store & gas bar.

Owners Paul & Ruth Gale offer:

- ATV & snowmobile tours
- licensed salmon guide
- guided outdoor hiking to Robinsons Grasslands - Robinsons Falls Tour

The area is open to areas 8, 8 & 11, and areas 9 & 10.

ATV Park

Location of 4 Star Chalets

Cleared & Ready for Development of RV Park

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