

Parrsboro Falls

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I will tell you in the order we visited because that is easier for me to recount...we all met and started at the Oxford Frozen Foods blueberry plant (blue-coloured factory) in Half Way River on #2 highway.

For the **1st Henry Brook Falls** - Proceed towards Parrsboro until you come to the Lakelands Rd. - a dirt road that goes only to the left - go to the end of this road where it comes to a 'T' junction with a paved road with an old wood culvert just near the corner - turn right and proceed about 2-300 ft to just about opposite the 1st house on the left - there is a stream crossing under the road just before this house - this is the stream for the Falls - which are on your left about 3-400 ft in - follow the stream (it is quite open woods).

The **2nd Jeffer's Falls** is further along this road. There will be a large beautiful old home on your left - with a Red metal roof and red & Green trim on the gingerbread.

There is a smaller bungalow to the left of this - drive up the alleyway and park in the large paved area at the back corner of the old house. You can go to either house and say you are going to the Falls - they don't mind as long as your car doesn't leak oil on their pavement. The falls are off to the back and left of the house - down over the grassy hill and you will see the path leading to them - posted with an "own risk" sign. It is an open and easy path about 4-500 ft in to the ravine and Falls - a great path built by the 87 yr old owner of the old house! This is a very unique spot and one of the best falls and settings I've seen!!

The **3rd MacAlay Falls** is again further along this road - watch for a cattle farm on the left and just at the far edge of the field is an old road/path which you can actually drive in, if you don't mind the a few 2-ft. alders in the centre - there is room to turn around at the end - about 4-500 ft in. You can see an old boarded-up 1 story bldg. with the roof half fallen in - this is where you can turn around - unless you have a very low car - or are afraid of scratching the sides on the alders it is no problem!

At this bldg. and turn-around spot you can look left and see the Falls ! Walk towards them and you will see that there is a pond in front of the falls with a low cement wall damming it up - you can even walk along this wall to the other side of the pond to get a better view and photos.

The **4th Hidden Falls** are to the south of Parrsboro. Continue out the road you were on until it meets Hwy #2 - turn left and proceed towards Five Islands/Truro for about 5-6 kms ? until the road starts to run straight along the base of the hills to your left. Watch for a plowed-up field on your left & just on the far end of the field there are 2 entrances with an old apple tree in between. Just beyond you will see a rather new bungalow where the 2nd entrance leads. You can pull in either entrance and loop around and park out of the way. Skirt the left and back of the field to about the centre of the back and you will find an old road leading into the woods. Follow this in for about 7-800 ft and you can't miss the falls - the river will be on your left - then you cross and old wooden bridge and its on your right - the falls can be heard form the bridge ! There is an old red observation deck up 2 stories - DO NOT CLIMB - it is VERY ROTTEN - go up beside it. These are really a wonderful sight!

The **5th Ward Falls** – (the instructions are below – I have not been to them as yet but this direction is from another Club member.)

There is a large ladder beside the Falls that you can climb up and go along the gorge.

DIRECTIONS: In Parrsboro, keep right on route 2 towards Lakelands, then exit left onto route 209 towards Lakelands, then exit left onto route 209 towards Diligent River. Follow route 209 to community of Wharton and look for signage the indicates exit to trailhead parking area on right. Follow the well-developed trail (and numerous footbridges!) as it winds through upland forest towards a beautiful 20 foot waterfall that spells out of a gorge. Climb the wooden ladder beside the falls to explore the cave-like gorge that the river has cut through the mountain.

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