

Directions to Duncan's Cove and Crystal Crescent Beach

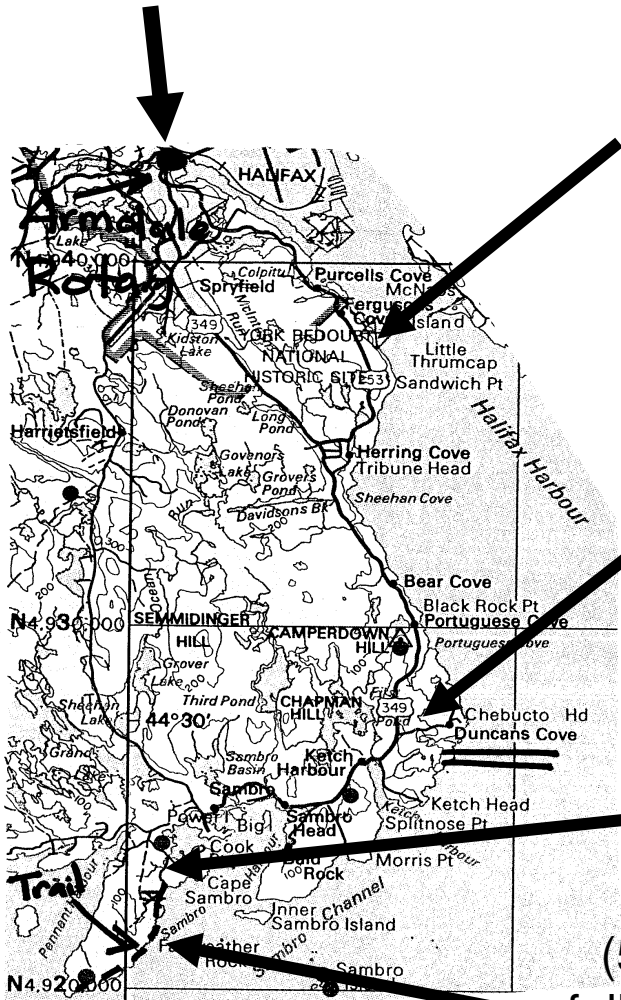
(1) Start at the Armdale Rotary

(2) Take the Purcells Cove Exit and drive along Highway 349

(3) It is about 20 km to the Duncans Cove exit. You can go into the village of Duncans Cove and hike along a coastal trail.

(4) Or, keep going through the village of Sambro, and follow directions to Crystal Crescent Provincial Park

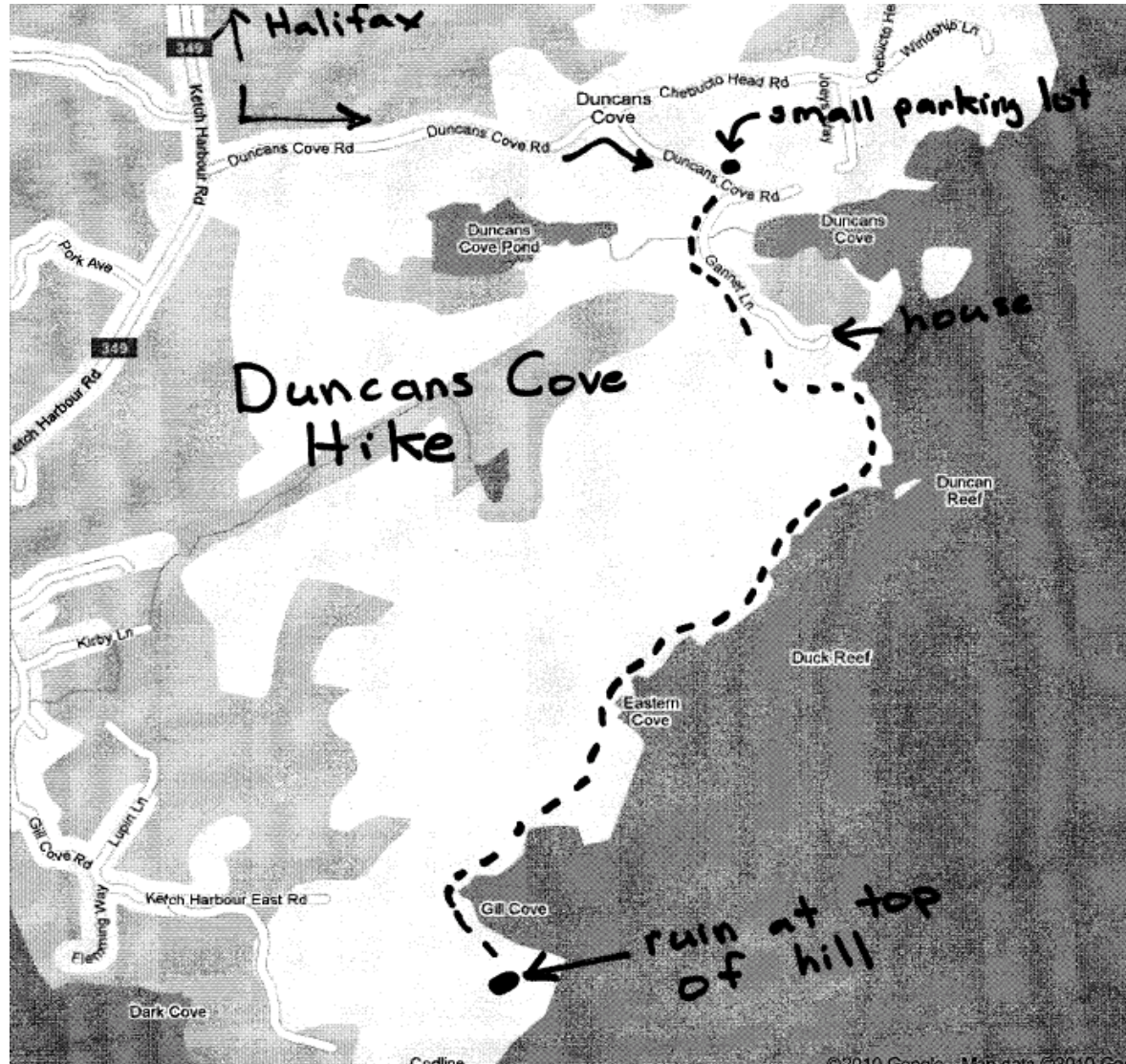
(5) From the parking lots at Crystal Crescent, you can follow the boardwalks along several white sand beaches, and eventually, hike all the way along the coast to the tip of Pennant Point. This would take about two hours.



Duncans Cove Hike (20-25 minutes from downtown Halifax)

Description: This hike is along typical Nova Scotia granite barren shoreline.

You should see lots of seabirds, and maybe a few seals. This trail is well used but not officially maintained, so requires a bit of scrambling, and the direction may be confusing at times.



Directions to the Trailhead: Drive toward the Armdale Rotary and take the Purcells Cove exit. Drive along highway 349 until you reach the Duncans Cove exit (about 20 km). Turn right along Duncans Cove Road, then the first right to Duncans Cove. As you descend into Duncans Cove, you should see a small parking lot on your left. This is the trailhead. Park here.

Directions for the trail: Cross the road from the parking lot and walk a few meters in the direction of Duncans Cove. Turn right, go around the gate, and walk down Gannet Lane. Before coming to the oddly shaped concrete house, turn right along a small path. This path should take you down to the coast, after crossing a small brook. The descent into the brook is a little tricky. Cross the brook, and follow the various paths along the coast. The usual end of the path is at the old abandoned gun emplacement, which you should reach after about 60 minutes.