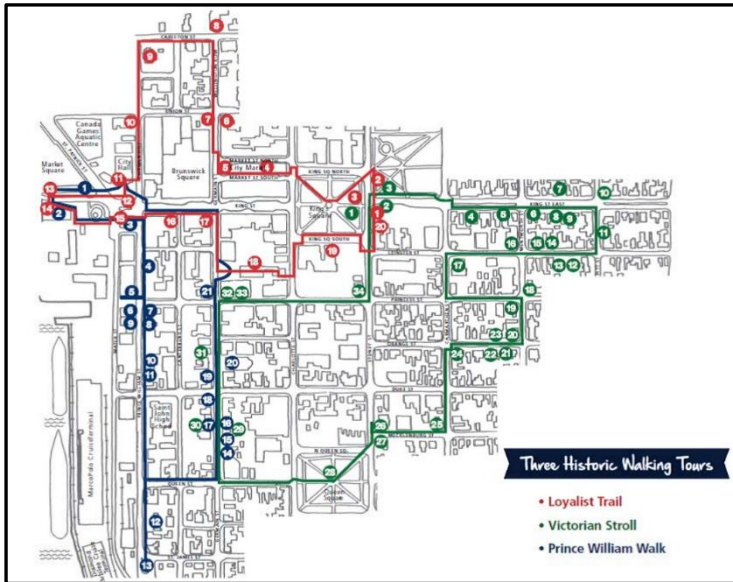# HITTING THE STREETS

## 3 SELF-GUIDED WALKS IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF THE CITY



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For those who like to explore on their own, the self-guided *Loyalist Trail*, *Victorian Stroll* and *Prince William Walk* will take you through the history and landmarks associated with Saint John's earliest settlers. Some would call the architecture seen during these walks high Victorian eclectic. Each walk can take about an hour and a half.

As you walk it may interest you to know that King Street rises to the height of an eight-story building over the distance of three city blocks from Prince William Street to King Square.

The **LOYALIST TRAIL** takes you back to approximately 1774 to 1783 when British subjects fled north to escape the American Revolution. In three fleets some 14,000 Loyalists arrived in Saint John and established two settlements at the mouth of the Saint John River – Parr Town, named after the Governor of Nova Scotia; and Carleton, after their Commander-in-Chief in New York. Thomas Carleton later became the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and supervised the resettlement of the Loyalists.

On a **VICTORIAN STROLL** find examples of period architecture and outstanding workmanship. The Great Fire of 1877 was devastating, destroying 1,612 buildings, and leaving 13,000 homeless; however, the city and the residents rebounded quickly. The owners of the many fine homes destroyed commissioned architects, imported fine materials, and employed noted builders and craftsmen to rebuild grand homes.

**PRINCE WILLIAM WALK** takes you through the Trinity Royal Preservation Area, a 20-block area in the central core of the city. Prince William Street was the first streetscape in Canada to be designated by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada as being of national historic and architectural significance. Be on the lookout for Corinthian columns, Queen Anne Revival, Italianate facades, and curious stone carvings atop cornices!!

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