



49 States Camped

## 2014 Atlantic Canada RV Trip Stop #10 De la Republique Provincial Park, St. Jacques, New Brunswick New Brunswick Botanical Gardens



7 Provinces and  
1 Territory Camped

### De la Republique Provincial Park



De la Republique Provincial Park camping was very nice for a park with limited services - 10 amps electric (equivalent to one outlet at home) and water and dump station centrally located at the entrance. However the rest room facilities were brand new and being next door to the Botanical Gardens of New Brunswick, made it worth the sacrifice. Since we have dual gas/electric water heater and refrigerator, it made switching the allocation of power easy. The weather was also in our favor - low 70's in the day and 50's at night, so a fan was all we needed at night.

### New Brunswick Botanical Gardens



While the harsh winter caused the plantings at the gardens to be delayed by two weeks, we were still treated to some wonderful displays of blooming trees and some early spring flowers. The landscaping at the gardens included many rock formations, small waterfalls, and decorative artwork to keep the visit very interesting.



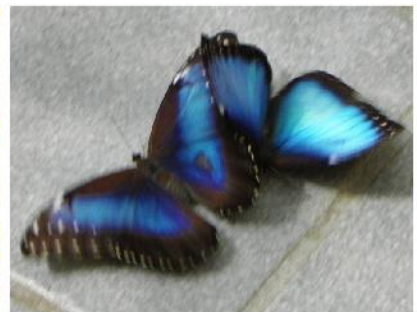
## New Brunswick Botanical Gardens (continued)



Here are some more pictures of the garden. One planting area [lower right] had a very interesting mulch - pine cones. The pine cones up here are small, I mean real small, and the availability is enormous - the ones on our campsite alone would fill a pick-up truck.



The botanical gardens had one area, Khronos [above], that had us scratching our heads to see the fit. This celestial garden (duh! - there's the fit!) contains twelve solid granite monoliths in a contemporary solid stone circle which "await your discovery in this place of celebration" per the park brochure...OK, I'm still scratching my head. The other special area was the indoor butterfly exhibit - it was small but the blue "papillons" (French) were beautiful and full of color.



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