



## Beginning - Ending

**Briggs / Georgetown and Roaches Line** are either an outstanding introduction or a delightful end to your excursion.

### Beginning

Leave the Trans-Canada at **Exit 21**. You enter **Route 78 (Veterans' Memorial Drive)**.

From **Route 78** take the turnoff to **Roaches Line - Route 70**. Follow **Route 70** to the Crossroads between **Route 71 and Route 68**. Turn right and take **Route 68** to **Briggs**.

You are ready to begin your "Excursion Around The Bay."

### Ending

You have two choices.

1) **Remain on Route 68**, travelling towards **Hollywood**, **Conception Bay South**, and **St. John's**. The drive is scenic.

2) To return to the **Trans-Canada**, go in the opposite direction. Continue on **Route 68**, going towards **Cupids** and **Mackinnons** and **Route 70**. At the intersection with **Route 70**, turn left towards **Roaches Line**, which leads back into **Route 78 (Veterans' Memorial Drive)**. At the end of **Route 78**, you can go East to **St. John's** or West to **Argentea** and **Port aux Basques**.

## Roaches Line



**Roaches Line** is a farming area. It has a large sheep farm which breeds purebred sheep.

Although most people associate the region with the sea, the **Baccalieu Trail** is one of the most productive agricultural areas in the province. Approximately twenty-five percent of the total value of agriculture in the province is in this area.

Sheep on Roaches Line  
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The home of **Josy Smallwood (1906-1991)**, who led Newfoundland into confederation with Canada, is located on **Roaches Line**. He became the first premier of Newfoundland when it became a province in Canadian Confederation in 1949 and remained in that position for 23 years. His home is not open for public viewing.

Many people look at the weather-vane horse on top of the hill near his home on the opposite side of the road to determine the direction of the wind.