

Shubenacadie Sam

Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park & Nova Scotia Webcams are pleased to offer this sneak peek into the rigorous preparations that Sam undergoes for Groundhog Day.

Location: Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, Nova Scotia

Info: At 8 a.m. (AST) each February 2nd, Sam becomes the first North American groundhog to predict when spring will arrive.

The average groundhog hibernates for the winter. Sam is no ordinary groundhog. He awakens early to fulfill his duties as a predictor of spring. To ready him for the stresses of the big day, Sam's handlers tempt him with his favourite foods including broccoli and melons. Groundhog Day in Shubenacadie is an important event, fraught with tension: will spring arrive early or will there be more nasty winter weather? It is a lot of pressure for one small rodent to handle. Sam trains hard for the big event using meditation and yoga to keep himself focused and mentally prepared for the exhausting day.

Enjoy this window into Sam's world as he and his crew prepare for February 2nd. Sam's handlers will be interacting with him throughout the day and feedings are at 7:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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The screenshot shows the website interface for Nova Scotia Webcams. At the top, it says "The best live views of Canada's Ocean Playground NOVA SCOTIA WEBCAMS". There are navigation links for "Banff Lake Louise Web Cam" and "Web Cams for 3 Banff Lake Louise Ski Resorts, Snow Reports & More". A sidebar on the left lists "Featured Webcams" including "Shubenacadie Sam", "Main Cam", "Eggs & Dins", "Ski Martick", "St. Wandsworth", and "Wassie II Project". Below this is a "Webcams Views" section with links to "Halifax", "South Shore", "Yarmouth and Acadia Shores", "Purdy Shore and Annapolis Valley", "Cape Breton", "Northumberland Shore", "Fuel Shop", "Toolbox/kale", "Links", "Newsletter Signup", "Feedback", and "Contact us". The main content area features a live video feed of "Shubenacadie Sam" at "Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park & Nova Scotia Webcams". The video shows a groundhog named Sam in a white enclosure with a sign that reads "SHUBENACADIE SAM NOVA SCOTIA". There is a large log with a hole in the ground, and some food bowls. The video has a "Live View" button and a "24 Hour History" link. Social media sharing options for Facebook (4064), Twitter (314), and YouTube (3) are visible. A "RefreshRate" control is at the bottom of the video player, showing "2 sec" selected. A "Fading" and "Fullscreen" button is also present.