

Greater Grand Isle Area

This site preserves artifacts and promotes the contributions of Grand Isle and Lille residents to the Acadian culture of Maine's St. John River Valley. The museum showcases farming implements and a broad variety of other tools; genealogical materials, including mortuary cards, and history-related publications, domestic items, and original folk art. Our museum is a "must-see memory-jogger" for young and old. In 2009, the Society acquired the picnic/rest area from the Maine DOT located on the Grand Isle and Madawaska Town line. The site overlooks the majestic St. John River and remains a summer picnic/rest site. Open June 19th to September 6th, Friday to Sunday from noon to 4 pm or by appointment. FMI: (207) 895-8028 or 436-1770.

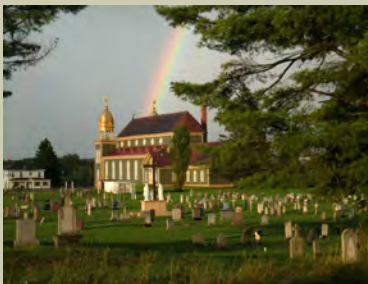


Musée culturel du Mont-Carmel

This site was founded in 1983 in order to preserve and restore the former Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel, a Roman Catholic church that was built in 1908-09. It was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. This museum consists of the former church as well as the former Lawrence Parent General Store now known as the Galerie Lille-sur-St-Jean. The museum has a huge collection of Acadian and Québécois artifacts and textiles, religious material, and books, documents, recordings, and photographs.

Open from June 15th to September 6th, Sunday through Friday, noon to 4 pm.

FMI: (207) 895-3339



Acadian Village

The Acadian Village is one of the largest historical sites in Maine. It consists of seventeen buildings, four of which are original homes dating from the 1800's to early 1900's. All the houses are furnished and depict the traditional way of life of the Acadians. Also part of the village are a chapel and an original one-room school house. The welcoming center is also a country store where visitors may buy souvenirs and books. You may also buy souvenirs and purchase books.

The Acadian Village is open daily from June 14th to September 15th, daily 12 to 5 pm. The entry fee is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.



Governor Brann School

This 1934, original one-room schoolhouse was named in honor of the Governor at the time of its construction, Louis J. Brann. It is situated three miles south of Van Buren on Rt.# 1 in Cyr Plantation. This building which is on the register of National Historic Buildings, has been beautifully preserved and is filled with memorabilia and artifacts. Friendly staff will welcome your visit.

Open July 4th to September 6th, Thursday through Sunday from Noon to 4 pm. FMI: (207) 868-2691



Roosevelt School House



This historic schoolhouse is located on Route 1A in Hamlin. Built in 1933 by a local carpenter named Desiree Roy. It was listed on the National Register of Historic

Places in 2007. Lucie Cyr Parent was one of the first teachers at Roosevelt School House. As a member of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council/Conseil d'héritage acadien du Maine, the Roosevelt School House has benefitted from Historic Preservation Grants. The building continues to be used to hold Hamlin town meetings and elections. Stop by to see what school may have looked like in the early 1900s.

The Maine Acadian Heritage Council/Conseil d'héritage acadien du Maine (MAHC) is a non-profit regional organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Acadian culture, language and history throughout Northern Maine's St. John Valley and beyond. In partnership with the National Park Service MAHC annually provides grant opportunities to historical sites and organizations in the St. John Valley.

We are pleased to introduce you to the historical sites of the St. John Valley. Most are run by non-profit organizations and volunteers. We encourage you to leave a donation in appreciation of their work and hospitality.



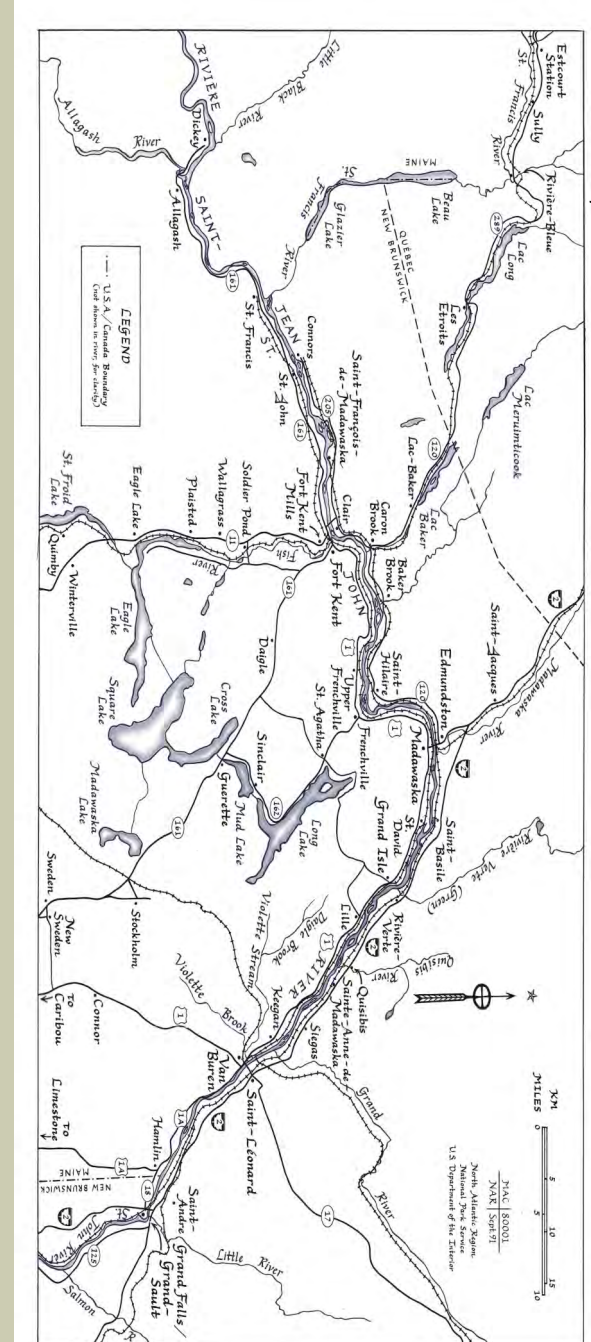
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St. John Valley Heritage Sites



Map Maker-Jane Croson
Courtesy of NPS

Upper Saint John Valley
La vallée du Haut-St. Jean

Allagash

The Allagash Historical Society/Museum highlights the Irish/Scottish heritage of the settlers of Allagash. You will find displays of lumbering, farming, and the St. John River log drives, as well as a display honoring the veterans of the town, and histories of the schools and churches. Our newspaper clippings feature the high school basketball team that became state champion. Our photograph collections demonstrate ways of life when the first settlers came up the mighty St. John River.



St. Francis



In 1984, a group of committed citizens established the St. Francis Historical Society to preserve our community's history and heritage. Come see our historic railroad station. We host such events as rug braiding

classes, antique quilt contests, antique car shows, reunions, student tours, and dinners. We have genealogy resources and a collection of old photographs. Numerous artifacts and replicas of years past adorn the walls and shelves.

Open June 26th to September 6th, every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm, as well as by request. FMI: (207) 398-1024

Ft. Kent Blockhouse

Built in 1839, this two-story structure is constructed of square hewn cedar logs, some measuring 19 inches in width. Fort "Jarvis" served as Maine's northern outpost during the "Aroostook War", 1839 - 1842. This border conflict between the United States and Great Britain ended peacefully, when the St. John River became the international boundary. The blockhouse is owned and maintained by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation of the State of Maine.

Summer hours Monday to Friday 9-5pm.



Fort Kent

Founded in 1925, the Fort Kent Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of Fort Kent, Maine. Stop by to visit the five buildings bursting with Fort Kent memorabilia. The Railroad station opened in 1902 and includes a baggage room, an office for the station agent, and separate waiting rooms for women and men. Also on site are the Daigle-Dubé House reflecting an earlier family life, a one-room schoolhouse, a barn, and the Paul D. Thibodeau Visitors' Center with annual displays.



Open June 19th to end of August, Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4pm. Donations are very much appreciated. FMI: (207) 231-2443 or 834-6098.

Acadian Archives acadiennes



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The Acadian Archives was created by the 114th Maine State Legislature in 1989. More than a preservation site, the Archives is a great resource center with more than 500 manuscript collections, 50,000 photographs, a permanent collection of traditional Acadian art, books, genealogy resources, and oral histories of the St. John and Allagash rivers. Visitors can enjoy the exhibition room and public presentations year-round. The Archives is open from Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm. Call (207) 834-7536 or visit www.umfk.maine.edu/archives.

Frenchville

The Frenchville Historical Society is caretaker for the Green Water Tower, the Caboose, and the Wylie House. The Water Tower was constructed in 1910, the only existing water tower east of the Mississippi River that sits beside an active railroad. The caboose holds many artifacts from the station's glory days. The Wylie House was built in 1916 and features many artifacts that reflect the 1900's to mid-1970's. The circular attic window



was used during Prohibition to signal bootleggers in Canada that the "coast was clear".

Open from June 27th to September 6th, every Sunday, 1 to 4 pm. FMI: (207) 543-7390.

Ste. Agathe

The Marquis house, one of the oldest homes in Ste Agathe, is owned by the Ste-Agathe Historical Society, maintaining the house as one of its museum buildings. The oldest and smallest portion of the house was built in 1854 by André Pelletier. The Preservation Building, located behind it, contains most of the society's collection of artifacts, genealogy books and photographs. The Center is divided into different exhibits including: a textile section, a military section, Gerald Dubois' craft room, two barber chairs, a religious artifact section, a scale model of the Notre Dame de la Sagesse Convent Boarding School, and an agriculture and lumber section.

Open June 27th to September 6th, Tuesday to Sunday, 1 to 4 pm. August 21 - Antique Tractor Club Event. FMI: (207)543-7390



Madawaska

The Madawaska Historical Society owns and operates the Tante Blanche museum complex and Acadian Cross Landing, situated in St. David. Acadian artifacts are displayed in the museum, schoolhouse, tool shed, and Albert House. Tour guides share the history of the early Acadian settlers to the area. The Cross site commemorates the arrival of Acadians to the region in 1785. Books of family genealogy and Acadian history are for sale.

Open July 4th, Thursday thru Sunday, Noon to 4pm. Tours by appointment- (207) 728-4649 email: info@clubfrancais.org.

