

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. Summer schedule is Friday-Sunday from noon to 4:00pm or by appointment. Call 895-3778 or 895-6949.



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 also owns the 114 acre long lot farm from the 1792 land grant from the British government belonging to Hypolite Thibodeau. The museum has a huge collection of Acadian and Québécois artifacts and textiles, religious material, and books, documents, recordings, and photographs. Hours are noon to 4:00pm Sunday through Friday.



Acadian Village

The Acadian Village is one of the largest historical sites in Aroostook County, Maine. It consists of several buildings. Four original homes dating from the 1800 to early 1900, All the houses are furnished and depict the way of life of the Acadians. Also part of the collection is a chapel and a one room school house. The must see Country Store is the welcoming center for the visiting public. It is also the place to buy souvenirs and purchase books.

The Acadian Village is open daily 12:00 to 5:00pm from June 14 to September 15. The entry fee is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.



Governor Brann School

Named after Governor Louis J. Brann. Governor Brann School House is a historical building located 3 miles South of Van Buren, Maine on Rt.# 1 in Cyr Plantation. The second of two well preserved "Little Red School Houses" in the St. John Valley, we are open to the public during summer months only.



Guided tours are provided to all new visitors at no charge and we welcome everyone to take the time to stop in. This building has been beautifully preserved and filled with numerous memorabilia that will take you back in time. Friendly staff will welcome your visit. We will be open 4 days per week Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00pm starting on the 4th of July weekend through Labor Day.

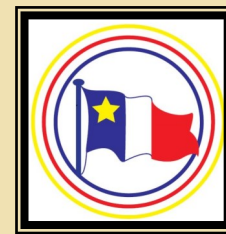
Roosevelt School House



This historic schoolhouse is located on Route 1A in Hamlin. Built in 1933 by a local carpenter named Desiree Roy. The building 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, 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 (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.



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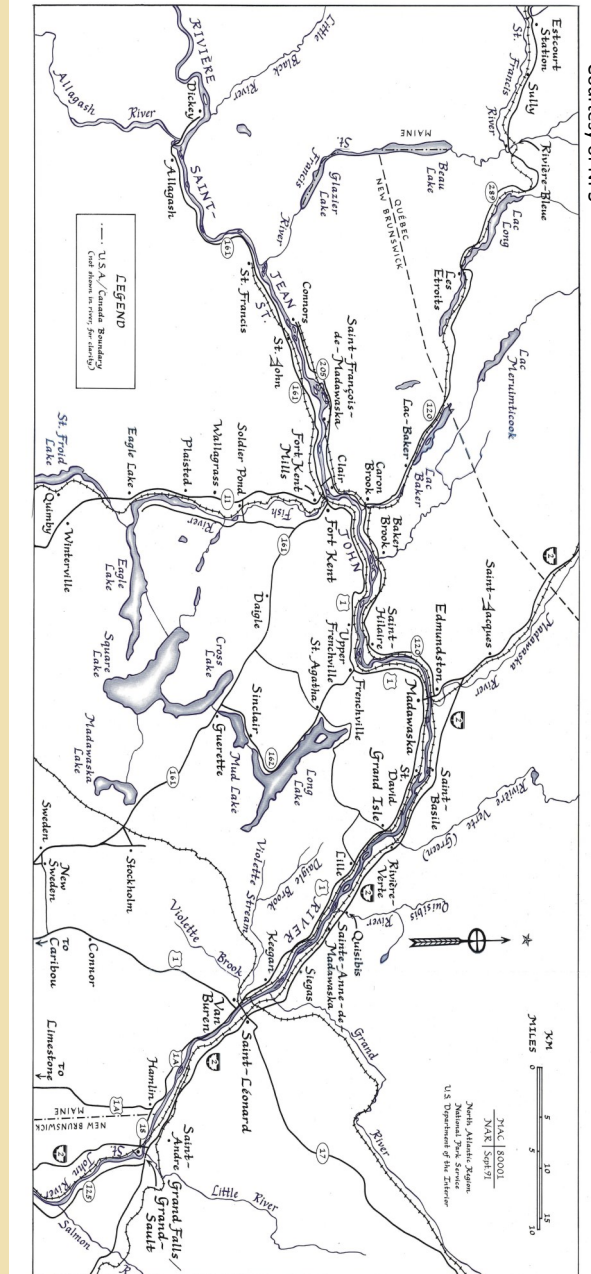
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St. John Valley Heritage Sites



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

Allagash

The Allagash Historical Society/ Museum features and highlights the Irish/Scottish heritage of the settlers of Allagash. We have displays of lumbering, farming, and St. John River log drives. Also on this site is a military display to honor our veterans, along with school and church history. Many of the newspapers and articles feature our high school basketball teams becoming state champions. We have many photos to show the way of life in the Allagash when the first settlers came up the mighty St. John River to cut lumber.



Our summer schedule is Friday-Sunday and holiday Mondays Noon-5:00pm . Or call 398-3148 .

St. Francis

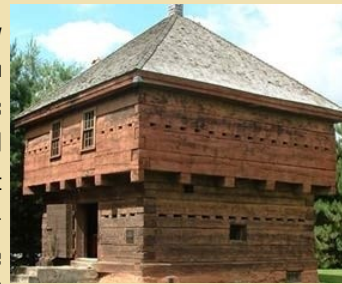
The St. Francis Historical Society was established in 1984. A group of committed citizens organized to preserve our community's history and heritage. Our beautiful building holds the dreams of yesterday. We host such events as rug braiding classes, antique quilt contest, antique care shows, reunions, student tours and dinners. We have a computer with genealogy and old photos. Books, artifacts and replicas of years past adorn the walls and shelves.



We are proud of what our members, community and the Maine Acadian Heritage Council have contributed. Our St. Francis Historical building is not only a building, it is our preserved past for our tomorrow. Open Mid May to Labor Day on Wednesday, Friday and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Ft. Kent Blockhouse

Built in 1839, this two story structure is made with square hewn cedar logs with some measuring 19 inches in width. Fort Kent served as Maine's northern out post during the so-called "Aroostook War" of the 1830s. The "war," which ended peacefully, was a dispute between the United States and Great Britain regarding the border separating Maine and Canada. A pictorial history hangs on the walls of the blockhouse. Local Eagle Scouts help to maintain the structure in cooperation with the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. Summer hours are 7 days/week 8:00am to 7:30p. Mid Aug to Oct Hours are 9a-5p on Weekends only.



Fort Kent

Founded in 1925, the Fort Kent Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of Fort Kent, Maine. Stop by and visit our five buildings bursting with Fort Kent's history and culture. We have Jerry Jalbert proofs still available, and loads of local history books and magazine for purchase. The Railroad Station originally opened in 1902 and is a great place to learn the history of the railroad. A baggage room, offices for the station agent along with a woman's waiting room are just a few areas in the station. Surrounding the Railroad Station and Museum are many gardens, including a medicinal garden that must be seen. The sites are open 7 days a week from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.



Acadian Archives acadiennes



Bienvenue! In 1989, the 114th Maine State Legislature allocated \$150,000 to "provide funds to establish and support an Arcadian [sic] Archives Center at the University of Maine - Fort Kent". More than a document preservation site, the Archives is a resource center housing more than 420 manuscript collections, thousands of photographs, books, genealogy, and recordings relating to the history and ways of life of the people living along the St. John and Allagash rivers and their ancestors. Visitors can enjoy our exhibition room and public presentations year-round. We are open Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Visit our website at www.umfk.maine.edu/archives or call (207) 834-7535.

Frenchville

The Frenchville Historical Society is caretaker for the Green Water Tower, the Caboose and the Wylie House. The Green Water Tower was constructed in 1910. It is 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 to bootleggers in Canada that the "coast was clear".

Our sites are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm, from June 26 to Labor Day.

Ste. Agathe

The Marquis house is one of the oldest homes in St. Agatha, Maine and is owned by the Ste-Agathe Historical Society, which maintains the house as one of its museum buildings. The oldest and smallest portion of the house was built in 1854 by Andre Pelletier. The Preservation Building, located behind the Marquis House contains most of the society's collection of artifacts, genealogy books and photographs. The Center is divided into different exhibits including: a textile section, military section, Gerald Dubois' craft room, two barber chairs, a religious artifact section, a scale model of the Notre Dame de la Sagasse Convent Boarding School, agriculture section and lumber section. Open June 21-Mid September, 12:30-4:00 pm. Closed Mondays.



Madawaska

Tante Blanche Museum Complex and Acadian Cross Landing Home of the Madawaska Historical Society is located in St. David. Acadian artifacts are displayed in the museum, school house, 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. Established in 1969, first in the Valley, the Society celebrates the early Acadian families with the Acadian Mass the last Sunday in June. Books of family genealogy and Acadian history are for sale. Opens Memorial Day weekend, 11:00-4:00pm Friday, Saturday, Sundays through the summer, every day from June 28 to July 5th. Tours by appointment-728-7849 or 728-4649 email; info@clubfrançais.org.

