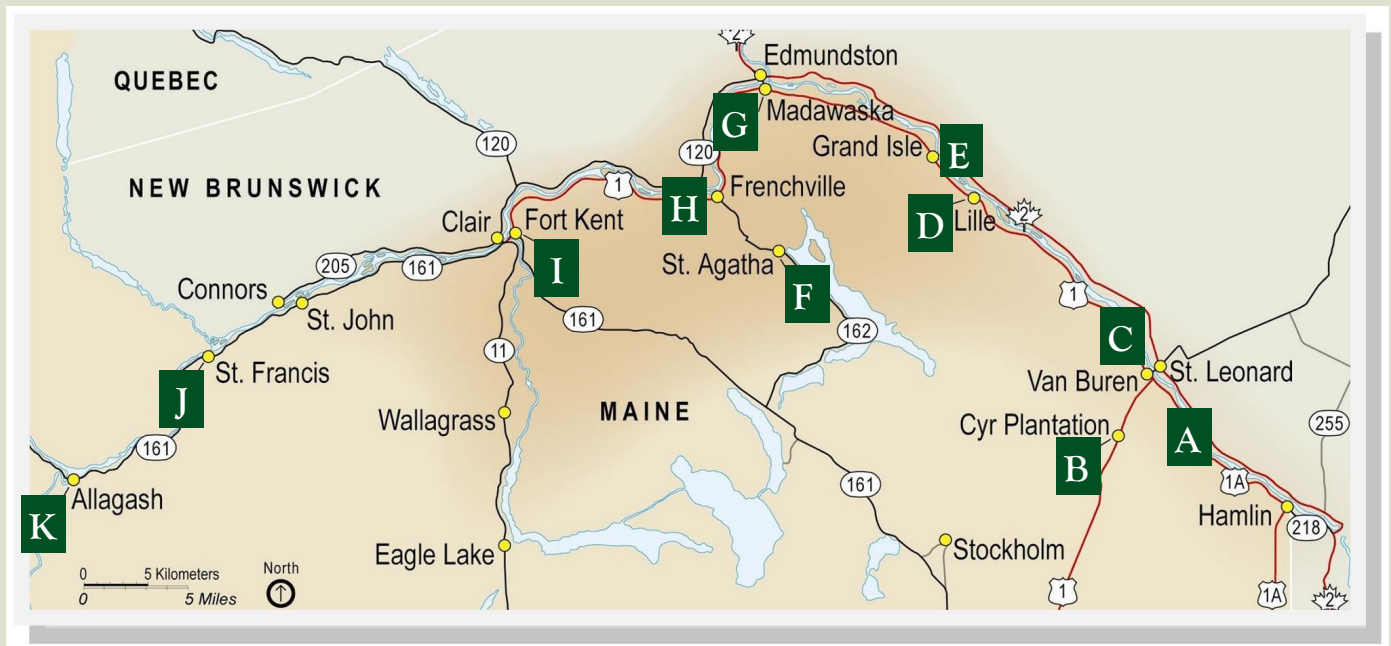


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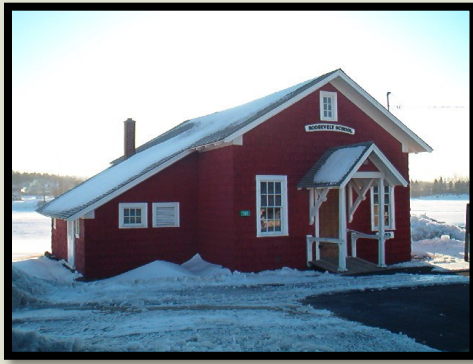
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We are pleased to introduce you to the historical sites of the St. John Valley. Most are run by non-profit organizations and volunteers. We encourage you to leave a donation in appreciation of their work and hospitality.



Roosevelt School House Museum

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.

Governor Brann School

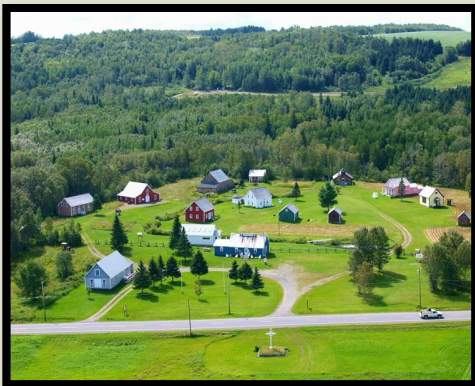
This 1934, original one-room schoolhouse was named in honor of the Governor at the time of its construction, Louis J. Brann. It is situated three miles south of Van Buren on Rt.# 1 in Cyr Plantation. The second of two well preserved "Little Red School Houses" in the St. John Valley, we are open to the 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 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. We will be open Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00pm starting the 4th of July weekend through Labor Day. Appointments: 868-5445.



Héritage Vivant/Acadian Village

The Acadian Village is one of the largest historical sites in Aroostook County, 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. The schoolhouse is an original one room schoolhouse. You may also 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 \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.



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. Open from June 16 to August 18th. Hours are noon to 4:00pm Sunday through Friday.



Greater Grand Isle Historical Museum

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. Schedule is from mid-June to mid August, Friday-Sunday from noon to 4:00pm or by appointment. Call 895-8028 or 436-1770.



Ste-Agathe Preservation Center



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 Sagesse Convent Boarding School, agriculture section and lumber section. Open last Sunday in June until Labor Day Weekend. 1-4:00 pm. Closed Mondays. Extended hours on August 2, 3, 4 for St. Agatha's Summerfest.

Madawaska Historic Site

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, 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. Open Memorial Day weekend, 11:00-4:00pm Wednesday to Sundays through the summer. Tours by appointment-728-4649 email; info@clubfrançais.org.



Frenchville Historical Site

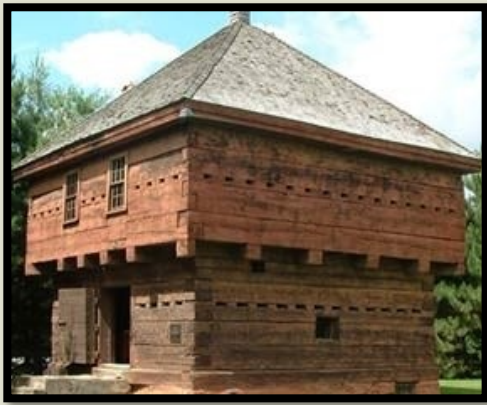


The Frenchville Historical Society is caretaker for the Green Water Tower, the Caboose and the Wylie House. The Green Water Tower was constructed in 1910. It is the only existing water tower east of the Mississippi River that sits beside an active railroad. The Caboose holds many artifacts from the station's 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". Farming and dairy artifacts are housed in an outbuilding behind the Wylie House. We will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00p.m. from June 23 to Labor Day.

Fort Kent Historical Site

Situated at the corner of Main and Market streets, the Fort Kent Historical Society's site is defined by its 1902 railroad station and the PD Thibodeau visitors' center. The station is divided up into a baggage room, offices for the station agent, women's and men's waiting rooms that are all full of Fort Kent memorabilia, photographs, and artifacts. The PD Thibodeau visitors' center offers community and tourists an opportunity to view two different exhibits per summer. You may also visit the other buildings on the site: the Daigle-Dubé House (National Register of Historic Buildings), a one-room schoolhouse, and a barn. We are open June 13 to Sept. 2nd. Thursday to Monday, from 1pm to 4pm. Donations are very much appreciated.





1839 Block House

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 7:30pm. Mid Aug to Oct Hours are 9:00-5:00, weekends only.

Acadian Archives acadiennes

Situated on the campus of the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the Acadian Archives/ Archives acadiennes is much more than a document preservation site. It is a resource center housing more than 420 manuscript collections, thousands of photographs, books, 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 curated displays and hear about the history of Acadie and the St. John Valley year-round. Want to find your roots? We will gladly help you. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Visit our website at: www.umfk.maine.edu/archives or call (207) 834-7535.



St. Francis Historical Site

The St. Francis Historical Society was established in 1984 when a group of citizens organized to preserve our community's history and heritage. Our beautiful building holds the dreams of yesterday. We host such events as senior birthdays and anniversaries along with student tours. 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 Friday and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00pm, as well as by request.



Allagash Historical Site

The Allagash Historical Society museum highlights the contribution of the Irish/Scottish settlers of Allagash to the Acadian culture of the St. John Valley. Our museum displays lumbering, farming, and the St. John River log drives. As well, a visitor can find a military display to honor our veterans, church and school histories, newspapers articles and photographs about our high school basketball team becoming State champions. In addition to numerous historic photographs depicting the life in the Allagash, when the first settlers came up the mighty St. John to cut timber. The site will be open from Memorial Day Week-end to Labor Day Week-end.

