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It is a distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Greater Fort Kent Area – the Upper St. John River Valley nestled in Maine's northernmost border to Canada – where the culture, scenery and abundant array of activities, especially for the outdoor enthusiast, will make you want to return again and again.

As told by many who come to this area, we are one of Maine's best kept secrets. The warm and friendly atmosphere, the unique French and Acadian culture, along with the Scotch-Irish heritage as you head further west into Allagash, the strong sense of community, vast forests and pristine watersheds, and some of the most amazing scenic vistas you will ever witness are all encapsulated in this one region.

In any season, parts of this region provide opportunities to unplug from the world and reconnect with nature, utilize any one of a number of walking, hiking, biking, ATV, snowmobile, and cross country and alpine ski trails. Although, we are a well-known hunting, fishing and camping destination, the Greater Fort Kent area is internationally recognized as a winter vacation destination.

Your connection with the Greater Fort Kent area is important to us. We invite you to experience firsthand the warmth, traditions, tranquility, activity and strong sense of community that defines the Upper St. John River Valley.

As you make your travel/relocation plans, feel free to contact the chamber office for any local information. Our Visitor's Information Center, website and facebook page are continuously updated to provide you with the resources you need to make your stay a memorable and enjoyable one.

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LIFE IN THE ST. JOHN RIVER VALLEY



Fort Kent and its surrounding communities are part of The Saint John River Valley. The Valley is rich in history from its first settlers of Acadian and Irish descent to the Aroostook War, a dispute over the Canadian and American boundary. Both the original settlement of the area and the war were due to the abundant forests and fertile soils. It is no wonder that the agriculture and logging industries have played a vital role in sustaining the people here.

The town of Fort Kent is considered a bilingual community, where French is commonly heard. In addition, Claire, New Brunswick lies over the St. John River International Bridge. The rolling hills of the Valley make Fort Kent a very picturesque community and fantastic views of both America and Canada are easy to find.

Deep-rooted traditions of family, music, culture, faith, arts, and land create a very friendly community, and one that truly appreciates its natural bounty. The extensive trail systems of the region give snowmobilers, ATV riders, mountain bikers, and skiers varied terrain and tour experiences. In addition, our many lakes, rivers, and forests provide terrific recreational opportunities for adventurers and sight-seers alike.

Upon visiting, travelers should keep a few stops on their "must-see" list: the historical society museums, the Acadian Archives at UMFK, the Fort Kent Blockhouse, and the Fort Kent Outdoor Center, home to the world-class 2004 and 2011 IBU Biathlon World Cups.



In addition to the town of Fort Kent, the Chamber serves surrounding communities as well. These towns include the following:

ST. AGATHA

St. Agatha has a year-round resident population of 802 (2000 US Census) with seasonal increases in both summer and winter. The town is home to Long Lake, a 6,000-acre and 12-mile long body of water that attracts many tourists and part-time residents each year. St. Agatha offers many recreational opportunities such as: snowmobile and ATV trails, two boat launching facilities, tennis court, softball field, children's playground, and a fitness center. St. Agatha has a little something for everyone.

SINCLAIR

Sinclair is your base camp for everything outdoors. Long Lake and Mud Lake are on your doorstep and are great for fishing. Long Lake has some of the best landlocked salmon fishing in New England. These notoriously large salmon are well known and have anglers coming back year after year. ATV trails and snowmobile trails are easily accessed within the town. Long Lake also is a popular boating destination. Many people return to Long Lake annually for their family vacations. The people of Sinclair will undoubtedly make your trip an enjoyable one.

EAGLE LAKE

The town of Eagle Lake is characterized by ruggedly sloping terrain dissected by brooks and streams as they flow into the pristine Fish River and the expansive Eagle Lake. The town of Eagle Lake not only is visually breathtaking, but offers an exceptional quality of life. The lake itself is one of the most recreationally-diverse lakes of the area, buzzing with activity throughout the year with swimming, boats, sea-doo's, and ice fishing.

PORTAGE LAKE

Portage Lake is a small community of more than 390 residents. The lake itself is a focal point to the town and is characterized by the frequent shoring of drift wood, reminiscent of lumbering days when logging river drives ended at the lake. It is a community that welcomes many outdoor sports enthusiasts and has its own gate to the North Maine Woods.





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ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis is a logging community which provides access to the North Maine Woods. The St. Francis and St. John rivers intersect within the town and they serve as boundary waters between New Brunswick and Maine. Bountiful waters and abundant forests provide recreation for all types of outdoor enthusiasts.

FRENCHVILLE

Frenchville is predominately a farming community. Other industries include, but are not limited to, retail, service, mechanics, and automotives. Eighty percent of the population is bilingual, speaking both English and French, fluently. Frenchville rests along the shores of the St. John River and offers a beautiful boat landing access point. Frenchville also is home to the Northern Aroostook Regional Airport, which serves all of the St. John Valley.

ALLAGASH

Allagash, or Moose Town as the locals call it, is at the end of the paved road, so to speak. First settled by Irish and Scottish settlers looking to harvest the abundant timber, Allagash is still a lumbering community and an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. Allagash is the terminus of the famous Allagash River and is the gateway to the North Maine Woods. Many locals have capitalized on the adventure that these fertile woods and waters harbor.

From the unique dialect that the locals speak to their humble, yet rewarding lifestyle, you will be amazed at the beauty and culture the little town of Allagash provides.

NEW CANADA

The Town of New Canada, formerly named, and still referred to as "Daigle," runs primarily along US Route 161 and along the northeast end of Eagle Lake. It is a true representation of the picturesque imagery found in the St. John Valley. Daigle Pond has a boat launch facility and there are ATV and snowmobile trails connecting to other neighboring communities.

ST. JOHN PLANTATION

St. John was established as a plantation under state law on March 12, 1870. It is a small community nestled between St. Francis on the west and Fort Kent on the east. St. John has approximately 280 people, primarily of French and Acadian decent. It is where Bossy Mountain meets the St. John River and is a delightful sight during fall foliage season.

CROSS LAKE TOWNSHIP

Cross Lake is a quaint little community housed along the eastern shore of Cross Lake. Routes 161 and 162 intersect in the town. The community is sandwiched between four lakes of the Fish River Chain of Lakes, which offers superb fishing for brook trout and salmon. Cross Lake also is a popular destination for people looking for outdoor recreation, such as snowmobiling, ATV riding, and hunting. There are many rental cabins along the shores of Cross Lake and the community offers a peaceful atmosphere and a great family vacation getaway.

WALLAGRASS

The town of Wallagrass is a small rural community located three miles south of Fort Kent on scenic Route 11. Soldier Pond Village is located in the Town of Wallagrass where business activity is strategically located. In Soldier Pond Village one can find a post office, country store, boat landing, as well as the Wallagrass Elementary School.

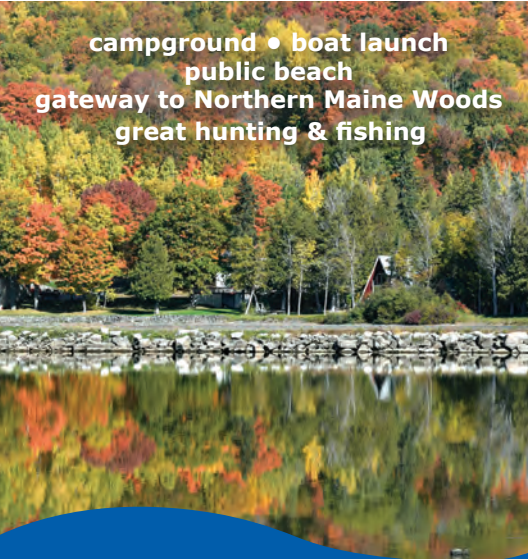
WINTERVILLE PLANTATION

Winterville is located about 25 miles south of Fort Kent on Maine Route 11. The 100 feet deep St. Froid Lake is the main attraction and provides for an excellent water resource for vacationers, anglers and residents alike. Seasonal cottages and a campground are available for vacationers to make their home away from home. Enjoy the endless views and breathtaking sunsets overlooking one of the Fish River Chain of Lakes.

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Fort Kent Public Library 1 Monument Square, Fort Kent	(207) 834-3048
Faye O'leary Public Library Main St., Allagash	www.arostook.me.us/allagash
MSAD #27 (includes libraries & schools in Wallagrass, Fort Kent, Eagle Lake) 84 Pleasant St. Suite 1, Fort Kent	(207) 834-3189 www.sad27.org
MSAD #33 (includes libraries & schools in Frenchville and St. Agatha) 431 U.S. Rte 1, Frenchville	(207) 543-7334 www.msad33.org
St. John Valley Technology Center 431 U.S. Rte 1, Frenchville	(207) 543-6606
University of Maine at Fort Kent (includes the Blake Library) 23 University Drive, Fort Kent	(207) 834-7500 www.umfk.maine.edu



Photo Courtesy of UMFK

There are many opportunities for learning in the Fort Kent area. Our schools have knowledgeable and friendly instructors, great student-to-teacher ratios, and programs that encourage growth and inspire curiosity.

In Fort Kent, people can be educated from Pre-K to bachelor's degree, all within a quarter mile. It allows programs of all grades to benefit from each other.

In addition to providing great education, the University of Maine at Fort Kent benefits the entire community. The University hosts cultural programs in Fox Auditorium, houses the Acadian Archives, the St. John Valley Senior College, and reaches across the miles to bring experiences through technological outreach at the Nadeau Hall Teleconference Center.

In the spring, UMFK also showcases the area's culture with the annual Fiddlers' Jamboree and Sucrierie. It's always a great time and a lot of fun for people of all ages.



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Agape Christian Fellowship	178 North Perley Brook Rd., Fort Kent	(207) 834-3780
Christ Church Congregational	35 Pleasant St., Fort Kent	(207) 834-5555
Gospel Message	De Voe Brook Rd., Eagle Lake	(207) 444-5327
St. John Bible Church	St. John Rd., Fort Kent	(207) 834-5730
Assembly of God	564 Frenchville Rd., Fort Kent	(207) 834-5730
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish	<i>Services Frenchville, St. Agatha, Sinclair</i>	(207) 543-7447
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness	913 Caribou Rd., Fort Kent	(207) 834-6486
New Bethel Ministries	580 Slybrook Rd., Wallagrass	(207) 834-6698
Our Lady of the Lake Church	Main Street, Portage Lake	(207) 498-2836
Portage Lake Congregational	3 Cottage Rd., Portage Lake	(207) 435-6996
Fort Kent Bible Church	6 Violette Settlement Rd., Fort Kent	(207) 231-1565

Taking a stroll **DOWNTOWN**



THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO SEE

The quaint town of Fort Kent provides visitors with a selection of specialty shops and restaurants for a nice dinner or a quick bite. Adorned with lampposts and park benches, Fort Kent is a picturesque setting for a nice walk and leisurely shopping.

Downtown also is a great place to visit some historic sites and to enjoy the festivities of our many events held throughout the year. There are two beautiful murals in town that were painted by local artist, Darren Connors. Both murals depict the deep-rooted traditions and history of the area, and are great spots to snap a few pictures.

As a special note of interest, take a moment to visit the America's First Mile monument on Main Street in Fort Kent. The site denotes the first mile of U. S. Route 1, designated on November 11, 1926, and ends in Key West, Florida.

The other towns in our area also have wonderful notes of interest, and each have at least one body of water that makes them unique and worth visiting. In St. Agatha, for example, there is a community gazebo that looks out to an island in Long Lake. Although beautiful all year-long, in late fall, this becomes a migratory stopping point and at times, people have been able to see over 3,000 birds as they prepare for the remainder of their journey.



All phone numbers begin with area code (207) unless otherwise indicated.

DINING OPTIONS

This is a listing of our 2017 Chamber of Commerce membership. Please visit fortkentchamber.com for our current listing.

Establishment	Location	Phone Number
Bee Jay's Tavern	328 West Main Street, Fort Kent	834-3826
Doris' Café	345 Market Street, Fort Kent	834-6202
Fort Kent Golf Clubhouse (summer only)	334 St. John Road, Fort Kent	834-3149
Gas-n-Go Foods	51 East Main Street, Fort Kent	834-5714
Inn of Acadia (Voyageur Lounge)	384 St. Thomas Street, Madawaska	728-3402
John's Shurfine Food Store	182 Market Street, Fort Kent	834-5181
Lake Road Grocery	10 Sly Brook Road, New Canada	834-6377
Lakeview Restaurant	9 Lakeview Drive, St. Agatha	543-6331
Lonesome Pine Trails Lodge (winter only)	2 Forest Avenue, Fort Kent	834-5202
Long Lake Sporting Club	48 Sinclair Road, Sinclair	543-7584
McDonald's Restaurant	77 East Main Street, Fort Kent	834-7330
Mill Bridge Restaurant	271 Market Street, Fort Kent	834-4445
Paradis Shop 'n Save	62 West Main Street, Fort Kent	834-3020
The Store on Sugar Shack Road	7 Sugar Shack Road, St. Francis	398-7700
Subway Restaurant	100 West Main Street, Fort Kent	834-4606
Swamp Buck Restaurant	250 West Main Street, Fort Kent	834-3055
Walker's Pub	285 West Main Street, Fort Kent	436-3009

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Establishment		Phone Number
Allagash Guide Service	928 Allagash Road, Allagash	398-3418
All Seasons Lakeside Cottages	262, 276 & 342 Cleveland Road, St. Agatha	543-6600
Brass Lantern Bed & Breakfast	2 Blockhouse Road, Fort Kent	231-0998
Camel Brook Camps	447 Violette Settlement Road, Fort Kent	834-2065 / 316-8324
Comfy Cottage on St. Froid Lake	276 Red River Road, B333, Winterville	444-5961
Countryside Retreat LLC	17 Gendreau Road, St. David	728-6083 / 316-8463
Crossroad Cabins	46 Klein Road, Fort Kent	834-6717
Fieldstone Cabins &		
Rainbow Cove RV Park	287 Lake Shore Dr., Madawaska Lake	551-9319 / 768-1688
Fort Kent RV & Tenting Park	12 River Street (Riverside Park), Fort Kent	834-5678
Friendly Valley Lodging	Route 162 – Long Lake, Sinclair	543-6634
Highland Vacation Rentals	Sly Brook Road, Eagle Lake	(860) 429-3869
Inn of Acadia	384 St. Thomas Street, Madawaska	728-3402
Lakeview Camping Resort	9 Lakeview Drive, St. Agatha	543-6331
Long Lake Camps & Lodge	111 Sinclair Road, Sinclair	543-6390
Long Lake Motor Inn	596 Main Street, St. Agatha	543-5006
Northern Door Inn	356 West Main Street, Fort Kent	834-3133
Overlook Motel &		
Lakeside Cottages	3232 Aroostook Road, Eagle Lake	444-4535
Trailside Vacation Rentals	6 Felix Avenue, Frenchville	944-7489
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Historical societies play an important part in communities. Capturing moments in time and cherishing the articles of our ancestors, the historical societies of the greater Fort Kent area allow a unique and interesting glimpse into the past.



In most cases, phone numbers reach contact individuals for the sites and not the historical locations directly.

Allagash Historical Society

(207) 398-3335

(207) 398-3347

U.S. Route 161, Allagash, Maine

Fort Kent Block House

(207) 834-5354

Blockhouse Rd., Fort Kent, Maine

Fort Kent Historical Society

(207) 834-5320

Market St., Fort Kent, Maine

Frenchville Historical Society

(207) 543-7301

U.S. Route 1, Frenchville, Maine

Portage Lake Historical Society

Contact: Sarah Brooks 551-6471 or

Corrine Routhier 435-6854

St. Agatha Historical Society

(207) 543-6911

Route 162, St. Agatha, Maine

St. Francis Historical Society

(207) 398-3495

Main St., Saint Francis, Maine

St. John Historical Society

To view the inside of historic

St. John Catholic Church:

(207) 834-3075 Greta Jalbert

(207) 834-3447 Annette Grant

(207) 834-5657 Barbara Pelletier

University of Maine at Fort Kent Acadian Archives

(207) 834-7535

University Drive, Fort Kent, Maine



Town Murals

Fort Kent has three murals located throughout town, which artistically depict both the history of the area and current interests. They are located at Riverside Park (seen above), Market Street, and downtown.



Tom Cote Wood Panels

Tom Cote is a renowned Master Wood Carver from Limestone Maine. He was commissioned to do a series of eight wood panels (4ft x 8ft) depicting the life of the Acadian settlers in this region which are displayed by the roadside throughout the St. John Valley. There are currently six of the panels erected. Those located in the Greater Fort Kent area include: The Frenchville Heritage Park (306 US Route 1) and at the Veteran's Memorial Park in the Town Square in Portage Lake.



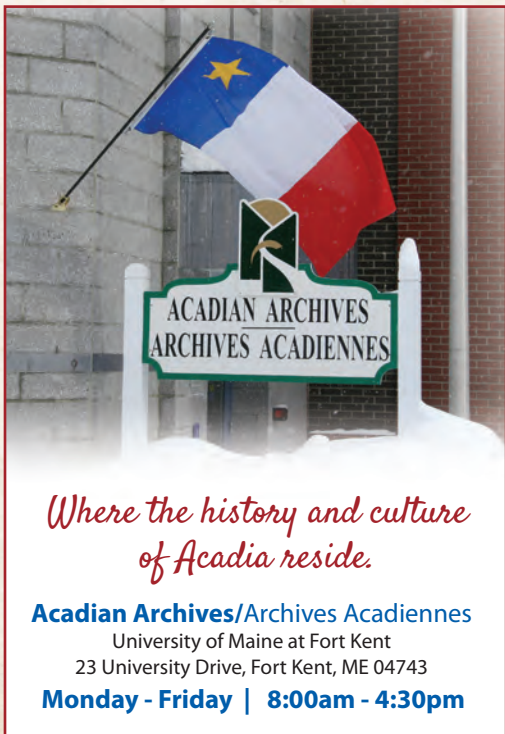
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Festivals & Events

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UMFK Homecoming & Scarecrow Festival



Ploye Festival

Winter in the Valley can't be rivaled, and one of the largest events is the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race held annually, in March. The event is spectator friendly, with the start of the race beginning on Main Street in Fort Kent. It is nationally-recognized, and is a qualifying race for mushers wishing to compete in the famous Iditarod race held in Alaska.

In the summer, the Ploye Festival is a highlight for residents and visitors alike. (A ploye is a buckwheat pancake that is a staple in many of the Acadian homes of the area.) In addition to many other activities surrounding the festival, Fort Kent now holds the title to the World's Largest Ploye. Each year it is made in front of hundreds of spectators. The 12 foot in diameter marvel is tasty, too. When it is all cooked, it is covered in butter, making a nice treat for all the on-lookers.

A whimsical, fun-filled event is the Scarecrow Festival. It is held each year in the fall to celebrate harvest, foliage, and of course, scarecrows. It is a lot of fun for families, and is a time when many return home to enjoy the festivities.

Some additional events that are a lot of fun are the Le Festival Chautauqua in Frenchville; Moosetock Festival in Allagash; the Whoopie Pie Festival in Portage Lake; the Long Lake Summerfest in St. Agatha; the Aroostook Aero Club Air Show in Frenchville; and the Muskie Derby in Fort Kent. All are unique and celebrate the heritage of each individual town.

There are many other events that happen in the Fort Kent area throughout the year. For a rural community, it is amazing how much fun people have when they are here. See the list on the right for all the events throughout the year. You can call the Chamber office at (207) 834-5354 for further details on these events or visit us on-line at: fortkentchamber.com.



ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Ice Fishing Opens
Long Lake Fishing Derby
Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber
Annual Dinner
Fort Kent Outdoor Center
Annual 5k Citizens Race and
Frostbite 20k & 40k
International Snowmobile Festival

FEBRUARY

Great Maine Outdoor Weekend
UMFK Fiddler's Jamboree (*the Sunday
before Mardi Gras—most often in February*)

MARCH

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Fort Kent Outdoor Center Skijoring
Allagash Chocolate Festival (*during Can Am*)
UMFK Sucrierie

APRIL

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Mountain Hill Climb
Open-Water Fishing Opens

MAY

ATV Trails Open
North Maine Woods Open
Fort Kent Golf Course Opens

JUNE

Fort Kent Lion's ATV Poker Run
NMMC Rally in the Valley Kid's Bikefest

Fort Kent Town Pool Opens
Recreation & Parks Summer Programs Begin

JULY

Wesget SiPu Pow Wow
PondFest

AUGUST

Ploye Festival, Fort Kent
Muskie Derby, Fort Kent
Whoopie Pie Festival, Portage Lake
Portage Lake Summer Round Up, Portage Lake
Tour de la Vallee Bike Race

SEPTEMBER

Peak Fall Foliage
Bear Season Opens
Scarecrow Festival & UMFK Homecoming
Moose Hunting (permit only)
Potato Harvest

OCTOBER

Small Game Hunting Opens

NOVEMBER

Small Business Saturday
Deer Season Opens
Annual Arts and Crafts Fair
Annual Christmas Tree Lightings

DECEMBER

Holiday Season
Lonesome Pine Trails Open
Snowmobile Trails Open



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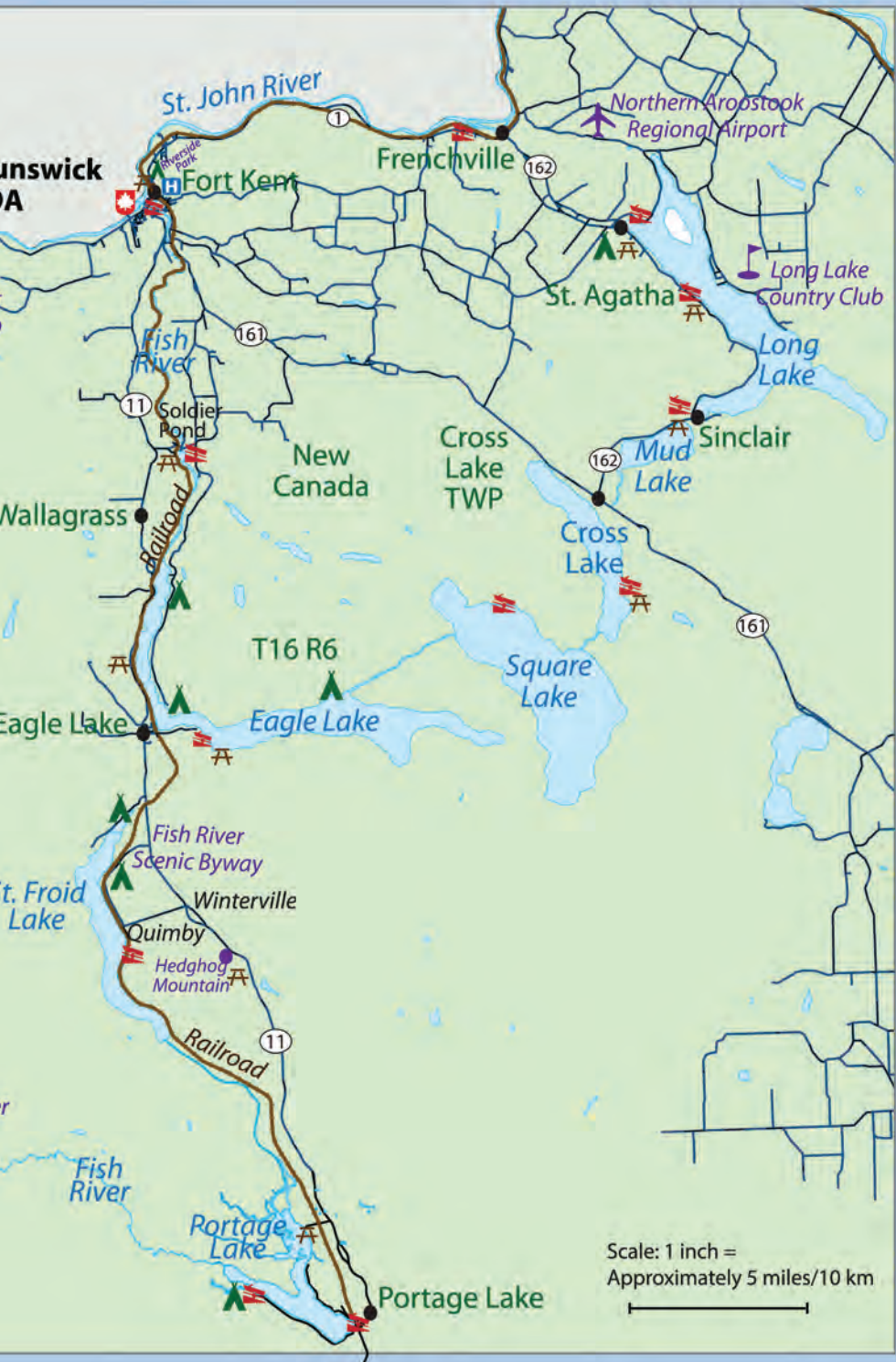
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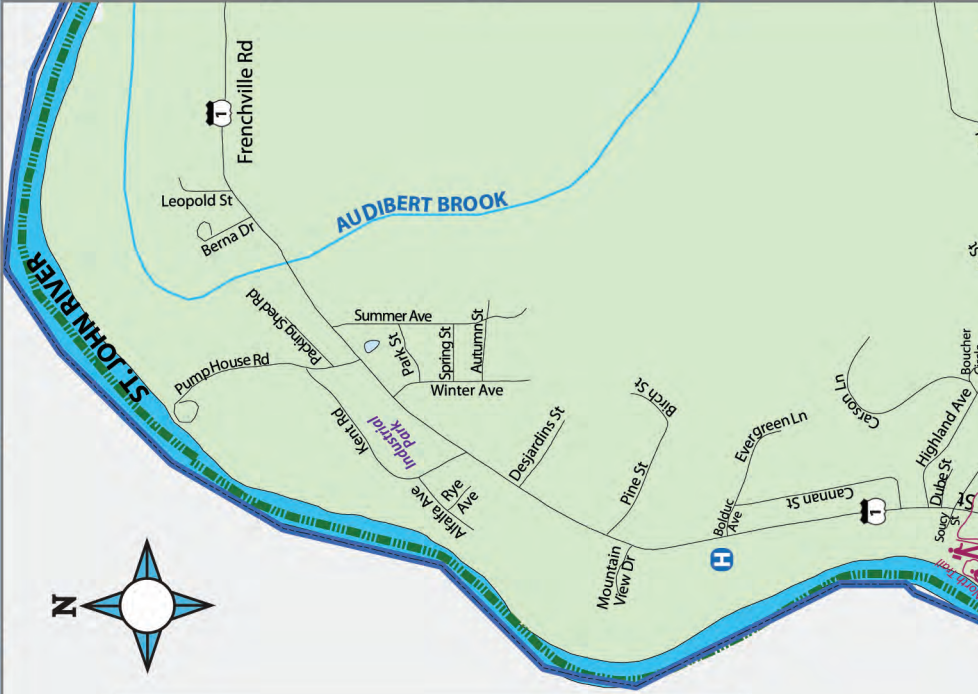
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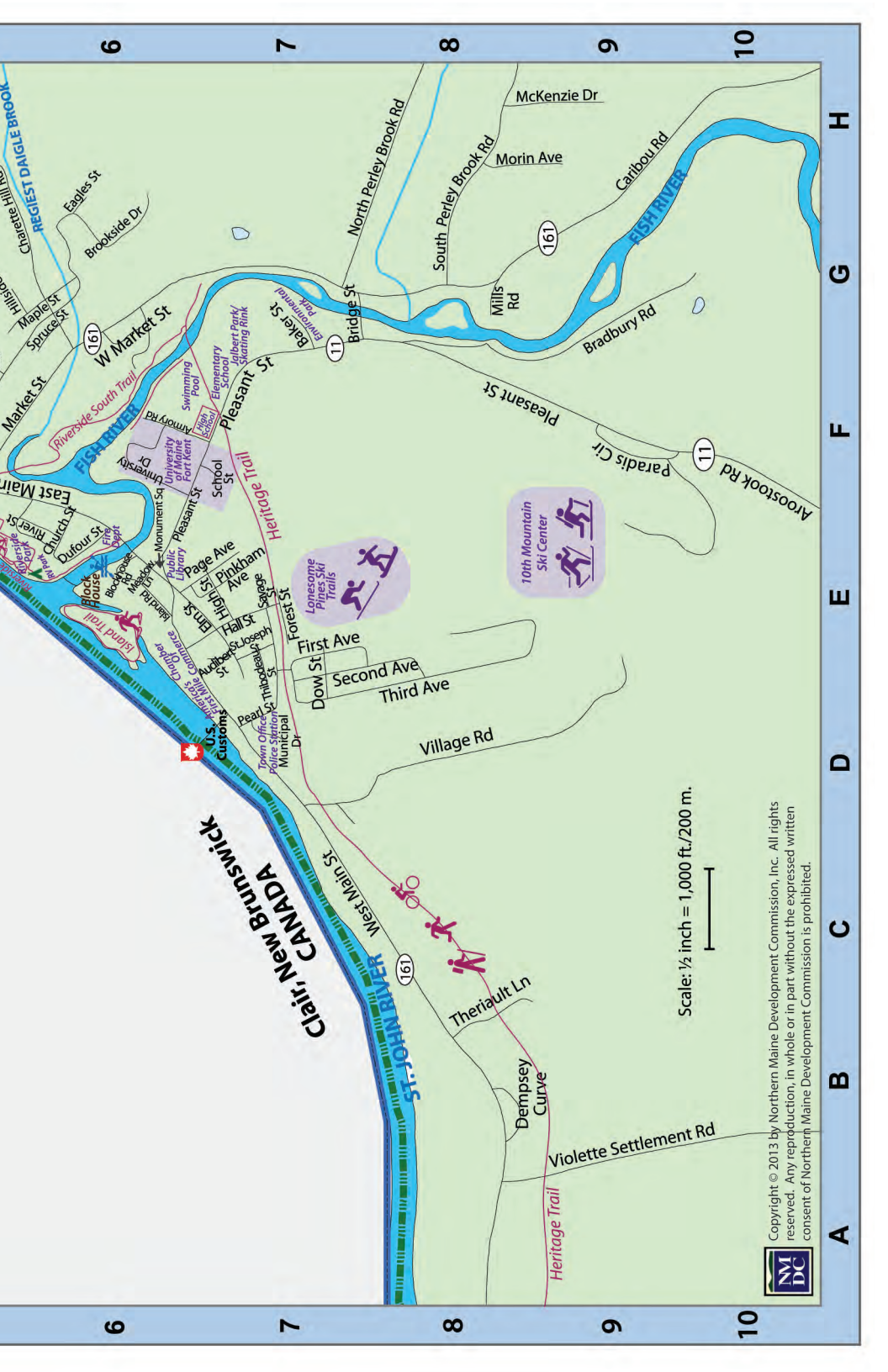
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From fishing derbies to the biathlon world class stage, the Greater Fort Kent Area is no stranger to the rush of adrenalin that comes from the competitive spirit. The season of winter is fully embraced here, and many competitions happen at this time of the year. If you like catching a great game, the area youth teams, as well as the USCAA National Champions, UMFK Bengals, put on an awesome show at any time of the year.



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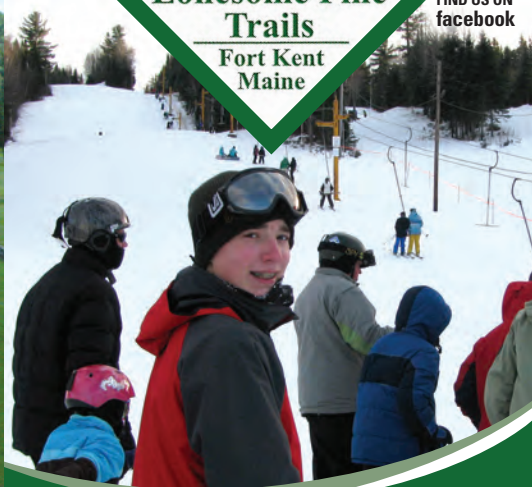
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SUMMER

Summers are lush and colorful with many blooming wild flowers and prideful gardens of our communities. Our many lakes and rivers keep residents and visitors alike busy enjoying the warm weather in supreme conditions. Many of our outfitters provide four-wheelers, party-boats, canoes, kayaks, sea-doo's, and even inner-tubes for people to enjoy the many different waterways of our area.

AUTUMN

Autumn brings a whole new meaning to color as Mother Nature puts on her own fireworks display in our forests. Many people have commented on how they can see every fall color all at one time on their visit. It also is a great time of the year for four-wheeling, and to enjoy a local favorite: chicken stew with ployes. Hunters enjoy their time here as the locals accommodate their needs with hunters' breakfasts, highly knowledgeable outfitters and guides, and lodging.



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WINTER

Winter is fully embraced in this area – from the skiers at Lonesome Pine Trails and the Fort Kent Outdoor Center, to the many people who trek here to take advantage of our hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails. This is also the place to be for those who enjoy ice fishing and several derbies throughout the season encourage friendly competition. The quiet hush of a new snowfall brings a sense of magic to those who enjoy Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Wildlife continues to be seen through the winter months. Although the foliage has fallen, our evergreens, adorned with ice and snow crystals, have a beauty all of their own.

SPRING

Although many of the locals have dubbed spring as “The Mud Season,” no one can deny the excitement that arrives with the spring thaw. Pussy willows show the first glimpse of the oncoming summer blooms, and the red dogwood bushes turn the roadsides aflame with new-growth color. Bright green fiddleheads emerge and grace local dinner tables. Smelting is a highlight of the season for some, and many skiers find themselves enjoying their sport in lighter layers.

Regardless of the time of year, the beauty of the area is undeniable and the warmth of the area people highlight a vacation centered around the outdoors and relaxation. The Greater Fort Kent Area is truly the gem of the crown of Maine.



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NORTH MAINE WOODS

The North Maine Woods provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities for more than 100,000 visitors each year, while at the same time providing renewable forest resources which are a major part of Maine's economy. You can enjoy day-trips for great fishing and hunting, and there also are vast possibilities for camping. You can find more information at: www.northmainewoods.org

ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY

Arguably the greatest treasure of the North Maine Woods, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway has drawn celebrities to its charms for years. The waterway can offer day trips to different sites, or if you are up to more of a challenge, you can enjoy a multi-day canoe trip. Either way, you may witness eagles flying overhead or moose wading in the waters. There are many Maine guides in the area well-acquainted with the river and can help you make the most out of your trip.

FISH RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES

The Fish River offers serenity close to the conveniences of local communities, and provides many opportunities to appreciate the abundant beauty of northern Maine. The Fish River Chain of Lakes is a popular multi-day canoe trip with the locals. These lakes include Fish River Lake, Portage Lake, St. Froid Lake, Eagle Lake, Square Lake, Cross Lake, Mud Lake, and Long Lake. Each lake has unique characteristics and all are accessible for enjoyment throughout the year. A favored day trip is canoeing the Fish River from Soldier Pond to the Fort Kent Blockhouse. ***Please note to watch for the portage on the right-hand side around Fish River Falls in Fort Kent.*** If hiking is more your style, Fish River Falls is an easy hike which brings you to breath-taking, tiered falls. It's always a great spot for a photo op or a picnic lunch.

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- Hiking
- Hunting
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- Skating
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- Tennis
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- Visit Local Historic Sites
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For more information of where to participate in these activities, contact the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce at:

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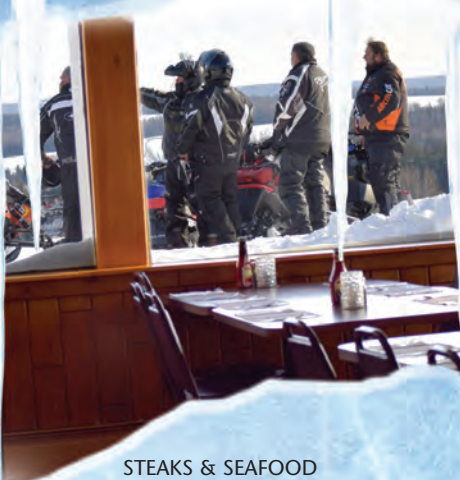
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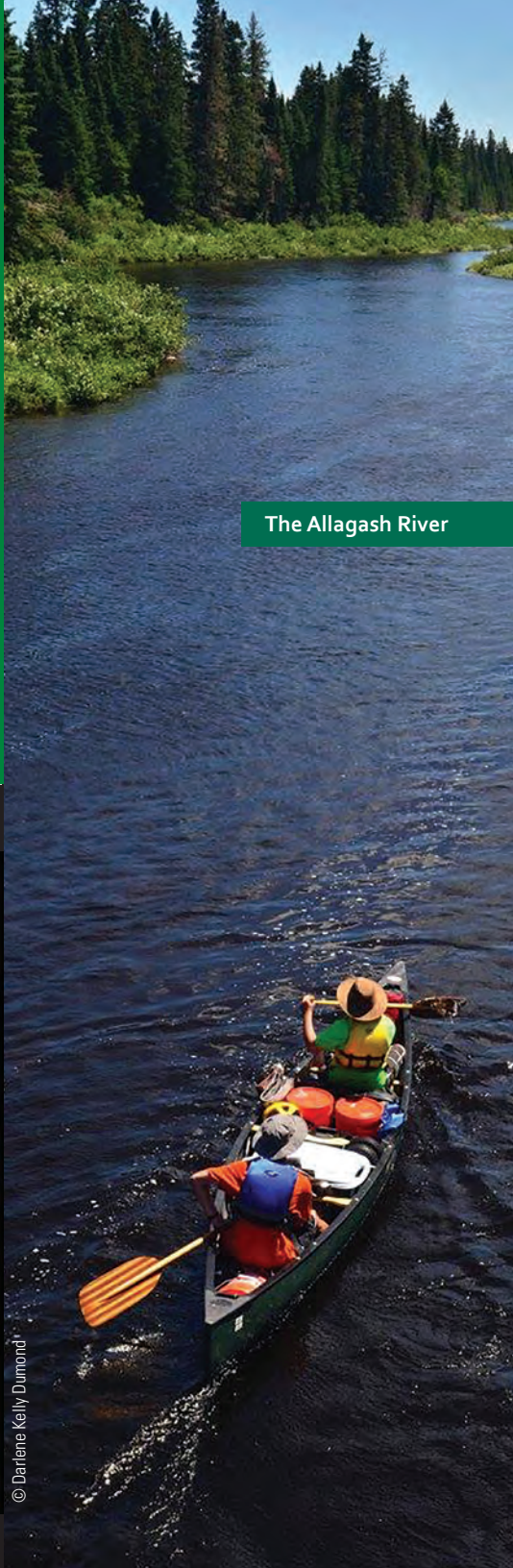
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