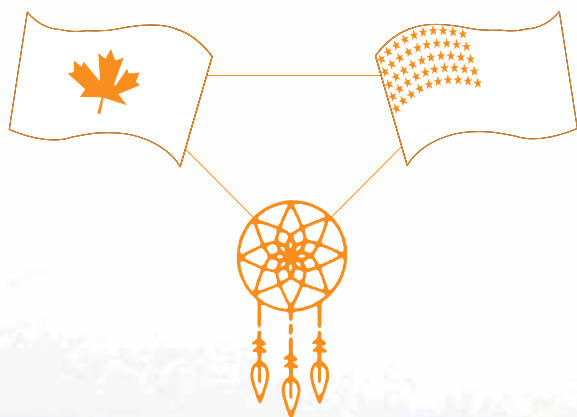


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### Quick Facts

- Over one million cars carrying 1.5 million people cross the Calais border every year
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- Border crossing open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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For the outdoor enthusiast, Calais is surrounded by a wealth of natural wonders including: lakes, streams, hiking trails -- perfect for fishing, hiking, paddling, biking and exploring.

### Quick Facts

- Settled in 1779, incorporated as a city in 1850
- Population of 3,123; 1400 households
- Mayor/Council form of government

### Education

- Calais is home to an elementary, middle and high school, as well as regional technical school and community college

**[www.calaismaine.org](http://www.calaismaine.org)**

## Welcome

The year 2020 has affected us all. The world is changing, and noticeably as we experience a global pandemic. With everything slowing almost to a stop, perspectives of priority come to light in new ways. Hopefully rest, staying healthy and caring for loved ones has been the main focus of your life.

This year is a milestone as Maine's bicentennial year. The 2020 publication emphasizes on history, and telling the St. Croix Valley's story. Difficult times offer a reflection on difficulties in the past, and present an opportunity to celebrate life and respect its deep culture. A closed border crossing has brought into perspective the importance, strong reliance and ties we share with our neighboring country Canada. The St. Croix region continues to live its history daily with waterway traditions that are its legacy. I hope you enjoy, and reach out with any questions or concerns.

- Kara M. Mitchell, Executive Director,  
St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce (207) 454-2308

### History of The St. Croix Valley- St. Croix International Waterway Commission

St. Croix Valley's first settlers arrived 12,000 years ago while inland portions of North America were still locked in the last great Ice Age. Their descendants shared the valley with others, such as the aboriginal Red Paint People, whose ocean-going canoes travelled the North Atlantic coast around 2000 - 4000BC. For centuries the St. Croix River has been a crossroad traversed by tribes who came to the lower St. Croix to harvest fish and clams, or used the upper lakes as a canoe route to the great Penobscot and Saint John river systems.

In 1604 French explorers chose Saint Croix Island for the capital of L'Acadie. Their settlement there was short-lived but set the St. Croix so firmly in record that it was used to mark future boundaries, including that between the United States and British North America, now Canada. The present US/Canada boundary was set at midstream, down the entire length of the St. Croix system, in 1798.

After the end of the American Revolutionary War in 1780, Loyalists and Americans alike settled along the St. Croix and started anew to make this one of the Northeast's major lumbering and shipbuilding centers. Hundreds of ships took shape in local shipyards, built from the St. Croix timber they would also haul to world markets. Evidence of many wharves from this 'age of sail' still marks town waterfronts and quiet coves. Take a walk along the Calais Waterfront to see some remains.

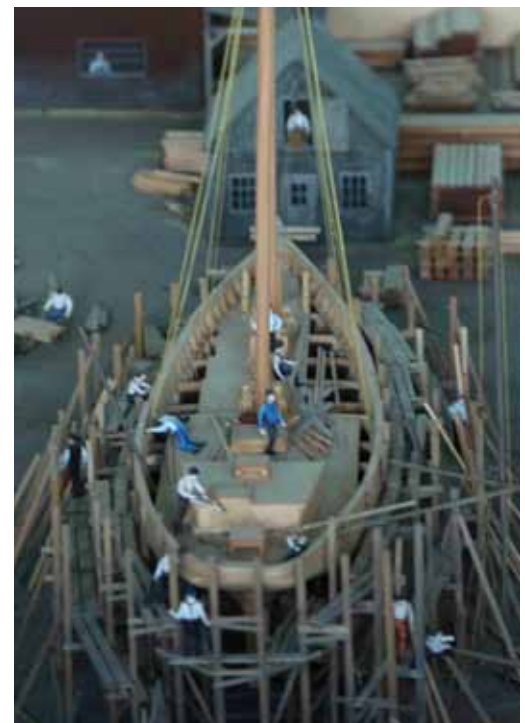
To supply the ships, thousands of men and horses hauled logs from inland forests, sending them cascading downstream to nearly 140 mills at places such as Upper Mills and Milltown. In time these were replaced by a single pulp mill in Woodland, which has been a mainstay of the local economy since 1907. The last log drive on the St. Croix took place in 1965; timber now travels by truck.

In the late 1800s the coming of railroads added another facet to the St. Croix's heritage by providing transportation to serve new factories and tourists. St. Andrews, at the end of its own rail line, became a summer resort for Montreal and Boston elite who built elegant homes on tree-lined boulevards. Inland, Vanceboro and McAdam grew as rail heads for lake tanneries and forest timber while, on the tidewaters, St. Stephen and Calais found success in factories that could export by land or sea. The architecture and some of the enterprises of this era can still be appreciated, including the chance to sample the wares of a major candy manufacturer.

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Shipbuilding was a volatile industry; shipyards in Calais and St. Stephen built deep hulled ships which transported lumber and other goods all over the world. Hundreds of ships crowded the banks of the St. Croix River. Visit this exhibit and more at the Wabanaki Cultural Center at 39 Union St., Calais

Photo by Kara Mitchell



# ART & culture



A painting for the Chief wall, which has photos of the Chiefs of Indian Township for the last one hundred years. Painted by Martin Dana; see this and more works at the Indian Township museum.



Joan Dana saying a prayer to the Four Directions during the Veteran Monument Ceremony.

## PASSAMAQUODDY CULTURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Open Monday - Friday, 10am-3pm, See artifacts of the Passamaquoddy, birch bark baskets, woven baskets, beadwork and much more. **197 Rte 1, Princeton, Maine.** Call (207) 796-5533 for more information.



Joan Dana, blessing Birch Bark Canoe, courtesy of Passamaquoddy Cultural Heritage Museum

## Passamaquoddy Nation - People of the Dawn

by Richard Auletta

The Passamaquoddy nation has two geographic concentrations, one a short drive north of Calais, near Princeton, and a second a short drive south of Calais, near Eastport. Both offer colorful festivals, and have museums of Passamaquoddy culture, history and heritage, including collections of Passamaquoddy baskets. The Passamaquoddy nation is also known for its remarkable skills of canoe and wigwam construction. The canoes are built from birch bark, and are completed without the use of nails.

The Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy nation reservation, known as Sipayik, is situated between Perry and Eastport. Its museum is called the Pleasant Point Museum. It contains numerous exhibits about Passamaquoddy history and Passamaquoddy crafts, including the famous Passamaquoddy baskets. Phone Brenda Mitchell, the museum's director, at 207-853-2600 to schedule a time for a visit. The museum is open on request.

Just north of Princeton lies Indian Township, its museum located on Rte 1 is called the Indian Township Museum or Passamaquoddy Cultural Heritage Museum. This museum as well offers exhibits about both Passamaquoddy history and Passamaquoddy basket-making and other crafts. To schedule an appointment phone Donald Soctomah at 207-796-5533 to set up a time for your visit, or request an appointment by e-mail: [soctomah@ainop.com](mailto:soctomah@ainop.com).

Indian Day celebrations take place at both reservations each summer and offer opportunities to observe colorful Indian dancing, Native American crafts, and the chance to sample Native American foods. Spend an afternoon – or a day -- to get to know the fascinating and educational cultures of the Passamaquoddy nation, which has resided in this region for more than ten thousand years, at least ten times farther back in time than the appearance of any Europeans. Native American crafts can be purchased at a number of stores, museums and events, including Indian Ceremonial Days and Pleasant Point Ceremonial Days during the summer months and at the Wabanaki Museum, 39 Union Street, Calais, year round.



Huntley Brook Singers (from left to right) Petak Lola, Walter Tomah, Wambley, Daniel Dana, Anthony Newell, Adam Bailey, Kuhas Polchies, David Caparaz. Photo courtesy Passamaquoddy Heritage Center

## Huntley Brook Singers Keep the Beat

For centuries the heartbeat of the Native American culture has resonated through the beat of the drum. The tradition of drumming is a sacred ritual among the Wabanaki Tribes comprised of MicMac, Maliseet, Abenaki, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy. The drums are passed down through the generations, as are the songs and rhythms of the music. The adult men drummers mentor the younger people in the ceremony. There is a mind set for the drummers, this is a sacred act. The drummers must be free from alcohol and drug use, and be centered in the sacred ritual before they can participate. The older drummers set an example for the young people who feel compelled to take part in the rituals. Sweats, smudgings and song writing are all part of the Native American culture. The Huntley Brook Singers, pictured here, are invited to perform across the USA and Canada. It is considered an honor to be a member of their group. For performances contact Petak Lola email (petaktoton@icloud.com.) See video on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).



## English / Passamaquoddy [Pronunciation] / French

by Richard Auletta and Lynn Mitchell

Here in the Calais region, we speak English with a bit of a “Downeastern” accent, derived over the years from the language of the English settlers at Plymouth and the expansion of the English culture in and around the city of Boston. Across the border, our neighbors speak Canadian English. It’s just a bit more complicated in Canada, because it is a bilingual nation, with English and French as official languages. Of Canada’s ten provinces New Brunswick is the only one that is officially bilingual. The northern and eastern parts of New Brunswick are French-speaking, and the southern and western portions of New Brunswick are English-speaking. St. Stephen and Campobello, our neighbors to the east, are in Southwest New Brunswick, and Canadian English is the language used locally. You will quickly notice that all official signs in nearby Canada (such as traffic signs) are bilingual, in English and in French, not by Canadian law, but rather by New Brunswick law.

A third regional language, the Passamaquoddy language is the local variety of the Algonquin family of Native American languages. If you want to try communicating in another area language, this word and phrase list may prove useful:

ENGLISH	PASSAMAQUODDY [pronunciation]	FRENCH
Hello.	Qey. [kai]	Bonjour.
Goodbye	Apc-oc. [AP-chich]	Au revoir.
Thank you.	Woliwon. [WOOLY-wun]	Merci.
You're welcome	Aquanu. [Uh-GWAN-oo]	De rien.
How are you?	Tan kank? [dan GAWK?]	Comment allez-vous?
I am fine.	Mec. [medge]	Bien.
What is your name?	Keq ktoliwis? [Gegw k'DLEE-weez]	Comment tu t'appelles?
My name is ____.	N'toliwis ____ [n-DLEE-weez]	Je m'appelle ____.

# ART & culture



Passamaquoddy Cultural Heritage Museum photo

## WAPONAHKI MUSEUM & RESOURCE CENTER

**59 Passamaquoddy Road, Pleasant Point, ME 04667** (upstairs from the Sipayik Youth Center) Phone (207) 853-2600, ext. 227. Hours of operation 1 pm to 4 pm Monday - Thursday and every 2nd Saturday. FMI on programs and events visit <https://www.wabanaki.com>



# ART & culture



A clear view of Saint Croix International Historic Site, though the island itself is inaccessible to visitors. More information on <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/nb/stcroix/visit>

## The St Croix Island International Historic Site is a fun day trip

Saint Croix Island is the first French attempt to colonize the territory they called l'Acadie and the location of one of the earliest European settlements in North America. Members of a French expedition led by Pierre Dugua, intending to colonize North America, settled the island in 1604.

Seventy-nine members of the expedition, including Samuel Champlain, passed the severe winter of 1604-1605 on the island. Thirty-five settlers died, apparently of scurvy, and were buried in a small cemetery on Saint Croix Island. In spring 1605 the Passamaquoddy, befriended by the French, returned from their winter sojourn to the shores of Saint Croix Island. They traded game for bread and the health of the remaining settlers improved. Pierre Dugua made the decision to move the colony and founded the settlement of Port Royal, in today's Nova Scotia.

The park is accessible for all ages. The sculpture trail is on even ground, a short, accessible interpretive trail features bronze figures of the French and Passamaquoddy, as well as displays that discuss historical events and the interaction of the two cultures. Under the interpretive shelter, a bronze scale model of the Saint Croix Island colony marks the final stop along the trail. Stairs lead down to the beach to the rocky shoreline, with a view across the river toward Saint Croix Island. Even on the hottest summer day it is cooler in temperature on site. The site includes a short woodland trail situated along a narrow peninsula of mixed deciduous and evergreen trees, flanked by two small protected coves. In one cove, a perched culvert draining upland fresh water creates a waterfall effect that lures bald eagles in early morning. An apple orchard adjacent to the second cove creates another habitat for a variety of birds and wildlife. At the end of the trail, an interpretive shelter overlooks Saint Croix Island and the Saint Croix River estuary, where brackish water and tides up to 25 feet (8 m) invite a variety of birds year round. Mud flats form at low tide. Attend a guided ranger-led interpretive program to learn more. Public rest rooms are available.



A park ranger portrays Pierre Dugua a bronze statue at the sixth stop along the interpretive trail.  
Photo courtesy of St. Croix International Park



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### ST CROIX ISLAND INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

International historic site with sculptures; tours; exhibitions; book sales; picnic area; public rest rooms and rudimentary boat launch. Travel down east on River Rd, Rte 1, Calais, Maine. 04619 FMI call (207) 288-3338 or visit [www.nps.gov/sacr](http://www.nps.gov/sacr)

## Life Along The Border by Jim Thompson

Europeans set foot in the Valley in 1604, when a group of European traders led by Samuel Champlain built a settlement on St. Croix Island, a few miles down-river from Calais. The group suffered severely from scurvy and nearly half of the 70 or so expedition members died before the group pulled up stakes and moved across the Bay of Fundy. The Champlain expedition is memorialized at the St. Croix Island International Historic Site, on US Route 1 adjacent to the island. (See more info on pg 6)

It wasn't until the American Revolution that significant European settlement began in the region. Several coastal New Brunswick towns were founded by families fleeing Revolutionary bias against English loyalists. Similarly, Calais grew after the Revolution as a ship-building and manufacturing center.

Today, Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, together are the center of a market area that includes about 20,000 people. Despite being in different countries, the communities are closely tied by social, economic and cultural relationships. Many families, for example, include members living on both sides of the border. The St. Croix River often is regarded as an element that joins communities rather than separates them.

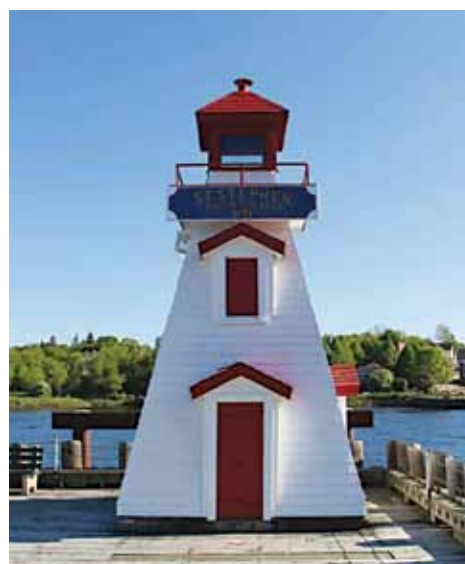
With its "gateway to Canada" location, St. Stephen is located on the tidal St. Croix River, a Canadian heritage river that serves as the narrow international boundary between Canada and the United States, and is part of the historic resort area of the world renowned Bay of Fundy. Canada's "Chocolate Town" has a blend of small and large parks, riverfront walk trail, modern multi-purpose recreational facility, historical buildings, unique downtown boutiques and eateries, park with splash pad for the kids, and the Chocolate Museum. With beauty everywhere, watch 25 foot tides (the highest in the world, change twice daily), watch eagles and osprey fish along the river. Visit Dover Hill Park with trails & a view of the International Bridge, take a walk along Elm Street Nature Trail located right in the heart of St. Stephen, NB and spend the day at Ganong Nature Park right down the road.

The three international border stations between Calais and St. Stephen comprise one of the busiest border crossings between the United States and Canada. But, according to border officials, Mainers and New Brunswickers make up the majority of the traffic.

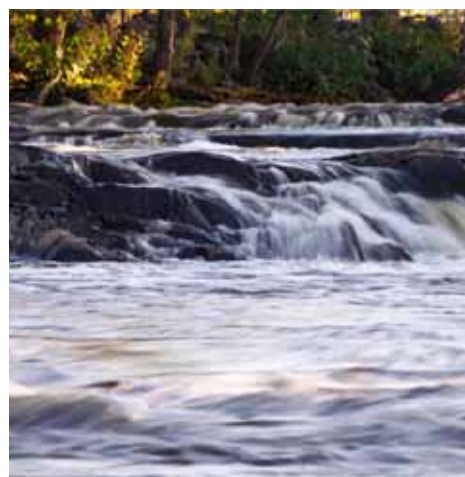
While St. Croix River Valley residents share much in their lives, they do not share a common clock. Calais is located in the Eastern Time Zone. St. Stephen is in the Atlantic Time Zone, one hour later than Calais. Consequently, if one overhears two local folks planning a lunch date, the parting question always is, "Are we meeting at noon your time or my time?"

The Canadian side of the River also measures speed and distance in kilometers, snow and rain in millimeters, weight in kilograms, and temperature in Celsius. So don't be alarmed, for example, if a Canadian driver claims to be speeding down the road at a 100 – that's 63 mph.

Both sides of the border enjoy abundant news and entertainment media outlets. It's as easy to learn about proceedings in the New Brunswick Legislature as it is to learn about decisions made in the Maine Legislature. News of the U.S. Congress in Washington is as easily obtained as news of the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. Learn the history of the area at the Charlotte County Museum; open summer season.



St. Stephen Lighthouse, NB looking across to Calais, ME. Photo courtesy of Future St. Stephen, NB



Rapids on the St. Croix River in Milltown  
Photo by Jamie Hall



### Downeast Economic Development

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- Now offering fiber optic broadband services to Calais & Baileyville
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# THINGS TO DO



## WHITLOCK'S MILL LIGHTHOUSE

Located on the south side of St. Croix River, Calais. The lighthouse and grounds are not open to the public, but can be viewed from the St. Croix River rest area on Route 1 or be seen from the river. The lighthouse was named after Colin Whitlock, who tended the lantern before the lighthouse was built. Its location makes it the northernmost lighthouse in New England.



Whitlock Mill Lighthouse is seen best from the water. This tandem kayak was rented from the Adventure Recreation at Washington County Community College. Check the website for hours or call (207) 454-1000, One College Dr., Calais



## CALAIS MEMORIAL PARK

Located on Main St., between Germain St. and Lafayette St., Calais, ME 04619 • a small playground • features a Civil War monument • large picnic area and gazebo

## CALAIS RIVERWALK

A path along the Saint Croix River on the border between Calais and Canada. The 1.5-mile rail-trail marks the first mile of the East Coast Greenway, a project envisioned as a 3,000-mile off-road trail for non-motorized transportation, stretching from the border in Calais to Key West, Florida.



## ST CROIX COUNTRY CLUB & GOLF COURSE

Nine-hole golf course; pro shop; full service bar; youth clinics; lounge and grill; directly on St. Croix River, Rte 1, Calais, Maine; seasonal; FMI call (207) 454-8875 or visit [www.stcroixcountryclub.com](http://www.stcroixcountryclub.com)

## WABANAKI CULTURE CENTER

Open Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm, See marine touch tank, exhibitions featuring the history of St. Croix Valley and shipbuilding, Wabanaki baskets, beadwork, artwork and more. 37 Union St., Calais, Maine; for more information call (207) 454-7878



## CALAIS FREE LIBRARY

9 Union St., Calais, Maine • computer access • free wifi • summer programs • the 2nd floor children's section • book sales <http://www.calaisfreelibrary.com>



## HOLMES COTTAGE & MUSEUM

527 Main St., Calais • The museum is open during the summer months or by appointment • monthly presentations are given on the first Monday of the month. <http://stcroixhistorical.com>

## STATE CINEMA

Watch a movie • located at 239 Main St, Calais, ME 04619 • check out <https://www.statecinemascalais.com/> for full movie listing or call (207)454-8830



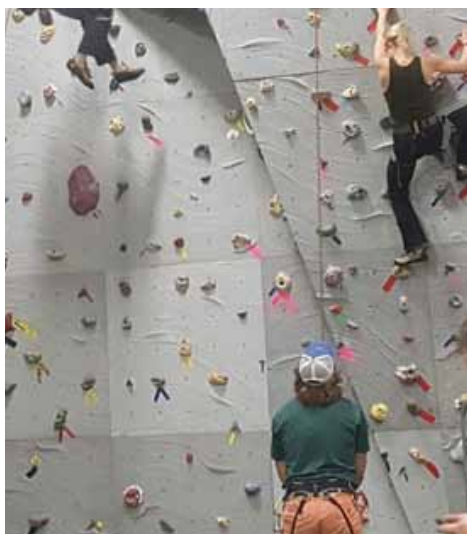


## THOMAS DICENZO ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Located at 54 Calais Ave, Calais, ME 04619; the complex offers two baseball diamonds, batting cages, tennis courts, basketball court, public playground, skatepark and Howard Fox Memorial Pool (public pool). The entire compound is located in one large squared off section.

## KEENES LAKE FAMILY CAMPGROUND

Ten miles down river from the Canadian border, Calais. Go for the day, swim, fish, paddle, rent boards, order pizza from the store, run the kids at the playground, camp in a cabin, tent or RV. Contact info in the directory pg. 16



## OAC ROCKWALL CLIMBING

Located at Washington County Community College, 1 College Dr., Calais, ME 04619 • 22 feet tall, 64 feet wide, and over 1,200 sq ft • 5 top ropes and 1 auto belay dimensional climbing features • traversing and boulder problems • harnesses, climbing shoes, and equipment available • available for rental by groups and organizations • check out <https://www.wccc.me.edu> for pricing

## MAPLE LANE SUGARY

Stop by the Duvall Maple Lane Sugary, Rte 1, Robbinston, Maine; to learn how maple syrup is made. You can see taps in the trees, find out how sap is collected and even see the evaporator boiling the sap. Sample some delicious maple syrup on a dish of vanilla ice cream. Syrup will be available for purchase as will other memorabilia. Call (207) 454-3455 for times and availability.

## MILL COVE

has been a popular picnic spot for well over a century, high school classes and social groups often took the steamship to Robbinston to spend the day at Mill Cove; today one must drive to Robbinston, Maine. Make sure to check tide charts before starting a hike to Pulpit Rock, as the tide can leave you stranded, and pack a lunch.

## WRENOVATION STAINED GLASS

The studio located 6 Steam Mill Rd, Robbinston, ME 04671; hours Mon- Fri; 9 am - 5pm; evenings and weekends are by appointment. Phone: (207) 454-2832

## HILLTOP CAMPGROUND

Robbinston - in ground pool, rec hall, playground, planned activities, paddle boat rentals, horseshoe pits, basket ball court and Trout pond (contact info pg. 16)

## FARMERS' MARKET

Calais market located in Triangle Park, 04619 • Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Beginning Tuesday, June 25 and running until early October



## LAWRENCE LORD'S OLD FARM MUSEUM

1260 Airline Rd., Alexander, Maine. Two barns full of unique and interesting farm tools, lanterns, wagons and antiques. The farm museum is open 10:30 am - 4:30 pm; Fridays and Saturdays and 12:30-4:30 pm Sundays. More information can be found on Facebook or by calling Lord at 214-7811.



## ALEXANDER ART TRAIL

Alexander Art Trail features the largest hand-carved outdoor sculpture collection in Maine. A perfect place for family outings, class trips or a Sunday drive. 70 Barrows Lake Rd., Alexander, ME. 207-454-3563. [www.arttrail.net](http://www.arttrail.net)



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# THINGS

## Scenic Drives, the Beauty of the Canadian Maritimes and Picturesque New England

By Richard Auletta

The region is easy to reach, despite its remote location. **Calais, Maine** and **St. Stephen, N.B.** are reached within a day's drive from such places as New York City, Boston, Albany, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax. **Using Calais as a base for vacation** sightseeing and fun, there is a wide range of scenic drives, made in an afternoon, in an evening, or in a day.

From Calais, **Eastport** is **27 miles** (40 minutes by car) to the south, an island city connected to the mainland by a causeway passing through **Passamaquoddy Indian reservation**, with its Waponahki Museum. Eastport itself offers a number of colorful art galleries, shorefront restaurants, views of Campobello Island across the bay, and fishing opportunities for both youngsters and experienced fishermen. The city has a large artist population. For more information visit <https://www.tidesinstitute.org/> or <http://www.artsiipelago.net/>

From Calais take **US Route 1 North** for about five miles to **Baring**, then left on **Route 191 South** through the picturesque village of **Meddybemps**, passing forested lakes and streams to **East Machias** (about forty miles from Calais). This area is renowned for its fall foliage, but is beautiful in all seasons. Take Route 1 to (and then back from) **Machias**, home of Burnham Tavern (the oldest building in eastern Maine), now a museum. Take a look at the Centre Street Congregational Church, sample the blueberry or strawberry pie (or have lunch or dinner) at Helen's Restaurant near the dike. There are numerous walking opportunities in town or in nature trails in all directions.

From Machias go back via **US Route 1 North** through East Machias to **Whiting**, and then turn right onto **Route 189** to **Lubec**, under an hour from Machias. At Lubec, enjoy the views at the West Quoddy Lighthouse. There are several delicious choices to enjoy a meal in Lubec. The Lubec Brewing Company supports locally grown produce and top crafted beer. Franks Dockside has many fresh seafood choices with a great view.

A bridge connects Lubec to the Canadian island called **Campobello**, made famous by Franklin D. Roosevelt and his family, since they maintained a summer residence here for decades. The FDR cottage is now a spectacular museum, with an elaborate visitors' center. Also on Campobello is the Head Harbour Light (sometimes called the East Quoddy Lighthouse), considered the most-photographed lighthouse in Canada. At low tide (the entire region has tides in the 20-to-25 foot range, among the highest in the world), one can walk out to the Head Harbour Light via a marked path, two islands out to sea, crossing exposed sand bars connecting the lighthouse to the mainland, considered by many to be the adventure highlight of their visit! Campobello also offers golf, parking and hiking. **Visitors should note that a valid US passport is required to enter (and return from) Canada.**

Return via Lubec and Whiting, turning right on scenic **US Route 1** through **Dennysville** and **Pembroke** to Calais. Eastport is a possible sightseeing detour, especially on a two-day circle trip from Calais. There are numerous state parks in the region, including West Quoddy Head State Park, Cobscook Bay State Park, and Reversing Falls State Park.

From Calais, a scenic ride to the **north** through **Baileyville** (also known as Woodland) and **Princeton**, leads to **Grand Lake Stream**, via a ten-mile access road from **Indian Township**, just north of Princeton. The scenery in this region is very colorful, especially during the fall foliage season.

A common excursion from Calais is the 40-minute drive to **St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B.**, a Canadian golf, sailing and whale-watching resort center, with a well-known shopping district offering local and international merchandise, much of which comes from Ireland and Scotland. St. Andrews attracts golfers from as far away as Japan. The spectacularly-situated Algonquin Resort Hotel offers first-class dining, as do other restaurants in the vicinity of St. Andrews. In season, flowers bloom everywhere in St. Andrews. There are several fine museums in easy walking distance from the downtown Wharf, from which the tourist can enjoy fine opportunities for sailing, boating, whale-watching or photography.

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## St. Croix Technical — Education With A Purpose

By Stanley Sluzenski

St. Croix Regional Technical Center provides quality career and technical education (CTE) for high school students in eastern Washington County. With nine different trade programs, students have choices for a strong foundation in many career pathways. The trade areas range from computer technology to residential construction and business management to Automotive Technology. Students earn state licenses in certified nursing assistant, commercial truck driving, and national certifications from the American Welding Society-AWS and National Restaurant Association-ServSafe. There are also opportunities for earning college credits, such as six credits in early childhood education. Students achieve all of this while engaging in experiential learning which involves interacting with the local community through clinical practice and community service projects.

The skills learned at St. Croix Tech are transferable to any future job. Safe work practices are first priority. Students engage in teamwork, time management, and problem solving. Their projects require planning and communication. The career programs provide students the opportunity to take all of the academic skills they have acquired and apply them in a live work setting. Programs are based on state and national industry standards, to teach students the technical skills used in today's workplace. All instructors have worked in the trade areas they teach and bring that experience to the classroom. CTE programs provide at least 350 hours of learning to enable students to master skills and earn certifications. CTE is education with a purpose.

St. Croix Tech is open to all students attending Calais, Shead, and Woodland High Schools. Home-schooled students from these districts can also attend. There are other unique opportunities at St. Croix Tech such as the National Technical Honor Society that recognizes students for their leadership, skills and community service. Students also participate in SkillsUSA for professional development and the opportunity to compete in their trade area at the state and national level. To attend one of these programs call 454-2581, or contact your high school guidance counselor. Visit [www.stcroixtech.org](http://www.stcroixtech.org) and [Facebook.com/stcroixtech](https://facebook.com/stcroixtech).

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# events & FESTIVALS

## JANUARY

**New Year's Eve sardine & maple leaf drop** music, kids crafts in Bank Square, downtown Eastport, Maine; from the third story of the Tides Institute & Museum of Art; FMI visit <https://www.tidesinstitute.org/new-years-eve/>

**Downeast Lobstah Drop** many activities for the whole family to enjoy. Held in downtown Machias on December 31; FMI visit <http://downeastlobstahdrop.com/>



## FEBRUARY

**Stronghearts** Saturday, February 16; 10 am to 3 pm; every year to raise money to support families caring for children with congenital heart defects. Winter sports, activities for kids; Pottle Tree Farm, 507 South Meadow Rd., Perry, ME; FMI call (207) 214-2117 or visit <http://stronghearts.org>



## MARCH

**WCCC Annual Polar Dip** Pleasant Point Pier, Perry, ME; The annual Polar Bear Dip, organized each year by Washington County Community College's Student Senate, is an event of unique character. Scores of participants dressed in often vibrant outfits race into the icy waters of Passamaquoddy Bay, creating a spectacle for those in attendance and symbolically concluding the largest fundraiser in the area for Ronald McDonald House in Bangor and Sarah's House in Holden. To start raising funds yourself, visit [www.wccc.me.edu](http://www.wccc.me.edu) to print a pledge sheet. To make a donation to a dipper, visit [www.wccc.me.edu/polar-dip-donation](http://www.wccc.me.edu/polar-dip-donation).

## APRIL

**Annual Smelt Fry Columbia Falls** April 13; 11 am until 4 pm. activities throughout downtown Columbia Falls, displays an original rainbow smelt painting by Karen Talbot, displayed in Union Hall, along with booths from DSF's area partners and artwork from DSF's annual youth art contest. Local foods will be featured with smelts, alewives, and mackerel being smoked at the DSF smoker, venison stew served at the Heritage Fish Camp, and a seasonal fried smelt dinner and dessert made with local blueberries at the Wreaths Across America gym.

## MAY

**Pleasant River Community Forest**, Wednesday, May 16 from 6 - 7:30 pm – Get to know your DSF trail at the Pleasant River Community Forest in Columbia Falls. DSF's Land Trust Director, Tanya Rucosky, will be leading a group hike through the community forest. The property is accessed from the Cross Road and the Western end of the Tibbettstown Road in Columbia Falls. Look for the Pleasant River Community Forest signs. FMI call (207) 483-4336.

**Fundy Discovery Aquarium** St. Andrews, NB, Canada; open for season from 10 am- 5 pm daily from May 18 to October 14. Available for guided group tour bookings all year round: Call (506) 529-1200

**Bar Harbor Indian Market** May 17-19; artists displaying and selling original artwork; two-day market, concurrent Indigenous film festival and a fashion show. Hours: Fri 5pm-7:30pm (preview); Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm; Village Green, Bar Harbor, Maine

**River Herring Migration Celebration**, Wednesday, May 23rd from 3:30 - 6:30pm; 13 Willow St, East Machias – Visit the East Machias River as thousands of river herring head upstream, providing cover to out-migrating salmon smolts. DSF will have traditional smokehouses fired up and open for a tour.

**West Quoddy Head Lighthouse** Open for season May 26, 10 am - 4 pm; 973 South Lubec Rd, Lubec, Maine; FMI visit <https://visitlubecmaine.com>



**Downeast Spring Birding Festival** May 25-28, Cobscook Bay Area, ME. Inland Fish & Wildlife named this festival one of the best in the country. (207-733-2233), ext 330; [www.thecccl.org/birdfest-intro](http://www.thecccl.org/birdfest-intro)

## JUNE

**Down East Hospice Volunteers 28th Annual Benefit Race** Saturday, June 1 - 8:30 am sign-up; run, walk or stroll; 10K / 5 K; one mile fun run - kids ten and under; FMI call (207) 214-2877 or [emaucicette90@gmail.com](mailto:emaucicette90@gmail.com); register online [www.cobscookbayroadraces.org](http://www.cobscookbayroadraces.org)

## MUSIC ON THE GREEN

June to September, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays downtown Calais, Triangle Park • weekly concert series • free admission Sponsored by Calais Downtown Revitalization Coalition



**SummerKeys** The Mary Potterton Memorial Concert Series July 2019. FYI visit: <http://www.summerkeys.com/concerts/> FREE Lubec, ME



**Margaretta Days Festival** June 15, UMM Campus, Machias, Maine; Colonial re-enactments & demonstrations, arts & crafts, parades, food vendors, exhibits; admission FREE; FMI call (207) 255-3422 or visit [www.margarettadays.com](http://www.margarettadays.com)

**Summer Solstice Roques Bluff** June 21; food and music from 1-5 p.m. Arts in the Bluffs which will be held at the Community Center.

**Moosabec Summerfest** June to July; downtown Jonesport, Maine; lobster dinners, lobster boat races, crate races, music, fireworks, vendors, parade. admission FREE; FMI visit <https://www.townofjonesport.com>

**Bay of Fundy International Marathon** June 27, 2021 Campobello, NB and Lubec, Maine; 26 mile course -- West Quoddy Lighthouse in Lubec to East Quoddy Lighthouse on Canada's Campobello Island; FMI visit [www.bayoffundymarathon.com](http://www.bayoffundymarathon.com)

## JULY

**Canada Day** July 1; celebrations -- beginning at 8am at the waterfront.

**Eastport 4th & Homecoming** July 1-5, Eastport, Maine; art, music, food vendors, fireworks, Navy ship tours, 7 mile race, sail boat, bike and Cod races; Admission FREE; FMI call (207) 853-7076 [www.eastport4th.com](http://www.eastport4th.com)

**Race For Grand Lake Stream** July 4, Downeast Lakes Land Trust, part of Grand Lake Stream, America; 3 mile foot race FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org).

**International Lumberjack Championship** July; full day; Ganong Nature Park, 350 Todds Point Rd., Dufferin, NB, Canada; Lumberjack competitions, food and craft vendors, music; admission FMI call 506-466-7407 or visit [www.ganongnaturepark.com](http://www.ganongnaturepark.com)

**Downeast Land Lakes Trust Book Club** Friday, JULY 10 - 4 to 5pm FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org) or check out Facebook

**Moonlight Canoe Paddle** always the full moon in July; meet at the bridge on Milford Road, on Tuesday, July 16; 7:30 pm; Grand Lake Stream, Maine; Downeast Lakes Land Trust; FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org)

**Youth Explorations & Adventures** Grand Lake Stream, Maine; childrens' education programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August FMI: (207) 796-2100 or [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org) FREE

**Puckerbrush Primitive Gathering** July 17-19, 2020 at Pleasant River Fish & Game Conservation Association in Columbia, Maine; a celebration of traditional archery, bushcraft, art, outdoors, and ancestral skills; "hands on" event, kids of all ages encouraged to get their hands dirty; concessions available, Bring a musical instrument for afterward.

**Bold Coast Sea and Sky Festival** July 23 & 25, 2021 various locations. Boat races, kite flying, triathlon. [www.boldcoast-seaandskyfestival.com](http://www.boldcoast-seaandskyfestival.com)

**Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival** July 24-25, 2021; Grand Lake Stream, Maine; music, folk art, crafts, activities; FMI call (207) 796-8199 or visit <http://www.grandlakestreamfolkartfestival.com/wp2/>



**Campobello Island Fog Fest** July 31 - Aug 4; Campobello, NB. Five days free music performances, art and cultural events. Admission FREE; FMI visit [www.campobellofogfest.com](http://www.campobellofogfest.com)

## AUGUST

**Chocolate Fest** August 2-6, 2020; Celebrate St. Stephen's history of producing chocolates at the Ganong Chocolate Factory virtually this year; FMI visit [www.chocolate-fest.ca/newsite](http://www.chocolate-fest.ca/newsite)

**New Brunswick Day** August 3 celebrations -- beginning at 8am at the waterfront.

**Summer Outdoor Film Series** Friday, August 7 - dusk; Grand Lake Stream, Maine; Downeast Lakes Land Trust; FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org)



**All Together Community BBQ** August 8, 2020; Triangle Park, Calais; concerts, foods, sporting tournaments, fireworks (dusk), festivities. Admission FREE.

**Calais Motor Inn Beer Garden** Friday & Saturday, Aug 7 & 8; drink specials; live bands and a DJ

**47th International Festival** August 11-15, 2021; Calais, ME and St. Stephen, NB.; parade - (August 14) concerts, crafts, foods, street fair, class reunions, sporting tournaments, fireworks (August 15, dusk), festivities. Admission FREE.

**Pleasant Point Ceremonial Days** August 10-11, Passamaquoddy Tribe Pleasant Point, Maine; ceremonial dance, canoe trips, crafts, demonstrations. Admission FREE; FMI call (207) 853-2600 or visit [www.passamaquoddy.com](http://www.passamaquoddy.com).

**Forest Bathing** Saturday, August 8, 2020, 9am to 12pm Grand Lake Stream, ME. FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org) or check out Facebook

# events & FESTIVALS

## Maine's Winged Migration Tour

Aug. 16 - 20, Cancelled for 2020; location: Acadia National Park, Lubec and Campobello Island; FMI: <http://mainebirdingtrail.com/WingedMigration.html>

**SummerKeys** Cancelled for 2020; the Mary Potterton Memorial Concert Series FYI visit: <http://www.summerkeys.com/concerts/> FREE admission; Lubec, ME

## Downeast Lakes Five-Miler

August 15; registration by Baxter Outdoors, found at [www.baxteroutdoors.com](http://www.baxteroutdoors.com); same-day registration 8:30 - 10am; race beginning promptly at 9 am. Downeast Lakes Land Trust; FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org)

## West Grand Lake Race

Saturday, August 18, Grand Lake Stream, Maine; flat water canoe and kayak race on West Grand Lake; race distances of 4, 6, and 12 miles, with a family-friendly kids race; FMI email [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org)

## Machias Wild Blueberry Festival

August 20-22, 2021 Machias, Maine; 200 vendors, live play, parade, contests, activities; admission FREE; FMI call (207) 255-6665 or visit [www.machiasblueberry.com](http://www.machiasblueberry.com)

**Houlton Potato Feast Days** August 21-23; parade, touch-a-truck, music, community market, a craft fair, kid's games, quilt show, lobsters and other food items; Monument Park, Houlton, Maine

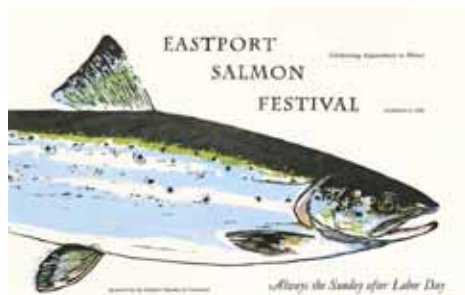
## Indian Township Ceremonial Days

August 22-23, Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian Township, Maine; ceremonial dance, canoe trips, crafts, demonstrations; free admission; FMI visit [www.passamaquoddy.com](http://www.passamaquoddy.com)

## SEPTEMBER

### Lubec Pirate Invasion

Labor Day Weekend. Annual duel over the best of pirates and plunder. Pirates from across the country arrive by land, sea and air; FMI: [www.visitlubec.com](http://www.visitlubec.com)



## Salmon Festival

Sept 4; 10-4PM each day, Labor Day Weekend. salmon dinner, craft beer; Historic Downtown Eastport. Local seafood with vendors, events and food. Admission FREE. 207-853-0800; [www.eastportchamber.net](http://www.eastportchamber.net)

**Charlotte County Fall Fair** Sept 18 - 19, 2021; a wide variety of activities for all ages. Produce, crafts, vendors and hands on exhibits [www.ganongnaturepark.com/charlotte-county-fall-fair](http://www.ganongnaturepark.com/charlotte-county-fall-fair)

**Eastport Pirate Festival** September 11 - 13; downtown Eastport, Maine. Fun family weekend of pirate activities on the waterfront. Admission FREE. [www.eastportpiratefestival.com](http://www.eastportpiratefestival.com)

**Common Ground Fair** Sept. 25-27, 2020; Virtually this year; Unity, Maine



## Riverfront Arts & Crafts Festival

### Autumn Harvest Dinner

### Lioness Super Draw

### Scarecrow Festival

### Apple Festival

September 26, 2020, St Croix Valley Chamber hosts arts & crafts along the waterfront, adult & children art workshops; Calais Downtown Revitalization hosts Scarecrow Festival on Saturday, Calais Lioness Superdraw, Saturday; Autumn Fall Fair, Saturday evening, Pending St. Anne's Apple Fest, St Croix Quilt Show, Saturday; music and activities in Triangle Park, Calais; 207-454-2308 [www.visitstcroixvalley.com](http://www.visitstcroixvalley.com)

## OCTOBER

### Baileyville Octoberfest

Oct. 5, Baileyville, ME. Arts, crafts and food vendors. Adult and children's activities and demonstrations. Admission FREE

### Annual Perry Harvest Festival

Oct. Perry, ME. Fair with over 90 vendors. Arts, crafts, farmer's market, live entertainment. Admission FREE 207-853-2853.

### Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31, Walmart, Calais, Maine; before dusk.

### Black Magic Bash

Halloween custom party; Calais Motor Inn, Calais, Maine; hosted by the Lioness Club; admission will be donated to local charity

## NOVEMBER

### Auto Fall FOLIAGE TOUR

November. Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge, Charlotte Road Entrance, Baring, ME. Look for signs that say Auto Foliage Tour is open. Admission FREE. (207) 454-1700; [www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn)

## DECEMBER

### Eastport Homes Christmas Tour

Dec. 1, 1-4 pm, Eastport, ME. Eastport homes are decorated for the holidays. Crafters and Santa are at the Welcome Center. Admission: \$15/person. 207-853-6122. [www.eastportchamber.net](http://www.eastportchamber.net)

### Lioness Christmas Parade & Moonlight Madness

Friday, Dec. 4 (always the first Friday of the month); Main St., Calais, ME. Christmas parade starts at 6 pm, shops open late, specials throughout town. Admission FREE.

### Christmas Parade Baileyville

Friday, Dec. 11 Baileyville, ME. Christmas parade starts at 6 pm, shops open late, specials throughout town. Admission FREE.

### Old Fashion Christmas Party

St. Croix No 1 Firehouse hosts an old-fashioned Christmas party where the community can come together and celebrate the holiday with a home cooked meal, live music, and Santa.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS POSTED IN JANUARY



# The History of Tribal Celebratory Days and The International Festival

*Thank you to the St Croix Historical Society, Al Churchill and Donald Soctomah*

Washington County has been known as a three nation destination or vacation. As you have seen throughout this publication, the history starts with the Ingenious tribes. The tribes celebrate Indian days with a journey on the St Croix River. In the same weekend America and Canada celebrate sharing an international border crossing. On the second full weekend of August the true essence of the St. Croix River and the three nations can be experienced.

Indian Days Celebration at Pleasant Point starts August sixth, with the ancestral canoe journey from Indian Township, down the St. Croix River to Pleasant Point, (just past Perry, Maine). "The canoe trip represents the journey our ancestors took for 15,000 years. We followed the seasons and the resources for survival. Most of the time it meant traveling from the winter home in the upper reaches of the St. Croix River, in the deep forest, to the ocean in the spring, and then back through to the upper reaches of the St. Croix in the autumn. In general this was the way of life, but sometimes this too changed for various reasons. Today we travel down the river to our salt water village to honor our ancestral journey, so they will never be forgotten. We carry the wampum belt and present it to the chief of the village as a symbol of the union between the freshwater village and the saltwater village."

- Donald Soctomah

Ceremonial Days are scheduled for August eighth and ninth, but are still subject to virus alert cancellations. Indian Township, (just past Princeton, Maine) plans to have Ceremonial Days on August twenty-second and twenty-third. Ceremonial dance, and craft demonstrations are a few examples of things to expect, admission is free. Visitors, collectors, and gallery owners have an opportunity to buy directly from Indigenous artists. One-of-a-kind handcrafted Wabanaki ash and sweet grass baskets, wood and stone carvings, jewelry, beadwork, painted drums, and more represent the beauty and culture of the Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot people in Maine and the Maritimes. It's a great experience to meet the artists and learn about contemporary Wabanaki arts and cultures. For more information call (207) 853-2600, visit [www.passamaquoddy.com](http://www.passamaquoddy.com) or call (207) 796-2261 for more info on Indian Township Ceremonial Days. The Wabanaki Cultural Center also has a gift shop located at 39 Union Street, Calais, Maine.

## International Festival

The year 2020 is the first year the International Festival has been canceled since it began in 1973. The celebration brings two international communities together. St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada and Calais, Maine, USA, typically celebrated with activities, vendors, concerts and parties on both sides of the border. The festival is also considered a homecoming on the first full weekend of August. This sense of community began with the first settlers. Even with Americans on one bank and Loyalists on the other, holding opposing sides during the Revolutionary War, the relationship has been successful for over two centuries.

International Frontier Week 1961, was the predecessor of today's International Festival, and it was a big deal. The first and only international election was held on the U.S.-Canadian border. Bob Treworgy, Calais, was elected to serve as mayor of the international community from June 30, 1961 to July 8, 1961. The program for Frontier Week is 100 pages long. The booklet listed nine days of events. It included messages of congratulations from President, John F. Kennedy; Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker and other political notables. Original poetry in the program was interspersed with local histories, and advertisements from nearly every business in the area were included.

In present day, International Homecoming Festival is a five day event, being held on the second week of August, at the Calais Waterfront walkway in Calais, USA. The Peanut Fair is held at the Calais Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon. The children's street dances start on Wednesday night. The Street Fair starts on Saturday, and hosts many craftsmen, vendors, activities, concerts, a parade, craft shows, and so much more; ending with the spectacular Duty Free Americas, Hardwicke's Fireworks display on Sunday night.

Each year a small group of volunteers takes on the challenge of planning the annual festivities, and raising the funds to for the activities. It is with support from our local merchants, civic groups, organizations and citizens that this festival happens.



Pictured above are works by Gabriel Frey. "I love the process. Finding the right tree, harvesting it, pounding, splitting and gauging the splints, designing new baskets, weaving, experimenting with dyes, working with leather, and even teaching. I love sharing my culture, and knowing that when someone buys one of my baskets and uses it, they are connected with my ancestors and my home. And in that way I feel like it shrinks the distance between us." - Frey



This 1873 illustration in a national magazine purports show revenue agents watching a smuggler approaching Calais from St Stephen. Louis Morrison tells of his trips to St Stephen as a youngster in the 1920's on his uncle's wagon to get loam. The team waited at the pit until the bootlegger arrived to load a dozen 3 gallon tins of Belgian 180 proof rum in the bottom of the wagon. The tins were covered with loam and the wagon brought back across the bridge with a wink and a nod from the customs officer. In reality, the only division between Calais and St Stephen was political. St Stephen was not only a different town; it was in a different country.

St. Croix Historical Society photo

# DIRECTORY

## ACCOUNTING

**H&R Block**, 109 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3966 [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)

**Tammi Smith Tax & Accounting Service**, 166 A North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-0065 [www.tammismith.com](http://www.tammismith.com)

## APPLIANCES / SERVICES

**Eastern Maine Appliance**, 337 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3650

**Androc Plumbing** 484 North St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-2339

**Border Electric** 337 North St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-8619 [www.borderelectric.com](http://www.borderelectric.com)

**Riverside Electric, Inc.** 334 North St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-7815 [www.riversideelectricinc.com](http://www.riversideelectricinc.com)

## ARTISTS & NOVELTY SHOPS

**Artemis's Attic** 297 Main St. Suite B, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7000

**Nelson Decoy** 13 Cranberry Ln., Jonesport, ME 04649 (207) 497-3488

**Rachel Ashley Jewelers** 293 Main St., Calais, ME 04619 (207) 454-8814

**Schoodic Sculpture Symposium** P.O. Box 122, Steuben, ME 04680; (207) 749-1536 [www.schoodicsculpture.org](http://www.schoodicsculpture.org)

**Seaside Stones Rock Shop / Gift Store** 103 Water St., Eastport, ME 04631; (207) 619-0643 [www.seasidestones.com](http://www.seasidestones.com)

**St. Croix International Quilters** [www.stcroixquilters.com](http://www.stcroixquilters.com)

**Tom Brennan Paintings & Portraits** (207) 454-8822 or [tombrennan.info@gmail.com](mailto:tombrennan.info@gmail.com)

**Wooden Way Creations** P.O. Box 263, Princeton, ME 04668; (207) 796-2499 [www.woodenwaycreations.com](http://www.woodenwaycreations.com)

**West Quoddy Gifts** 16 Loon Ln., Lubec, ME 04631; (207) 733-2457

## ATTORNEYS

**Mahar & Clark** 110 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7641

## AUCTIONEERS / THRIFT

**Calais Community Thrift** 255 Main St., Calais, ME 04619. 207-214-4883

**Downeast Auction Co.** 1 Washington St., Calais, ME 04619; make an appointment (207) 904-8619

## AUTOMOTIVE / SALES / REPAIR

**Pratt Associates, Inc.** 143 S. River Rd., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-0600 [www.prattcars.com](http://www.prattcars.com)

**O'Brien's Quality Autocare and Sales** 520 Main St., Calais, ME 04619 (207) 454-8460

## BANKS

**Bangor Savings Bank** 232 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-0223 [www.bangor.com](http://www.bangor.com)

**Camden National Bank** 344 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2123 [www.camdennational.com](http://www.camdennational.com)

**Downeast Credit Union** 254 North Street, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-8940 and 23 Third Ave, Baileyville, ME 04619; (207) 427-3333 [www.downeastcu.com](http://www.downeastcu.com)

**First National Bank** 319 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2141 [www.thefirst.com](http://www.thefirst.com)

**Machias Savings Bank** 210 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7178 [www.machiassavings.com](http://www.machiassavings.com)

## CAMPGROUNDS

**Hilltop Campground** 317 Ridge Rd., Robbinston, ME. 04671; (207) 454-3985 [www.hilltopcampgroundmaine.com](http://www.hilltopcampgroundmaine.com)

**Keenes Lake Family Campground** 70 Keenes Lake Rd., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2022 <http://keeneslakecampground.com>

**St Croix International Waterway Commission** 43 Union St., Calais, ME. 04619; (207) 952-9069 <http://www.stcroix.org/>

## CANOEING & KAYAKING

**Sunrise Canoe & Kayak** 168 Main St, Machias, ME (207) 255-3375 or (877) 980-2300 [www.sunrisecanoeandkayak.com](http://www.sunrisecanoeandkayak.com)

**Johnson's True Value** 188 North St, Calais, ME (207) 454-2551 [truevalue.com/me/calais/3347/](http://truevalue.com/me/calais/3347/)

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**A.N. Deringer** 12 Whitney St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-3951 [www.anderinger.com](http://www.anderinger.com)

**Able Moving Services** P.O. Box 22, Baileyville, ME 04694; 207-316-3247 [www.ablemovingmaine.com](http://www.ablemovingmaine.com)

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

**Eastport Chamber of Commerce** 141 Water St., Eastport, ME 04631; (207) 853-4644 [www.eastportchamber.net](http://www.eastportchamber.net)

**Grand Lake Stream Chamber of Commerce** 15 Water St., Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668 [grandlakesstream.org](http://grandlakesstream.org)

**Lubec Chamber of Commerce** P.O. Box 123, Lubec, ME 04652; (207) 733-4522 <https://www.visitlubecmaine.com/>

**Machias Bay Chamber of Commerce** Station 1898, 2 Kilton Ln., Machias, ME 04654; (207) 255-4402 [www.machiaschamber.org](http://www.machiaschamber.org)

**St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce** 39 Union St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2308 [www.visitstcroixvalley.com](http://www.visitstcroixvalley.com)

**St. Stephen Chamber of Commerce** 34 Milltown Blvd, St. Stephen, N.B., E3L 1G3 (506) 466-7703 New Brunswick, CAN [www.ststephenchamber.com](http://www.ststephenchamber.com)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Calais Downtown Revitalization Coalition** P.O. Box 146, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 214-6581

**Calais Rotary Club** P.O. Box 165, Calais, ME 04619

**Downeast Economic Development** 63 Broadway, Baileyville and 11 Church St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 214-5926 [www.downeasteconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.downeasteconomicdevelopment.com)

**Fed Cap Opportunities** 10 Barker St., Calais, ME 04619; (877) 369-0935 [www.fedcap.org](http://www.fedcap.org)

**Sunrise County Economic Council** One College Dr., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 255-0983 <http://sunrisecounty.org/>

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**Cobscook Bay Resource Center** 123 Water St, Eastport, ME 04631; (207) 853-6607; <https://cobscook.org/>

**Cobscook Community Learning Center** 10 Commissary Point Road, Trescott, ME 04652; (207) 733-2233; <https://www.thecclc.org/>

**Downeast Coastal Conservancy** 6 Colonial Way, Machias, ME 04654; (207) 255-4500 <http://downeastcoastalconservancy.org/>

**Downeast Lakes Land Trust** 4 Water St., Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637 (207) 796-2100 [www.downeastlakes.org](http://www.downeastlakes.org)

**Downeast Salmon Federation** East Machias, ME 04630; (207) 255-0676 <https://mainesalmonrivers.org/>

**Washington County Community College** One College Dr., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-1000 [www.wccc.me.edu](http://www.wccc.me.edu)



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<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ninosdowneastcuisine>

**Crumbs Cafe & Bake Shoppe** (207) 454-8995  
257 Main St, Calais, ME 04619; [crumbstogo.com](http://crumbstogo.com)

**Divots & outside deck** 48 River Rd., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3344  
[www.stcroixcountryclub.com](http://www.stcroixcountryclub.com)

**Dunkin' Donuts** 131 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3301  
[www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com)

**Grampie Bill's Place** IGA Parking Lot, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-8649

**Jo's Diner and Pizzeria** 195 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-8400

**McDonald's of Calais** 191 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 532-9830  
[www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com)

**Nino's Downeast Cuisine** 663 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; Call (207) 454-7111  
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**Nook and Cranny** 575 Airline Rd., Baileyville 207-454-3335 <https://nookncrannyrestaurant2006.weebly.com/>

**Subway** 207 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-0033 [www.subway.com](http://www.subway.com)

**St. Croix Snack Shack** 144 River Rd., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 952-5181  
<https://www.stcroixsnackshack.com/>

**Tim Hortons** 283 North St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 952-9036 [www.timhortons.com](http://www.timhortons.com)

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<https://www.thumosbarbershop.com/>

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**Hammond Lumber Company** 372 South St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2576  
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[www.johnsonstvalue.com](http://www.johnsonstvalue.com)

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[www.calaishospital.com](http://www.calaishospital.com)

**Downeast Hospice Volunteers** 24 Hospital Lane, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-9300  
[www.downeasthospicevolunteers.org](http://www.downeasthospicevolunteers.org)

**Healthy Acadia** 121 Court St., Machias, ME (207) 255-3741 [www.healthyacadia.org](http://www.healthyacadia.org)

**Karen J. Delaney, DDS** 254 South St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2350;  
<https://www.karendelaneydds.com/>

**Mays Funeral Home** 26 Church St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3141  
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**Calais Armory Rental Program** 53 Calais Ave., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 624-7340

**Calais Methodist Home Inc.** 116 Palmer St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7196

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**Down East Insurance Agency** 254 North St. Calais, ME 04619 (inside Downeast Credit Union) (207) 427-3126 or 23 3rd Ave, Baileyville, ME 04694; (207) 427-3126  
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**FA Peabody Co.** 254 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2556  
[www.fapeabody.com](http://www.fapeabody.com)

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**Bellmard Inn** 86 Main St., Princeton, ME 04668; (207) 796-2261 [www.bellmardinn.com](http://www.bellmardinn.com)

**Calais Motor Inn** 663 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7111

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**Canalside Cabins** 31 Canal St., Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637 (207) 796-2796  
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**The Hideaway** 29 The Hideaway Lane Princeton, ME 04668 (410) 353-1899  
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**The International Motel** 626 Main Street, Calais, ME 04619; (800) 336-7515  
[www.internationalmotel.com](http://www.internationalmotel.com)

**The Lakeside** 14 Rolfe St., Princeton, ME 04668; (207) 796-2324  
[www.thelakeside.org](http://www.thelakeside.org)

**Redclyffe Shore Motor Inn** Route 1, Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-3270  
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## MANUFACTURING

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## MUSIC

**Calais Celtic Concerts** (207) 214-2067

**WDY Inc. & WCRQ** 637 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 427-7545 [wqdyfm.com](http://wqdyfm.com) or [wcrqfm.com](http://wcrqfm.com)

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[www.calaismaine.org](http://www.calaismaine.org)

**Town of Baileyville** 63 Broadway, Baileyville, ME 04619; (207) 427-3442  
[www.baileyvillemaine.org](http://www.baileyvillemaine.org)

## UTILITY SERVICES

**Coastal Glass** 484 Main St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-1471 [www.coastalglass.co](http://www.coastalglass.co)

**Dead River Company** 18 South St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7511 [www.deadriverr.com](http://www.deadriverr.com)

**Downeast Porta-Jon** 401 Shattuck Rd., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 214-4564  
[www.rentportapotties.com](http://www.rentportapotties.com)

**Eastern Maine Electric Co-Op** 21 Union St., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-7555  
[www.emec.com](http://www.emec.com)

**Ohio Brook Disposal** 776 Ayers Junc., Pembroke, ME 04666; (207) 726-9581  
[www.ohiobrookdisposal.com](http://www.ohiobrookdisposal.com)

**US Cellular Communications** 483 North St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-2174  
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**VL Tammero Oil** 325 North St., Calais, ME 04619; 207-454-7500 <http://vltammaro.com/>

# hiking

## MAGURREWOCK

A few miles north of the refuge headquarters on the outskirts of Calais is Magurrewock Mountain, a 384-foot peak accessed by a one-mile trail. To the south, Bells Mountain and Crane Mountain in the Edmunds unit of the refuge offer two fun loop hikes just shy of a mile each.

## MOOSEHORN WILDLIFE REFUGE

Hiking, biking, exploring habitats across the federal refuge's 30,000 acres; visitors may encounter eagles, moose, deer, and a variety of songbirds as they roam the bogs, marshes, rolling hills, and lakesides. The Moosehorn is the northernmost refuge in the Atlantic Skyway of migratory birds. Schedule: open year-round, some activities are seasonal; hours: daily from 1/2-hour after sunrise to 1/2-hour before sunset; FREE; pets welcome; (207) 454-1700; [www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn)



## PULPIT ROCK

Visionary quest -- fasting, purification, wakefulness helped in seeking contact with guiding spirits. Sacred sites were often marked by unusual land formations or prominent stones. Such a site was Pulpit or Shaman Rock (Motwolon Ponapsq) at Mill Cove (See Pg 9) in Robbinston Maine. Artwork by John Foley May 2011, courtesy of Wabanaki Cultural Center and Museum, 39 Union St., Calais

## DEVIL'S HEAD CONSERVATION

Just off Route 1 in Calais, the 315-acre conservation has approximately three miles of moderate foot trails, a dirt road loop running from the road to the waterfront. Devil's Head itself is a 340-foot-high granite cliff overlooking the St. Croix River. Schedule: April - October; hours: sunrise to sunset; FREE; Pets: Welcome; (207) 454-2521; <https://www.devilsheadcalais.com/>

## SIPAYIK TRAIL

This 1.8-mile trail extends across the Passamaquoddy Native American reservation at Sipayik, (also known as Pleasant Point), Maine. The paved trail overlooks scenic views at various points as the river watershed transitions to salt marsh and then to Passamaquoddy Bay.

## SHACKFORD HEAD STATE PARK

Located on Moose Island, Eastport, Maine. The 87-acre state park occupies a peninsula separating Cobscook Bay and Broad Cove. The land is named for John Shackford, an American Revolutionary War soldier who once owned the headlands. The park is managed by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Offering both inland and coastal hiking trails, including the Cony Beach Trail, Shackford Head Trail, and Schooner Trail.

## QUODDY HEAD STATE PARK

Perched atop the rocky black cliffs of the bold coast, Quoddy Head State Park is home to 5.5 miles of groomed hiking trails, as well as a candy-striped lighthouse at America's easternmost point. Schedule: May 15 - Oct. 15; Hours: 9am to sunset; FREE; Pets: Welcome; 973 South Lubec Rd.; Lubec, ME 04652; (207) 733-0911

## BAD LITTLE FALLS PARK

How many towns have a raging waterfall in the middle? Machias - this natural wonder is open year-round at the Route 1 bridge over the Machias river Downtown.

## REVERSING FALLS

An unusual phenomenon on the coast, whirlpools, and turning tides in Pembroke, Maine. The walking trail begins at the eastern parking lot and continues along the wooded shore and two spur paths lead off the trail onto peninsulas that provide varying views of the falls and an impressive panorama of Cobscook Bay.



Photo by Elizabeth (Bif) Churchill

## CUTLER BOLD COAST TRAIL

425 ME-191, Cutler, ME 04626; Coastal Trail to Ocean (2.8-mile roundtrip, allow 2 hours): This is a forested path that runs through a cedar swamp and maritime spruce-fir forest before reaching a promontory overlooking the ocean. It is the easiest trail segment offering a view of the ocean from the high cliffs that are prominent along this property. Black Point Brook Loop (5.5-mile roundtrip, allow 4-5 hours): Wooded trails and rocky cliffside hiking lead to a small cobble beach at Black Point Cove (accessible via a log ladder). The return route, via the Inland Trail, is somewhat rocky but over fairly gentle terrain and through an Acadian forest. Fairy Head Loop (9.2-mile roundtrip, allow 6-7 hours): This trail provides the most extensive shoreline hiking with 3.8 miles that skirt the shore. At Fairy Head, the trail turns inland through open meadows and forest, passing by a freshwater grass marsh and a large beaver pond.

## COBSCOOK BAY STATE PARK

Maliseet-Passamaquoddy tribal word for "boiling tides," aptly describes this setting where the tidal range averages 24 feet and can reach 28 feet (compared to a 9-foot average tide along Maine's southernmost coast). Many of the park's 106 campsites (both for tenting and RVs) border Whiting Bay, a sheltered inlet within the larger bay. The Park offers a boat launch for those with the experience to handle boating in challenging conditions (with rapids created by fast-moving tides). A playground and picnic areas are available. Cobscook Bay is an unusual estuary with a narrow opening to the sea, a long and convoluted shoreline, and relatively few feeder streams and rivers.



**GRAND LAKE STREAM** About ten miles of groomed foot trails complement endless miles of dirt roads and trails in this 55,578 - acre forest. Located at the historic connection between several regional watersheds, the forest is preserved by a community led conservation group the Downeast Lakes Land Trust, based in Grand Lake Stream. Schedule: year-round; some seasonal activities; FREE; hours: daylight use only. Pets welcome; (207) 796-2100 FMI visit [info@downeastlakes.org](mailto:info@downeastlakes.org) stop at DLLT office for maps and more information.

**LITTLE MAYBERRY COVE TRAIL** Grand Lake Stream - mossy, single-track trail runs approximately two and a half miles along the western shoreline of West Grand Lake. The trail begins at the dam at the head of the Stream. Walk a short distance along the gravel camp road and follow the trail over moderately rolling terrain through stands of hemlocks and pines, with occasional viewpoints along the shore, ending at a quiet cove. Hikers can return on the same trail, or loop back via interior logging roads.

**POCUMCUS LAKE TRAIL** This trail provides options for short or moderate loop hikes to the quiet, undeveloped shoreline of Pocumcus Lake. The shorter loop is a hike of 1.3 miles round trip, while those who hike the entire trail will cover 3.6 miles. The trail traverses a wide range of forest habitats including early-successional hardwoods, beech, and older hemlock and white pine. Hikers can expect to hear a variety of songbirds and may hear loons as they approach the lake. The trailhead is located on the north side of the Fourth Lake Road about 7.5 miles west of Grand Lake Stream.

**WABASSUS MOUNTAIN TRAIL** Grand Lake Stream - A one mile climb to the summit, the Wabassus Mountain Trail follows a small cascading seasonal brook, and passes through older mixed and hardwood forests. On the summit you'll find a hardwood forest with white ash and hophornbeam trees, and when the leaves are down, great views of the surrounding lakes (glimpses through the trees in the summer). The trailhead is on the Wabassus Mountain Road, with access from the north via the Fourth Lake Road, or the south via the Little River Road and Third Lake Ridge Road.

**DAWN MARIE BEACH PATH** DLLT's shortest trail at ¼ mile, this pleasant path leads you from a raspberry patch by the side of the road to the beautiful undeveloped beach on Wabassus Lake. You're likely to see and hear loons and eagles, and may find moose tracks on the beach. It's a great spot for a family picnic, or to cool off if you worked up a sweat on the way up Wabassus Mountain. Even here, a completely undeveloped sand beach is a rare commodity. Take the Fourth Lake Road west from Grand Lake Stream for 3.6 miles, and turn left on the Wabassus Mountain Road. Pass a side road on your right, and then look for the trailhead sign on your right.

**TOWER HILL TRAIL** Located atop Tower Hill, the Grand Lake Stream fire tower was built in 1934, and is the oldest enclosed wooden fire tower remaining in New England. Please DO NOT attempt to climb the tower, due to safety concerns. Parking for this trail is at the West Grand Lake Dam. Follow the snowmobile trail (orange tags) east, as it winds up the hill. From the tower, the trail begins 100 yards to the north, and heads east, winding 1.1 miles through

mixed woodlands to Bonney Brook Road. After crossing Bonney Brook Road, the trail meanders along shallow Bonney Brook Lake. Upon reaching the road again, turn right and follow the road for 50 yards, then turn left, continuing along the trail. The trail ends at a camp road called "Pappy's Way." Turn left and follow the snowmobile trail back up Tower Hill, creating a 3 mile loop.

## TRAIL TO TOMORROW

Grand Lake Stream - Inspired by a 1957 essay by John R. Schaefer, an interpretive and educational walk through several distinct forest types. A round-trip loop of 0.6 miles, Trail to Tomorrow leaves from the end of Tough End in the village of Grand Lake Stream (parking is available at the West Grand Lake Dam). Information about local ecology is displayed on several interpretive signs along the trail.

## MUSQUASH ESKER TRAIL

A longtime favorite among locals, the Musquash Esker Trail is located on the north side of Milford Road, roughly 5.5 miles east of Grand Lake Stream. From the small parking area, travel along the former "Talmadge Road," built along a glacial esker. After leaving the gravel pit at the start of the trail, the path winds through early successional hardwood, tamarack, and spruce forest. The 1.4 mile (2.8 round trip) trail ends at Big Musquash Stream, and offers gorgeous views of Amazon Mountain and more than 5,000 acres of pristine wetlands.



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# Dennys River

## 100 Years of Hospitality — The perspective of a Downeast innkeeper

by Kara Mitchell

As Maine celebrates its bicentennial year, Robinson's Cottages celebrates one-hundred years in business. Interested in what a rustic, log cabin looks like, my family and I booked a stay in cabin #6. The cottages have access to the Downeast Sunrise Trail, which made me want to arrive on an ATV next time.

Visiting Bill Robinson and wife, Teresa illustrated a glimpse into the history of hospitality and tourism through the changing times. We talked over lemonade in mason mugs, while listening to the sound of the river. The property where the cottages are located, Route 86 in Edmunds Township, Maine, has belonged to the Robinson ancestry since the 1860s. The cabins and property are unlike anything one could build in modern times. Back in 1920, William Robinson, Bill's great-grandfather, was able to sculpt the land. A road was built up beside the river, and culverts were installed to form a pond, where an existing stream crossed the property.

There are six hand-hewn log cabins and one clapboard farmhouse, for a total of seven cottages. The cottages all have screened-in porches that overlook the water. Some cabins quite literally overhang the river (another feature not allowed in modern day.) All logs used for the cottages were formed by hand from trees on the property, and pulled with horses.

Bill Robinson is the fourth generation to run the cottages. His great-grandfather, William (Bill), for whom he was named, built the first cabin in 1920. He and his son, Ray replaced the first cabin in 1936, and continued to build another every few years into the 1960s. The year each cabin was built, a description and pictures are on the web, [www.robinsonscottages.com](http://www.robinsonscottages.com). Development paused in 1942 when Ray went into the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he taught celestial navigation on airbases in Iowa and Kansas. After the war, cabin building resumed.

The cabins were originally built to accommodate Atlantic Salmon fishermen from May to June, and for deer hunters in November and December. The cabins were mostly empty in the summer, but times have changed. Then the interstate was built in 1956, and tourism in Maine grew. Currently, mid-June to late August is the busiest time of year for the cabins, and they are open from through November. The Robinson's have folks revisit every year. Generations of families revisit every year, kids that have grown-up summering in Maine now have kids vacationing at the cottages.

Robinson reminisces of the times when all reservations were made via mail, and how excited everyone got at the use of the telephone. Technology and communications today provide additional exposure of the cabins. The internet, and sites such as VRBO and AirBnB have made it possible for people to easily find the cottages, and now people visit from all over the world.

The history and story of the cabins can be found in every detail. Many dishes and utensils are ones to be found at grandma's house or an antique shop. Many of the door handles were made by hand, and unique woodworking details are found in each cottage. The cabins once had all gas appliances, but were switched to electric in the sixties. The massive fieldstone fireplaces were also built in this era. Each cabin comes with its own picnic table, charcoal grill and fully stocked with firewood. Two of the cottages have pianos in them, from guests who had stayed for extended visits in the past. "I don't know how we would ever get them out" - Teresa said about the pianos.

The fourth generation of Robinsons took over the business in 2014. They now take credit cards, have an interactive website, and have expanded the marketing of the property significantly. They have two boys that love the grounds and work with their parents on maintenance and cleaning, and may someday carry on the family business. Bill says the time he spent with his grandfather and father working on the cabins helped to nurture his love of the business. He accepts the fact that the work is never done, and it is a lifetime of maintenance. The house they live in also over-looks the river. They love where they live, and would never consider moving or selling.

Bill has his master guild license and also hosts canoe trips down the river, lunch included. Check out the different experiences at [www.dennysriverguide.com](http://www.dennysriverguide.com). The Downeast Sunrise Trail runs along the entire Downeast coastal area, connecting multiple scenic conversation areas, rivers and is close to two state designated Scenic Byways. The trail is a multi-use (hiking, biking, ATV, horses, snowmobiling and skiing). The cottages have direct access (300 yards) and are located 7 miles from the trail's end in Pembroke. This is the longest rail trail in New England, and the longest continuous section of the East Coast Greenway. FMI: <http://www.sunrisetrail.org>



*Pictured L to R: Charlie Sylvia, Waddy Sprgue, Bill Bunker and Bill Robinson Sr. holding landlocked Salmon caught from the Dennys River; circa 1950*



# Camp the International Waterways — St. Croix

Beginning on the Victoria Day long weekend (third week of May) and Labour Day long weekend (first week of September), the SCIWC maintains various small wilderness campgrounds along the international boundary of the United States and the Canadian shores of the St. Croix Watershed (which includes Spednic Lake, St. Croix River and East Grand Lake). All of the Maine camp sites and several of the Canadian camp sites are free to use, first come - first camp basis. A fee is only charged for the camp sites located at Spednic Lake Provincial Park, Scott Brook and Gravel Island. To book one of these sites, visit <https://stcroixinternational.checkfront.com/reserve/#>. All sites have a maximum stay of 7 nights (if you would like a site longer than 7 days call the office at (207) 952-9069.) Please note that none of these campgrounds have electricity, water, or sewer services. There are no garbage cans or recycling bins - **you are required to take all waste and recycling with you when you leave the park**. The sites are remote, and require a few days notice to post reservations. If you plan on staying on the river and lake-only access sites (canoe in only) in Maine or New Brunswick, you do not have to make a reservation but these sites are quite often occupied during weekends and holidays. We highly recommend that those looking for a quiet wilderness experience visit during the week. Sites may be available, but they are on a first come, first serve basis only. Booking your site well in advance advised.

There are three sub-regions in the St. Croix boundary system: **Chiputneticook Lakes** - (North, East Grand, Mud, Spednic and Palfrey), which have outstanding sport fishery resources, forested shorelands, backcountry recreational resources and wildlife habitat. **River Mainstem** - Recognized as one of the most unspoiled recreational river corridors in the Northeast, this river is highly valued by canoeists, fishermen and naturalists. **Estuary** - Where 25 ft/7.5 m tides rise along the shores of historic port communities and St. Croix Island, where in 1604 French explorers established the first permanent New World colony north of Florida.

<https://www.stcroix.org/our-campsites>

## CAMPING

### The Hideaway

29 The Hideaway Ln., Princeton, ME 04668 (410) 353-1899 Fully-equipped lakefront housekeeping cottages with kitchenettes, full baths, gas heat and screened-in porches can accommodate from two to twelve people. Provides canoes and boats to launch from your private dock; motors are available to rent. Fish large and small mouth bass, pickerel and perch

### Canalside Cabins

31 Canal St., Grand Lake Stream, ME 04637 (207) 796-2796 [www.canalsidecabins.com](http://www.canalsidecabins.com) The lodge and cabins reflect the long history of Grand Lake Stream as a "sportsmen's paradise." The cabins came into existence during the late 1800's, overlooking the canal and the salmon pool (Dam Pool) below the dam.

### The Lakeside

14 Rolfe St., Princeton, ME 04668; (207) 796-2324 [www.thelakeside.org](http://www.thelakeside.org) Located on Lewy Lake, the unique location gives guests access to over 75 miles of shoreline to fish and explore. Offering a variety of available lodging options. You can choose to stay in a comfortable inn room or reserve lake front cabin.

### Hilltop Campground

317 Ridge Rd., Robbinston, ME. 04671; (207) 454-3985, Rec Hall, playground, paddle boat rentals, horseshoe pits, and basket ball court.

### KEENES LAKE

### FAMILY CAMPGROUND

70 Keenes Lake Rd., Calais, ME 04619; (207) 454-2022 Open early May to late October, Offering a variety of sites, dog friendly, accommodating small tents to forty-plus foot RVs, and also offer seasonal lots (contact for inquiries). Propane is available to fill up your tanks before you hit the road.

### Weatherby's Maine Fishing & Hunting Lodge

Located in Grand Lake Stream, Maine, Weatherby's is one of the oldest and most famous sporting lodges. Weatherby's does primarily fishing, but they do some "off grid" adventures, by canoe, for smallmouth and wild trout when they can. They float the upper St. Croix River from Vanceboro to Little Falls in the summer, sections of the Machias River Watershed for trout and smallmouth, Tomah Stream, Old Stream, Little River and occasionally the Denny's River. For more information, 877-796-5558 or [info@weatherbys.com](mailto:info@weatherbys.com).



Photo by Ryan Cross

### Cobscook Bay State Park

40 South Edmunds Rd, Dennysville, Maine, 04628; (207) 726-4412 The park is surrounded on three sides by the salt waters of Cobscook bay has over 100 well-spaced and secluded campsites, many of these campsites are located at the water's edge and provide excellent vantage points to the ebb and flow of the tides. The name Cobscook comes from the Indian word meaning "boiling tides." The average tide is twenty feet. At low tide, adventuresome campers may dig for the delicious soft shell clam. Two-hundred different species of birds, including the American Bald Eagle have been identified in the park and in the nearby Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, wildflowers abound in woodlands and meadow and along the road sides.

### Cutler Coast Public Reserved Land

(also known as the Bold Coast) ME-191, Cutler, ME 04626 -- There are three designated tent sites near Fairy Head, and you'll have to hike four to five miles to reach them. It's worth it, though, because the trails that snake alongside Cutler Coast toward the campsites cover some pristine territory.

## Grand Lake Stream Lodges

by David Montague

For generations, Grand Lake Stream and the surrounding forests and lakes have been top destinations for sportsmen, paddlers, and those seeking the peace and serenity of Downeast Maine. Serving those generations of visitors from around the world are many historic lodges and sporting camps which welcome guests with local hospitality and a tradition of first-class service. Some of these historic lodges have been in business for more than a century.

Whether visitors seek an “American plan”, with private lodging and three hearty meals per day, or a “housekeeping plan” that offers guests the flexibility to cook their own meals and set their own pace, the area’s many lodges can tailor unique vacation experiences to satisfy all tastes. If those tastes include an appreciation for Downeast home cooking, the dining experiences offered by many lodges are not to be missed. Guests enjoy traditional New England favorites such as baked haddock, steamed lobster, and prime rib served alongside homemade breads and fresh-baked Maine blueberry pie, and for those passing through the area, many lodges will accommodate diners by reservation.

Grand Lake Stream area lodges are the gateways to hundreds of thousands of acres of surrounding forests, lakes, wetlands, and streams. Fly-fish for landlocked salmon in Grand Lake Stream, hook trophy smallmouth bass in the lakes, chase grouse and woodcock behind trained bird dogs, or explore endless trails on foot or by bicycle, ATV, or snowmobile! Any outdoor adventure can be enhanced by employing the services of an experienced Registered Maine Guide, and local lodges can connect guests with the best guides in the business. For the do-it-yourselfer, lodges can arrange canoe, kayak, and motorboat rentals, and knowledgeable staff can point the way to outdoor fun for the whole family. Combining history, hospitality, and traditional Downeast charm, the lodges of the Grand Lake Stream area offer something for everyone!

## New Headquarters to Help Fulfill Downeast Lakes Land Trust’s Vision

Since 2004 Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) has occupied a converted rental apartment in the heart of Grand Lake Stream. The office space served well, but as the work expanded to include a greater role in land stewardship and educational efforts to connect residents, visitors, and local students with the community forest, the need for a larger space has become apparent. During this period, DLLT’s staff has grown to five full-time positions, with as many as four seasonal employees and numerous volunteers. This growth enables DLLT to fulfill their mission more effectively, but it places further strain on the office and storage space. Furthermore, the present location is not handicap accessible, and this deficiency needs to be addressed promptly to ensure access to the resources for the whole community.



*Pictured above is a perspective of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust main office, illustrated by Lewis Architects Engineers - Elliot • McMorran • Vaden • Ragsdale • Woodward Incorporated, a firm based out of Little Rock, Arkansas*

In 2018 DLLT purchased seventeen-acres of land in Grand Lake Stream. A dilapidated building on the site has been demolished. The board, staff, and more than thirty community volunteers worked throughout the winter and spring of 2019 to design the future structure with in-kind services from two architects with local ties. Construction started in the spring of 2020, with an expected move in date of winter 2020/2021. The concept is for DLLT Headquarters to fit within the existing community, and to serve the community’s many unique needs. The planning process has been conducted throughout the winter of 2018-2019, concurrent with a long-term strategic planning process to define goals and chart a course forward for DLLT. Both processes have involved dozens of hours of discussion, feedback, and individual contacts among community members to craft a vision for DLLT, and a way for the new headquarters to help fulfill that vision.

Elements identified to serve community needs include: a large meeting space for up to sixty people, which can be used to host community events and facilitate corporate retreats in coordination with local lodges; highspeed public wi-fi access, with seating in an indoor reception area and outside on a welcoming covered porch; a “conservation library” with books on loan including field guides and books on natural and local history; interpretive displays communicating DLLT’s mission and the natural and cultural heritage of the Downeast Lakes region (in tandem with the local historical society and Passamaquoddy Tribal Museum); an interactive map of the community forest, with information on recreation, the forest economy, and the natural communities of the region; trailhead parking for one of DLLT’s most popular hiking trails, including room for school bus parking, a picnic area, a water bottle filling station, and public restrooms; housing for DLLT interns, guests, and seasonal employees; and demonstration gardens emphasizing landscaping with native plants and creating backyard habitat for wildlife. The design of the building will emphasize sustainability, energy efficiency, and local forest products (including those from the Downeast Lakes Community Forest).





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