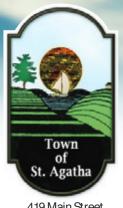






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Welcome

Welcome to the heart of the St. John River Valley. We hope you enjoy your stay!

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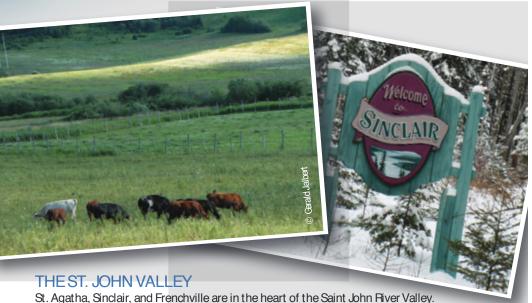
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Small Town Charm



St. Agatha, Sinclair, and Frenchville are in the heart of the Saint John River Valley. This region is best known for deep-rooted traditions of family, culture, faith, and land. The friendly, hard-working people many from Acadian decent make this area such a special place to be.

The communities are considered bilingual, where French is commonly heard. In addition, New Brunswick, Canada lies over the St. John River. The rolling hills of the Valley and the airy open skies of Long Lake easily allow for fantastic views of both countries.

The extensive land and water trail systems of the region provide varied terrain and tour experiences for the outdoor enthusiast. In addition to hunting and Pshing, many people enjoy the hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the winter and use many of those same trails in the summer and fall for ATV riding.

Agriculture has a long-standing role in sustaining the people of this area. Due to the colder climate, potato farming is the main crop, and uniquely, the children of the area still take a few weeks or from school each year to participate in Potato Harvest. Driving along country roads, you will 'Phd the patchwork of farmland very picturesque. The big beautiful skies allow your mind to clear and your breath to $\$ 0 ow easily. This is truly a great place to unwind and relax.

KEEP US ON YOUR CALENDAR!

The St. John Valley will play host for the 2014 World Acadian Congress, held both in Maine and Canada, along the border. This event is expected to generate over 40,000 tourists to the region over a 3 week period.

Winter in Maine is a time of alternating rest and frenzied activity.



ST. AGATHA

St. Agatha has a year-round resident population of 747 (2010 US Census) with seasonal increases in both summer and winter. It is well noted for its sweeping big skies and beautiful farmland. 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. The sounds of loons calling and the sight of eagles diving for Psh, make this an ideal get-away to relax, unwind, and take it all in. In addition, St. Agatha overs many recreational opportunities such as: snowmobile & ATV trails. two boat launching facilities, tennis courts, softball 'Peld, children's playground, and a Ptness center. It is a great place to reacquaint with family and friends, and to enjoy the simple beauty all around.



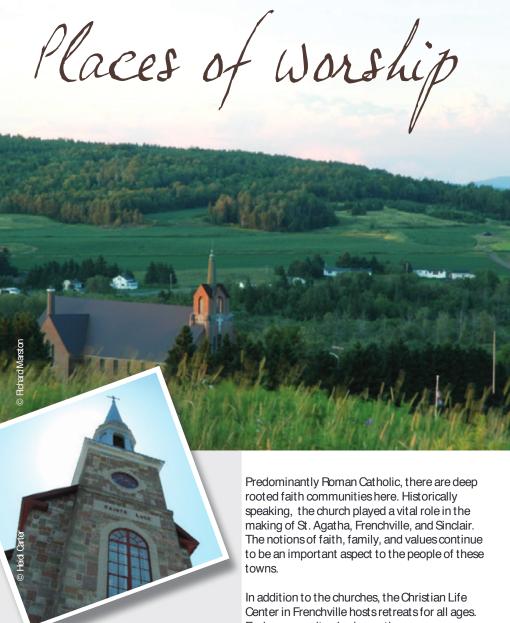
SINCLAIR

Long Lake and Mud Lake surround the quaint community of Sinclair, which makes this an ideal location for people who love the water. ATV and snowmobile trails are easily accessed within the town, and it isn't uncommon to Phd recreational vehicles parked in the local store's parking lot. Unparalleled Pshing experiences, both in the summer and winter, make this a place that people like to return to year after year. Named after the family that 'Prst settled here, the friendly community of Sinclair will undoubtably make you feel welcome, and your trip will certainly be an enjoyable one.

FRENCHVILLE

Frenchville is a quiet, rural town with a population of approximately 1,087, and is predominately a farming community. It lies along the scenic St. John River across from New Brunswick, Canada. The French in uences both from Canada and its ancestral Acadian background are apparent in the small town. It is known for its people with a strong faith and family values. This is a place to slow down and enjoy the simpler aspects of life.

Frenchville is also home to the Northern Aroostook Regional Airport, which serves all of the St. John Valley.



Our Lady of the Valley Parish

St. Agatha Church Main Street, St. Agatha

St. Luce Church US Poute 1, Frenchville

St. Joseph Church Lakeshore Road, Sinclair Each community also has active prayer groups.

Both weekend and weekday masses are orered. Contact the churches directly for up-to-date mass schedules.

There are many other faiths represented in the Valley within a short driving distance to either Fort Kent or Madawaska.

Our Schools

If you are looking to locate to the area, look no

If you are looking to locate to the area, look no further.

Our small, close-knit communities are family-centric. These are towns where everyone knows you by name and make you feel at home.

Education

Our schools have knowledgeable and friendly teachers, great student-to-teacher ratios, and programs that encourage growth and inspire curiosity.

The schools in our District are Dr. Levesque Elementary School in Frenchville (Pre-kindergartengrade 6), Wisdom Middle/High School in St. Agatha (grades 7-12), and the St. John Valley Technology Center in Frenchville for juniors and seniors from Wisdom Middle/High School, Madawaska Middle/High School, and Community High School in Fort Kent.

Our schools over a well-rounded curriculum that includes language arts, math, science, social studies, French, music, physical education, health, and art. We integrate technology into the classroom with the use of Smartboards, iPads, Laptops, and the Tanberg Video Conferencing System for virtual Peld trips. Participation is encouraged and small class sizes ensure that our students receive the attention they deserve.

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The menus at our area restaurants include some regional favorites such as ployes, Acadian buckwheat pancakes; poutine, fries with cheese and gravy; and cretons, pork meat spread, usually eaten at breakfast. All establishments over friendly service and great food.

Establishment	Location	Phone Number	
Lakeview Restaurant	St. Agatha	(207) 543-6331	
Babin's Grocery & Sandra's Kitchen	St. Agatha	(207) 543-9369	
Our Father's Place	St. Agatha	(207) 543-1077	
Long Lake Sporting Club	Sindair	(207) 543-7584	
Martin's General Store	Sindair	(207) 543-6422	
Dolly's	Frenchville	(207) 728-7050	
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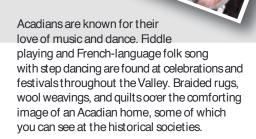


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THEACADIANS

The Acadians originated as 17th century French colonists that settled in the area of New France known today as Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, part of Quebec, and this part of Maine. Due to the Great Expulsion of 1755, some 1 ed to Louisiana to begin new lives. Now known as the Cajuns, these people have retained many of the original customs of their Acadian roots. The St. John Valley has a large long-standing Acadian population.

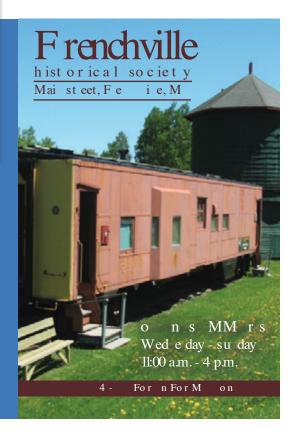




Frenchville Historical Society Open Summers Wednesday thru Sunday 1pm - 4pm (207) 543-6997 U.S. Poute 1, Frenchville, Maine

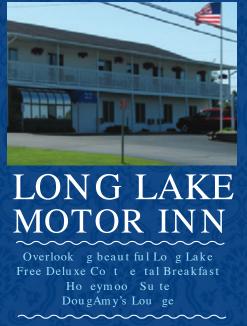
The phone number will have you reach a contact person for the site and not the historical location itself.

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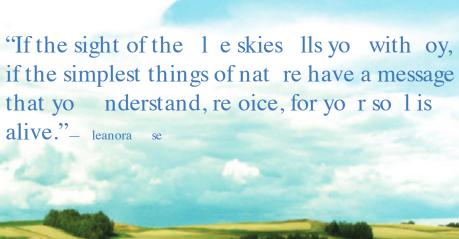


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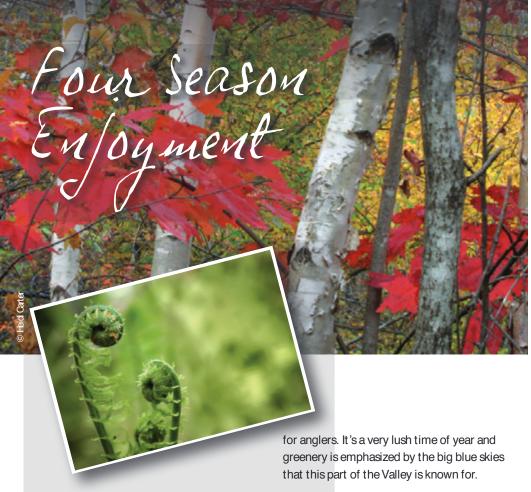
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The St. John Valley charms its visitors with its four-seasons. Wildlife is very abundant and its lure brings many to see if they can experience an encounter with an animal. In addition to spotting the highly acclaimed moose, a person can also easily find whitetailed deer, fox, rabbit, and many types of birds, including common loons and bald eagles.

SUMMER

Our waterways are particularly busy during the summer months. Party boats are a favorite on Long Lake, but there are many who canoe, kayak, and even bring out the occasional seadoo. Muskie Pshing on the St. John River brings a new sense of adventure

FALL

Fall is a favorite time of year for many of the locals. It's not only time for harvest hunting season also begins. For natureminded individuals, there's much to see in the vibrant colored forests and much busyness to witness as the animals prepare for winter. The fog settles on the water in comforting tones to remind people that winter is coming. One of the unique areas to experience in the fall is an island at the northern end of Long Lake that is a migrational stopping point between October 1 and November 30. At times, people have been able to see an upwards of 3,000 birds. This part of the lake is designated as a game management area.

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter en oy."

-William lake

WINTER

Winter is fully embraced in Aroostook County and many people trek here to take advantage of our hundreds of miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Our lakes draw many to ice Psh due to the trophy sized Psh that are caught each year. The quiet hush of a new snowfall brings a sense of magic to those who enjoy Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. It's a time to hunker down and cozy in, but it tends to be the busiest time of year for many who live here.

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. It's a time of regrowth and renewal. Bright green Pddleheads emerge, and grace dinner tables. Smelting is a highlight of the season for some, and many skiers Phd themselves enjoying their sport in lighter layers.

No matter the time of year, the beauty of the area is undeniable and the warmth of its people highlight a vacation centered around the outdoors and relaxation.





This scenic byway travels 92 miles along the northern border of Maine along the St. John River from Allagash to Hamlin. In addition to the vistas of the St. John Valley, this byway also is important because of the cultural diversity of Acadian landmarks and history that makes this area so unique.

FISH RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES

SCENIC BYWAYS

Long Lake and Mud Lake are part of the Fish River chain of lakes. A canoe or kayak trip through these waters over unique experiences and outstanding beauty. The Fish River Chain of Lakes is a popular multi-day canoe trip with the locals. Because of its accessibility, there are many opportunities along the waterway for day trips as well.

MOUNTAIN BIKETRAIL

There is a 32-mile trail around Long Lake great for mountain biking. Just when you Phd yourself needing a break from the ride you will come upon one of the two public rest areas St. Agatha has to over. One is located on Cleveland Poad with a small public boat access and picnic area. The other is located on Poute 162. It is a newly constructed, state-of-the-art boat launch facility, with a public beach, recreation area, toilet facilities, volleyball facility, open cooking grills and changing rooms.





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The Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby is the largest of its kind in Northern Maine. It is an annual event that draws Pshermen from all over to try their luck at Phding the largest Psh. Each year, since its inception in 2006, the registration numbers have grown with 2012 having over 600 registered participants.

It is a fun event characterized by micro-communities of colorful Pshing shacks bustling with activity. Many anglers spend the entire weekend on the ice, around the clock, as there are many components of ice Pshing to enjoy.

It's been an extremely successful event, raising thousands of dollars for the Edgar J. Paradis Cancer Fund.

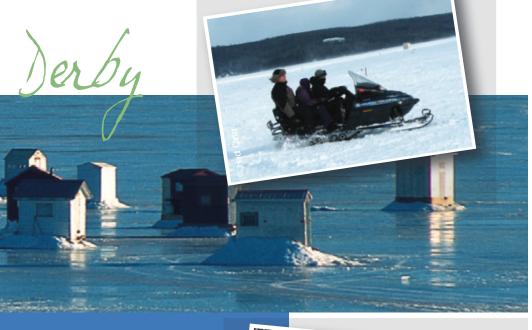
This is an event for all ages to participate in

throughout Aroostook County.

A LITTLE ABOUT ICE FISHING

Rather than Pshing poles, "lags" are set-up with a hook and line with live bait and are placed in holes in the ice. When a trophy Psh takes hold of the bait, the j ag goes up alerting the Psherman that s/he has a catch on the line. The "lags" are set-up intermittently across the ice, but most Pshermen also have a hole set-up for "jigging." This is where a Pshing pole comes in, and not only provides a hands-on approach, but also the potential warmth of a cabin.

Ice Pshing shacks have a wide range of comfort available. Some just shield the inhabitants from the wind, and others have heating elements to keep everyone toasty warm. In the \u00e3 oor of the shack is a hole in the ice that a person can use for jigging. Surprisingly, many of these shacks are well equipped to cook meals and have place for storage as well. For a serious ice Psherman, his pride and joy is his cabin.



THE DERBY LAKES

- Long Lake
- Cross Lake
- St. Froid Lake
- Square Lake
- Eagle Lake
- Glazier Lake
- Beau Lake

TYPES OF FISH

- Salmon
- Togue
- Brook Trout
- Muskie
- Cusk
- Perch

CONTACT INFO

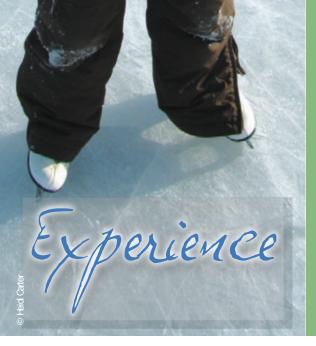
For derby rules and most up-to-date information, visit us on-line at: www.stagatha.com/derby



The St. John River

The St. John River is the longest free-\u03b1 owing river in New England, stretching over 200 miles between its headwaters to the 'Rtst dam in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada. Throughout the St. John River Valley, including Frenchville, there are public boat access points leading to the river. Historically, the river was essential to trade and was used for driving logs to the mills throughout the region. The St. John is also the international boundary between the United States and Canada. It's climate creates ideal conditions for over 30 rare species to thrive, including the Furbish Lousewort which exists nowhere else in the world. People come from all over to 'Psh these waters, which in recent years, has become well-known for its monster muskie populations. It is a forever changing waterway due to large ice \u03b1 ows that scour the shores each spring.





Activities that can be done in the immediate area:

• Baseball

• Biking

• Camping

• Canoeing & Kayaking

- Hiking
- Hunting
- Ice Fishing
- Massage Nordic Skiing

- Walking Trails*
- Wildlife Excursions

This area is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. The trail systems, forests, and abundant water ways provide a vast playground for all who come here to embrace it all year long. Many different types of boating adventures can provide an exhilarating day trip, and wildlife is often spotted along the way.

Sportsmen come from all over to experience the bounty here. There are many Maine Guides in the area to help you find your way if you are a new visitor.

In addition to all the activity available, this is also a very serene area which makes it an absolutely perfect place to relax and enjoy a slower pace.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

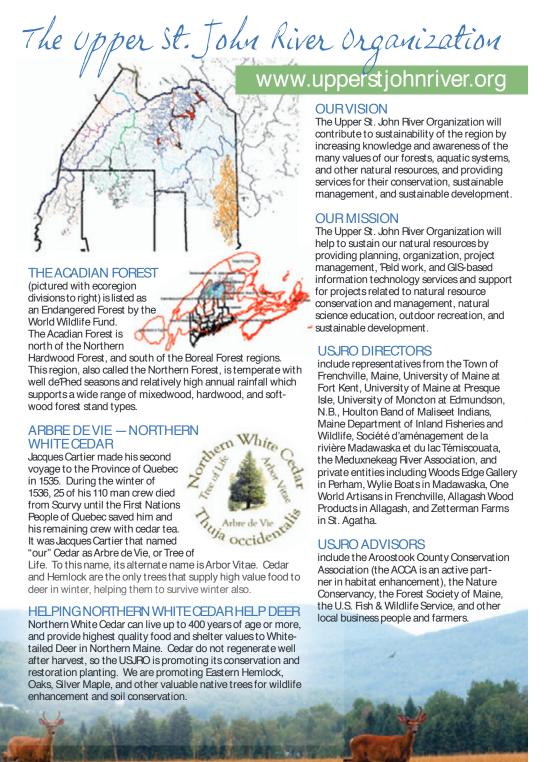
The Recreation Departments in St. Agatha and Frenchville offer activities all through the year to keep kids active and engaged. Baseball teams, basketball courts, tennis, ice skating, and Nordic skiing are some of things offered.

Please Note:

If you plan on visiting us at the beginning or end of winter, please keep in mind that many trails close to ATV and snowmobiles during that time to keep the trails in tip top condition. Contact the local town ob ces for more information.











THE TOWN OF FRENCHVILLE

has committed to long-term sustainable management of community-owned forest land for wildlife habitat, education, and recreation.

Detailed forest inventories were collected on these parcels with sponsorship from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, and the National Science Foundation EPSCoR. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service donated trees for a Hemlock planting trial that the USJRO conducted on these parcels, and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the USDA NRCS sponsored habitat management plan development through the Deer Habitat Partnership project.

The USJRO is also partnering with several private landowners for sustainable forest habitat management.

THE FISH RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES

is an interconnected series of mostly deep coldwater lakes, representing over 25,000 surface acres. This is one of the last self-sustaining Brook Trout Psheries, and also provides and excellent landlocked salmon Pshery, and the surrounding forests has supported significant wintering deer populations in the past.

The USJRO is a revival of the Fish River Lakes Water Quality Association with expanded scope. The Fish River Chain will be a focus area for the Organization.



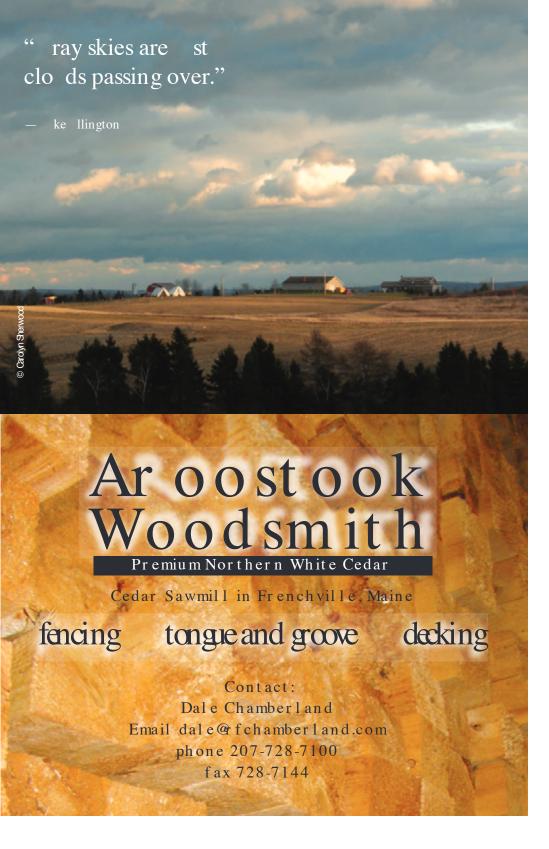
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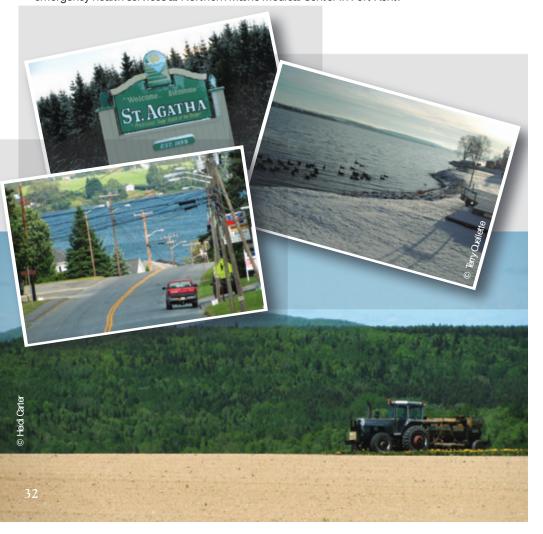
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CLICK IT ORTICKET

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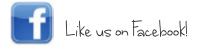
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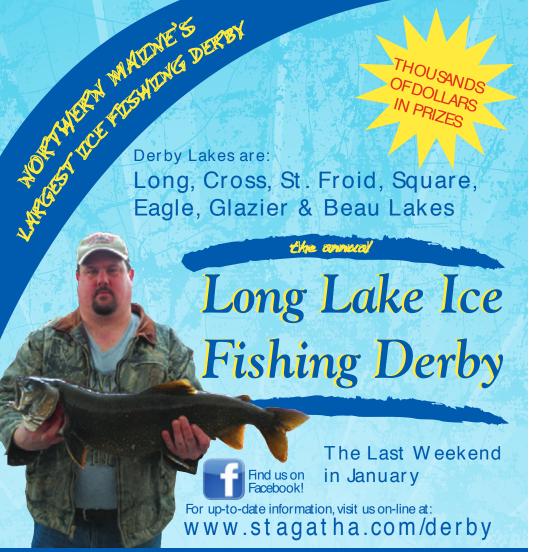


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