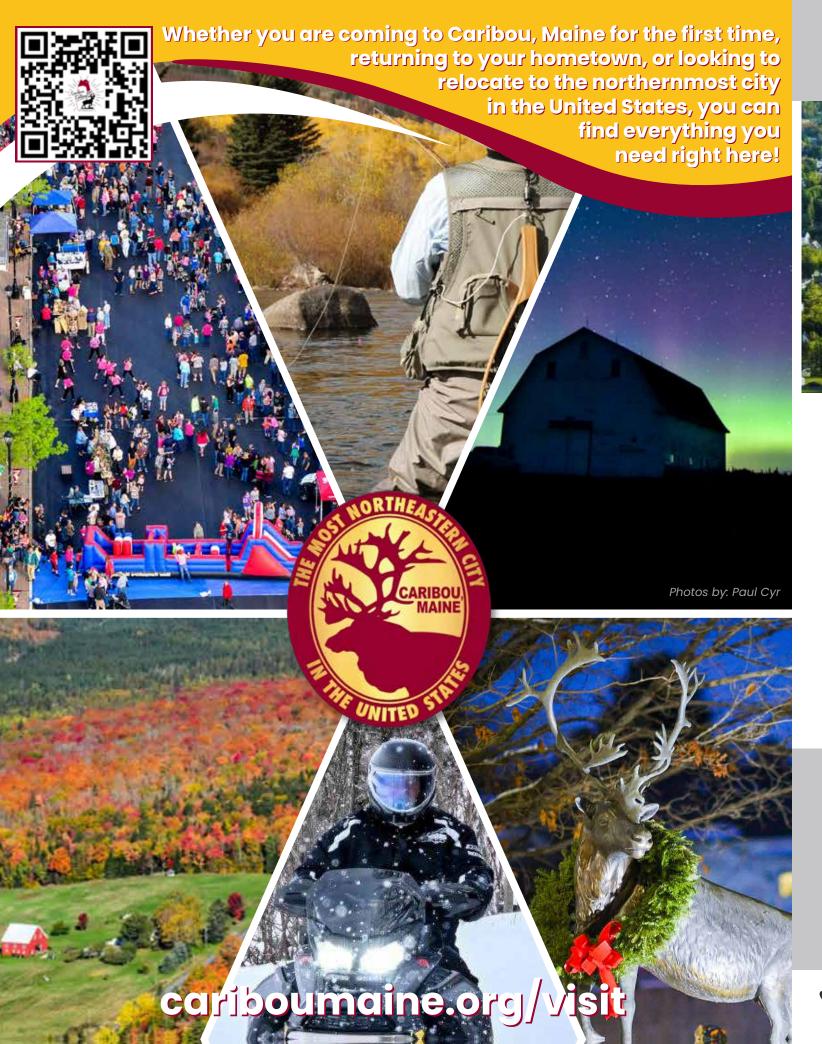
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#### **Dear Traveler**

Thank you for your interest in Maine's Aroostook County! Throughout this guide you will discover places to stay and eat, along with many other activities that occur in The County during our spectacular four distinct seasons. Whenever your trip, Aroostook County offers umatched beauty and relaxation for all.

We can't fit everything that makes Aroostook County special into the pages of this magazine, but we look forward to showing you the best of Maine when you and the family come to visit!

Sincerely,

Judy Dinsmore Office Manager, **Aroostook County Tourism** 



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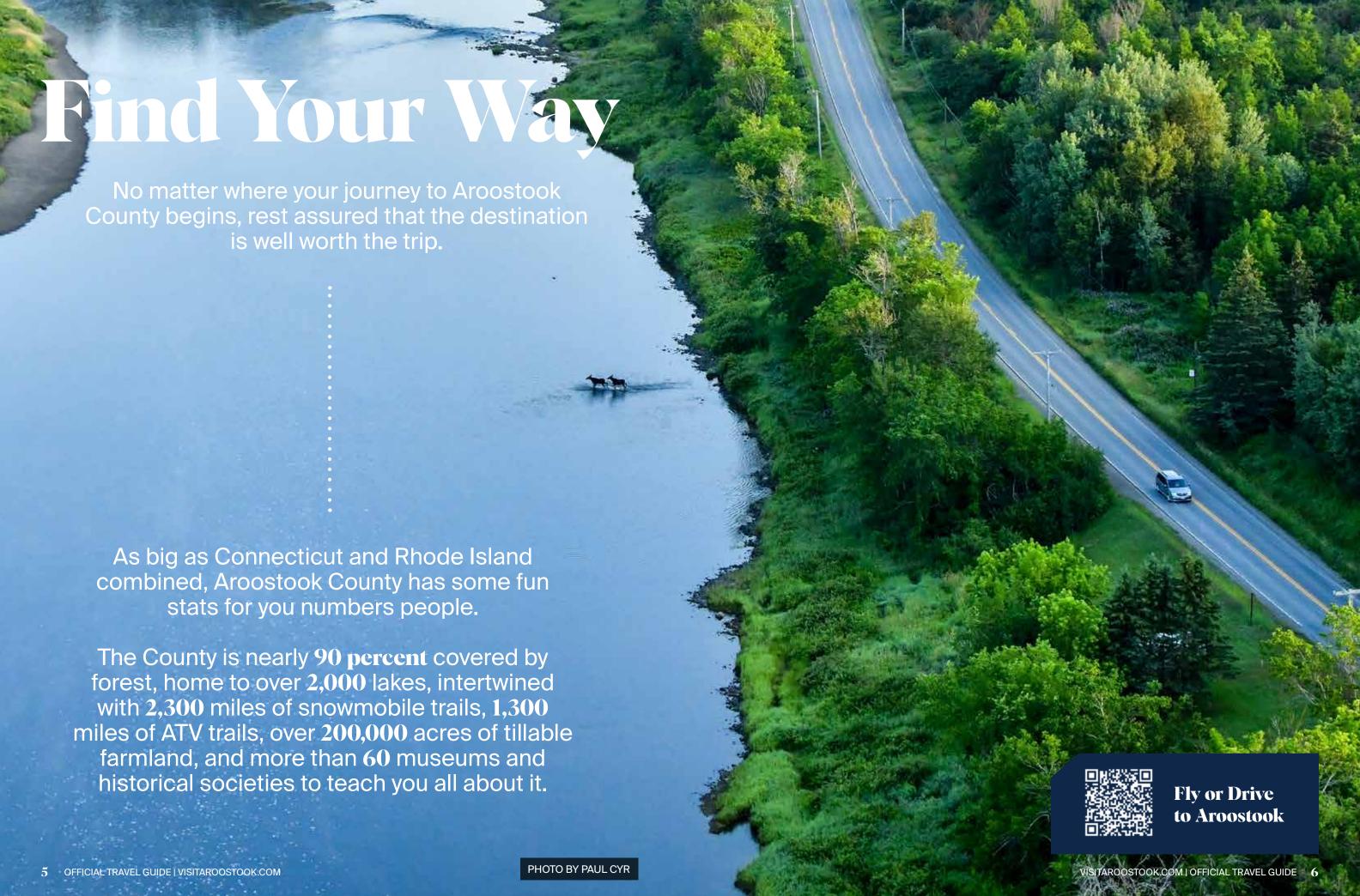








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# Dark Skies in Aroostook

Experience a place where the sky is the star of the show. These are the darkest skies.

#### Want to see the Aurora Borealis for yourself?

#### Why Aroostook?

You don't have to book a trip to Iceland to see the Northern Lights yourself. Aroostook County is an ideal destination due to its exceptionally dark skies, thanks to minimal light pollution and its remote, sparsely populated location. The area's clear, cool air and low humidity provide excellent visibility, particularly during the fall and winter months.

#### **Best Times of Year**

Fall (September to November): September and October offer a good chance of seeing the aurora borealis due to increased geomagnetic activity around the equinoxes. Fall often has clear skies, which are essential for viewing the aurora.

Winter (December to February): The longer nights and increased darkness during winter provide more opportunities to see the aurora. While it can be very cold, the clear winter skies can be ideal for aurora viewing.

#### **Wide Open Views**

Popular viewing spots like Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge and Mars Hill Mountain offer wide, unobstructed views of the night sky, perfect for seeing the occasional Northern Lights.

PHOTO BY PAUL CYR



#### **Stargazing**

The opportunities to stargaze have become increasingly rare in the modern world. While Aroostook County doesn't have any formally designated Dark Sky Parks, as part of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), it features several natural areas that are prized for their dark skies and minimal light pollution, making them ideal for stargazing.

#### 1. Francis Malcolm Science Center

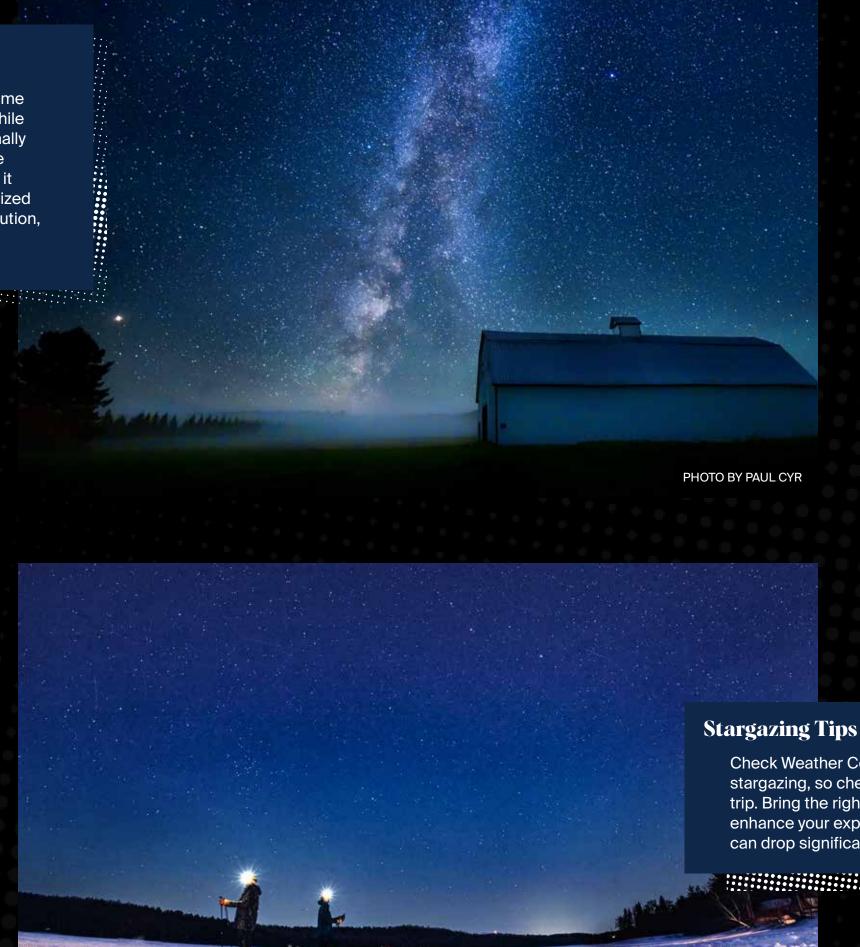
A Science Center and Planitarium by day, but great dark sky viewing area by night. This site is home to the Goliath Telescope and the Aroostook County Astronomy Club's star parties. Easton, Maine

#### 2. Frenchville Dark **Sky Observatory**

A designated viewing area facing the darkest area of the St. John Valley. This special viewing area is free of light pollution. Frenchville, Maine

#### 3. Million Dollar View Scenic Byway

Accesible by car, this section of road is elivated above East Grand Lake and is a terrific area to stargaze or watch for the aurora. Weston, Maine





#### The 2024 **Solar Eclipse**

Watch some highlights!



Check Weather Conditions: Clear skies are essential for stargazing, so check the forecast before planning your trip. Bring the right gear: Binoculars or a telescope can enhance your experience. Dress warmly, as temperatures can drop significantly at night.



#### St. John Valley/ Fish River **National Scenic** Byway

The St. John Valley/ Fish River Scenic Byway is a picturesque route capturing the essence of the region's cultural and natural beauty. This 92mile byway follows the St. John River, which

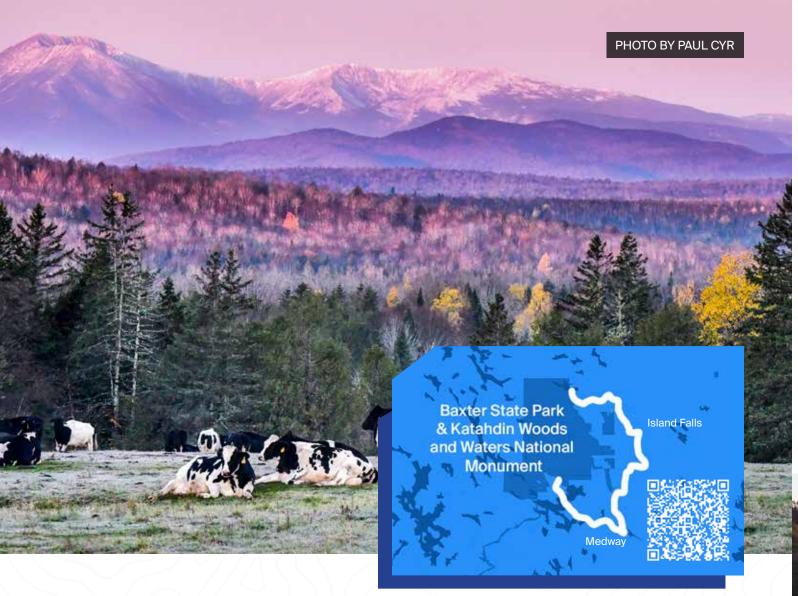


forms the border between the United States and Canada, providing stunning views of rolling farmland, dense forests, and the river itself.

Beginning in the town of Dickey, this route winds through several historic communities, including Allagash, St. Francis, Fort Kent, Madawaska, and Van Buren before ending in Hamlin. Along the way, travelers can explore landmarks like the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a historic site dating back to the Aroostook War, and the Acadian Village in Van Buren, which offers insights into the rich Acadian culture that defines much of the area.

The St. John Valley is rooted in Acadian history, as the area was settled by Acadians who were displaced during the Great Expulsion in the 18th century. The cultural influence of these early settlers is evident in the language, cuisine, and traditions that are still prominent in the valley today.

In addition to its cultural significance, the National Scenic Byway offers breathtaking views of the natural landscape. The route is particularly stunning during the fall, when the foliage turns vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold.



#### The Pine **Tree Trail**

The Pine Tree Trail is a rich exploration of the State of Maine and is the connection of rural areas to village centers by way of long forgotten backroads. This is Maine's answer to Route 66 and was established to commemorate Maine's bicentennial, the trail tours visitors off the beaten path to the timber and agricultural centers, particularly the significant

role of the logging industry and potato farming. The route begins in Portland and passes through towns like Augusta, Bangor, Houlton, and Fort Kent. Make the most of your roadtrip by stopping at historical sites, museums, and landmarks from the Aroostook War and the county's heritage. Tour the real Maine on a meaningful journey through backroads.



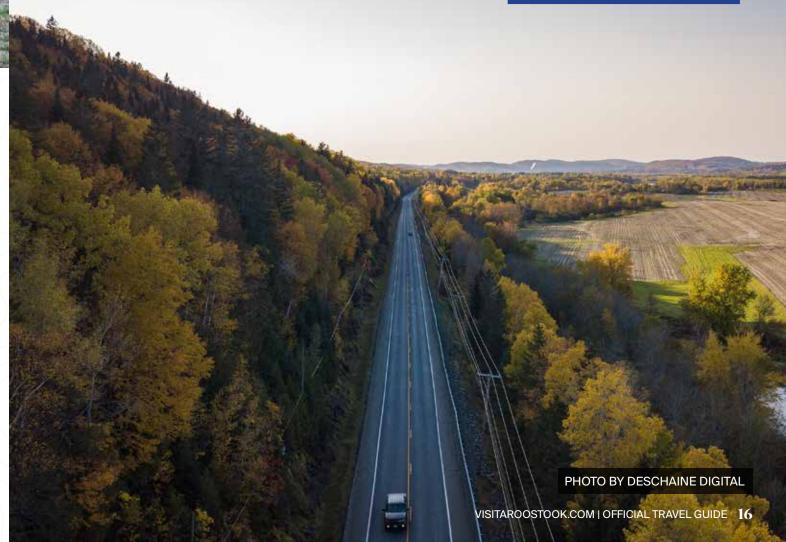
#### Katahdin Woods and Waters National Scenic Byway

The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Scenic Byway is an 89-mile route in northern Maine that showcases the natural beauty of the region.

Starting in Medway and passing through East Millinocket, Millinocket, and Patten, the byway offers stunning views of Mount

Katahdin, the East Branch of the Penobscot River, and the surrounding North Woods. Highlights include access to Baxter State Park, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, and the International Appalachian Trail, offering opportunities for hiking, fishing, and wildlife watching.

Historically, the area is tied to the Penobscot Nation and was central to Maine's logging industry. The byway also commemorates conservation efforts that led to the establishment of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in 2016.





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Aptly called the "Million Dollar View," this stretch of U. S. Route 1 in the southern most tip of Maine's Aroostook County offers travelers unsurpassed views of the Chiputneticook chain of lakes. Drive through rolling fields with direct views of far-off Mount Katahdin to the west and east to spilling views of grand lakes into New

Brunswick, Canada. Travelers may spot local wildlife, and scenic turnouts provide frontrow seating for the vast and impressive views to the east and west.

Danforth, a former lumber town in the Baskahegan River Valley, marks the Byway's southerly limit and provides small-town amenities. Weston also has many impressive historic buildings, such as the Weston Community Church, which was moved across the ice of East Grand Lake from Canada.

PHOTO BY ANDY MOOERS

The byway reaches its highest elevation point near the top of Peekaboo Mountain where the best views can be found.





As craft brewing has gained popularity, some local farms have started to grow hops to supply breweries in the area and beyond. Aurora Mills in Linneus is famous for its sustainable organic farming practices and high-quality barley and wheat, which are prized by brewers for their rich aroma and flavor.

Aroostook Hops in Westfield produces robust hop strains suited to Maine's climate and offering tours of their farm, and Maine Malt House in Mapleton provides locally grown and malted barley that enhances the flavor of Maine brews.

#### Refresh Yourself

Aroostook County is home to some great local breweries and wineries that offer refreshing stops as you explore the scenic byways and outdoor adventures of the region.

First Mile Brewing Co. in Fort Kent serves up craft beers with a local twist, perfect after a scenic drive along the St. John Valley. Northern Maine Brewing Company in Caribou offers both delicious brews and hearty food, making it a cozy stop after visiting nearby attractions like Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge. If it's wine you're after, Hidden Springs Winery in Hodgdon offers visitors a chance to enjoy locally crafted wines in a serene countryside setting.







#### Your Public Lands Checklist



#### Aroostook **State Park**

Located near Presque Isle, Maine's first state park offers hiking, camping, fishing, and boating, with trails providing scenic views of Echo Lake and surrounding forests.



#### Haystack

Mountain

Enjoy a short, scenic hike with rewarding panoramic views of the surrounding forests and rolling landscapes

#### **Umsaskis Lake**

Umsaskis Lake is a lake on the Allagash River in the North Maine Woods region of Maine. The lake is part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

Scopan Public

**Reserved Land** 

South of Presque Isle,

Scopan offers forested

for hiking, birdwatching,

snowmobiling, ATVing, hunting, and fishing.

hills and wetlands, popular

#### Katahdin **Woods and Waters National** Monument

A U.S. national monument spanning 87,563 acres of mountains and forestland in northern Penobscot County.



#### Deboullie Public Reserved Land

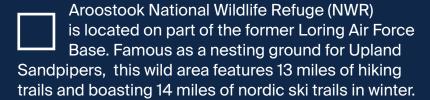
Near Portage Lake, this remote area features rugged terrain, hills, ponds, and forests, ideal for hiking, camping, fishing, and paddling, with trails leading to scenic overlooks.



#### **Bible Point**

A peaceful walk along the Mattawamkeag River where you can explore the beauty that inspired Theodore Roosevelt on his visits to Island Falls.







#### **Fish River Chain of Lakes**

access. Local Tip: Fish River Falls is a great hike.



#### A Ouick Guide to Wildlife

More black bear live here than any other part of Maine. Scan to spot moose, owls, and Canada lynx.





A tranquil retreat with opportunities for wildlife viewing, hiking, and fishing.





#### For the winter lovers

With its vast landscapes, 120" of annual snowfall, and wide array of winter sports, this region is famous as Maine's best winter.

The region is particularly renowned for its extensive network of trails and facilities dedicated to skiing. snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. Bigrock Mountain in Mars Hill is a focal point for alpine skiing, providing slopes that cater to all skill levels, from beginner to advanced. For those who prefer Nordic skiing, the Fort Kent Outdoor Center in Fort Kent is a worldclass facility that attracts both recreational skiers and competitive athletes. The center offers miles of meticulously groomed trails, designed for classic and skate skiing, as well as biathlon facilities, making it a hub for winter sports in the region.

Snowmobiling is also a major attraction, with over 2,300 miles of well-maintained trails that are part of Maine's Interconnected Trail System. These trails, maintained by local snowmobile clubs, offer safe and scenic routes through forests and fields. Aroostook County's robust winter sport infrastructure, combined with its natural beauty and community support for outdoor recreation, makes it an ideal destination for anyone looking to make the most of winter in Maine.

## Your Winter Playground



#### Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is the perfect way to explore the region's untouched winter beauty at a slower pace. Traverse the serene trails of the Aroostook State Park, or take in the stunning views around Four Seasons Trail Association in Madawaska, where snowshoe trails meander through quiet forests and rolling hills.

#### **Alpine Skiing**

Great for those who enjoy alpine skiing without the hustle and bustle of larger, more commercialized resorts, Aroostook has great spots providing scenic views and a local vibe typical of The County.

considered the best place for families to learn.

Bigrock Mountain in Mars Hill, features 35 trails, a 980-foot vertical drop, night skiing, rentals, and lessons, caters to both families and advanced skiers. Lonesome Pine Trails in Fort Kent is a smaller, community-oriented ski area with 10 trails, a T-bar lift, and rope tow, perfect for beginners and intermediates looking for a relaxed, scenic experience without crowds. Quoggy Jo in Presque Isle is a well kept secret that features several trails, a T-Bar lift - it is

#### **Ice Fishing**

Ice fishing in Aroostook County offers a peaceful and unique way to enjoy the winter wilderness. The county's frozen lakes and ponds, like Eagle Lake and Long Lake, are prime spots for catching trout, salmon, and perch. The allure lies in the quiet, scenic surroundings, camaraderie with fellow anglers, and the thrill of pulling a fish through the ice. It's a classic Northern Maine tradition that combines relaxation with a touch of adventure in the heart of winter.



#### Nordic Skiing

Whether you're a seasoned skier looking for a challenge or a beginner seeking serenity on groomed trails, our winter landscape is ideal for experiencing the guiet beauty and exhilarating freedom of Nordic skiing in Maine's northern frontier.

#### **Top Nordic Ski Trails**

**Caribou HS Community Trails Fort Kent Outdoor Center Aroostook State Park Four Season Trail Association Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge Riverfront Park Trail** 



# Snowmobiling, we always say "you just need to come here once". With

say "you just need to come here once". With over 2,300 miles of groomed, interconnected trails that wind through breathtaking forests, rolling hills, and frozen lakes, Aroostook offers some of the best riding in the Northeast. Known for 120" of annual snowfall, uncrowded trails and warm hospitatlity The County is a snowmobiler's paradise.





Aroostook County's snowmobile trails are known for their exceptional quality. The trails are meticulously groomed by local clubs and volunteers, ensuring smooth, safe riding conditions throughout the season. Collaboration between snowmobile clubs, local businesses, and government agencies ensures well-funded, well-marked, and well-maintained trails. Being part of Maine's Interconnected Trail System (ITS), the county offers access to an extensive network that allows for long, uninterrupted rides.

The region's reliable snowfall provides consistently good trail conditions and extends the snowmobiling season. With well-developed infrastructure, including rest stops and access to fuel, food, and lodging, the trails are both practical and enjoyable. Those local snowmobile clubs also bring decades of expertise (and a warm spot for a cup of coffee), ensuring that the trails are planned, maintained, and adapted to deliver an unparalleled experience for riders. Check out our six can't miss snowmobiling destinations on the next page!

#### **Ghost Trains**

Located in the North Maine Woods off ITS 85, the abandoned locomotive cars once used for hauling lumber in the great Northern woods make for a fascinating destination for snowmobilers. In winter, this trail is only accessible via snowmobile and is a solid day trip. Begin your journey in Ashland and be sure to bring extra gas and food as there are no trailside services on this route.

#### **International View**

Frenchville, 81 B off ITS 85. Nestled in the St. John River Valley, the International View is a scenic lookout that faces over a huge vista of the river valley, open fields and forests - all the way into New Brunswick, Canadia.

#### **Loring Airforce Base**

Limestone, 100B off ITS 81. Loring AFB is one of the largest SAC bomber bases of the Cold War. The mostly abandoned Loring AFB and hangars are a history buff's dream, and what better way to explore the facility than by snowmobile?

#### Number 9 Mountain Tower

Bridgewater, 70A between ITS 81 and ITS 83. The County is primarily a rolling flat land with various high points. This is one of the few peaks in Aroostook County that is accessible by snowmobile - the views spill over a patchwork of forests and fields.

#### **Infinity View**

Littleton, ITS 86. Whether you're a seasoned rider or new to the sport, the Infinity View Trail is a great way to thrash through the massive expanse. The view has not been formally measured but is estimated you can see a straight line of ITS for about 1.5 miles.

#### **Border Trail**

Caswell, ITS 81. This well-marked and scenic trail takes riders directly along the US and Canadian border. Three foot tall granite markers dot the path. A passport and Canadian snowmobile permit is required to cross.





NORTHERN MAINE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS 2026-2027

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Maine residents can renew snowmobile registrations online, but new registrations must be done through a registration agent or the MDIFW office in Augusta. Nonresidents can register or renew online.

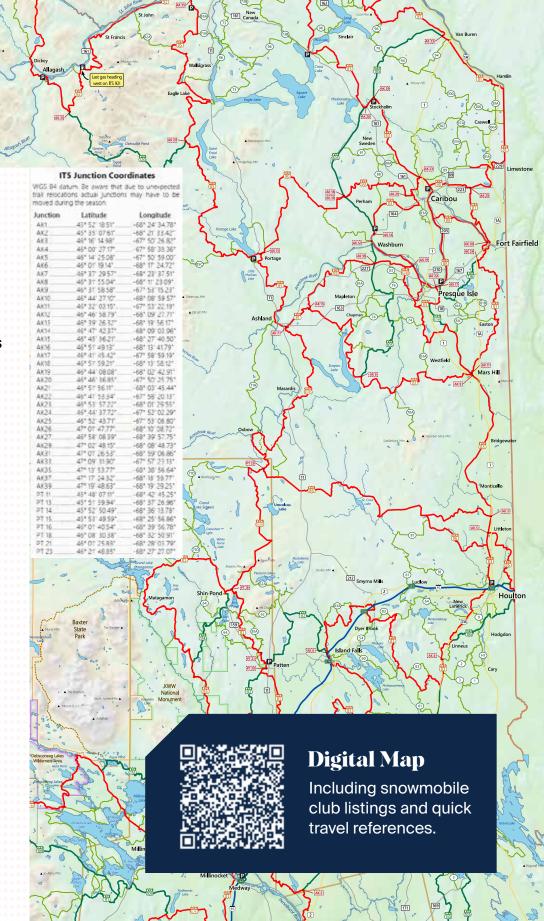
Registration fees:

Resident: \$56

Nonresident: 3-day: \$75 10-day: \$100 Full season: \$120

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation page to use immediately, with official registration and stickers arriving within 30 days. Registrations can also be obtained through licensing agents or by mail.

Register online at: www.maine.gov/ifw

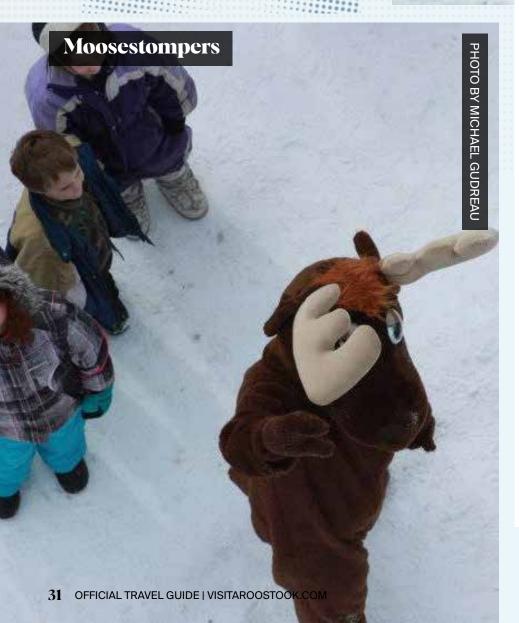


#### **Signature Events**

Aroostook County hosts the best winter events to celebrate the region's snowy landscape and bright community spirit.

Signature events include the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Race (Fort Kent), the SnowBowl (Caribou), Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby (St. Agatha), and Moosestompers Weekend (Houlton). These events offer a mix of races and sports, live music, cultural events, and traditional winter activities.





#### Ice Fishing Derbies

Ice fishing derbies are vibrant, communityfocused events, drawing anglers to compete on frozen lakes like Long Lake, Eagle Lake, and Square Lake. Participants vie for prizes by catching the largest or most fish, with categories often including trout, salmon, and perch. These derbies combine competition with festivities, featuring family-friendly activities such as barbecues and raffles, and often contribute to local conservation efforts through fundraising and promoting sustainable fishing practices.

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#### **SnowBowl**

The SnowBowl, hosted by Spud Speedway in Caribou and central Aroostook County, is a multi-day winter festival featuring Northeast SnoCross racing, a Rave-X stunt show with snowmobile tricks, and even a hill climb to the very top of Mars Hill Mountain, and snowmobile demos. The event also offers guided snowmobile rides through historic sites, complemented by epic food trucks, a beer garden, and rocking music, making it one of Maine's biggest winter sporting events!



#### **Winter Events**

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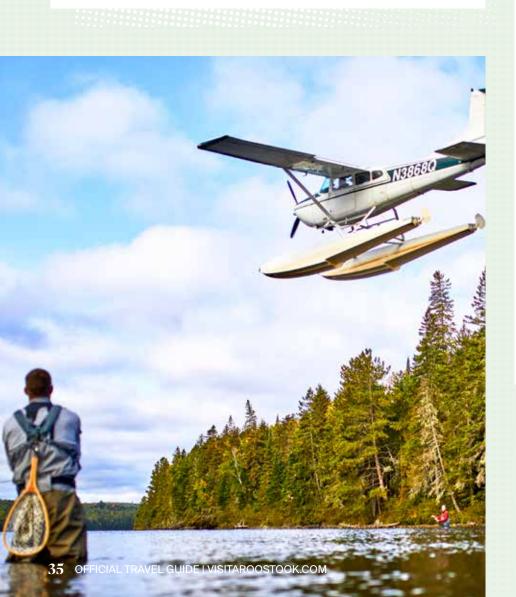
These events celebrate the region's culture, heritage, and natural beauty.



## **Experience Spring**

#### Hiking

Spring hiking in Aroostook County features trails that wind through awakening forests and past serene waterways. Aroostook State Park offers trails with views over Echo Lake, while the more secluded Deboullie Public Reserved Land provides rugged trails over talus slopes and deep cold water lakes. This is the season for enjoying the fresh, floral-scented air and observing wildlife as nature rejuvenates.



#### Fishing

Spring fishing thrives as waters warm and fish such as brook trout and arctic char become active.

Legendary sporting camps such as Libby, Red River, and Chandler Camps are where tall tales are made and feature guided fishing trips, waterfront accommodations, and expert advice, ensuring anglers find their wild Aroostook adventure.

#### **Events**

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Highwater season is springtime in Aroostook, this time of year is best known canoe races! The County's Fiddlehead Festival in Presque Isle celebrates the cherished fiddlehead through art, cook offs, and outdoor activities including a river race and 5K run. The Aroostook Sportsman's Show, also in Presque Isle, features exhibits on fishing, hunting, and conservation. These events not only highlight the county's cultural and natural assets but also bring the community and visitors together to enjoy the season.

Paddle faster, we'll see you at the waters edge for highwater season. Check out our canoe race schedule at the QR code below!



#### **Canoe Races**

Explore some of the upcoming races!

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Cycling in Maine's Aroostook County, is little known favorite of casual and serious cyclists. The area is known for its wide open landscapes, ranging from rolling agricultural fields to old growth conifer forests, providing a serene and inviting backdrop for bike rides. The relatively low traffic on rural roads coupled with challenging terrain in some areas makes Aroostook a favored destination for cycling enthusiasts.

One of the highlights of cycling in Aroostook County is the U.S. Bicycle Route 501 (USBR 501). This route is part of a developing national network of bicycle routes that connect urban and rural areas across the U.S. USBR 501 in Maine traverses through Aroostook County, offering cyclists a well-mapped and marked route. It passes through key communities and scenic areas, showcasing the natural beauty and cultural heritage of northern Maine. This route provides cyclists with a safe, scenic, and direct path across varied landscapes, making it ideal for longer rides and touring.

#### **USBR 501 Highlights**

#### Presque Isle

Park your car at Riverside Park (39 Chapman Road) to begin the 51 mile Potato Blossom Loop. This mostly flat ride along the Aroostook River tours the towns of Washburn, Caribou, Fort Fairfield before returning to Presque Isle.

#### **Fort Kent**

Start your 41 mile St. John Valley ride from Riveside Park (10 River Street) and pass over rolling hills on roads with 'Share the Road' signs to St. Agatha on Long Lake to Frenchville and the St. John River before returning to Fort Kent.



#### Houlton

Great parking is at Historic Market Square. Enjoy a fast 21 mile loop ride with just 700' of elevation gain as you ride through 100% paved backroad fields to Hodgdon and back through New Limerick.

#### Madawaska

Head to Madawaska, a center of Acadian culture and a place of neat historic museums/sites. Follow the St. John River south to Van Buren on US Bike Route 501, great signage makes this a flat fast ride. Those seeking gravel rides can access farm road trails or mountain biking terrain at the Four Seasons Trail Association.



#### Bike Routes

View all 38 mapped routes in the region.

# Golf Golf in Aroostook County, offers a tranquil and picturesque setting for golfers of all skill levels. The County's cool summer climate makes for ideal golfing conditions, where players can enjoy long, leisurely rounds under expansive skies. Additionally, the less crowded courses ensure a peaceful game without the rush.



**Caribou County Club** 

PHOTO BY PAUL CYR

**Portage Hills Country Club** 

Va Jo Wa Golf Course

Fort Kent Golf Club

Long Lake Country Club

**Limestone County Club** 

**Trackside Golf Course** 

#### **Mars Hill Country Club**

One of Northern Maine's best kept secrets is right in Mars Hill. The Mars Hill Country Club is located at the base of Mars Hill Mountain, one of the most picturesque areas of Northern Maine.

#### **Presque Isle Country Club**

A scenic and challenging 18hole golf course, providing a premier golfing experience surrounded by the natural beauty of northern Maine.

**Houlton Community Golf Course** 



Experience the vibrant tapestry of fall colors in Aroostook, where the crisp air and brilliant foliage of over 65 native tree species create a breathtaking backdrop for outdoor adventures.

#### **Painted Trails**

ATVing in Aroostook County during the fall is a particularly captivating experience, as riders traverse through landscapes painted with the hues of autumn. The region has an extensive network of ATV trails, making it a favorite among enthusiasts for its variety and scenic beauty. Some of the more popular trails and destinations include:

The Aroostook Valley Trail connects to several other major trails and offers a mixed scenery of forests, farmlands, and river views. It's perfect for experiencing the changing colors of the fall foliage.

The Bangor and Aroostook Trail is known for its historical significance. This trail follows the old railroad routes offering a journey through time with beautiful natural surroundings that become especially picturesque during autumn.

Deboullie Public Reserved Land is not exclusively for ATVs, but the area around Deboullie is accessible for riders and is renowned for its stunning natural features, including remote lakes and rugged terrain amidst the fall colors.

These trails are famous as being the best of the best. This trail network connects wild areas to colorful communities where riders enjoy hospitality and services tailored to ATV visitors. The cooler fall weather provides comfortable riding conditions, and the lesser crowds compared to summer make it an fun time to explore the great outdoors of northern Maine on an ATV.

#### **Foliage Tips**

For the best fall foliage experience, plan your visit for late September to mid-October. Early morning or late afternoon light enhances photography opportunities. Stay updated with local reports for peak colors and be flexible with plans to capture the most stunning scenes. Peak folliage starts in the northwest corner of Aroostook and works its way southeast daily. This means if you move with it, you can get peak foliage for 3-4 days! It's better to be early to view the leaves rather than late, so check with a local chamber for the most up-to-date foliage report.

#### **Aroostook State Park**

Near Presque Isle, this park offers vibrant fall views from Quaggy Jo Mountain.

#### **Haystack Mountain**

A short hike near Castle Hill leads to stunning panoramic views of the colorful autumn countryside.

#### **Scopan Public Reserved Land**

Near Ashland, this area features trails and Scopan Lake, where the fall foliage reflects beautifully on the water.

#### **Million Dollar View Scenic Byway**

Breathtaking panoramas of vibrant foliage, rolling hills, sparkling lakes, and Katahdin offering travelers an unforgettable autumn drive.







#### **Foliage Tracker**

These reports represent the official word on foliage conditions in Maine.



This route is ideal for a scenic drive, stretching from Fort Kent to Patten. It winds through classic northern Maine landscapes, offering expansive views of the colorful fall foliage.

PHOTO BY PAUL CYR

#### **Signature Events**

Come for family fun against a backdrop of stunning autumn colors. Enjoy Maine brews at The County's Oktoberfest in Caribou or the toe tapping Fall Festival music festival at BigRock Mountain.

The ultimate getaway? Pair a weekend festival with a hike up Hedgehog or Haystack Mountain. Then pick out pumpkins and molasses donuts from a roadside stand. The drive? It's beautiful.





Let's take you up, up, up and away over our patchwork of forests fields to the Aroostook Sky.

This festival draws thousands of visitors with its hot air balloon launches, tethered rides, and a stunning balloon glow at dusk. Along with the balloon activities, the event features three days of live music, artists, and food vendors. The festival is a beloved tradition, marking the transition from summer to fall with the colorful spectacle of balloons.



As the region celebrates the harvest season, it's the perfect time to shop locally. Farmers' markets overflow with fresh, real Maine produce, ideal for canning and preserving the flavors of autumn.

Downtown Presque Isle celebrates the arts on First Friday Art Night with gallery openings. The Caribou Craft Fair is a 50 year tradition, where talented artisans from across Maine and New England showcase handmade goods, from knitted items to unique woodwork.



Oktoberfest

#### **Fall Events**

These events celebrate the region's culture, heritage, and natural beauty.



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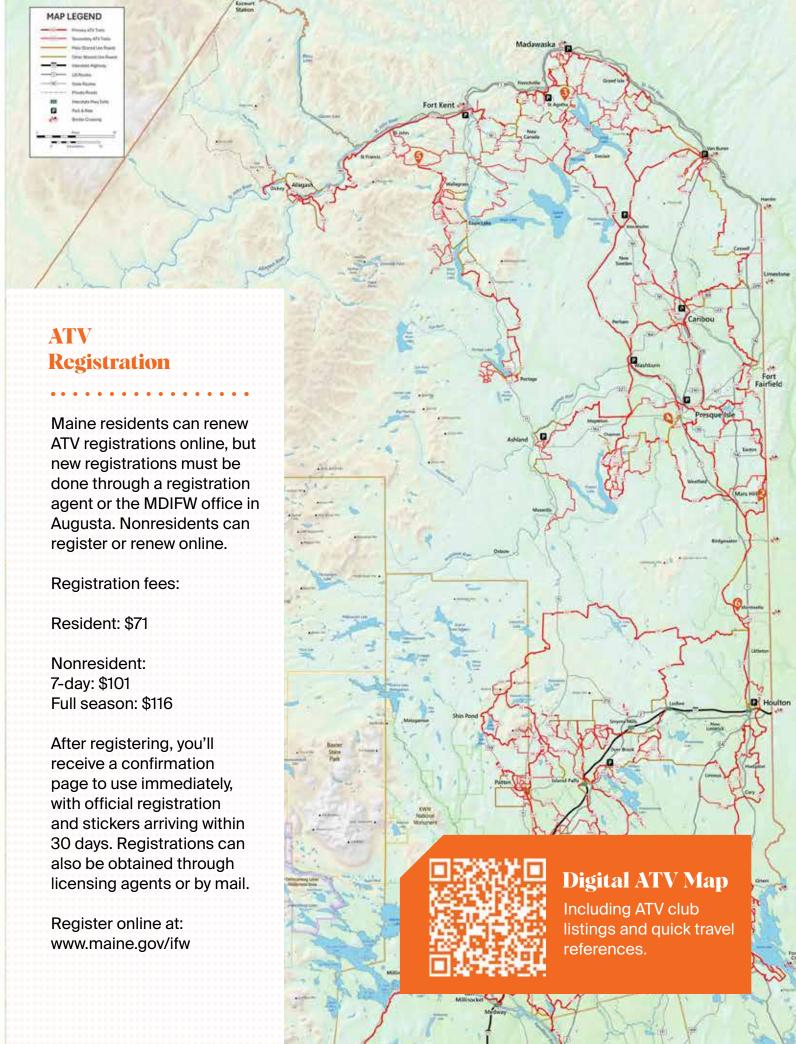












#### Farmers' Markets and Roadside Stands

In Aroostook County, the abundance of fresh produce, farmers' markets, and the culture of roadside stands paint a vivid picture of the region's deep agricultural roots.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER A MILLS



Aroostook is particularly famous for its high-quality potatoes, but the region is a leading producer of broccoli, grains, and sunflowers. During the growing season, these farms often set up roadside stands that become a common sight along The County's famous US Route 1.

Run by local farmers, many from multigenerational farming families, these stands often work on an honor system, reflecting the region's strong community spirit. Buying from these stands connects you directly with the people who grow the food, providing a personal touch and supporting the local economy.

#### **Presque Isle Farmers' Market**

One of the most well-known Saturday markets, this market operates at Riverside Pavilion.

#### **Houlton Community Market**

Located in Historic Market Square, this Saturday market is a hub for fresh fruits.

#### **Danforth Farmers' Market**

Located at the downtown pavilion this market meets every Friday in the summer.

#### Van Buren Farmers' Market

Open in summer at the Main Street pavilion every Saturday.

#### Madawaska Farmers' Market

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the summer months on Main Street in Madawaska.



#### Farms

Farms and agriculture in Aroostook.



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## It's Not Just Potatoes

These dishes represent the heart of Aroostook County and Acadian culinary traditions, offering a taste of the region's rich cultural heritage. Despite the title, a lot of these do include potatoes... Up for a culinary scavenger hunt? See how many of these you can check off on your visit!





## **Ployes**

#### Ingredients

1 cup buckwheat flour 1 cup all-purpose flour • 1 Tbsp baking powder • ½ tsp salt • 2 cups warm water

#### **Directions**

1. Mix flours, baking powder, and salt 2. Slowly whisk in warm water until you get a thin, pourable batter 3. Heat a lightly greased skillet 4. Pour a 1/4 cup of batter on skillet. Cook on one side until bubbles form and top is dry (never flip) 5. Serve warm with butter or cretons.





### Fricot

This hearty dish combines a flavorful chicken stew with vegetables, that we always serve alongside ployes. It's a comforting meal often enjoyed during the colder months. The secret incredient?

Summer savory, thyme, and of course onions.

## Tourtière

A savory meat pie made with a mixture of ground pork, beef, or wild game, tourtière is a classic Acadian dish, often served during the holidays but enjoyed year-round.



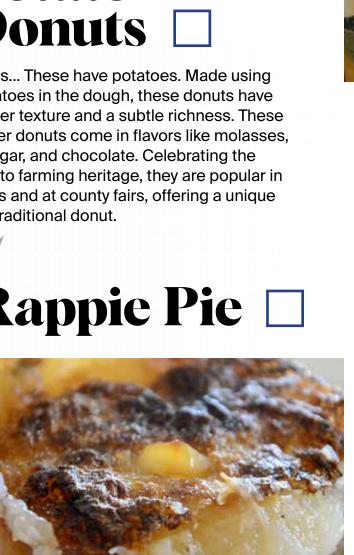


#### Potato Donuts

Ok, you got us... These have potatoes. Made using mashed potatoes in the dough, these donuts have a moist, tender texture and a subtle richness. These slightly denser donuts come in flavors like molasses, cinnamon sugar, and chocolate. Celebrating the region's potato farming heritage, they are popular in local bakeries and at county fairs, offering a unique twist on the traditional donut.

## Rappie Pie 🗆

While more common in the Acadian regions of Nova Scotia, rappie pie has found its way into Aroostook cuisine. It's a grated potato casserole typically mixed with meat or seafood, and baked to golden perfection often for more than 2 hours at 375°F... A long time.





## Poutine Râpée

Sometimes called **Acadian Potato Dumplings: Ingredients** 5 lbs potatoes (half grated, half boiled & mashed) • 1 lb salt pork or pork shoulder, diced • Salt & pepper

1. Boil half the potatoes, mash well. 2. Grate the raw half, squeeze out liquid. Mix raw and mashed together, season with salt 3. Shape into balls, pushing pork into the center. Seal. 4. Drop into simmering salt water and cook for 2 hours until dumplings are firm. 5. Serve hot with salt, pepper, or molasses.

## **Molasses Cookies**

Reflecting the region's love for molasses, these cookies are a sweet treat often found in Acadian households. They're soft, spiced, and full of rich molasses flavor, perfect for dessert or with a cup of tea.

Experieced cooks know to roll their dough and refrigerate overnight before slicing and baking. Never skimp on the ginger, clove, nutmeg, or cinnanmon.



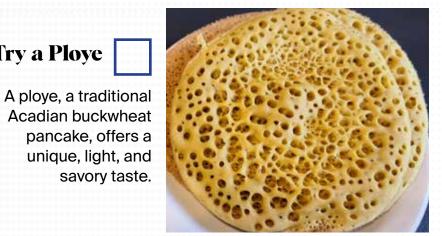
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#### **Have Poutine** for Lunch

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# Loring Air Force Base

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Explore the fascinating remnants of Loring Air Force Base, a pivotal site in Cold War history, nestled in the northernmost reaches of Maine. Once one of the largest and most critical Strategic Air Command bases, Loring played a key role in national defense. Today, the base stands as a testament to this era. offering visitors a unique opportunity to delve into military history.

The base's most iconic structure, the Arch Hangar, is one of the largest arched-roof hangars in the world. Built to house B-52 bombers and their support equipment, this massive building is a marvel of military engineering, reflecting the scale and importance of Loring during its operational years.





Visitors can explore the vast interior, where the echoes of its bustling past still linger.

Loring also features an extensive network of underground bunkers and storage facilities, once used to house nuclear weapons. These bunkers, hidden beneath the earth, provide a chilling reminder of the Cold War's tensions and the base's strategic importance. Touring these areas offers a rare glimpse into the secretive world of Cold War military operations.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, military buff, or simply curious about this unique piece of American heritage, Loring Air Force Base offers an unforgettable journey into the past.

Its preserved structures and haunting atmosphere make it a compelling destination for anyone interested in exploring a crucial chapter of the 20th century.

**Loring Air Museum** 131 Cupp Rd, Limestone, ME loringairmuseum.com





Aroostook County is the largest county east of the Mississippi River, and is defined by its rich history and cultural heritage.

The people of the dawnland are the wabanaki tribes who first called Aroostook home and saw the first European settlements in the early 19th century. These settlers arrived with significant influence from French Canadians. The state of Maine got its unique shape from the bloodless Aroostook War, a border dispute with British Canada, resolved peacefully in 1842.

Aroostook became a major agricultural hub through potato farming and logging. Over time, economic shifts led to diversification of goods

and services, but agriculture remains the cornerstone to the region and the pride of residents.

The County retains a strong cultural identity, influenced by its Native American, Acadian, Swedish, and Irish roots. Culture lives here through music, celebrations, and the living history at the Acadian Village on the banks of the St. John River.

#### The Van Buren Acadian Village

Open daily June through September

859 Main Steet, Van Buren 207-868-5042 acadianvillagemaine.org







#### **Midsommar Festival**

The Midsommer Festival in New Sweden, Maine, is a vibrant annual celebration of Swedish heritage held in late June. Rooted in the traditions of the town's 19th-century Swedish settlers, the festival features traditional music, folk dancing, and the raising of a floweradorned maypole, symbolizing the joy of summer. Attendees can enjoy Swedish cuisine, including pickled herring and meatballs, while embracing the town's cultural roots in a joyous, community gathering.

#### **Maine Potato Blossom Festival**

The Maine Potato Blossom Festival. held annually in Fort Fairfield in mid-July, celebrates Aroostook County's agricultural heritage as a top potatogrowing region. The weeklong event features a grand parade, potato-picking contest, agricultural exhibits, live music, and the crowning of the Potato Blossom Queen, all ending with a fireworks display over the Aroostook River.

#### **Additional Cultural Events**

Metaksonekiyak Community Day

September: Littleton, Maine

**Mawiomi of Tribes** 

August: Caribou, Maine

**Madawaska Acadian Festival** 

August: Madawaska, Maine

Victorian Christmas at the Estev

December: Presque Isle, Maine

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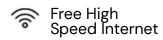
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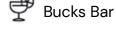
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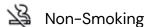
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