

TOP OF NEW ENGLAND

The St. John Valley/Fish River National Scenic Byway is Maine's newest National Scenic Byway and combines the State's first scenic byway (Fish River) and first cultural byway (St. John Valley) located in the Fish and St. John River valleys of Aroostook County.

Travelers enjoy a captivating cultural journey through nationally important natural resources and historic sites in a pastoral river valley recognized by vibrant downtowns, fertile fields, and old growth conifer forests. In northern Maine, the traveler is welcomed with kindness and a gentle pace of life. Visitors will come to know *chez nous* (our home) – a genuine place of simple living and rich culture shaped over centuries amid the nation's last frontier of undivided forestland.

From May to October, the region celebrates grand festivals while the doors of museums and historic sites open to reveal the customs and traditions of the Franco-American, Acadian, Scot-Irish, and Native American cultures. The byway experience is enriched by stops and visits to these places. Most sites, such as the Acadian Archives, Le Centre Français, and Musée culturel du Mont-Carmel, are accessible year-round, while the Tante Blanche, Allagash Chainsaw Museum, St. Agatha Historical Museum, and Acadian Village are open daily during summer.

Year-round, visitors hear French spoken, see Acadian flags and towering cathedrals, eat traditional chicken stew and ploys, and experience a landscape crisscrossed by hiking and recreational trails. By mid-September, visitors are treated to Maine's first colors of grand foliage while November ushers in New England's first snowfall. The winter season boasts outstanding Alpine and Nordic ski experiences that invite visitors closer to the vast and varied landscape of Maine's Aroostook County.

À bientôt (see you soon) - for your Aroostook adventure!

