

OLD CANADA ROAD

SCENIC BYWAY (ROUTE 201)

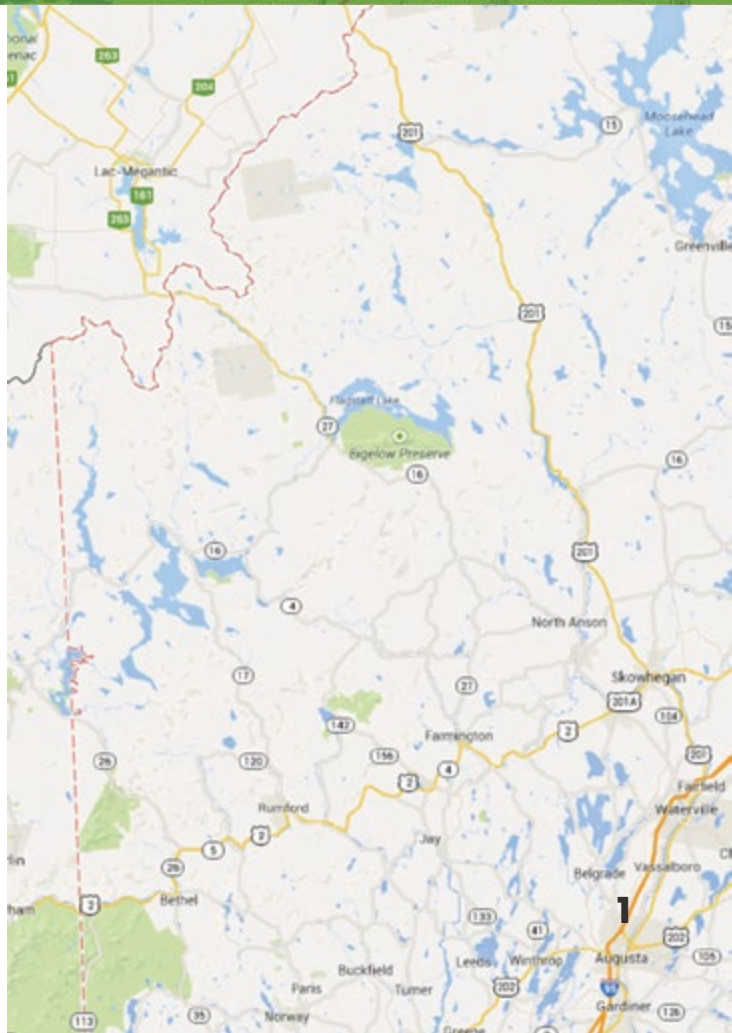
78
MILES

3
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HISTORY ON THE RIVER

A scenic corridor great for outdoor enthusiasts, with 78 winding miles through the Kennebec Valley. Old Canada Road is also a National Scenic Byway, one of only 125 routes in the country to garner that distinction. It follows the old river trading routes of the Abenaki tribe. Benedict Arnold led troops through these interconnected waterways to an attack of Quebec during the Revolutionary War. Quaint villages recall the boom days of the 19th and early 20th century lumber barons. Today, the area continues to be a center of the lumber industry and Route 201 remains an important trade route linking Canada and the U.S.



SOME OF THE “MUST-SEE” SPOTS INCLUDE:

DINING. All along the route there are numerous eateries and distinctive diners with everything from pizza to whoopie pies.

MAINE BEER TRAIL. Breweries along the route that are part of the trail: Kennebec River Pub & Brewery (The Forks), Oak Pond Brewing Co. (Skowhegan), Bigelow Brewing Company (Skowhegan).

LODGING. An excellent area for camping with options that are as rustic or as comfy as you want to be.

SKOWHEGAN TO SOLON. Don't miss the new viewing area at Robbins Hill, with unsurpassed views of the valley.

- **Maine Apple Sunday.** Several orchards located on or near the Old Canada route participate in this September festival.
- **Maine Grains.** Sells locally grown and sourced whole grain flours, available for purchase at their headquarters, Skowhegan's Somerset Grist Mill, and in natural food stores and co-ops throughout New England.
- **Lakewood Theater.** The official State Theater of Maine and one of the oldest continuous operating summer theaters in the U.S., now in its 114th season. Located amidst stately pines and white birch on the western shore of Wesserunsett Lake in Madison. Performances from late-May through mid-September.
- **Lindbergh Crate Museum.** A collection of Charles Lindbergh memorabilia, stored in the very crate used to pack the Spirit of St. Louis. Off the beaten path in Canaan, open by appointment only with founder Larry Ross.
- **World's Tallest Indian.** In the process of being restored, the engraved wooden sign at the statue's base reads: "Dedicated to the Maine Indians, the first people to use these lands in peaceful ways. Copyright 1969, Skowhegan Hospitality Association."
- **The South Solon Meeting House.** A church built in 1842, with classic revival features, original pews, choir loft and pulpit remain in place. Ceilings and walls are decorated with fresco artwork painted in the 1950s by The Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

BINGHAM TO JACKMAN. Starting in Bingham, this leg winds through Moscow and Wyman Lake and features awesome overlooks and historical sites. Continue traveling north to Caratunk and The Forks, then to the Attean Overlook and Jackman, at the Canadian border.

- **Benedict Arnold/Bingham Trail.** The Bingham Trail is a 14.6-mile hiking/biking trail that traces the river and Indian path taken by Arnold, as well as a former narrow-gauge logging railroad.
- **Moxie Falls.** It's an easy mile-long walk to the beautiful 92-foot Moxie Falls, Maine's highest.
- **Whitewater rafting.** Over 60,000 people a year ride the rapids of The Forks, where the Dead and Kennebec Rivers meet. The Dead River provides the longest stretch of continuous whitewater in the East, 16 miles. A 12-mile Kennebec River trip that begins on Indian Pond and roars through the Upper Kennebec Gorge, through a magnificent evergreen gorge. The lower section of the Kennebec is popular with those who prefer a milder trip.
- **Appalachian Trail.** Runs through Caratunk close to The Forks. Maine's 281 miles of the Trail pose a challenge for even experienced hikers.
- **Canoeing Moose River Bow.** A 34-mile route through remote wilderness starting at Attean Pond near Jackman.
- **Hunting & Fishing.** The hunting and fishing culture permeates Jackman, where black bear, moose, deer, ducks and birds thrive. Sportsmen come from all over to the Jackman region, which is surrounded by thousands of acres of commercial timberland. With a few exceptions, it is open to hunting free of charge. And if you happen to be traveling through in October, the annual moose calling contest is a must-see.



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