

## Somerset County ... Maine's Best Kept Secret

Maine. Lobsters. Lighthouses. Oh did we mention the lobsters? That's it. That used to be the thinking when it came to tourists in the state of Maine. The visitors knew we had lobsters, knew we had lighthouses, and that's about all we told them. Well, that thinking has changed-- not that we don't still appreciate the grandeur of the coastal lighthouses, or the succulent one-of-a-kind taste of a fresh Maine lobster-- but we realize that our great state has so much more to offer. That is why we developed this guide, displaying the heart of inland Maine, and the state's best kept secret, The Kennebec & Moose River Valleys Region.

Actually, to call this region, much of which happens to be within Somerset County, a secret isn't entirely fair. We actually have two of the most beautiful highways in the state running through our region, which brings in visitors from points east, west and south, and of course our Canadian friends from the north. However, many tourists are just beginning to realize the beauty and splendor of our area which makes it a four-season destination. From our roots as a land settled by Native American tribes and later by colonial settlers, up through the saw mills and logs that rolled down our rivers, to the whitewater that gets rafted on, our area has a vivid history. There are many landmarks of the history scattered throughout our region, along with a bevy of recreational and cultural attractions just awaiting your discovery.

In this guide you will find descriptions of many of those places and activities that you need to see in Somerset County, along with the beautiful vistas and natural wonders of this land. In the box below are the contact numbers for those that made this guide possible, and they will answer any questions you may have concerning this guide and it's contents. So welcome to the Kennebec & Moose River Valleys region and have fun exploring this wonderful place.

## The Chambers of Commerce of Somerset County

**Jackman/Moose River Region Chamber of Commerce**  
PO Box 368 Jackman, ME 04945  
(888) 633-5225 [www.jackmaine.org](http://www.jackmaine.org)  
**Towns Covered:** Jackman, Moose River, Dennistown Plantation, Long Pond & Indian Pond Township

**The Forks Area Chamber of Commerce**  
PO Box 1 West Forks, ME 04985  
(207) 663-2121 [www.forksarea.com](http://www.forksarea.com)  
**Towns Covered:** The Forks, West Forks, Caratunk, Bingham, Moscow & Moxie Gore Township.

**Upper Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 491 Bingham, ME 04920  
(207) 672-4100 [www.upperkennebecvalley.com](http://www.upperkennebecvalley.com)  
**Towns Covered:** Bingham, Caratunk, Moscow, Pleasant Ridge, Solon & The Forks

**Norridgewock Area Chamber of Commerce**  
PO Box 184 Norridgewock, ME 04957  
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**Towns Covered:** Norridgewock, Mercer & Smithfield

**Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce**  
23 Commercial St. Skowhegan, ME 04976  
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(207) 443-2527

**Wagner Forest Management**  
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(603) 795-2002

**GMO Renewable Resources LLC**  
40 Rows Hartford, MA 02110  
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**Maine Bureau of Parks and Land**  
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**Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**  
41 State House Station, 284 State St., Augusta, ME 04333  
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**Frontier Forest- Landvest**  
P.O. Box 159, Jackman, ME 04945  
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**Mosquito LLC - Landvest**  
P.O. Box 159, Jackman, ME 04945  
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207-435-0213

## Landowner Disclaimer

Somerset County is fortunate to have large tracts of private land that contains a variety of resources that are available for the use and enjoyment of visitors to the county. Please remember that this is private land and is managed primarily for growing forest products. Since land access policies are changeable over time, please contact the landowner or land manager for answers to questions about land use policies.

## Historical Figures in Somerset County

The people of Somerset County are, as one-of-a-kind as the land they inhabit. Like most areas, Somerset County, has several family names which are very common, having been tied to this region for generations. However, recently there has been an influx of people who have discovered that this area is a great place to retire and a great place to raise a young family, which has spurred growth in both the older and young adult populations. The most famous resident was undoubtedly Skowhegan's own pioneering Senator Margaret Chase Smith who was highly regarded for her community spirit and inspirational leadership. There is a museum in Skowhegan that commemorates her accomplishments.

Another key figure of historical note, is Benedict Arnold whom Mark Hede followed the Kennebec River which is the thread that ties our communities together. There are several historical happenings along the river where Arnold's troops came ashore. Additionally, we have had governors and legislators who have been very influential in the realm of state politics from our region and we've even been briefly inhabited by Hollywood's elite with the filming of HBO's miniseries Empire Falls in 2006.

*Pictured Above: Native of Skowhegan, Senator Margaret Chase Smith and Massachusetts colonial military man Benedict Arnold both have left lasting impressions throughout the Kennebec Valley & Moose River Valleys Region that can still be seen today.*

## March of Benedict Arnold

When talking about Benedict Arnold's march through our area towards Quebec, mostly the story is told about the hardships and his defeat in Quebec City. Rarely is the story told about the logistics of the expedition.

The plan to invade Quebec was put together in less than three months after the Battle of Bunker Hill. The plans were made and Arnold was placed in charge by George Washington. The Old Indian trail from Quebec Province was chosen as the route to Quebec City with backup support coming through New York and down the St. Lawrence River.

One of the biggest challenges was how to transport all the needed supplies up the Kennebec River. The use of canoes was discussed but were thought to be too fragile to carry all the materials needed. The use of bateaus was decided upon and 200 were ordered from Reuben Colborne of Gardinerstown, Maine. Due to the late notice of the order, not enough dry lumber was available and many of the bateau were built out of green lumber, which caused many problems. The green lumber made the boats heavier and more susceptible to leaks. The water in the leaking boats caused barrels of salt pork and flour to break open and much of the food and items were lost. Without the necessary supplies, many of the men deserted the cause. These problems were critical in the decision of one of the divisions of Arnold's Army to abandon the expedition and return to Massachusetts. Thus, Benedict Arnold lost one quarter of his men before ever making it through the Kennebec Valley. There are still several places throughout our county that mark where Arnold's troops came ashore along the Kennebec. Below is a sample of the tablets marking his route. Contact local Chambers of Commerce for locations in their regions.

THIS TABLET MARKS THE PLACE WHERE COLONEL BENEDICT ARNOLD WITH HIS SOLDIERS LEFT THE KENNEBECK RIVER OCTOBER 1775 AND MARCHED FROM THE WEST SHORE IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION TO DEAD RIVER ON THEIR WAY TO QUEBEC

PLACED BY THE KENNEBECK CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1918

## Snowmobiling & Skiing in Somerset County

Somerset County is Maine's central hub for winter recreation. From Skowhegan north to Jackman, or Greenville west to Fairfax, enthusiasts can travel hundreds of miles of well groomed and maintained trails. Local clubs of dedicated volunteers take great pride in their tremendous efforts to provide the best that Maine has to offer for snowmobile riders. Well marked trails lead to exciting riding, spectacular scenery and wildlife sightings. Somerset County is home to the highest elevated, groomed trail in Maine--to the top of Caburn Mountain at 3750 feet in The Forks area.

Ride ITS 84, 86, 87, 88 and 89 through widely varying terrain and visit sites like Grand and Moxie Falls. ITS 87 along Moxie Lake and ITS 86 along the Dead River are two of the most scenic trail sections in Maine, and the entire area is known for it's great riding opportunities. In the Jackman area, known as the Switzerland of Maine, some of the highest snowfall levels in the east are recorded.

Sleds may be registered online through the State of Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at [www.maine.gov/ifw/](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/) or through a local agent. A list of local agents and clubs is posted on the same site. Riders are always encouraged to join local clubs in support of the trails, as well as the Maine Snowmobile Association, where updated trail and weather conditions are always available at [www.mesnow.com](http://www.mesnow.com).

In terms of skiing, besides being in an ideal proximity to travel to any number of ski resorts, Somerset County also contains several smaller mountains for the daily skier as well.

*Our local riders enjoy the well groomed trails*

Pinnacle Ski Slope, located along the Pinnacle Ridge, provides skiing opportunities for the region. It has a ski lodge, children's ski lessons, skating rink and great family fun all in one beautiful setting. On Rt. 2 between Cannan and Skowhegan you will find Eaton Mountain, a multi-faceted facility with skiing and tubing that also is home to local high school ski teams. Baker Mountain, located in Moscow, was first used in 1930 thanks to the 1700 foot ski tow built in the mid 1930's by Allen & Langdon Quincy. In 1969 the Baker-Mtn. Ski Tow Club replaced the ski rope tow with a 2200 ft. T-bar. In 2004 the club added lifts to the area, making skiing several nights a week possible.

Contact local chambers for specific skiing, snow mobiling & lodging opportunities.

## Annual Events in Somerset County

**Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan**  
Beginning in the first few weeks of August and running for ten days, the Skowhegan State Fair is the longest consecutive running agricultural fair in the United States having just finished their 190th consecutive year.

**Central Maine Egg Festival, Pittsfield**  
Traditionally held in the fourth week of July, the Egg Festival is a celebration of the brown egg industry and is held in Manson Park. In the multi-day event there are a myriad of activities including cook-offs, a scholarship pageant and a street dance.

**Everything that Flies Fly-In, Norridgewock**  
Hosted at the Central Maine Regional Airport, this event draws very unique flyers from around the country and is held in the first weekend of August.

**Gadabout Gaddis Fly-in, Bingham**  
Held in September, this fly-in highlights the fall foliage that inspired the "Flying Fisherman," the event's namesake.

**Sans Frontier Festival, Jackman**  
A "festivals without borders" has been a tradition in Jackman, in northern Somerset County, for years. The event is hosted alternately in Jackman, Maine one year and in St. Therophile, Quebec the next year. The event includes dance events, crafters, entertainment and so much more, and is held traditionally in the first weekend in July.

**The Chocolate Fest, Fairfield**  
Held at the Fairfield Community Center, the Chocolate Fest is a full day of fun for the whole family held on the Saturday before Valentine's Day. The event features local crafters, events for children, various entertainers, and of course, CHOCOLATE! This one-day only event is sure to please and everyone leaves smiling.

**Other Events:**  
Above are just a brief sampling of some of our more well-known events, but there are so many more that happen on a weekly and monthly basis. It is best to contact the local Chambers to find out what is happening. Some examples of activities are large craft fairs, motorcycle events, horse shows, fishing derbies and musical and theatrical concerts. Additionally, there are many outdoor activities including special whitewater high release days, fundraisers and races for canoeing, kayaking, biking, and running to name a few. We find doing so many events not only brings people to our area but also helps build community spirit.

## Somerset County ATV Trails

Somerset County is on the move with ATVs. The trail system that is being developed in Somerset County is second to none and there are currently sixteen ATV Clubs in Somerset County registered with the Maine Department of Conservation. ATVs are not new to Maine, but as an organized sport that has an active network of volunteers and clubs, landowners are recognizing that most ATV owners want to do things right therefore have been more open to giving access. These clubs are constantly working with landowners large and small to develop more trails. Trail systems are well marked and give riders the opportunity to experience all types of terrain and provide access to areas that would not otherwise be accessible. Right now, riders can leave North Anson and travel all the way to the Canadian border and in northern Somerset County many snowmobilers will be happy to know that many of the same trails are available for ATV riding throughout the area.

Ride the back country and see nature at its best, and don't forget to say thanks to the local clubs and the landowners that make this all possible. The law requires that ATV's operate only on approved and marked ATV trails. Since trails may change over time for current trail information, riding laws, information on registering an ATV in Maine, and trail maps and listings of local clubs please visit [www.atvmaine.org](http://www.atvmaine.org).

*Annual Visitor's to the Pittsfield Egg Festival*

*ATV Riding is a favorite activity throughout Somerset County*

**Historic Places**  
The Skowhegan Indian, Skowhegan  
Built by Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture Alum Bernard Langlais, the Skowhegan Indian was erected in 1969. The sculpture, which has the distinction as the town's largest wooden Indian statue, is over 69 feet tall and is on a 20-foot cement base. It is located overlooking the Skowhegan downtown district and is featured as a logo on town and Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce letterhead and is also the high school teams' name. The sculpture was dedicated on June 21, 1969 in honor of Maine Indians who were the first people to use the land in a peaceful way. The dedication coincided with Maine's 150th anniversary of being a state.

**Pittsfield Community Theatre, Pittsfield**  
Located in downtown Pittsfield, this is Maine's only municipally run theater. Enjoy first-run movies while taking a walk down memory lane in this historic theater dating back to 1915.

**Pitston Farm, Pitston**  
Great Northern Paper Company purchased the entire township of Pitston Academy Grant, including Pitston Farm, in 1906. They began building what is now the present farm 500 yards west of the old log buildings. Work on the new farm began in 1908 and had been completed by 1914, and included two, two-and-one-half story houses to accommodate employees and guests of the company. There were also three barns to hold 124 horses, a first-proof vegetable house, a cannery, a slaughterhouse, an office, a water tower, a blacksmith shop, a boathouse, a powerhouse, a carriage house and a company storehouse. Pitston Farm remained a center of activity, excluding 1957 and 1958 when it was closed for a year due to an oversupply of pulpwood, until 1971, when the end of the log drives marked the end of its usefulness. From 1973 to 1991, Great Northern Paper Company allowed the Boy Scouts of America to use Pitston Farm for the summer months as the Seaboomook base of their North Woods Adventure program. Pitston Farm is now a privately operated business that provides four seasons of activities, lodging and dining in a northern forest environment.

**Founder's Hall in Pittsfield, located on the campus of Maine Central Institute was built in 1869. It served as the primary campus building until 1958 and is still a local landmark today**

**Lakewood Theater, Madison**  
On the shore of Lake Wesserunus, Lakewood Theater is the oldest summer theater in the United States having shows performed there since 1901. This jewel of performing arts has had many of Hollywood's biggest stars perform there especially during the 20's, 30's & 40's when Lakewood was a regular stop on summer stock tours.

**LC Bates Museum/Quincy Building, Hinckley**  
Located on the campus at Good Will-Hinckley, this treasured spot is a regular stop for museum buffs. The museum is housed within the building known as the Quincy Building, which is one of the oldest buildings in the area and on the National Historic Register. With exhibits ranging from the plant and animal life around the state, to special exhibits that have even included archeological and rare antique finds, the LC Bates Museum is full of treasures.

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**Healthy Walks in Somerset County**

Name	Town	Distance
Kelly Mountain	Bingham	Approx. 3.5 Miles
Mill Island Park*	Fairfield	Less than .5 Mile
Fairfield D/Town Loop*	Fairfield	Approx. .75 Mile
Fairfield Center	Fairfield	Approx. 1 Mile
Western Avenue Loop*	Fairfield	Approx. 1 Mile
Good Will-Hinckley	Hinckley	Approx. 25 Miles
Walking & Xtn. Biking		
Madison X-County Trail	Madison	Approx. 3 Miles
Ashley Wing Mem. Park	Norridgewock	Approx. .75 Mile
Osooda Park Trail*	Norridgewock	Approx. .7 Miles
Shawmut Loop*	Shawmut	Approx. 1 Mile
Yankee Woodlot Trails	Skowhegan	Approx. 2.5 Miles
Heselon Street Trail	Skowhegan	Approx. 1.5 Mile
Caburn Park Trail*	Skowhegan	Approx. 1 Mile
Debe Park	Skowhegan	Approx. .7 Mile
Philbrick Trail	Skowhegan	Approx. 2 Miles
Archie O. Dostie Track*	Skowhegan	Approx. 2 Miles
Red Rose Tour*	Skowhegan	Approx. 3 Miles
Fisher Trail	Skowhegan	Less Than .5 Mile

\* Designates Trails are Handicap Accessible

**Healthy Maine Walks**  
Healthy Maine Walks is sponsored by a coalition of trail and health agencies and organizations working together to build a healthier Maine. We have joined forces to promote healthier lifestyles by making it easier for Mainers to find and use walking routes in communities all across the state. For more information about this list of Healthy Maine Walks please go to [www.healthymainewalks.org](http://www.healthymainewalks.org).

**Hiking Trails in Somerset County**

**Od's Head Trail**  
Maine Falls, Moxie Gore Township  
Maine Falls is Maine's highest waterfall with a 92 foot vertical drop and falls into a great pool, leading to smaller falls, plunge pools, and then continues downstream to meet the Kennebec River. A well maintained trail meanders through a beautiful area with mixed hardwoods and eventually to stairways and boardwalks to viewing platforms above the falls. Head north on Rt 201 from Skowhegan approximately 50 miles to The Forks, then right onto the Lake Moxie Road just before the Kennebec Bridge. Continue two miles and watch for a brown sign indicating Moxie Falls Scenic Area on the left. Trailhead begins at the parking area.

**Mexie Bald Mountain Trail--Part of the Appalachian Trail Moxie Gore TWP, ME**  
Length of hike: 9.6 miles, round trip from trailhead.  
Difficulty: Strenuous

This is a beautiful trail with ledges, moss and spruce covered hillsides. Summit elevation is 2630 feet. Wonderful views of Bigelow, Katahdin, Sugarloaf and Abraham mountain ranges. Take Rt. 201 north from exit 133 of the Maine Turnpike to The Forks, take a right onto Lake Moxie Road, just before the Kennebec bridge. At Lake Moxie Station, turn right onto the Troutdale Road and proceed approximately 8 miles to an AT marker. There is parking on the right. Trail is one mile to the left side of the road and crosses a brook. It is a good hike to Joe's Hole Lean-to.

**Pleasant Pond Mountain--Part of the Appalachian Trail Caratunk, ME**  
Length of Hike: 1.2 Miles from AT Lean-To  
Elevation: 2477 Difficulty: Moderate

Pleasant Pond Mountain has an open ledge peak, scattered with small trees and a 360 degree view. The trail is steep in places but it's worth it for the views of Pleasant Pond below. To get there take Route 201 north from Skowhegan to Caratunk. Turn left at the Maine Forest Service Station into Caratunk Village. At 3/10ths miles, turn left across from the Post Office and head towards Pleasant Pond, at approx. 3.7 miles. Road forks-keep left-travel approx 6/10ths of a mile. Pavement ends and the road narrows. At 8/10ths of a mile, take the small dirt road to the right on fire lane #13. At 5/10ths of a mile you will be at the Lean-To. Find parking off road.

**Houston Brook Falls, Pleasant Ridge**  
This is a beautiful cascading falls hidden in Pleasant Ridge. The falls are well marked and rugged, with a few good swimming spots. The brook terminates at Wyman Lake, home of Wyman Dam in Moscow. The lake is visible from the falls and is a very scenic area.

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**Moxie Falls is one of the area's natural treasures and well worth the trip to see it's massive 92-foot drop. This is just one of the many natural secrets to be found in this region of Maine.**

Many other trails are available so feel free contact the local Chambers for details on all the trails in their areas including the Rail Trail of Bingham and other famous area hikes.

## Farmers Markets

**Fairfield Farmers' Market, Fairfield**  
Open from mid-June to late October, the Fairfield Farmers' Market is located at the Nazarene Church parking lot at 81 Main Street. In season they carry a variety of fresh vegetables such as sweet corn, berries and fresh & dried flowers and other items such as honey, knitted goods and soups.

**Palmyra Farmers' Market, Palmyra**  
Located on Main Street, this market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and carries a wide variety of local products.

**Pittsfield Farmers' Market, Pittsfield**  
This market is run by their own association and can be contacted at [www.pittsfieldfarmersmarket.org](http://www.pittsfieldfarmersmarket.org). Open May Day to Halloween on Mondays & Thursdays from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. They carry a complete line of in-season local produce, baked goods and crafts. The market is located at the corner of Hawthorn Park at Park and Forest Streets in Pittsfield, across from the Church of the Nazarene.

**Skowhegan Farmers' Market, Skowhegan**  
The Skowhegan Farmers' Market is open from mid-May to late October on Saturdays from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., rain or shine. Located on the corner of Pleasant Street and Route 201, the market has weekly entertainment by musicians and other performers. Not only does the market carry a wide variety of products and organic items, but they also have a winter's farmers' market, which is held with adjusted times in the off-season downturn.

In case of a change in information, contact the local chambers to verify information.

## Historic Places

**The Wire Bridge, North New Portland**  
As simplistic as the name might suggest, this wire suspension bridge is anything but in it's design. Being completed in 1866, the Wire Bridge of North New Portland, is the only surviving of the four similar bridges of it's type built around Maine in that era. In 1959 legislation was passed to preserve the bridge and thus the bridge was able to be renovated with some more recent upgrades to ensure it will be a landmark of the State for years to come. The bridge spans 198 feet between it's massive towers and draws thousands of tourists annually.

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**South Solon Meeting House, Solon**  
Listed on the historical register since 1981 due in part to it having maintained the original steeple, choir loft and many other portions of this Greek Revival building that was built in 1842, has true treasures that adorn the walls. In the 1950's students from the heralded Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, created multiple fresco murals on the walls of this simple meeting house, that has made it a local attraction for tourists and a point of pride for the art community throughout our region. The building is still utilized today for concerts, weddings and more.

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As simplistic as the name might suggest, this wire suspension bridge is anything but in it's design. Being completed in 1866, the Wire Bridge of North New Portland, is the only surviving of the four similar bridges of it's type built around Maine in that era. In 1959 legislation was passed to preserve the bridge and thus the bridge was able to be renovated with some more recent upgrades to ensure it will be a landmark of the State for years to come. The bridge spans 198 feet between it's massive towers and draws thousands of tourists annually.

**Fairfield Center Methodist Church, Fairfield Center**  
The oldest and first Methodist Church in state of Maine, the Fairfield Methodist Church is still an attraction to many visitors.

**Pitston Farm, Pitston**  
Great Northern Paper Company purchased the entire township of Pitston Academy Grant, including Pitston Farm, in 1906. They began building what is now the present farm 500 yards west of the old log buildings. Work on the new farm began in 1908 and had been completed by 1914, and included two, two-and-one-half story houses to accommodate employees and guests of the company. There were also three barns to hold 124 horses, a first-proof vegetable house, a cannery, a slaughterhouse, an office, a water tower, a blacksmith shop, a boathouse, a powerhouse, a carriage house and a company storehouse. Pitston Farm remained a center of activity, excluding 1957 and 1958 when it was closed for a year due to an oversupply of pulpwood, until 1971, when the end of the log drives marked the end of its usefulness. From 1973 to 1991, Great Northern Paper Company allowed the Boy Scouts of America to use Pitston Farm for the summer months as the Seaboomook base of their North Woods Adventure program. Pitston Farm is now a privately operated business that provides four seasons of activities, lodging and dining in a northern forest environment.

**South Solon Meeting House, Solon**  
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