

Special Tourism Sites, Attractions, Services, and Events

Resource tables elsewhere in this CMP identified public and non-profit resources along the Byway corridor. This section includes information on privately-owned attractions and services, as well as special events. The communities along the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway offer a diverse number of local products, lodging choices, foods, services, and attractions to serve the needs and interests of the traveler. A separate Sites, Attractions and Services Typology follows this section listing a broad array of goods, services and shopping opportunities available along the travel route.

Local Products & Artwork

Specialty shops such as Croghan Meat Market, Croghan Candy Kitchen, Bonaparte Vista Soaps, Bonaparte Candle Co. & Gifts, Lowville Producers Cheese Store, Wicks Maple Products, Burke's Maple Syrup, and similarly named establishments are obvious sources for locally-made products. However, locally produced crafts, arts, and food products are also available along the Byway at a variety of general stores, convenience stores, and roadside stands, as well as at the occasional hardware or auto parts store. A sampling of local products is also available at non-profit locations such as the American Maple Museum in Croghan, Picken's Hall and General Store in Heuvelton, and TAUNY's North Country Heritage Center in Canton.



Pickens Hall (above), in Heuvelton, offers a variety of Amish goods: including furniture, leather goods, baskets, and canned goods.

Locally produced wool products (from both sheep and alpacas) are also available not far off the Byway. River Bend Apalcas, located just 2 miles west of Croghan on NYS Route 126 (http://www.alpaca nation.com/farmsandbreeders/03_viewfarm2.asp?name=12301), raises apalcas and sells an array of products in their farm shop. They also offer custom weaving. Ostrander's Bed & Breakfast and Sheep Shop & Farm is located 5 miles east of Canton on NYS Route 68. Their shop sells sheepskin and wool products, including products made with wool harvested from their own sheep.

Galleries featuring local artists include Wayseeker Studios in Lowville and The Pear Tree and Upstairs Gallery, both on Main Street in Canton. Local artwork may also be found in various craft and gift shops along the route.

Lodging and Accommodations

Information on the rates and locations of the variety of bed-and-breakfast establishments, motels, hotels, cabins and rentals on the travel route can be found of the Chambers of Commerce or regional tourism offices.

Eateries

Selection of restaurants, diners, bistros, and cafes varies from community to community. The City of Ogdensburg, Village of Canton, and Village of Lowville offer the most choices for visitors. Additional information available from local and regional tourism offices and Chamber of Commerce.

Sports and Recreation

Kayaking

For those interested in trying their hand at kayaking on some of the Byway's quiet waterways, kayak rentals (including life vests) are available at St. Lawrence County Kayaking in Gouverneur (<http://www.st-lawrencecokayaking.com/>). They also offer a drop-off and pick-up service so you do not have to worry about transporting your kayak(s).

Golf Courses

Several golf courses are available along the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway:

- New Bremen Driving Range & Mini Golf
- Gouverneur Country Club
- Emerald Green Golf Course, Gouverneur
- St. Lawrence State Park Golf Course, Ogdensburg
- St. Lawrence University Golf Course, Canton
- Partridge Run Golf Course, Canton

Hockey

St. Lawrence University and the State University of New York at Canton both host college games as well as high school games and tournaments. These rinks often host some of the top college teams from around the North East. For schedules and ticket information, contact:

St. Lawrence University, Appleton Arena
(315) 229-5996
www.st.lawu.edu

SUNY Canton, Canton Pavillion
(315) 386-7011
www.canton.edu

Special Events

The Maple Traditions Scenic Byway hosts a variety of unique special events that highlight many of the Byway's themes. A sampling, though not entirely complete list of events includes the following:

- Maple Festival Weekend (Lewis & St. Lawrence counties) – Pancake breakfasts, tours of operating sugar bush operations, demonstrations;
- Maple Ridge Kite Festival (Lowville);
- Race with the Wind Mountain-Cross Bike Race (Lowville) – 50-mile race or 12-mile family ride through the Maple Ridge Wind Farm.

- Harvest of the Arts (Lowville) – artisans, quilters, food, music, activities;
- Cream Cheese Festival (Lowville) – Food & activities
- Lewis County Fair (Lowville) – Traditional, agriculture-focused fair;
- Kite Skiing Festival (Lowville) – Skiers attached to glider type kites, similar to kite surfing;
- New Bremen Ice Harvest (New Bremen) – Block ice harvested from Crystal Pond;
- Zwanzgstein Fest (Croghan) – Traditional Mennonite foods, crafts, & activities;
- St. Lawrence County Fair (Gouverneur) - Traditional, agriculture-focused fair;
- Gouverneur Winterblast – dog sled races, sleigh rides, snowmobile time trials, skating
- Founders Day (Ogdensburg) – French and Indian War Battle Re-enactment and colonial trade fair at Fort La Presentation;
- Ogdensburg Seaway Festival – 7-day festival includes fishing derbies, canoe races, musical entertainment, block dances, swimming contests, arts & craft shows; antique car show; and flea market;
- Harvest Festival (Canton) – Learning farm, scarecrow building, wagon rides, exhibits;
- Remington Art Festival (Canton) – Artistic, musical, and historical activities from the time of artist Frederick Remington;
- St. Lawrence County Dairy Princess Festival & Parade (Canton) – parade vendors, music, food, and games;
- Canton Winterfest – winter sporting events, music, chili cook-off, snow sculpture contest, sledding party, and frozen foot race.



*Above: Founder's Day.
Right: Maple Weekend*



Byway planners will direct inquiries pertaining to commercial enterprises and specific event information to the following information centers:

Regional

Adirondack Regional Tourism Council
Phone: 518-846-8016 or 800-487-6867
Email: info@adk.com
Web: www.visitadirondacks.com

1,000 Islands Tourism Council
Phone: 800-847-5263
Web: www.visit1000islands.com

St. Lawrence County

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 315-386-4000 or 877-228-7810
Email: info@slccoc.org
Web: www.northcountryguide.com

Canton Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 315-386-8255
Email: cantoncc@northnet.org
Web: www.cantonnychamber.org

Greater Gouverneur Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 315-287-0331
Email:
Web: www.gouverneurchamber.net

Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 315-393-3620
Email: chamber@gisco.net
Web: www.ogdensburgny.com

Lewis County

Lewis County Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 315-376-2213
Email: info@lewiscounty.org
Web: www.lewiscountychamber.org

