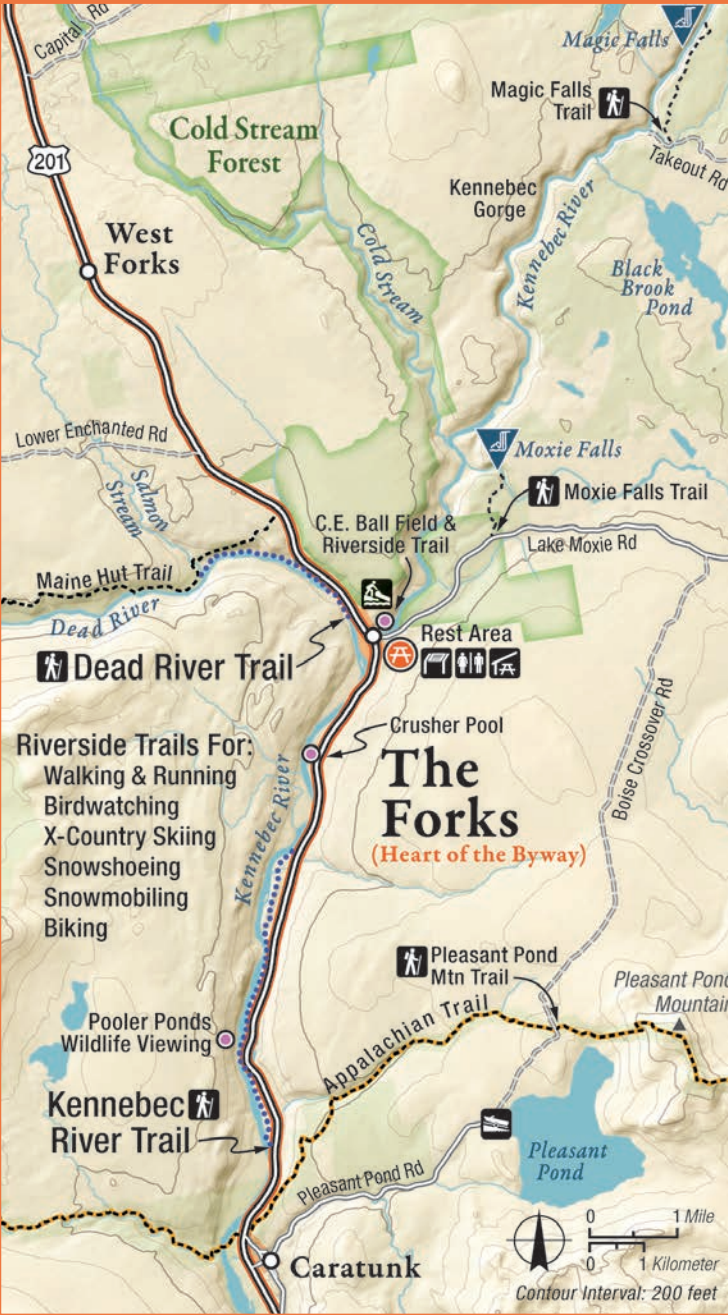




MAP & TRAVEL GUIDE

Old Canada Road National Scenic Byway

FORKS AREA SCENIC TRAILS



The Forks Area: At the confluence of the Kennebec and Dead rivers is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. While the area specializes in guided whitewater rafting trips, visitors will also find a wide range of year-round recreation activities for all ages and abilities.

Come for Adventure!



Scenic Flights & Maine Guide Services



Whitewater & Camping Fun



Canoeing, Kayaking & Tubing

Enjoy Tranquility



Tranquility is one of the defining features of visiting the "Old Canada Road".

This historic route offers travelers a chance to escape the hustle and bustle of modern life and immerse themselves in the serene beauty of rural Maine.

As you drive the scenic byway, you will encounter picturesque views of rolling hills, lush forests, and meandering rivers. Along the route, there are numerous opportunities to stop and enjoy moments of tranquility.

Whether it is pulling over at a scenic turnout to admire the grand vistas, taking a leisurely stroll along a riverside trail, or simply pausing to listen to the sounds of nature.

For those seeking even greater solitude, along the route, there are plenty of backcountry spots for camping, hiking, and fishing.



GRAND FALLS

Access the Backcountry



Great biking along the Kennebec and Dead Rivers



X-country skiing on forest trails and lakes



Coburn Mountain, the highest groomed trail in Maine



MOOSE (COW WITH CALF)

Discover the Beauty



COMMON LOON ON NEST

There are so many places to stop along the byway. Take the time to experience Maine's unique and diverse fauna and flora. Don't forget your camera and binoculars!



WHITE-BREADED NUTHATCH



MILKWEED FLOWER

Welcome • Bienvenue

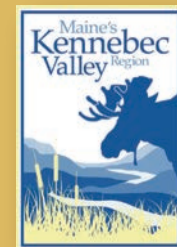


The Old Canada Road is a historic road dating back to colonial times and used by early European explorers and settlers to travel between Massachusetts and Canada. It once served as the main route for trade and commerce between the British colonies of North America and French Canada.

« The Old Canada Road » est une route historique qui remonte à l'époque coloniale et utilisée par les premiers explorateurs et colons européens pour voyager entre le Massachusetts et le Canada. Elle servait autrefois de voie principale pour le commerce et les échanges entre les colonies britanniques d'Amérique du Nord et le Canada français.

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OLD CANADA ROAD HIKING

Climb a mountain. Dip your feet in a cold stream.

Moxie Falls

Moderate (0.8 mi to falls) Located on Moxie Stream, the 92-foot vertical drop makes it one of Maine's largest. The massive falls can be viewed from wooden platforms in all seasons by hiking and snowshoeing.

Pleasant Pond Mountain

Moderately challenging (1.8 mi to summit) Hike to the summit following the Appalachian Trail through dense woods and over some rocky spots. Open ledges on the summit provide views of the pond and nearby mountains.

Mosquito Mountain

Moderately challenging (1.4 mi to summit) This short, popular hike has some steep rocky sections, but offers amazing views at the top making the challenge worthwhile. A spur trail on the way up also leads to a beautiful vista.

Moxie Mountain

Challenging (1.7 mi to summit) The steep, well-marked trail has several exposed ledges with panoramic views along the way. Hunt for wild blueberries on the summit in August.

Number Five Mountain

Moderately challenging (2.6 mi to summit) In the Nature Conservancy's Leuthold Forest Preserve, enjoy this hike to spot wildlife and for beautiful vistas of bogs, lakes, and mountains at the summit.

Houston Brook Falls

Easy (0.2 mi to falls) This wide waterfall with a 32-foot drop over rocky ledges is spectacular in high water. Easy access and a large pool for swimming near the base make it a perfect place for a family outing.



Kennebec River Trail (see Forks Area Scenic Trails map)

Easy (3.8 mi round trip) The wide gravel path is great for biking and hiking, or snowshoeing and x-country skiing. The trail follows the river, crosses small streams, and weaves through deciduous and evergreen trees. The trail access point at Pooler Ponds is ideal for birding and wildlife viewing.

Dead River Trail (see Forks Area Scenic Trails map)

Easy (2.0 mi round trip) Walk, bike, or jog on this family-friendly trail along the river. Listen to the rushing river sounds while you picnic. At the trail's end, Salmon Stream flows into the Dead River. During peak fall foliage, it is an especially magical spot.

Hike safely & be prepared!



THE FORKS

The Old Canada Road has hundreds of miles of ATV club and Maine ATV trails to explore between Solon and the border. Stop at local businesses along the scenic byway for trail maps published annually by the clubs. The best places to find **park and ride** trail access points are indicated on the large map with an ATV icon (see other side).



Experience the thrill of cruising through the Kennebec River Valley and enjoy the well-maintained surface, s-curves, and scenic turnouts of the Old Canada Road.

Robbins Hill Loop - 60 Miles (see map)

This short, scenic trip starts and finishes in Skowhegan. Riding through the Kennebec River Valley enjoy picturesque farms, forested roads, and little traffic. Key stops: Robbins Hill for mountain views, walking trails, and picnic spots; Solon Turnout overlooking the river; Arnold's Way Rest Area with interpretive signs; and Houston Brook Falls. Spot the 19th century church at the intersection of Routes 150 and 154.

Big Moose Loop - 172 Miles (see map)

Start and finish at Robbins Hill to enjoy this grand byway ride. Be on the lookout for moose and the many rest areas and scenic turnouts between Solon and Jackman. The best byway stop is at Attean Overlook. Near Rockwood, view Moosehead Lake and Mt Kineo. Stop in Greenville for a meal and a boat cruise. Monson and Abbott Village are great places for a snack. Take a lakeside break at the Kingsbury Pond Rest Area.



Cruise the curves!