

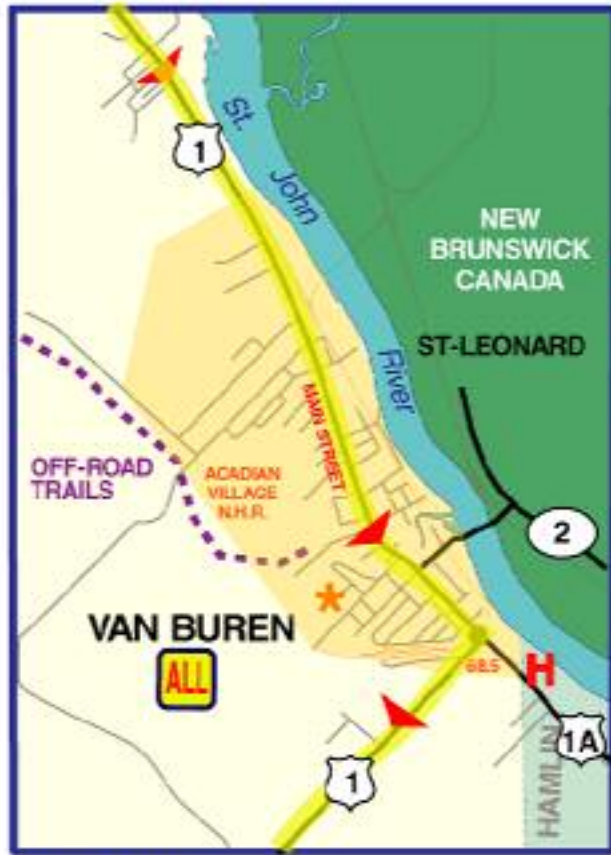
Tour #1 St. John Valley

This is Maine's "Big Sky Country." The rolling green landscape is a checkerboard of farm fields and small towns while above the sky stretches for miles. This is also one of the most culturally distinct regions of Maine. French-Acadians settled here in the 1700s after they were exiled from Nova Scotia (another group eventually made their way to Louisiana and the two groups speak a related dialect).

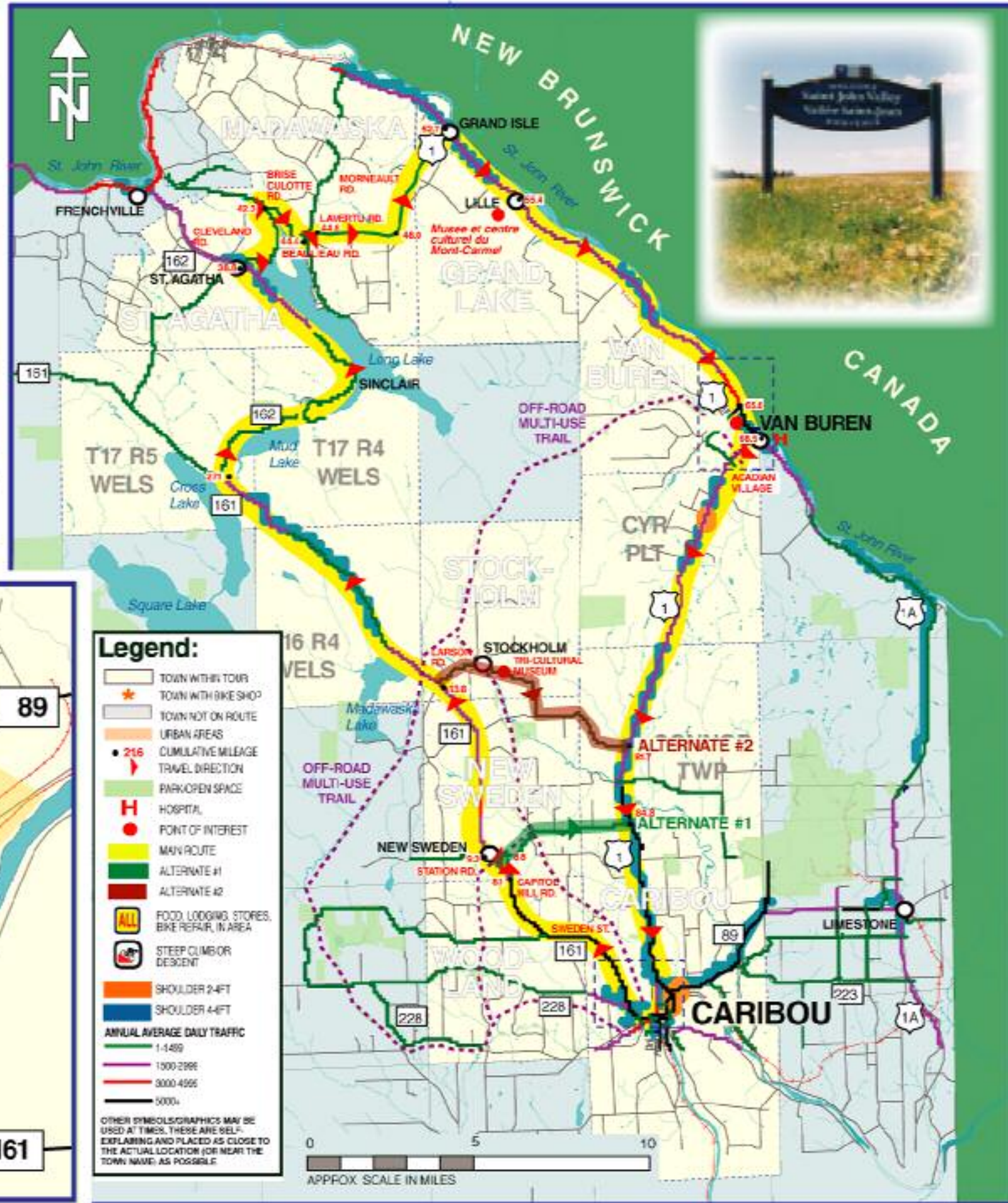
Cyclists can learn more about the Acadians at three sites along this lovely 91-mile route: the Tri-Cultural Museum in Stockholm, the *Musee et Centre Culturel du Mont-Carmel* in Lille and the 18th Century Acadian Village just north of Van Buren. The Acadian Village is on the National Register and is the largest historic site in Maine.

Two shorter options exist. A 20-mile loop includes the farm country north of Caribou and New Sweden. An intermediate 33-mile loop includes a visit to Stockholm before returning to Caribou.

Special features: Maine's "Big Sky Country" from Caribou to St. John Valley with rolling landscape and rural farm communities; Tri-Cultural Museum in Stockholm; *Musee et Centre Culturel du Mont-Carmel* in Lille; 18th Century Acadian Village on National Register; low traffic.



VAN BUREN



Legend:

- TOWN WITHIN TOUR
- ★ TOWN WITH BIKE SHOP
- TOWN NOT ON ROUTE
- URBAN AREAS
- 216 CUMULATIVE MILEAGE
- ▶ TRAVEL DIRECTION
- PARK/OPEN SPACE
- H HOSPITAL
- POINT OF INTEREST
- MAIN ROUTE
- ALTERNATE #1
- ALTERNATE #2
- ALL FOOD, LODGING, STORES, BIKE REPAIR, IN AREA
- ⚠ STEEP CLIMB OR DESCENT
- SHOULDER 2-4FT
- SHOULDER 4-4FT
- ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC**
- 1-1499
- 1500-2999
- 3000-4999
- 5000+

OTHER SYMBOLS/GRAPHICS MAY BE USED AT TIMES. THESE ARE SELF-EXPLAINING AND PLACED AS CLOSE TO THE ACTUAL LOCATION (OR NEAR THE TOWN NAME) AS POSSIBLE.



CARIBOU



DISTANCE: 20, 33, and 91 miles
TERRAIN: Rolling

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