


LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE COMMUNITY KIOSKS


Community Kiosks -- 2 panels with bulletin board unit

Lakes to Locks Passage will work with your community to design and fabricate a community kiosk that will guide visitors to your historic, natural, cultural and recreational resources. The kiosk alignment may be linear, curved or triangular. The bulletin board unit can include a map of your community that can be updated annually, featuring key businesses, sites and attractions as well as postings for upcoming events and activities.





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THE GREAT NORTHEAST JOURNEY



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Fort Ann

The Village of Fort Ann sits here at Halfway Brook, midway along an Indian path made to travel between the Hudson River and Lake Champlain. European armies ramped along this route between 1690 and 1760, building fortifications near here for each of the two French & Indian wars. The fort built during Queen Anne's war (1702-1713) gave this place its name. In 1777, American rebels fought the Battle of Fort Ann and they retreated ahead of Burgoyne's invasion army, felling trees to block the road to the south. Their sabotage delayed the British advance long enough for Colonel James to mount a successful defense at Saratoga and turn the tide of war in America's favor.





When war gave way to settlement, the nearby level terrain permitted the road promising route for a canal connecting Lake Champlain to the Hudson River. When the Champlain Canal opened in 1823, it made Fort Ann an inland port. The canal also served as a route for fugitive slaves in the decades before the Civil War. The Wine Farm, the Old Stone House Library and a cave at Kane's Falls are all sites associated with the Underground Railroad.

The ruins of Fort Ann stretch west to the eastern shore of Lake George, embracing ancient masonry whose deposits of iron ore fueled local industry. Today, hiking and horse trails wind through the woods to dramatic mountains, vistas, paddlers and boaters can fish or explore abundant wildlife on Lake George, Halfway Brook, the Champlain Canal and scattered smaller lakes and ponds.

- The Champlain Canal provides access to the old Champlain Canal locks in the area near the Old Bridge, as well as the ruins of Fort Ann, including the site of the original fort and the remains of the stone masonry that once protected the fort.
- The Battle of Fort Ann on July 8, 1777, is one of the last times the British were defeated in the Revolutionary War.
- The Champlain Canal and Five Mile Road provide access to the mountainous western region of Fort Ann, hiking and boating is popular in the area. The area includes the historic buildings and the historic site of the Champlain Canal.
- In the north, **Whitehall** (Historical Landmark) of the Champlain Canal, Kane's Falls, and a considerable view of the surrounding hills on the Champlain Canal from Stone House.
- In the east, **Granville's** State Valley Museum tells the story of the quarter and the growth of the town. A wooden bridge leads to the former **Quoniam** and **Lake George Village** after shopping and amusement parks for the whole family to enjoy.

Places of Interest

- Boating, fishing and swimming on Lake George's Long Run. The Brook, Westing Brook and Rabbit Run can be accessed from Butternut Falls Road and Five Mile Road.
- Access to the Champlain Canal can be found at the Lock 111 canal, one end of the last of the 110 bridges and at U.S. 87 A.
- Wilderness camping at state-owned sites on the island and eastern shore of Lake George is accessible from Butternut Falls Road.
- One of Fort Ann's oldest buildings now serves as the Old Stone House Library on George Street U.S. 87 A in the village.
- South of the town, the community of **Hudson Falls** is set on a plateau level in the Hudson River, with the town's highest waterfall. The Frazer Canal Road provides miles of easy hiking, walking and canoeing.

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