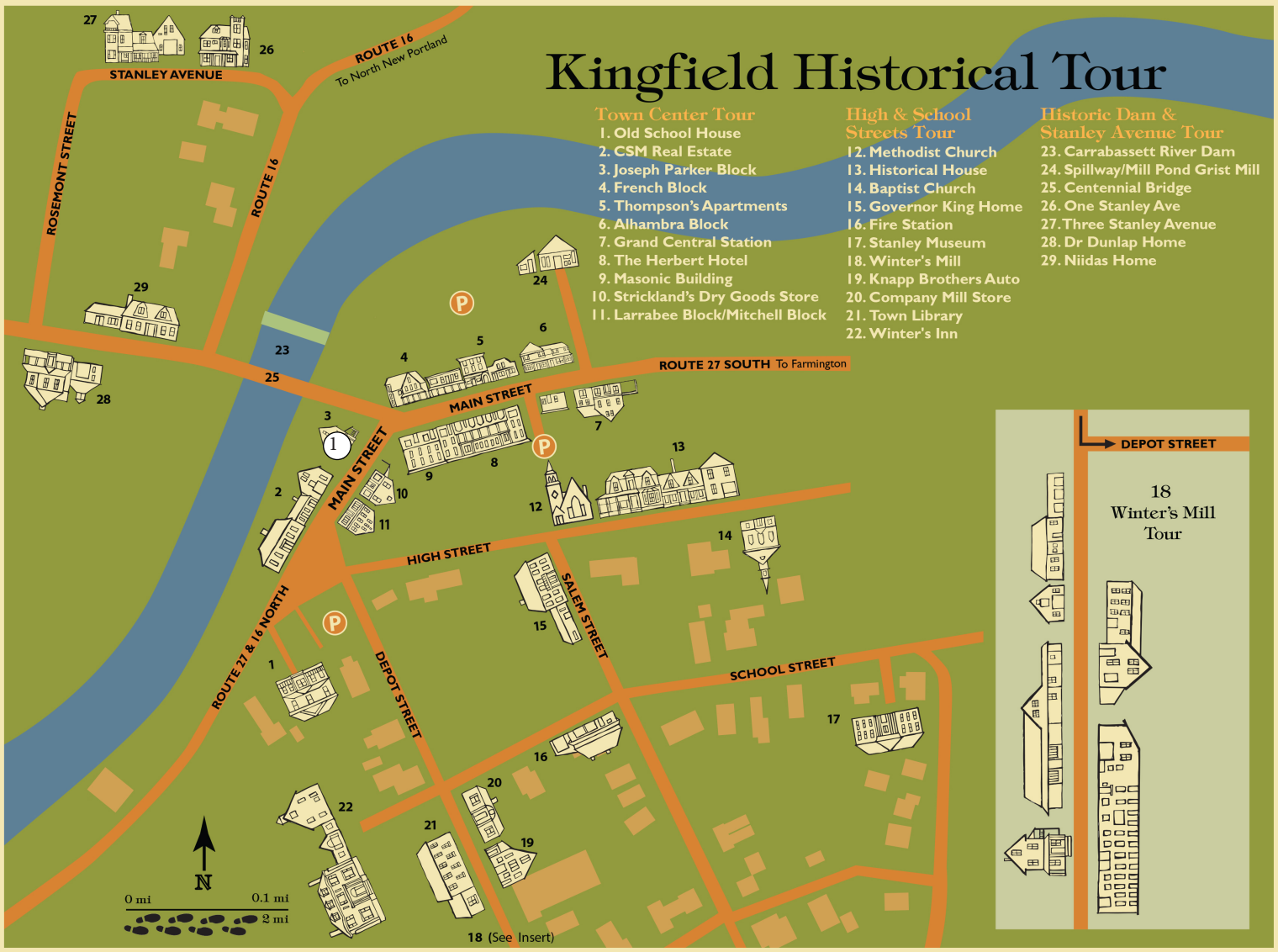




WELCOME to KINGFIELD

MAINE Historic Tour Map



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Kingfield, incorporated in 1816, is a beautiful historic village set amid incredible scenery. Routes 27, 16 and 142 meet in the center of town, 20 miles north of Farmington and just south of Sugarloaf mountain.

Home to three museums, Kingfield has history for all. The Stanley Museum celebrates Stanley family genius, inventors of the Stanley Steamer car. The Ski Museum of Maine looks at the history of Maine winter sports and if you happen to visit on a Wednesday in the summer, stop by the Kingfield Historic House to experience rural home and town life through the centuries.

Over 200 historic properties line the streets, some listed on the National Historic Register. This map identifies many of these historic properties. We ask that you respect the privacy of those living here and please keep your tour within the public ways.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Town Center Tour

1. Old School House

Built in 1875, closed in 1969. Built by C.W. French

2. CSM Real Estate

Built in 1822 by Charles Pike. Known as "The House by the Side of the Road". Daniel Cushman, engineer of first train into Kingfield in 1884 lived here.

3. Anni's Market

First building on this site was built in 1870 & burned in 1882. L.L. Mitchell's drugstore located here before moving across the street in 1899. In 1918 it became a grocery and eight or nine different owners and a century later still remains as a central business in downtown Kingfield as a convenience store / gas station.

4. Joseph Parker Block

(Longfellow's) Building was originally located below the site of the Thompson Apartments (where Irregular is now) and moved to this site. (There were a LOT of buildings moved here and there back then.)

5. French Block

(Don Fowler office-building) Built in 1900 housed a dry good store, ice cream parlor & variety store, dentist office upstairs as well as a 500 person capacity hall where graduations, plays, movies and even roller skating events were held.

6. Thompson's Apartments

(Irregular office) Built in 1869 and expanded in 1888. Originally housed a dance hall, dentist office & town hall, as well as a livery stable. Burned and replaced several times, many of the buildings along this stretch were.

7. Alhambra Block / Kingfield Savings Bank/ Grand Central Station

Constructed in 1894 as the Alhambra Block, it housed offices of E.E. Jenkins & Co and the Union Mutual Life Ins Co.. In 1895, with \$23.00 in it's new vault (which cost \$800 to install), Kingfield Savings Bank opened it's doors in a rented room in the Alhambra Building. H.S. Wing driving force – 1st Treasurer; then President.

8. The Herbert Hotel

First hotel built by Samuel Usher in 1830 as the Franklin House. This building burned in 1880 and in 1886 John Winter's hotel, known as the Kingfield House was built. H.S. Wing purchased & remodeled the building. Then in 1918-19 the current 3 story Herbert Hotel was built.

9. Masonic Building "Space" used to be a cobbler shop on street level, apts above.

10. Strickland's dry goods store,

with gas pumps. As you are facing the buildings; the left hand side of the current ski shop = Strickland's; the right hand side = drugstore & shoe shop.

11. Larrabee Block / Mitchell Block

(Sugarloaf Ski Shop) Blacksmith shop built in 1853 by William Dolbier & Jerry Larrabee. In 1899 L.L. Mitchell's drugstore and Harris & Knapp shoe store occupied the space.

High, School, & Depot Streets

12. Methodist Church Built in 1895 as a Universalist Church. In 1956-57 it was sold to the Methodist Church.

13. Historical House

In 1890 Frank Hutchins hired Lavella Norton to build the house for his bride Effie Winter. Charles & Alma Wilson purchased it in 1944. The property was given to the Kingfield Historical Society by Alma Wilson in 1967, and it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987.

14. Baptist Church

This was Kingfield's first church. Organized in 1851 as the Free Will Baptist Church. The structure before you was built in 1866, and raised in elevation in 1899. There are 15 stained glass memorial windows.

15. Governor King Home

The home of Maine's first Governor and our town's namesake. Built in 1821. Governor King was instrumental in the separation of Maine from Massachusetts.

16. Fire Station

Also served as the municipal offices for our town prior to their relocation next to the Stanley Museum

17. Stanley Museum

Built by L.A. Norton, Parker Norton et al in 1903 as the Kingfield High School, closed in 1980. Stanley twins contributed money to building of school. John Webster of Hartford, CT

left \$ to town in 1930 and requested Webster Hall to be built. Built by L.A. Norton it was used as a gym for the Stanley High School and now houses the town offices.

18. Winter's Mill

Originally the Jenkins and Bogert's Novelty Mill, continuously in operation as a wood turning mill since its construction in 1885. Now the home of New England Wire Manufacturing.

19. Knapp Brothers Auto original building

Started as a Livery/Stable, prior to being purchased by the Knapps in 1910.

20. Company Mill Store

Now serving as a health center; this was the A.G. Winter Company drygoods store for 71 yrs., purchased by Harold Tranten in 1955, it continued as a general market and store until the family relocated to north Main Street in their current location.

21. Town Library

Although a library group first formed in 1901, this building was not built until 1930; financed by a generous donation from John Webster.

22. Winter's Inn

Originally built in 1900 – 1904, for the Amos Winter, Sr family and named "Hillholm". Plans were drawn by F.O. Stanley, and L.A. Norton was the master carpenter. Amos Winter, Jr was the instrumental force behind Sugarloaf Mountain, cutting the first trails in the early 1950s. At one time the local doctor, Dr. Covert, resided here, and since then it has been known as "Winter's Inn" or "The Inn on Winter's Hill" through three subsequent owners.

Historic Dam and Stanley Ave

The locals refer to this side of the river as 'The British Side'.

23. Dam and Mill Pond

Once a productive source of captured energy from the Carrabassett River flow, now a gathering spot for fishing and swimming.

24. Grist Mill

Once the home of Chamberlin's Roll Top Mill, it currently houses our local redemption center. Be sure to look inside at the hardware from its former days.

25. Centennial Bridge

The Stanley Mill Pond was crossed by boat until 1845 when a float bridge for foot traffic was built. In 1849, a 2 way covered bridge was built & in 1851 a storm blew it down. In 1852, a chain bridge costing \$1800 was erected. After breaking down twice, once in 1859 and again in 1909, money was raised for a concrete bridge. In 1916 the Centennial Bridge was installed. So named as 1916 was the Centennial year of Kingfield's incorporation in 1816. The bridge's 174 foot span, at the time, was probably the longest span of a flat arch concrete bridge in existence in America.



Centennial Bridge, 2019

26. One Stanley Ave

Built in 1899-1901 by Lavella Norton and his brother William. It is on the Nat'l Reg. of Historic Places due to its unique tower and roofline creating a balcony effect. It was lived in for many years by the Norton Family. Opened as a restaurant in 1972 by Dan Davis, he remains the owner to this day.

27. Three Stanley Ave

Circa 1900, probably built by the Norton Brothers. It was the home of Bayard and Laura Stanley, youngest brother in the Stanley Family. The third floor opens onto a balcony where its original owner often slept to help with his TB. It became Kingfield's first B & B in 1975 by its current owner, Dan Davis.

28. Dr Dunlap Home

Built in the 1890's, this was the long time home of our town's doctor, who delivered many babies, and tended tirelessly to the townsfolk

29. Niidas Home

Oldest house in Kingfield, built in 1818 by Solomon Stanley, Esq, who came from Winthrop, Maine to Kingfield in 1807 as one of the first settlers of the town. The Stanley Homestead is the birthplace of Stanley Steamer inventors Francis E. & Freelan O. Stanley, photographer Chansonetta Stanley Emmons as well as four other brothers.