

# St. George Gorge

*St. George, New Brunswick*

**Coordinates:** N45° 07.669 W066° 49.548

**Geocaching.com code:** GC3JPHC

**Type of Cache:** Traditional



The Magaguadavic River runs through the town of St. George and dramatically falls 21 metres (69 feet) into the gorge.

This picturesque site has a significant and varied industrial history and many of the original buildings are still operating. Since 1784, hydro power generated from the gorge has powered industries such as shipbuilding, lumbering, saw and pulp mills, and an electrical power plant. The first dam, constructed in the 1860s, was originally used for lumbering purposes and was later modified for use in the granite and pulp and paper industries. Since 2004, the dam has been used as an electrical power generating plant.

Shortly after the dam was built, the salmon ladder was installed to benefit stocks of wild salmon that migrate up the Magaguadavic River to spawn. The ladder has assisted a serious conservation effort to protect and enhance the wild salmon populations.

This site is also home to the 'Old Pine Tree' which overlooks the gorge and is thought to be one of the oldest living trees in the province.

## Learn more about this area:

[www.town.stgeorge.nb.ca/gorge.htm](http://www.town.stgeorge.nb.ca/gorge.htm)

[www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=6732](http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=6732)



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## Passport Question:

- What Color is the railing going down to the river?

**The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan** identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at [www.gulfofmaine.org](http://www.gulfofmaine.org)

