

Route des  
Belles-Histoires

## Map Directions

The route outlined below crosses four different Regional Municipal Counties, or RMCs: *Rivière-du-Nord*, *Pays-d'en-Haut*, *Laurentides* and *Antoine-Labelle*.

The circuit is some 284 km in length. In the main, it follows the north-south axis of Route 117, with several periodic sorties toward the west, taking the visitor to various sites of heritage or cultural interest. The entire road network used is both secure and accessible to all types of motor vehicles.

The itinerary gets underway from the old railway station building in Saint-Jérôme, located at 160, Rue de la Gare, that can be reached from Highway 15 by taking exit 43. The drive ends at the old railway station in Mont-Laurier.



## Section of the Rivière-du-Nord RMC From Saint-Jérôme to Prévost

Please follow these directions to reach the old station in Saint-Jérôme:

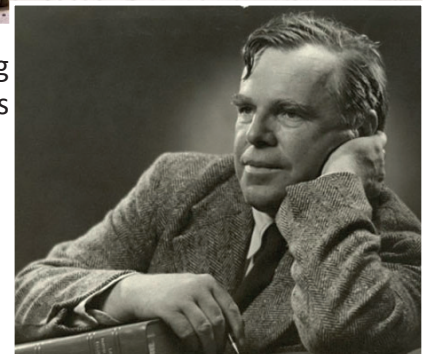
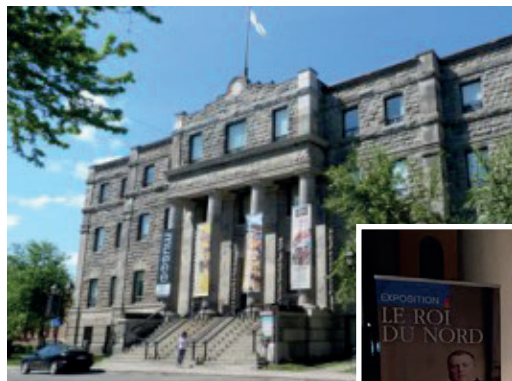
Take exit 43 from Highway 15, toward Saint-Jérôme Centre-Ville (downtown). Follow Rue De Martigny until you cross the river and reach Rue Labelle, then turn right. You will pass in front of Parc Labelle on your left and just before you get to the old Town Hall, which you can see on your right, turn left on Rue de la Gare. You will see the clocktower at Place de la Gare in the distance, with a nearby open-air market if it is in operation at the time. At the end of Rue de la Gare, you have reached your departure point!



### Saint-Jérôme and the old Saint-Jérôme station

The starting point, the old Saint-Jérôme station building, is not without interest itself. Built during the “Railway Age” in 1897, this stone building stands apart from other similar buildings both for its architectural value and historic interest. In addition, every year it hosts an original exhibition organized by the Rivière-du-Nord Historical Society. It is also kilometer zero on the famous “P’tit Train du Nord” linear park, a summertime bikepath stretching some 200 km north toward Mont Laurier.

At the Cathedral of Saint-Jérôme, a short distance away, you will find the museum exhibition devoted to one of the region’s most prominent citizens, Curé Antoine Labelle. Across the road from it is the Maison de la Culture Claude-Henri-Grignon, which houses the Musée d’Art Contemporain des Laurentides and the Espace Claude-Henri-Grignon, with its exhibition on this famous local writer. The Place in front of this building is dedicated to the memory of Curé Labelle and his statue stands there, symbolically pointing to the North. A bit further east, hidden behind the façades of much more recent buildings, the Rivière du Nord runs alongside its promenade, lined here and there with information panels recounting local history. Near the station, there is also an amphitheater that has shows running all summer.



To start the drive, take Rue Saint-Georges north toward Prévost where you will be looking for the old station at Shawbridge. As you make your way out of town, don’t miss one of Saint-Jérôme’s long-time favorites, the delicious ice cream cones at the former Crèmerie Casavant. Since the 1940s, it has been a must stopover for tourists and locals passing through St-Jérôme on what was then Route 11, before the construction of the autoroute (Highway 15).

Before finally leaving the city, you will pass through a lengthy commercial district, which is slowly undergoing a revitalization program. Continue on Route 117 N and as you drive, you will be leaving the Saint-Laurent plains and beginning a slow climb up into the Laurentian part of the Canadian Shield.



## Shawbridge Station to Prévost

This initial stopover is a good place to park and spend a little time. The station is painted in its original colors and acts as a community center today, in which numerous cultural events are held, including the Symposium des Arts de Prévost. The building is open year-round for cyclists or skiers. A number of restaurants are within walking distance of the parking area. You can also obtain a pamphlet here outlining the local Prévost Heritage Circuit.

As you leave the station, head north again on Route 117 (also known as and sometimes marked: Boulevard du Curé-Labelle)



### Road directions from Saint-Jérôme to Prévost

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| 1. Head north on Rue de la Gare toward Rue Parent   | 79 m   |
| 2. Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> left and continue on Rue Parent   | 180 m  |
| 3. Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> right and continue on Rue Saint-Georges   | 1,3 km |
| 4. Turn half left on Route 117 North and continue straight  | 2,4 km |
| 5. Turn half left at the traffic lights at Chemin des Hauteurs and then look for the Prévost/Sainte-Adèle sign and keep on Route 117 Nord/Boulevard du Curé-Labelle | 9,1 km |
| 6. Turn right on Rue de la Traverse and park at the old station   | 180 m  |
| 7. To continue your route, turn left on Rue de la Station   | 76 m   |
| 8. Take the 1 <sup>st</sup> right and rejoin Route 117 Nord   | 800 m  |



## Section of the Pays-d'en-Haut RMC From Piedmont to Sainte-Adèle

As you make your way north, you will cross the Rivière à Simon whose banks and waters are frequented by adepts of the local Nordic spas. The undulating landscape with escarpment country beginning to appear in the background gives notice of your arrival in these old mountains. Cross over Highway 15 and take Chemin du Mont-Avila toward Saint-Sauveur. This winding country road has pleasant views looking toward Piedmont. While the landscape captures the eye to your right, most of the tourist activities are now on your left. Tube sliding on snow, summer theater, sugar shacks, ski centers and shopping districts come into view as you head for the center of Saint-Sauveur village

### Laurentian Ski Museum, Saint-Sauveur

Located in the heart of one of the prettiest of Laurentian villages, the Laurentian Ski Museum takes us back to the beginnings of this wintertime activity when Nordic skiing slowly transformed itself into the downhill skiing we know today. The first permanent chairlift built in 1934, has become a veritable icon of the Laurentians. “Living in winter, with winter, for winter” is the museum’s first permanent exhibition. It illustrates in detail how the regions first colonizers, who were mainly farmers, shifted slowly over to the service sector.



Saint-Sauveur-des-Monts is a heritage site with a residential, commercial and institutional vocation made up of over 100 buildings and outbuildings built between the end of the 19th century and the end of the 20th century. A number of thematic information panels and photos are scattered around the village, providing background to the village’s history and development.

A nice way to leave Saint-Sauveur is by taking Rue Principale eastwards. You may want to stop en route to admire some of the typical country-town buildings with their wooden signs outside, several of which are good restaurants serving a variety of fare. Continue on Rue Principale, crossing over Highway 15 toward Piedmont and rejoin Route 117 North. In this area, the local nickname for Piedmont, “the Laurentian’s little Switzerland,” becomes all too evident. A look toward the mountainside on your right will probably convince you. You’ll see lost of chalets clinging to the hillside here and there on Mont-Olympia and alongside the ski slopes. Further on and to your left, Mont-Gabriel dominates the scene. With its magnificent old hotel on the summit, visitors have a remarkable viewpoint over the surrounding valleys and on a clear day, the view is open all the way to Montreal. A few kilometers further on, a right-hand turn on Chemin de la Rivière takes you near an interesting section of the Rivière du Nord where the Rolland Paper company, which can be seen below the falls, had one of its plants. These generous currents and falls were used for many years to power the plant’s turbines. Continuing along Rue Rolland, you come to the old railway station at Mont-Rolland.





## The old Mont-Rolland Railway Station, Sainte-Adèle

This historic building houses a restaurant and a boutique specializing in cycling, hiking and cross-country skiing. It's an excellent place to enjoy the magnificent linear park. It is possible to buy or rent the necessary equipment, enjoy a meal place et or simply admire the exterior and interior of the building, which has been used in several television series, including *Les Belles Histoires des pays d'en haut*. Returning to Route 117, which is also called Boulevard de Sainte-Adèle in these parts, you continue toward the north. Businesses and restaurants of all kinds line the road. On your right, the recent Place des Citoyens can be noted in the park of the same name.



At Rue Morin, take a left and climb up the steep hill in front of you. For a long time past, this hill delineated the territory of Upper and Lower Ste-Adèle. Several murals along this road recall the history of the village, and further on near the top, you come upon the Parc de la Famille with its small amphitheater in which various events are held each year. Now take the road to your right, Chemin du Chantecler. On your left is the local beach on Lac Rond and further on is a small Anglican chapel, before you come to a residential area with interesting stone-built homes and cottages. At the end of the road is the renowned Hôtel Le Chantecler, which has been part of village life since before the Second World War.

Continue on Rue de Grenoble and turn right on Rue Garibaldi. (If you have gone up to the hotel, you can exit right out of the parking lot onto Rue de Grenoble and take Rue Garibaldi toward Chemin du Golf.) At the end of the road, turn right and go down to Route 117 once again. Cross over Route 117 and follow Chemin du Mont-Sauvage, which will take you to Val-Morin and the start of the Laurentides RMC.





## Road directions from Piedmont to Sainte-Adèle

1. Head in a northwesterly direction on Boulevard du Curé-Labelle toward Rue Louis-Morin 1.5 km
2. Turn left on Chemin de Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs  
(signage indicates Highway 15/Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs) 400 m
3. Turn right on Chemin Avila 2.6 km
4. Turn left on Chemin des Pentes 800 m
5. Turn right on Avenue Saint-Denis 1.1 km
6. Turn right on Rue Principale 2.2 km
7. Turn left on Boulevard des Laurentides Nord/Route 117 N 3.9 km
8. Turn right on Chemin de la Rivière 750 m
9. Continue on Rue Rolland 700 m
10. Turn left on Rue Saint-Joseph 650 m
11. Turn right on Boulevard Sainte-Adèle 1.3 km
12. Turn left on Rue Morin 400 m
13. Turn right on Chemin du Chantecler 500 m
14. Continue on Rue de Grenoble 350 m
15. Turn right on Rue Garibaldi 850 m
16. Turn right on Chemin du Golf 550 m
17. Continue on Chemin du Mont-Sauvage, after crossing Route 117 3.7 km
18. Continue on Rue Morin 63 m



## Section of the Laurentides RMC From Val-Morin to Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré

From Ste-Adèle, you climb up through a valley closed in by mountains. Going down the other side toward the Rivière du Nord, you will get several glimpses of Lac Raymond. As you pass through the center of Val-Morin village, note the striking edifice that houses the Théâtre du Marais, with the Town Hall opposite. Continue straight on and just before you rejoin Route 117, you pass in front of *Le Village du Père Noël*, a venerable Laurentian institution that has been entertaining infants and their families for over 60 years.

Turn right on Route 117 North, and immediately to your right you will find another Laurentian institution, the renowned *Restaurant Au Petit Poucet*, which has been serving its faithful clientele since 1945.

### Val-David

Your next turn takes you into the village of Val-David. You arrive in this long-time vacation spot and cultural haven via a street with an unusual name, the Montée Prédéal-Trudeau. Cross over the river and then turn left on Chemin de la Rivière, noting on the corner the colorful local daycare center. Turn right on Rue de l'Église and enter into the village proper, where you can discover some of its cultural heritage. Val-David was gazetted in 1918 and in mid-century, a member of one of its founding families opened the first “boîte à chansons” in Québec: *La Butte à Mathieu*. This friendly cabaret or coffeehouse began to attract numerous artists to the village, including painters and sculptors who enjoyed the lively talk and entertainment. Although no longer in existence, the Butte's cultural heritage carries on to this day with numerous artistic activities taking place through out the year.



After passing the Métro supermarket and “Le P’tit Train du Nord,” turn left on Rue de la Sapinière and head down to Chemin de la Rivière, crossing the linear park again as you do so. On the way you’ll pass the replica of the old railway station on your left, which houses the local Tourist Bureau. Rue de la Sapinière is so named in honor of the nearby hotel, whose fame and practices contributed greatly to the quality of the hospitality industry in Québec, well before the Institut de Tourisme et d’Hôtellerie du Québec came into being.

As you follow on Chemin de la Rivière, “Le P’tit Train du Nord” and the Rivière du Nord run alongside. The river provided a natural corridor in the days before roads, so that the various villages that sprung up beside it could be supplied and had the energy they needed for the various sawmills and other mills in operation. As you begin to climb the hill to enter Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, you will pass the straggling vestiges of a sawmill set on some cascades on your right.





## Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts

In order to take you into the heart of historic Sainte-Agathe, cross over the Route 117 and climb up Chemin de la Montagne. Look for Montée Alouette and take that street to your right. On your left feature various large cottages and homes bordering on magnificent Lac à la Truite or Trout Lake. Go under the viaduct of Highway 15 and on down to the crossroads with Route 329. On the corner to your right is the celebrated theater, Le Patriote. In front of you is Camping Sainte-Agathe with its background of maple forest, so pretty in the fall. Turn right on Route 329 North and drive around the shore of Baie Major, one section of lovely Lac des Sables. This is a wonderful spot to watch the sun go down. Continue straight ahead on Rue Saint-Venant up to Rue Principale and turn left.

You are now in the old village with its eclectic mix of architecture, with a number of buildings having been given the look and colors of the old days. Note also the church and the neighboring presbytery with its strange gargoyles. Turn right on Rue Saint-Vincent and note the closed balconies above the shops and the imposing library building (formerly the local Post office), latterly named in honor of local poet Gaston Miron.

Turn right on Rue Préfontaine, cross over the 117 and continue on Rue Demontigny until Rue Brissette and turn right again. This short detour through an industrial zone brings you quickly to an historic location: the old railway station of Sainte-Agathe, which houses the Tourist Bureau.

Leave the station and rejoin Route 117 North toward Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré.





## Road directions from Val-Morin to Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré

1. Head in a northwesterly direction on Rue Morin toward 1re Avenue 4.4 km
2. Continue on Rue Morin 350 m
3. Turn right on Route 117 North 450 m
4. Take the 2nd right and continue on Montée Prédéal-Trudeau 650 m
5. Turn left on Chemin de la Rivière 600 m
6. Turn right on Rue de l'Église 550 m
7. Turn left on Rue de la Sapinière 340 m
8. Continue straight ahead on Chemin de la Rivière 5.0 km
9. Continue on Chemin de la Montagne 1.2 km
10. Turn right on Montée Alouette 2.4 km
11. Continue on Chemin du Lac-des-Sables 400 m
12. Turn right on Rue Saint-Venant/Route 329 N (toward Sainte-Agathe) 1.9 km
13. Turn left on Rue Principale E 550 m
14. Turn right on Rue Saint-Vincent 290 m
15. Take the 2nd right and continue on Rue Préfontaine E 650 m
16. Turn left on Rue Demontigny 160 m
17. Turn left on Rue Brissette 400 m
18. Turn right on Boulevard Norbert-Morin/Route 117 N/Route 329 N  
Continue on Route 117 N 18.9 km
19. Turn half right on Rue Saint-Faustin  
Your destination is on your left



## Sector of the Laurentides RMC (cont'd)

### From Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré to Mont-Tremblant (sector of Saint-Jovite)

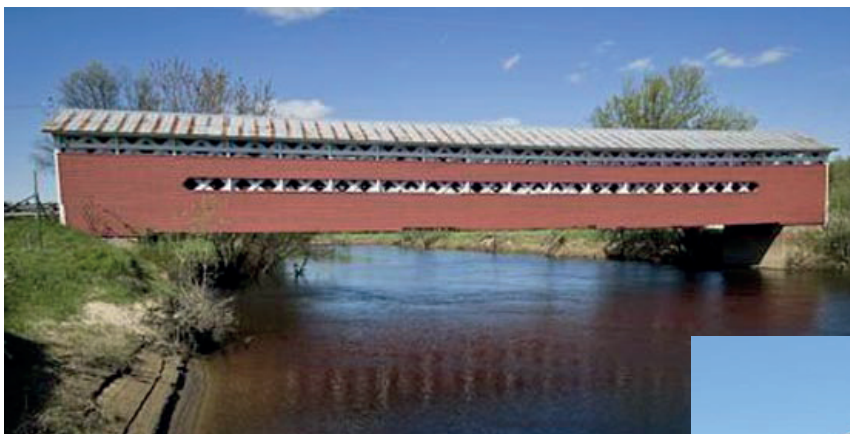
#### Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré

Some hundreds of meters after having left the 117, there is a first historic site to your right. The restaurant *La Table des Pionniers* is now set up in one of the buildings of the former Cabane à sucre Millette. This is a famous Laurentian sugar shack that was in operation for four generations before passing the baton to a new generation of Laurentian pioneers. Turn left on Rue Principale and at the first stop sign, turn right on Rue Principale. The heart of the village is remarkable: the church built in 1894 is a magnificent example of ecclesiastical architecture. Beside this edifice is the old presbytery, which now houses *La Maison des Arts et de la Culture Saint-Faustin*. It is the starting point for a local tour that includes sculptures and various heritage buildings such as the old Lac-Carré railway station and the site of the former provincial fish farm, now operating as an eco-tourism park.



As you leave the village center, you can admire distant Mont Blanc, a series of three summits that caused quite a bit of difficulty to the early settlers in the district, as they tried to find their way north.

Return to Route 117 N until the exit for Huberdeau via Route 327 S. This route leads us to the Rivière du Diable, a lovely area characterized by farmland and cultivated fields. Here also is the covered Prud'homme Bridge, a major Laurentian heritage structure thanks to its good condition and rarity.





# Arundel-Huberdeau-Amherst-Brébeuf Loop

## Arundel

A little further on the left is Crystal Falls Knox Church built in 1908. Then agricultural land takes over again and you might think you were in 'ol Virginny as we pass by a magnificent ranch. As you approach the town of Arundel, you start to notice the Anglo-Saxon character of this municipality whose families came mainly from England.

By taking a right turn on Route Doctor-Henry qui (Route 364 Ouest), we heads off toward Huberdeau across the Rivière Rouge.

## Huberdeau

Just before crossing the bridge, you may see some of the Stations of the Cross belonging to the Huberdeau Calvary on top of the hill in front of you. This is an accessible pilgrimage site where you can devote some time if a Catholic or otherwise admire one of the finest panoramas in the Laurentians. From Huberdeau, return to Route 364 in a westerly direction toward Saint-Rémi-d'Amherst.



## Saint-Rémi-d'Amherst

Although it typifies many of the country backroads that criss-cross the Laurentians, this 10-kilometer run is well worth doing. There is a place to stop and park at the crossroad of routes 364 and 323. This is one end of the Aerobic Corridor, a cycle path winding its way back to Morin-Heights on the former Canadian National Railroad, which use to serve this section of the western Laurentians. Information panels relating some of the history of the railroad are installed along several kilometers of this trail. They are also accessible from the road you have just been on.

From Saint-Rémi, head toward Brébeuf on Route 323 Nord before arriving at the Saint-Jovite district of the Town of Mont-Tremblant.

Founded in 1910 and named Brébeuf, the municipality pays homage to one of the best known French-Canadian martyrs. Here you will find an exceptional municipal beach, unique of its kind, with an immense sandbank in the middle of the Rivière Rouge and the Chute aux Bleuets, a cascade above the beach. There is a belvedere where you may want to take a break and a stairway provides access to the falls.

## From Brébeuf to Saint-Jovite, back in fields and farmland

Route 323 leads into the heart of Saint-Jovite, whose many heritage, historical and tourist attractions are well known.



## Road directions from Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré to Mont-Tremblant (Saint-Jovite sector)

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| 1. Head in a westerly direction on Rue Saint-Faustin toward Place de la Mairie  | 900 m   |
| 2. Turn left on Rue Principale  | 400 m   |
| 3. Take the 1st right and continue on Chemin des Lacs   | 35 m    |
| 4. Turn right and rejoin Route 117 N  | 6.5 km  |
| 5. At the roundabout, keep straight ahead on Route 117 N  | 2.2 km  |
| 6. Take exit 116 to Route 117 N in the direction of Route 327/Rue Léonard/Huberdeau/Lachute                                 | 210 m   |
| 7. Follow Rue Lalonde   | 240 m   |
| 8. Turn left on Rue Léonard (sign for Arundel/Huberdeau)  | 2.1 km  |
| 9. Continue on Route 327 S  | 16.5 km |
| 10. Turn right on Route Doctor-Henry/Route 364 O (to Huberdeau)   | 2.0 km  |
| 11. Take the 1st right and continue on Rue Principale   | 450 m   |
| 12. Turn left on Fer-à-Cheval/Rue Bellevue  | 700 m   |
| 13. Turn left on Rue du Vert-Pré  | 130 m   |
| 14. Turn right on Rue Principale/Route 364 O – follow Route 364 O   | 8.3 km  |
| 15. Head in a westerly direction on Chemin de Rockway-Valley/Route 364 O toward Chemin de la Mine – continue on Route 364 O | 5.0 km  |
| 16. Turn right on Rue Amherst/Route 323 N – follow Route 323 N  | 11,0 km |
| 17. Turn right and continue on Route 323 N  | 8.8 km  |
| 18. Continue on Chemin de Brébeuf   | 350 m   |
| 19. Turn right on Rue de Saint-Jovite   | 450 m   |





## Secteur Saint-Jovite

On Rue Saint-Jovite, head toward the village center. You may wish to stop here to walk around and appreciate some of the architectural heritage of Saint-Jovite east of the church. From Rue Saint-Jovite, tune left onto Rue Labelle.

When leaving the village, you will cross “Le P’tit Train du Nord” linear park and you will note several golf courses, including “La Belle et La Belle”. The Gray Rocks hotel, who burn in 2014, had many stories to tell about the early days of tourism in this sector.

On the right, on the other side of Lac Ouimet, rises the summit of Mont Tremblant. You get a good view from this perspective of this giant of the Laurentians. At the roundabout, take the first exit right onto Montée Ryan. At the next roundabout, continue straight ahead on Montée Ryan. At the end of this road is Lac Tremblant. From here, you can take a right to reach the Tremblant Resort with its pedestrian village or a left to visit the old village of Mont-Tremblant. You can also stop at the quay in front of you and admire the magnificent cruise boat run by Croisières Mont-Tremblant.



The Route des Belles-Histoires turns left here onto Chemin du Village in order to go around the lake and admire the splendid view of the Tremblant Resort and its wonderful mountain.

As you continue on this road, you’ll notice how busy an area this has become since the resort was developed.

## Sector of Mont-Tremblant Village

Located on the banks of Lac Mercier, Mont Tremblant Village provides plenty of space for arts and culture. The old railways station houses an exhibition center and the town recently acquired the Church of Sacré-Cœur-de-Jésus with a view to using it for community events and preserving its heritage value for future generations. When you have the church on your left, you are running beside “Le P’tit Train du Nord” linear park and the lake on your right and when you reach Chemin du Lac Mercier, turn right.

Follow Chemin du Lac Mercier up to Rue des Tulipes where you will turn left toward Conception. You will pass a residential area dotted with small farms. Rue des Tulipes runs beside the Rivière Rouge and provides some fine panoramas over this fertile valley, which is subject to various types of agricultural development.

This will take you to the Route 117 N up to Labelle.



## Labelle

A new bypass on Route 117 takes us past this municipality, so you should take exit 140 that allows you to pass through Labelle on the old road, which has recently been rebuilt.

Labelle, formerly known as La Chute aux Iroquois, is named for the celebrated colonizer of the Laurentians, curé Antoine Labelle and proud of the heritage that attaches to this illustrious personage. The Chute-aux-Iroquois Historical Society runs a museum in the Maison de la Culture in which more than 200 objects are exhibited. The railway museum at the old Labelle railways station presents the history of the railroad in this region and the Parc des Cheminots, or Goods Yard, highlights some important vestiges of the former presence of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

At the Labelle railway station, you will find a statue of Curé Labelle and be able to admire the Chute aux Iroquois by crossing the bridge over the celebrated falls on the Rivière Rouge, whose legend is of much interest. The station is located on “Le P’tit Train du Nord” linear park.

### Road directions from the Saint-Jovite sector of Mont-Tremblant to Labelle

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| 1. Sur Saint-Jovite vers le centre du secteur, direction est    | 450 m   |
| 2. Turn left on Rue Labelle                                     | 7.1 km  |
| 3. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit to Montée Ryan          | 3.7 km  |
| 4. At the roundabout, continue straight ahead on Montée Ryan    | 100 m   |
| 5. Turn left on Chemin du Village                               | 4.8 km  |
| 6. Turn right on Chemin du Lac-Mercier                          | 3.8 km  |
| 7. Continue on Chemin de la Station                             | 2.2 km  |
| 8. Turn half left on Route des Tulipes                          | 6.6 km  |
| 9. Turn right on Chemin des Faucons                             | 47 m    |
| 10. Turn right on Route 117 N                                   | 13.4 km |
| 11. Take the exit in the direction of Boulevard du Curé-Labelle | 450 m   |
| 12. Turn right on Boulevard du Curé-Labelle                     | 2.7 km  |
| 13. Turn right on Rue du Pont                                   | 150 m   |
| 14. Take the 1st left and stay on Rue du Pont                   | 39 m    |
| 15. Take the 1st right and continue on Rue Allard               | 200 m   |
| 16. Turn left on Rue du Dépôt                                   | 180 m   |
| 17. Turn half right on Rue de la Gare                           | 350 m   |
| 18. Continue on Chemin de la Gare                               | 35 m    |



## Section of the Antoine-Labelle RMC From Labelle to Ville de Rivière-Rouge

### La Macaza

When leaving the station at Labelle, head in the direction of La Macaza. This road follows both the linear park and the river. A winding road in parts, it leads us to another covered bridge of Town-type dating from 1904. On the way, you'll see vast pine forests with mature trees and numerous larches whose color is very special in spring and autumn. Be careful along here as you may find deer suddenly making an appearance in front of you in this area, where the locals are fond of feeding them. As you traverse this small, multi-ethnic village, there is an open space in the center reserved for feeding the deer. Construction of the current church began in 1903 in order to serve the many families on this plateau on its gentle incline down to Lac Chaud. An important colony of Russian and Polish Catholics were members of this congregation. Now ahead appears a vast plateau on which the Aéroport de Mont-Tremblant has been built, welcoming flights to and from Toronto and New York. There is also a lot of aerial tourism activity from this airport.



### Ville de Rivière-Rouge (sector of L'Annonciation)

This town was created by the merger of L'Annonciation, Sainte-Véronique and Canton Marchand. The old railways station of Rivière-Rouge, located at 682, Rue L'Annonciation Nord, houses the local Tourist Bureau, an exhibition center and the local Business Development office. It is located on "Le P'tit Train du Nord" linear park and there is a municipal park adjacent.



#### Road directions from Labelle to Ville de Rivière-Rouge, sector of L'Annonciation

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| 1. Head in a westerly direction on Chemin de la Gare toward Chemin des Colibris                 | 4.7 km |
| 2. Continue on Chemin des Cascades  | 5.8 km |
| 3. Continue on Rue des Pionniers  | 2.1 km |
| 4. Turn left on Chemin du Rang-Double   | 2.5 km |
| 5. Turn half right on Chemin de l'Aéroport  | 2.1 km |
| 6. Turn half left on Chemin de la Macaza  | 7.3 km |
| 7. Continue on Rue du Pont  | 300 m  |
| 8. Turn right on Rue L'Annonciation   | 3.7 km |
| 9. Head in a northwesterly direction on Rue L'Annonciation N toward Route Bellerive/Route 321 S | 15 m   |

## Sector of the Antoine-Labelle RMC (cont'd) From Ville de Rivière-Rouge to Mont-Laurier

About 10 more kilometers will take you to the Municipality of Nominungue.

### Nominungue

After various tours and detours, it is pleasant to drive for a while on a major road. To your right will get some fine views over Lac Nominungue from time to time. A series of small, pleasant inns line the cycle-path, which runs between the road and the lake. You will soon come across a golf course and shortly afterwards enter the village. It's time to slow down and stop off at the old railway station. During the summer season, there is a Tourist Bureau here as well as exhibitions by local artists and craftspersons in some of the ten small cabins known as "The hamlet at Nominungue station." Continuing on Chemin du Tour-du-lac, go on to Rue Saint-Ignace and turn left. This will lead you to a dead end where there are a number of information panels identifying various historic sites. By turning left on Rue Sacré-Cœur, you will pass in front of the church built in 1933 by architect Charles Grenier in the Gothic style. The church building possesses remarkable acoustics and is equipped with a Casavant organ. Concerts are held here during the Festival Classique des Hautes-Laurentides.

A bit further on, turn on Rue Sainte-Anne which becomes Chemin Nominungue, and take the direction toward Lac-Saguay.

### Lac-Saguay

In the direction of Lac-Saguay, you pass the entrance to the Papineau-Labelle Wildlife Reserve and once again, a vast unoccupied territory belonging to the Crown. You might come across trucks here transporting logs... until you regain Route 117 Nord south of Lac-Saguay.

At the entrance to Lac-Saguay on the right, you can admire the Parc Georges-Painchaud with its sculpture of the tall lumberjack known as "Grand six pieds" and the first dam at Lac-Saguay. It is also the starting point for the Circuit des Légendes, which will take you to nine different locations in the municipality. These are original legends created by various Québec personalities. Return to Route 117 Nord and pass through the centre of this pleasant village.

In the next few kilometers, you will get a sense of the wide-open spaces that characterize the Upper Laurentians. The road climbs and descends over long hills. There won't be much traffic but you are likely to come across trucks coming and going from the north: Abitibi, Baie-James, etc... It's an area with little population but some very fine scenery.

Leave Route 117 and take Chemin des Quatre-Fourches which leads through a cultivated valley, which still bears witness to the subsistence agriculture that was the lot of settlers in the early days of Laurentian colonization. Then turn left on Route 311 in a southerly direction to rejoin Route 117 in a northerly direction at the village of Lac-du-Cerf. Mont-Laurier, this important city standing on the path of more distant Nordic destinations, is now close at hand.

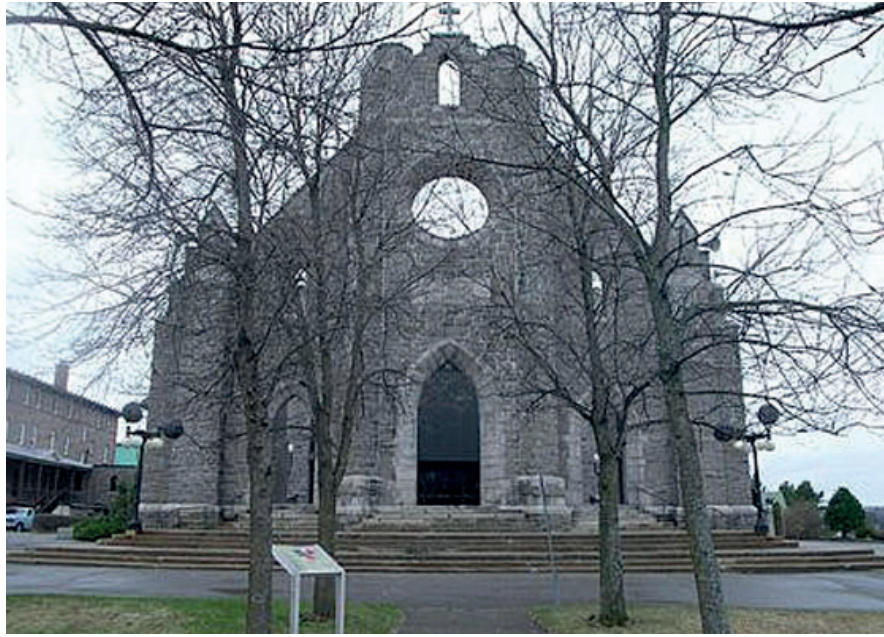




## Mont-Laurier, and the end of the Route des Belles-Histoires

A point of convergence of three of Québec's regions, these being Greater Montreal, Abitibi and the Outaouais, Mont-Laurier is the major service center for the Upper Laurentians. Forestry is still an important industry here as demonstrated by the numerous dealers in heavy equipment along the main road. Behind this obvious commercial side of Mont-Laurier lies a dynamic cultural life, as you can observe immediately as you turn right on Rue du Pont. You pass in front of the Maison de la Culture which houses the Mont-Laurier Exhibition Center. Here you can find about various historical walking tours around Mont-Laurier.

Although the signage now wants you to make a right-hand turn on Rue de la Madone, it is recommended that you park your car in this area and walk down Rue du Pont toward the **Rivière du Lièvre** in order to view the Mont-Laurier Cathedral. You will also find the Parc Toussaint-Lachapelle which



hosts numerous shows each year, and the old hydroelectric dam.

Rue de la Madone is the main commercial street in Mont-Laurier, if we discount the larger shopping centers and other businesses out on Route 117. Now head towards the old railway station of Mont-Laurier, a fine historic building marking the northern end of the **Route des Belles-Histoires**, as well as the end of "Le Petit Train du nord" linear park.



## Road directions from Ville de Rivière-Rouge, sector of L'Annonciation to Mont-Laurier

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| 10. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit on Route Bellerive/Route 321 S<br>in the direction of Nomingue – Continue on Route 321 S | 11.9 km |
| 11. Continue on Chemin du Tour-du-Lac   | 1.4 km  |
| 12. Head in a northeasterly direction on Chemin du Tour-du-Lac<br>toward Rue Saint-Ignace   | 3 m     |
| 13. Take the 1st left and continue on Rue Saint-Ignace  | 200 m   |
| 14. Turn left on Rue du Sacré-Cœur  | 400 m   |
| 15. Take the 3rd right and continue on Rue Sainte-Anne  | 8.2 km  |
| 16. Continue on Chemin du Lac-Nomingue  | 6.1 km  |
| 17. Turn left on Route 117 N  | 13.7 km |
| 18. Turn right on Chemin des Quatre-Fourches  | 4.5 km  |
| 19. Turn left on route 311 S  | 5.7 km  |
| 20. Turn right on Boulevard Saint-François S/Route 117 N/Route 311 S<br>Continue on Route 117 N                                   | 11.6 km |
| 21. Turn right on Rue du Pont   | 270 m   |
| 22. Take the 3rd right and continue on Rue de la Madone   | 900 m   |
| 23. Turn right on Rue Olivier-Guimond<br>Your destination is on your left   | 150 m   |

