



A Little History...



British Loyalists settled the Eastern Townships at the end of the 18th century. They wanted to remain loyal to the Crown and settled in the new English colony that had become Canada. Soon enough, Irish, Scottish, British and French-Canadian settlers joined them.

This mosaic of cultures is evidenced in the architecture of the region. In our villages, there are homes in Georgian, neo-Gothic and neo-Queen Ann styles, churches of different denominations as well as impressive public buildings. To admire them all, follow the [Townships Trail](#) (Chemins des Cantons), a marked route spanning 415 kilometres that showcases the area's most important historical sites, including [Ulverton Woolen Mills](#) and Compton's [Louis S. St-Laurent National Historic Site](#), birthplace of the former Canadian prime minister.

One of the region's most fascinating buildings is Mystic's [Walbridge Barn](#), built in 1882. The 12-sided barn is the only of its kind in the province. Restored over the past few years, it is home to the [Missisquoi Museum's](#) agricultural collection. The museum has two other buildings: the Cornell Mill and Hodge's General Store, both in the village of Stanbridge East.

