

# The Maliseet Trail

**“The Maliseet Trail was one of the most important routes traveled by the semi-nomadic peoples we now call the Maliseet, Mi’kmaq, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot First Nations. Reports of portage trails with solid rock furrowed by the moccasins of the native tribes led to speculation in the 1800s that the Trail was the earliest evidence of man in Eastern North America. Its central inland location and intersections with three major river drainages made the Trail a well-known and long used corridor of travel.”**

**<http://www.noumbrella.com/43/43solo.shtml>**

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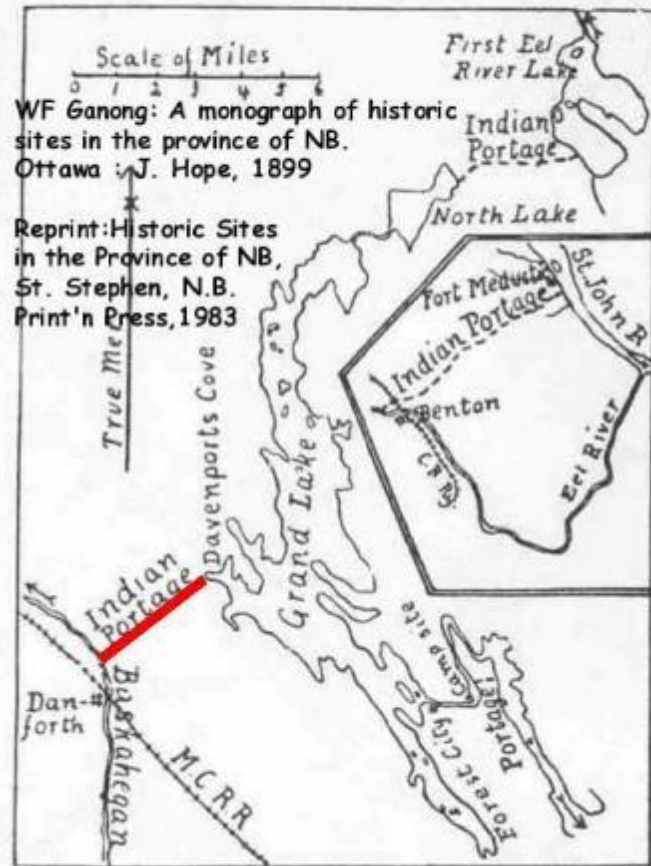
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St. John River to Penobscot River

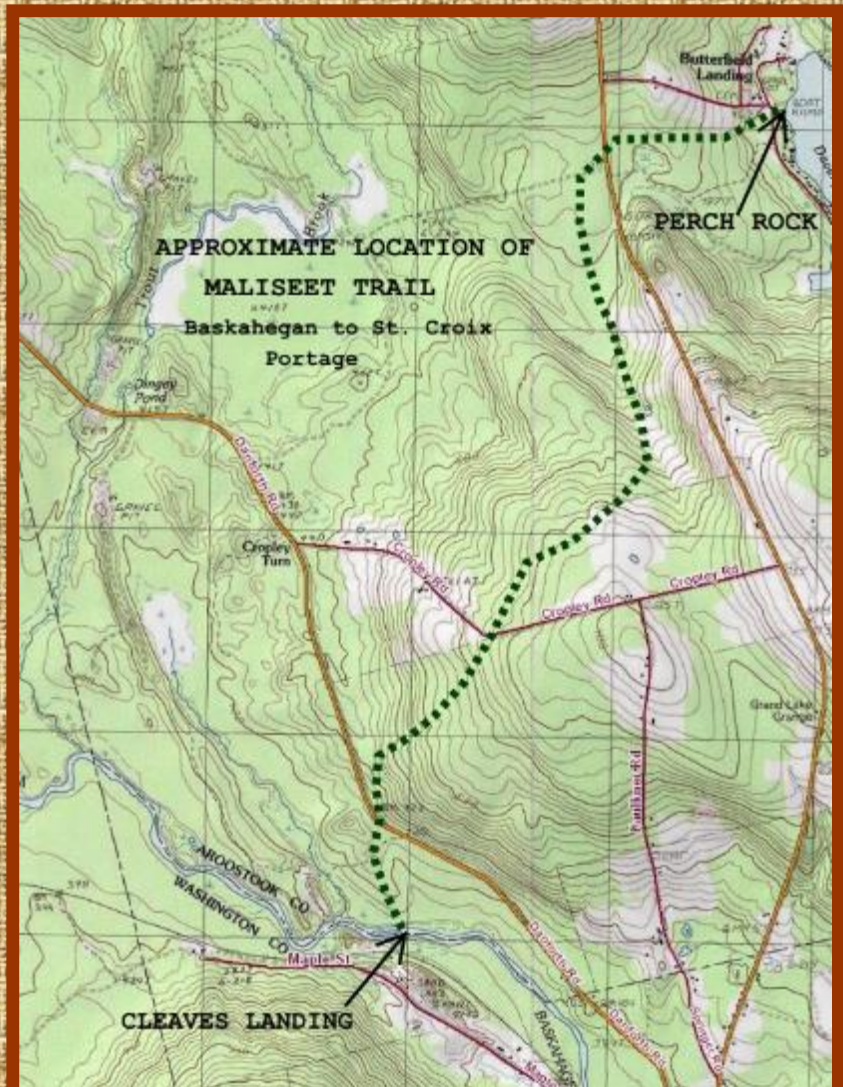


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MAP No. 5. PORTAGES FROM THE ST. JOHN TO THE





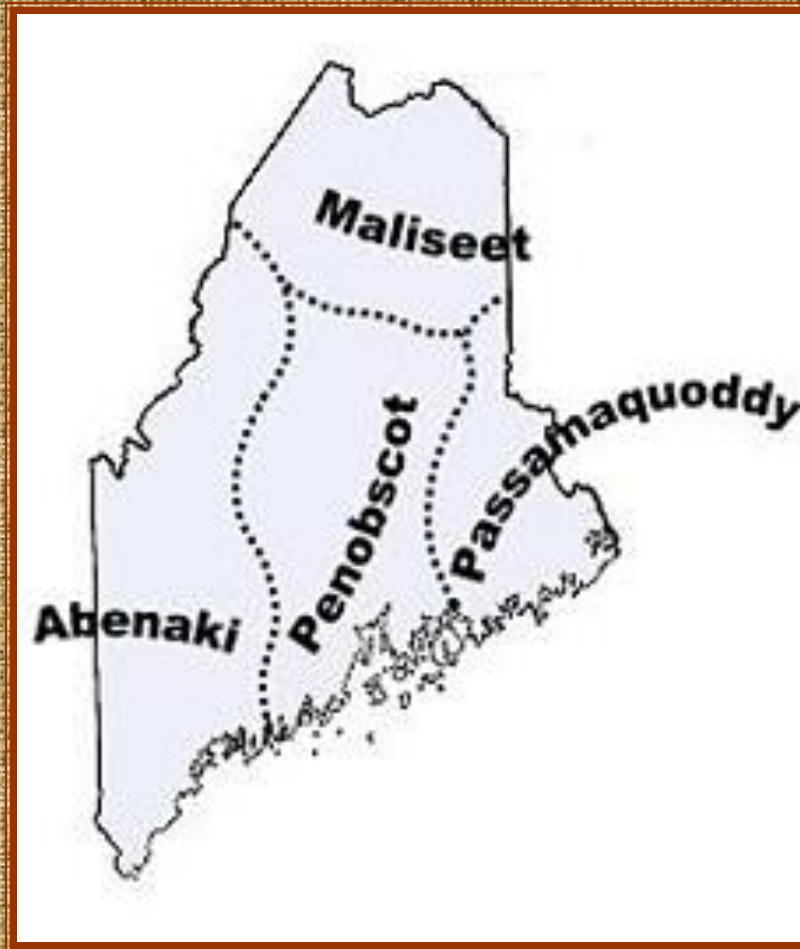
# Canoe routes & Portages



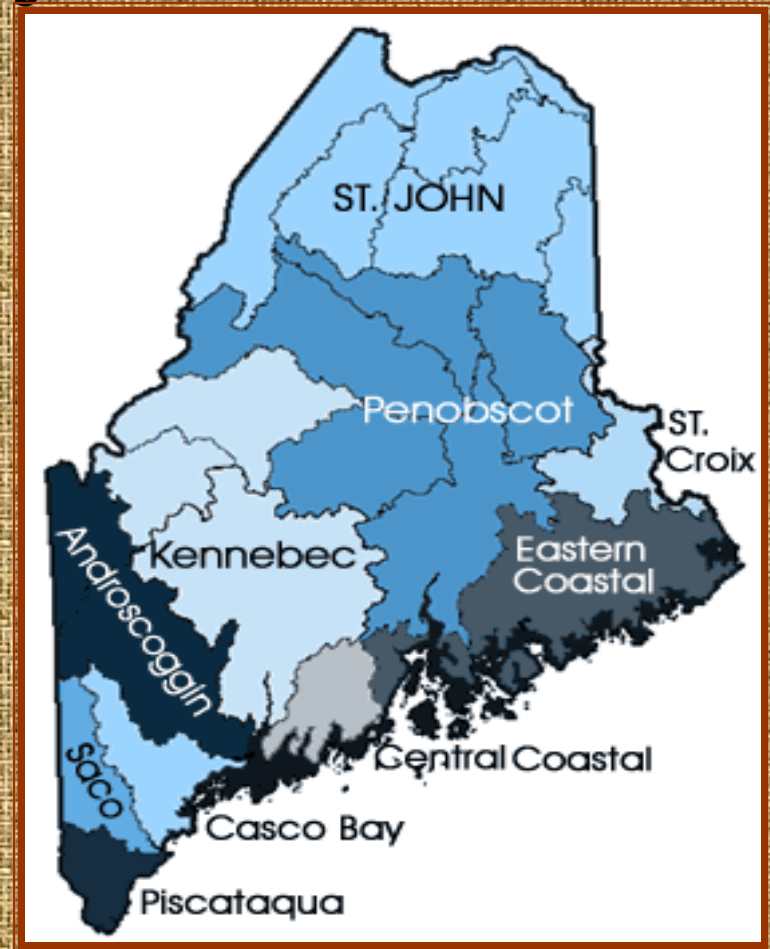
**Portaging is the practice of carrying water craft or cargo over land, either around an obstacle in a river, or between two bodies of water. A place where this carrying occurs is also called a portage.**

**Portages can be short distances and relatively flat or many miles and often cover hilly or difficult terrain.**

# Native American Culture & Watersheds of Maine



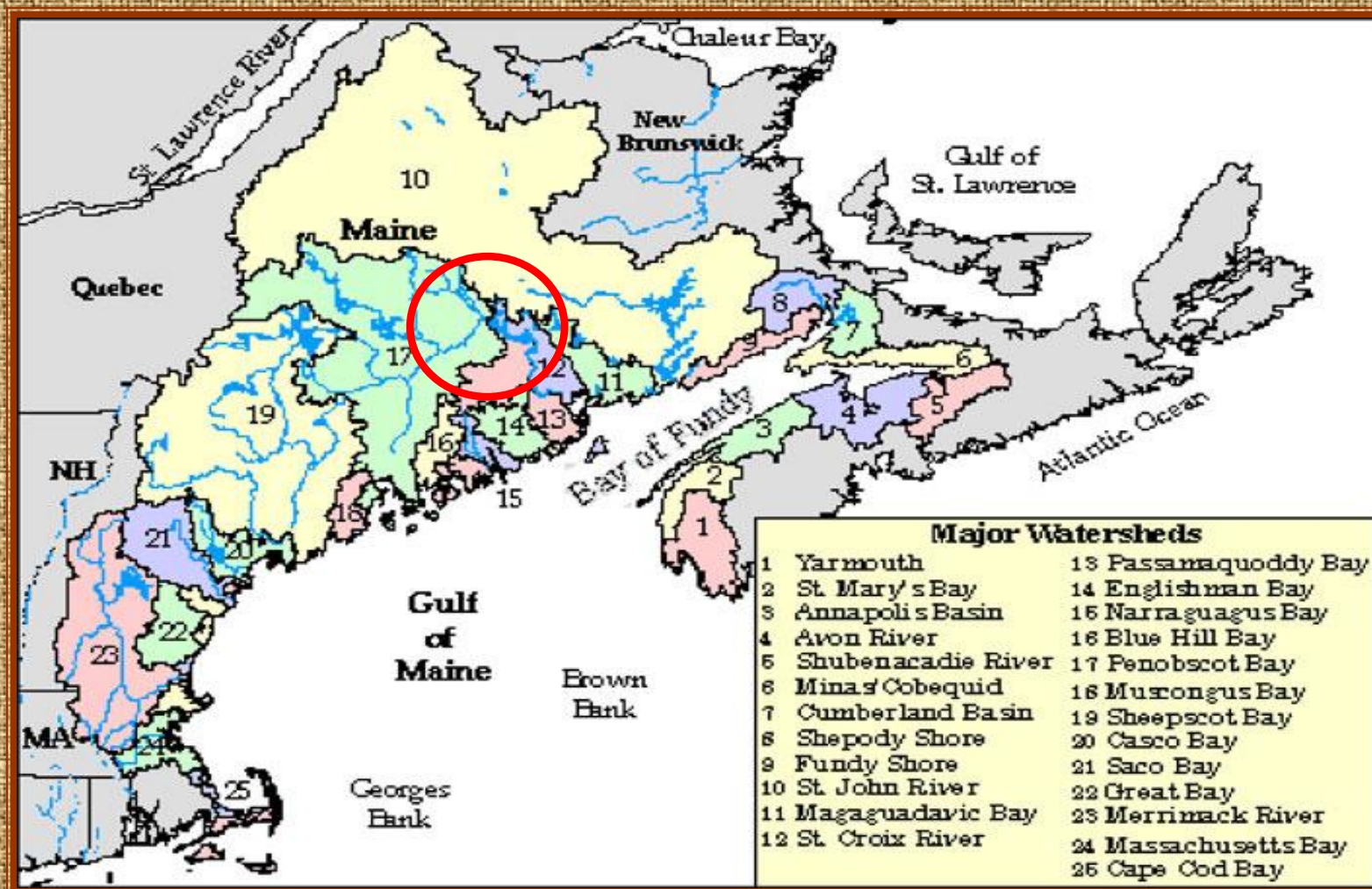
**Tribes of Maine**



**Major Watersheds of Maine**



# Major Watersheds of Maine & NEW BRUNSWICK



# NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA





# *The Maliseet Trail*

**In 1804, tales of hardship on the Trail appeared in a story of the first American settlers of Houlton, Maine. They crossed the Trail but became hopelessly lost east of North Lake on the portage to First Eel River Lake. For several days, they faced starvation before stumbling upon a pioneer's cabin next to the Saint John River.**



# The Future of the Maliseet Trail

The Ancient Maliseet Canoe Trail played an important role in Native American societies and the settlement of our area of Maine and nearby New Brunswick.

**What can we do to help commemorate this important piece of Native American and European Emigrant History right in our own backyard?**

