

Hého, Off We Go!

This three hour French culture and joie de vivre excursion can be experienced in St. Pierre Jolys, all year round. Whether you attend the Sugaring Off Festival in April or the Frog Follies Festival in July, you will hear the beautiful French language from locals and merchants alike. The St. Pierre Jolys Museum, the Sugar Shack, and the Maison Goulet are all quaint facilities that make up the Francophone and Metis story of the area. Learn why transportation and trading was part of the Metis way of life and the iconic role the Red River Cart played for the Metis people. Parts of the Crow Wing Trail from this access point can be experienced in summer or winter as part of the trail is groomed as cross-country ski trails. Start the Crow Wing Trail Loop Early so that you can finish and have lunch at J'em Bistro – the newest Breakfast and Lunch Café in town. For dessert, head to the back counter at the St. Pierre Bigway for the BEST gelato selection in Southern Manitoba.

Trail Section: St. Pierre Jolys Loop Map

<http://crowwingtrail.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Crow-Wing-Maps-2.pdf>

Access Point: St. Pierre Museum Parking Lot

Distance: 3 kms

Mode: Walk or Bike

Rating: Front Country

Topography – Paved, gravel, wood chips, dirt road, grass.

Amenities/Points of Interest

- The St. Pierre Museum and Sugar Shack - <https://museestpierrejolys.ca/sugar-shack/>
- The Sugaring Off Festival - <https://museestpierrejolys.ca/?event=sugaring-off-festival>
- Frog Follies Festival - <http://www.frogfollies.com/>
- St. Pierre Shell Station – supplies, air pump, washroom and water
- St. Pierre Esso Station- supplies, air pump, washroom and water
- St. Pierre Bigway - <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Pierre-BigWay/100011502581336>
- Carillon Park - Frog Follies Pond – Environmental Plaque
<http://www.villagestpierrejolys.ca/p/parc-carillon>
- The House that Love Built <https://lovebuilt.ca/>