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Saint Croix Island
International Historic Site
Maine

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Saint Croix Island International Historic Site

2008 Accomplishments

At a Glance

\$228,000 budget

2 permanent/3 seasonal staff

visitation unavailable (new site—method for counting visitation is being developed)

money spent by non-local visitors in local economies unavailable (no method for tracking is available at this time)

40 volunteers/360 volunteer hours

National Park Service Centennial

Used Centennial Initiative funding to hire one seasonal employee, who provided on-site information, orientation, and programs for the visiting public

Preserving History

Facilitated the start of a project in collaboration with the Maine Native American tribes to plan for managing inadvertent archeological discoveries in Saint Croix Island International Historic Site and Acadia National Park

Organized and presented two teacher workshops on the use of the Passamaquoddy Teaching Kit with assistance from a Parks as Classrooms grant

Improving Visitor Experience

Through the site's first Teacher-Ranger-Teacher, conducted interpretive programs, staffed the ranger station, made several hundred informal visitor contacts, and conceived of a new curriculum-based school program

Completed the design of and distributed the site's first Junior Ranger booklet and swore in 58 Junior Rangers

Facilitated the translation of the website at www.nps.gov/sacr into French in preparation for a 2009 launch

Initiated the facility development planning process, which will guide development of energy-efficient visitor and operational facilities on the mainland portion of Saint Croix Island International Historic Site for the next 15 to 20 years

Installed two new highway motorist guide signs—the site's first—on US 1

Working with Communities

Employed two local students, one from the Passamaquoddy Tribe, to provide information and present programs to site visitors, including Native American cultural demonstrations

Recruited 35 new volunteers thanks to National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks special project funding that provided critical safety supplies and equipment for volunteers

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Held 11 civic engagement meetings regarding the facility development planning effort

Provided programs for local groups, including scouts (Boy, Girl, and Cub), home-schooled children, area seniors' homes, and a college for seniors

Caring for the Environment

Obtained funding through the National Park Service Geologist in the Parks program for additional work to develop a long-term erosion monitoring plan for Saint Croix Island

Hosted a hands-on apple tree pruning workshop in partnership with University of Maine Cooperative Extension to help preserve the site's 22 historic apple trees

Working Smarter

Partnered with Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge to bring in the site's first volunteer groups to assist with maintenance projects

Conducted the site's first visitor sampling survey, which will allow the site to count the number of visitors for the first time ever