

Compton and Waterville Circuit



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Thirteen cemeteries to discover!

This circuit turns the spotlight on a number of proud builders—families who built mills and factories or cleared expansive agricultural lands. On the circuit, visitors will also find a plaque commemorating a former prime minister of Canada, Louis S. St. Laurent.

The grave markers here indicate the presence of several religious denominations, accompanied by a multitude of sculptures. There are Anglican, Protestant, Universalist and Catholic as well as multi-faith cemeteries here, not to mention family cemeteries.

You can begin your tour at the heart of Waterville, where you will find three cemeteries closely spaced together. From here, you can explore small villages and make your way to the centre of the municipality of Compton.

Some local features are rare in our region, such as the Gale monument tomb at the far end

of Greenwood Cemetery. George Gale (1824-1892) of the Pioneer Trail (<https://www.culturecoaticook.com/circuits/la-voie-des-pionniers/gale/>) is buried at the Union Church cemetery in Waterville.

One of the area's oldest cemeteries, Cochrane Sleeper Cemetery, is also located along this circuit. It ceased to be used in 1949, after more than 145 years of operations. Part of its heritage value is the expansive scenic view it gives you. In addition to a few family burial plots, the site is home to a number of slate stelae.