

WÁZOWATEGÓK (The Missisquoi River)

**SITE OF EARLY TANNERY**

**SITE OF GRISTMILL AND SAWMILL**



**BRIDGES**

**Play our Richford Historical Marker  
"Wild and Scenic River Trail"  
Game!**

**Visit all 11 signs to learn about  
Richford history and people's  
interactions with our federally  
designated Wild and Scenic  
Missisquoi River!**



**THE FLOOD OF 1927**



**MISSISQUOI RAILROAD**



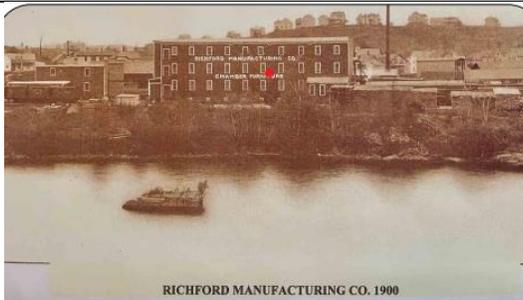
**STEVENS MILLS AND EAST RICHFORD**



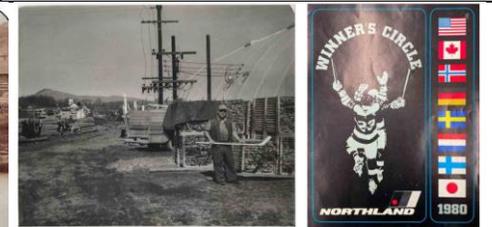
**SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD DEPOT**



**BIG ISLAND AND  
ISLAND PARK**



**ATLAS PLYWOOD CORPORATION**



**HOCKEY STICK PRODUCTION**

**How to play:** Visit all 11 signs and solve the clues in each puzzle for a word. Once you have all 11 eleven words, use them to complete this sentence about Richford!

\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_  
the Wild and Scenic \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of power and inspiration!

When you think you have the complete sentence, write it on a piece of paper along with your name and contact information (phone number and/or email address) and drop it off at the Town Hall or at the Arvin A. Brown Public Library. You can put it in the book return box when these buildings are closed. **The deadline for entries is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.** We will pull names from the correct responses for several prizes and let you know if you are a lucky winner!

**CLUES ARE ON THE BACK!**

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**Davis Park**

**Abenaki sign:** The first people to enjoy and make use of the river created a strong \_\_\_\_\_. (Third word in second sentence.)

**Baseball sign:** We all know that Richford is a \_\_\_\_\_ place. (The word before “rules” of the game between the Fats and the Leans!)

**Main St. Bridge**

**Bridges sign:** We all need a bridge to cross the \_\_\_\_\_. (The third word in the first paragraph.)

**Flood of 1927 sign:** Sometimes natural events like floods cause rivers to reshape what \_\_\_\_\_ have worked hard to establish. (The second word of the first sentence.)

**Gristmill and sawmill sign:** Many mills were \_\_\_\_\_ at the site of the falls in the center of town. (Third word in the first sentence.)

**Province St.**

**Southeastern Railroad** Taking a train on this railroad, you could enjoy an evening in Montreal or an outing to Newport for a cruise \_\_\_\_\_ the shores of Lake Memphremagog! (Ninth word in the second sentence.)

**Eastern Ave.**

**Tannery sign:** Richford is a \_\_\_\_\_ whose history is intertwined with its river. We continue to enjoy the Missisquoi River’s recreational opportunities and natural beauty. It is a crucial ecosystem important to wildlife in our area, as well as further downstream to the health of Lake Champlain. (Last word in the title of Jack Salisbury’s book about the history of Richford, VT.)

**Troy St.**

**Atlas Plywood sign:** Nobody knows exactly why our town is called \_\_\_\_\_. (Second word in last sentence of first paragraph.)

**Missisquoi Railroad:** You could hop on a train from this railroad company and view the wild and scenic \_\_\_\_\_ River while traveling from Richford to St. Albans. (Seventh word in first sentence.)

**Hockey stick factory:** Richford’s numerous ash trees provided a \_\_\_\_\_ of wood for the manufacturing of hockey sticks. Now those ash trees are vulnerable to the approach of an invasive insect species called the Emerald Ash Borer. Please email [richfordconservation@gmail.com](mailto:richfordconservation@gmail.com) if you spot evidence of one! (Ninth word in last sentence.)

**Junction of Route 105 and 105A**

**Stevens Mills sign:** There were \_\_\_\_\_ logging mills in Stevens Mills in the early twentieth century. They even had their own post office! (The word before “mills” in second sentence.)

***Fill in the words to this sentence!***

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\_\_\_\_\_ the Wild and Scenic \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of power and inspiration!

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