

89 Indian Stream Historic Schoolhouse

Tabor Road, Pittsburg, New Hampshire

In many New England communities, locating an old one-room schoolhouse can be an effort in ultimate treasure hunting. Most have crumbled into obscurity or were renovated beyond recognition into a private residence. In Pittsburg, New Hampshire, one man, determined to honor the legacy of his father, rallied a community to embrace and restore their educational roots. Located at the intersection of NH Route 3 and Tabor Road in Pittsburg, the Indian Stream Historic Schoolhouse is now an intimate museum worthy of a visit.

In 1897, the Town of Pittsburg Selectmen voted to raise funds for the purchase of land and the building of a one-room schoolhouse, securing Willie Judd as their contractor. By 1900, Indian Stream was one of nine schoolhouses within Pittsburg. After completion of the schoolhouse, the bell from the nearby Danforth School was purchased in 1897 and still hangs in the belfry today.

This small one-room schoolhouse educated children through eighth grade, with the elder students tutoring the younger students. There was no electricity or running water, and the only heat was from a small woodstove.

In 1939, the schoolhouse closed and fell into decades of deterioration, until Roy Amey, whose father attended the school in 1907, had the vision of restoration. Amey, with the help of community members, started a nonprofit organization to preserve the site and reopen the building to the public. Local artifacts and keepsakes began filling the empty space. Today, the schoolhouse museum is open weekends in the summer and fall. The Indian Stream Schoolhouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007.



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