french landmarks

French explorers first arrived in New Brunswick in the 1500s. French settlement of the area, part of the colony of Acadie, began in earnest after Samuel de Champlain arrived in 1604. The Acadian Civil War (1640-1650) eventually cemented Charles de la Tour as head of the colony.

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Fort La Tour National Historic Site

📍 124 Chesley Dr., Saint John

Charles de la Tour first constructed Fort La Tour (also known as Fort Sainte Marie) on the east side of the Saint John Harbour in 1631. In 2019/2020, a replica, Place Fort La Tour, was constructed on the original site and opens to the public in 2021.

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Fort Charnisay National Historic Site

📍 Under Route 1 near the end of King St. W, Saint John

Charles Menou d'Aulnay de Charnisay first built the original Fort Charnisay, a fortified trading post, on the west side of the harbour in 1632. The site is marked by an Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque and cairn.

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Fort Boishébert National Historic Site

📍 Woodmans Point Rd., Grand Bay-Westfield

Charles Deschamps de Boishébert built Fort Boishébert (or Fort Nerepis), a small fort at Woodmans Point in 1749. This fort remained a French foothold until 1755 when British forces under Colonel Robert Monckton began the expulsion of Acadian French settlers throughout the region. Woodman's Point is marked by a cairn and plaque erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.