

2026 REGION GUIDE

DownEast Acadia

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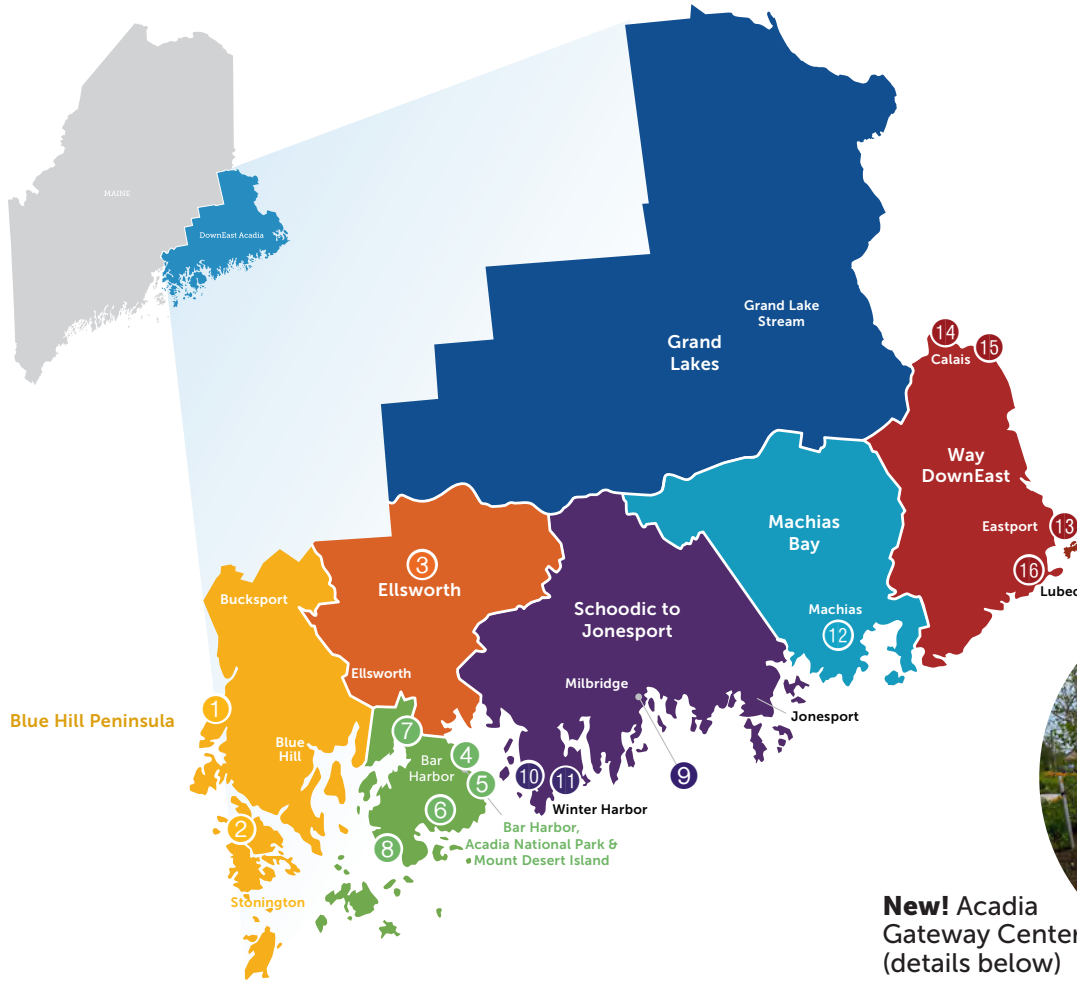
A must-see attraction on your way downeast, right off route 1
 740 Fort Knox Rd, Prospect, Maine | 207-469-6553 | mainedot.gov/pnbo | fortknoxmaine.com

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTERS



Scan here for information about our Chambers of Commerce and Visitor Centers. Call ahead before arriving in-person.

Our region shares an international border with our Canadian neighbors. We recommend bringing a passport to take advantage of New Brunswick, Canada and beyond.



New! Acadia Gateway Center (details below)

- ① **Castine Visitor Center**
Main St. and Water St., Castine | 207-326-4502
- ② **Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce**
114 Little Deer Isle Rd., Deer Isle | 207-385-0042
- ③ **Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce**
151 High St., Ellsworth | 207-667-5584
- ④ **Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce**
2 Cottage St., Bar Harbor | 800-288-5103
- ⑤ **Hulls Cove Visitor Center**
25 Visitor Center Rd., Bar Harbor | 207-288-3338
- ⑥ **Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce**
42 Harbor Dr., Northeast Harbor | 207-276-5040
- ⑦ **Acadia Gateway Center**
42 Gateway Center Dr., Trenton | 207-412-0182
- ⑧ **Southwest Harbor & Tremont Chamber of Commerce Info Center**
329 Main St., Southwest Harbor | 207-244-9264
- ⑨ **Schooner Gallery Info Center**
59 Main St., Milbridge | 207-546-3179
- ⑩ **Schoodic Chamber Visitor Kiosk**
247 Main St., Winter Harbor
- ⑪ **The Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park**
9 Atterbury Cir., Winter Harbor | 207-288-1310
- ⑫ **Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce**
2 Kilton Ln., Machias | 207-255-4402
- ⑬ **Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce**
141 Water St., Eastport | 207-853-4614
- ⑭ **Maine State Visitor Center**
39 Union St., Calais | 207-454-2211
- ⑮ **St. Croix Island Visitor Center**
84 St Croix Dr., Calais | 207-454-3871
- ⑯ **Visit Lubec Visitor Kiosk**
Flatiron Corner, Lubec

DOWNEAST ACADIA'S TRAVEL REGIONS

Meet **Maynard the Moose**, our DownEast Acadia friend! Find Maynard hidden in 5 places in our guide!



DownEast Acadia stretches along Maine's rugged northeastern coast from Penobscot Bay to the St. Croix River, encompassing an astonishing 2,300 miles of shoreline and more than 5,600 square miles of wide-open space. Within this vast landscape, seven unique travel regions offer their own perspectives on the DownEast Acadia experience, each with its own charm, pace, and sense of place.

The **Blue Hill Peninsula** is home to **Stonington**, one of the nation's most important working waterfronts, and the historic maritime port of **Castine**. Sheltered coves, internationally renowned dining, and scenic villages have long drawn writers, artists, and artisans to the peninsula, shaping communities rich in creativity and flavor. After exploring **Deer Isle**, follow Route 1 back toward the mainland and stop in **Blue Hill** for a memorable meal and carefully curated shopping.

Ellsworth, the activity hub of DownEast Acadia, brings together the best of many worlds. Visitors can stay the night, shop, dine, explore public spaces, attend performances, or gear up for deeper adventures across the region. Just minutes beyond **Ellsworth's** vibrant downtown lies a quieter inland landscape of forests, freshwater lakes, and mountaintops ideal for outdoor recreation in every season.

Mount Desert Island is a quintessential Maine destination, pairing the lively charm of **Bar Harbor** with the awe-inspiring beauty of Acadia National Park. Shops, restaurants, and abundant lodging line the town's streets, offering seemingly endless activities for visitors of all ages. For a slower pace, explore the island's quieter villages including **Southwest Harbor**, **Northeast Harbor**, and **Tremont**, where the scenery is just as striking, and the vibe is more laid back.

From swimmable freshwater lakes and rivers to dramatic granite shorelines, the **Schoodic to Jonesport** region is a true hidden gem. Pass through **Cherryfield**, the self-proclaimed "Wild Blueberry Capital of the World," before reaching the bold coastal landscapes of **Acadia's Schoodic Peninsula**. Stroll on Main Street in **Winter Harbor** or immerse yourself in the working waterfront communities of **Jonesport**, **Steuben**, **Corea**, and **Milbridge**. This stretch of coastline is also a premier year-round birding destination, with sheltered coves serving as vital resting points for migrating seabirds like the Atlantic Puffin.

The **Machias Bay** region offers a compelling mix of history and outdoor adventure. Paddle from the forested shores of the **Machias Lakes** down the Machias River Corridor, or explore the town of **Machias**, the site of the first naval battle of the American Revolutionary War that is commemorated annually during **Margaretta Days**. Along the coast, **Roque Bluffs State Park** surprises visitors with a rare pebble-sand beach that contrasts with the area's rugged rocky shoreline. Each August, **Machias** hosts the Annual Machias Wild Blueberry Festival celebrating Washington County's iconic harvest and industry.

The **Grand Lakes** region is defined by unspoiled wilderness and a long tradition of year-round angling. For generations, sporting

enthusiasts have been drawn here to fish, paddle, hike, and explore by foot, canoe, motorized craft, or snowshoe. Whether guided or solo, adventures in the **Grand Lakes** region deliver an authentic, year-round Maine experience rooted in nature and solitude.

Wake up to the first sunrise in the United States in **Way DownEast**, home to **Eastport** and **Lubec**. Once global centers of the tinned and smoked fishing industries, these communities have evolved into vibrant arts and outdoor recreation destinations. Towns surrounding **Cobscook Bay** offer some of the East Coast's finest hiking, paddling, fishing, and camping opportunities set against one of Maine's most pristine coastal environments.

Just across the bridge from **Lubec** in **New Brunswick, Canada**, **Roosevelt Campobello International Park** invites visitors to explore the summer estate of 32nd U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and their family. **Campobello Island** features historic cottages, extensive carriage roads, sweeping coastal views, lighthouses, and unforgettable sunrises and sunsets. For those seeking a challenge, the Bay of Fundy International Marathon returns on June 21, 2026.

You made it to the Easternmost Edge. You made it to DownEast Acadia!

BLUE HILL PENINSULA

BUCKSPORT, CASTINE, PENOBSCOT, BROOKSVILLE, SURRY, BLUE HILL, BROOKLIN, DEER ISLE, ORLAND, SEDGWICK AND STONINGTON

The Blue Hill Peninsula travel area is a fantastic introduction to DownEast living and culture featuring many of the elements that make this area of the world so unique and special. The area is punctuated by secluded nature preserves, classic Maine towns dating back to the nation’s infancy, and world-class performance venues, restaurants, and galleries.



Photo courtesy of Heart of Ellsworth

Caterpillar Hill Overlook. View of Penobscot Bay.



Watch: Explore the Coast



A Passion for Food

The peninsula’s dining and food reputation may be because Stonington Harbor’s annual lobster haul is the second largest in the state, or maybe it’s because it boasts roughly 40 family-run farms, or the fact numerous nationally-acclaimed chefs call the area home; we know it’s all of the above.

The Blue Hill Farmers Market is celebrating its 50th year in 2026 marking a tradition that brings together the region’s many small farmers offering fresh produce, foraged ingredients, local meats, cheeses, baked goods, and much more. If grocery markets tickle your fancy, be sure to stop by the Blue Hill Coop, first formed in the winter of 1974 uniting the community through the common cause of good food. Today the market has a café, grab and go options, and a full grocery store.

Aragosta at Goose Cove on Deer Isle was *Food & Wine’s* 2024 second-best restaurant in the U.S. Deer Isle is also home to woman-owned and operated 44 North Coffee café and roastery, as well as The New York Times’ 2025 U.S. best restaurant list recipient the Pilgrim’s Inn; Tinder Hearth in Brooksville made *The New York Times’* best restaurant list in 2023.

Other classic dining spots include Brooklin General Store, El El Frijoles, The Brooklin Inn, Marlintini’s Bar & Grill, Stonecutters Kitchen, Fin & Fern, LDI Lobster Dock & Dine, Bagaduce Lunch, and many more!



Crab & Lobster rolls.
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Step Back in Time in Castine

It may be a short drive down Castine peninsula, but it's a world apart, where you'll step back to the beginnings of Maine's history. Dating back to the 1630s, the town is the oldest permanent settlement in New England and one of the oldest communities in North America. Locals refer to the area as having been under "Five Flags," a nod to a centuries-long power struggle as the peninsula changed hands between the Wabanaki Confederacy of native peoples, the French, the Dutch, the British, and the Americans.

Though Castine has been firmly in American territory since the end of the War of 1812, the contentious history is still evident to visitors today. Hand-painted signs mark significant sites of Colonial and Revolutionary history, and the remnants of the original Fort Pentagöet, Fort George, and Fort Madison make for exciting discoveries.

Tours by land (with guides on foot or on touring vehicles) and by sea (onboard a retrofitted tugboat or kayaks) reveal the intricate stories of the town. And once a break is needed from a day of exploration? Historic inns, among the very first summer hotels for Victorian "rusticators," provide a place to rest and perhaps dream of days gone by.



4th of July, Castine



Maine Maritime Academy Homecoming



Photo courtesy of Heart of Ellsworth

Deer Isle Bridge

Outdoors & On the Water

Hike one of the seven trails that meet on **Blue Hill Mountain** for wide coastal views. Pick wild blueberries in August at Caterpillar Hill. Explore Reach Beach and Causeway Beach with the whole family! Head out across **Castine Harbor** for a guided night paddle featuring glowing bioluminescent organisms. Cruise the Bagaduce River, explore many local coves on a Castine Harbor Tour. Take the ferry from **Stonington** out to **Isle au Haut**, camp, and experience the most remote area of Acadia National Park.

Top Spots for Culture & History

The Blue Hill Peninsula is well known for highly skilled craftspeople, artisans, writers, and musicians who all draw from the land's inspiring natural beauty.

Opera House Arts, Stonington

Originally built in 1886, the restored historic theater hosts professional theater, film, music, dance, local events, and artist residencies.

Alamo Theatre, Bucksport

One of New England's oldest cinema structures, the Alamo hosts quality films, live theater, and the International Maritime Film Festival.

New Surry Theatre, Blue Hill

Founded as a theater school in 1972, New Surry Theatre now offers lucky audiences plays and staged readings year round.

Pumpkin Island Lighthouse
Courtesy of Heart of Ellsworth

Wilson Museum, Castine

The museum's collections, exhibits, and programs provide immersive learning experiences across place, time, and cultures.

Nellieville, Deer Isle

Discover a unique found-object sculpture gallery set amongst several acres of meadow and woods, plus a variety of jams, made daily on-site.

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle

Founded in 1950, this oceanside school offers one and two-week studio workshops to participants of all skill levels.



Opera House Arts, Stonington

Featured Events

Bastille Day, Castine, *July*

Shakespeare Under The Stars, Prospect, *August*

Deer Isle Jazz Festival, *July*

Stonington Birding Festival: Wings, Waves, and Woods, *May*

Puffin Festival, *June*

Blue Hill Fair, *September*, (inspired E.B. White's, *Charlotte's Web*)
see all events on page 29

With the Kids

Get hands-on at Discovery Wharf at the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries in Stonington or get in on the action with their 360° virtual reality experience. Grab a gelato or ice cream cone at Pugnuts in Surry or take a guided tour of Fort Knox, one of the best-preserved forts on the New England coast, then pop into Bucksport for lunch.

Visitor Resources

Blue Hill Heritage Trust
BlueHillHeritageTrust.org

Penobscot Narrows Bridge/
Observatory & Fort Knox Historic
Site: FortKnoxMaine.com

Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber
of Commerce
BlueHillPeninsula.org

Main Street Bucksport
MainStreetBucksport.org

Castine Visitor Center
Castine.me.us/welcome/

Deer Isle-Stonington
Chamber of Commerce
DeerIsle.com

For more on what to do when visiting the Blue Hill Peninsula scan here.



ELLSWORTH

ELLSWORTH, HANCOCK, LAMOINE, FRANKLIN, OTIS, AMHERST, WALTHAM, EASTBROOK, MARIAVILLE, AURORA, OSBORNE, DEDHAM, LUCERNE

Discover the charm and vibrancy of **Ellsworth**, Maine's 11th designated Main Street America community. This historic downtown features unique shops, delicious restaurants, and welcoming breweries, all inviting you to stop by and stay a while.

Leave your car behind and wander through downtown's scenic streets, where you'll find more than just local businesses—explore connections to the great outdoors with hiking and biking trails that start right in the heart of the city.

Venture north of Ellsworth to discover picturesque small towns and villages surrounded by stunning natural beauty. Whether you're looking for tranquil landscapes or exciting opportunities for outdoor recreation, Ellsworth and its neighboring communities are ready to welcome you.



Featured Events

Autumn Gold - September
Downeast Cider + Cheese Festival, Ellsworth, November
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Attractions

Meet Avian Ambassadors like Edgar Allen Crow at Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary.
Riverwalk - frenchmanbay.org/preserve/ellsworth-riverwalk/
Indian Point - frenchmanbay.org/preserve/indian-point/
Jordan Homestead - frenchmanbay.org/preserve/jordan-homestead/

Visitor Resources

Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce: EllsworthChamber.org
Discover Ellsworth DiscoverEllsworth.com
Heart of Ellsworth HeartofEllsworth.org

With the Kids

Explore history on the restored Downeast Scenic Railroad.
Marvel at the evolution of technology at The Telephone Museum
Ellsworth Public Library kids programs
Woodlawn Museum Garden & Park
Ellsworth Candlepin Bowling Alley



For more on what to do when visiting the **Ellsworth Area** scan here.





Kayaking on the Union River, Ellsworth

Get Outdoors, Inland

Franklin is tucked in along Route 182. Historically, the town had a solid reputation for quality granite. Today it is part of the Blackwoods Scenic Byway and a gateway to some of the region’s best hiking and paddling spots.

Dedham, Lucerne, and East Orland offer some of the only true mountain biking trails in the entire region at Dedham Trails and Great Pond Mountain.

As you head north on Route 9, Amherst, Aurora, Osborn, Otis, and Waltham sit nestled amongst lakes and hills perfect for paddling, fishing, hiking, and ATV-ing.

As you drive east along Route 9, look north to view Silsby Plain and the Whale’s Back—geological features that were created by the movement of ancient glaciers.

Three Frenchman Bay Conservancy trails are in Ellsworth:

The Ellsworth Riverwalk follows the Union River and begins in downtown Ellsworth behind the Public Library on State Street. Across from Harbor Park and Marina on Water Street, is Indian Point Preserve, which provides a scenic view of downtown across the Union River. Nearby is Jordan Homestead Preserve, where an easy 1-mile trail explores one of Ellsworth’s last remaining large parcels with significant river frontage.



Flexit Cafe, Ellsworth

Shop Local

Known for its retail shopping and antiques shops, Ellsworth has something for everyone!

Chicken Barn

Dream Catcher Antiques & Collectables

A1 Relics

Union River Book & Toy Co.

Elizabeth’s

Trio & Vinyl Vogue located in Black Moon Public House

Rooster Brother

From Downtown to DownEast

Set along the Union River, the area’s original industries included lumber and boat building, seen in the elaborate carving adorning the Ellsworth City Hall. Today, Ellsworth’s Main Street is filled with retail shops, restaurants, history, museums, cultural attractions, galleries, and more. Ellsworth contains many national brand stores, plus our favorite Maine-grown outlets: L.L. Bean, Renys, and Marden’s.

Black House Mansion, part of the Woodlawn Museum, is lovingly preserved in historical detail with rare period furniture. Shop the gift shop, enjoy afternoon tea, and explore their 180-acre estate with extensive carriage trails.

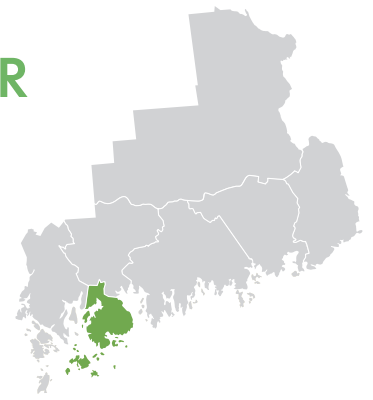
Winter Wonderland

With miles of trails, visitors can enjoy Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling in the Amherst Community Forest and Branch Lake Public Forest. With more lakes and ponds than we can count, ice fishing is very popular here. Check out Maine.gov/ifw for a beginner’s guide to ice fishing.

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND & BAR HARBOR

TRENTON, MOUNT DESERT, BAR HARBOR, BASS HARBOR, SEAL COVE, SOUTHWEST HARBOR, AND NORTHEAST HARBOR

From the Wabanaki for whom the island was a summer gathering place to Samuel de Champlain who explored and documented the unique beauty of the island in the 17th century, MDI has always been a special place for anyone who visits.



Beyond Bar Harbor

The Town of **Mount Desert** is made up of six villages: **Otter Creek**, **Seal Harbor**, **Hall Quarry**, **Pretty Marsh**, **Somesville** and **Northeast Harbor**.

In **Otter Creek**, you'll find an inn, convenience store, and hot showers for campers. **Seal Harbor** is home to many actors, musicians, politicians, and their beautiful old estates. **Seal Harbor Beach** offers a town dock for yachters and charter boat tours.

Northeast Harbor is quiet in the winter and bustles in the summer with a golf course, galleries, shops, restaurants, and a marina filled with luxurious yachts, and sailboats, and the local fishing fleet.



Southwest Harbor

The Quiet Side

The southwestern side of the island is often referred to as the quiet side. **Southwest Harbor**, the largest town on this side, is filled with excellent shops, galleries, and eateries.

You'll be charmed by **Somesville's** immaculately preserved historic village; visit the Maine Granite Industry Museum to learn about their industrial past. Those looking for a little solitude and understated coastal beauty will find it in the scenic hamlet of **Pretty Marsh** on the Blue Hill Bay side.

The little town of **Tremont** includes the fishing villages of **Bass Harbor** with its lighthouse, **West Tremont**, **Bernard**, **Great Gott** and **Little Gott** islands. Nearly one-third of the town lies within the boundaries of **Acadia National Park**.

Historic Gardens

Asticou Azalea Garden & Thuya Garden, *Northeast Harbor*
Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden, *Seal Harbor*

Visitor Resources

Acadia Gateway Center
42 Gateway Center Dr, Trenton, (207) 412-0182

Maine Coast Heritage Trust
MCHT.org

Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce: *MountDesertChamber.org*

Southwest Harbor-Tremont Chamber of Commerce
AcadiaChamber.com

Bar Harbor Info Center
visitbarharbor.com



Acadia National Park

For more on what to do when visiting MDI scan here.





Bar Harbor

Bar Harbor

Bar Harbor, on the northeastern shore of Mount Desert Island, offers a wide variety of amenities and experiences to visitors.

Artists from the Hudson River School, attracted by Acadia's natural beauty, helped popularize the area in the 1850s through their paintings. As the number of visitors grew, so did the need for more elaborate lodging—the grand hotels. By 1880, there were 17 hotels in Bar Harbor along with piers built to welcome guests arriving by steamboat.

Today, walking is an ideal way to take in Bar Harbor. Stroll the famous Shore Path along the waterfront from the Town Pier to Wayman Lane, with lovely views of the Porcupine Islands en route.

Explore a wide variety of specialty stores, antique shops, boutiques, outfitters, t-shirt shops, and other retail shops. Take your time and browse the stores to your heart's content. Enjoy the area's many galleries filled with paintings and prints of island landscapes,

Wabanaki art, Maine-made crafts, and much more.

When it comes to dining variety, Bar Harbor offers visitors a wide range of choices, from lobster rolls to steak to ethnic cuisine and lots of local favorites. Enjoy fine dining, casual eating, pubs, cafes, and craft breweries.

On the town green, stop in the Abbe Museum which tells the captivating 12,000+ year history of the five tribes of the Wabanaki Confederacy.



National Park Desk, Acadia Gateway Center

Events on MDI

Bar Harbor Music Festival,
Various Locations, *June*

Flamingo Festival,
Southwest Harbor, *July*

Dawnland Festival of Arts +
Ideas, Bar Harbor, *July*

Bar Harbor Fine Arts Festival,
Bar Harbor Inn, *August*

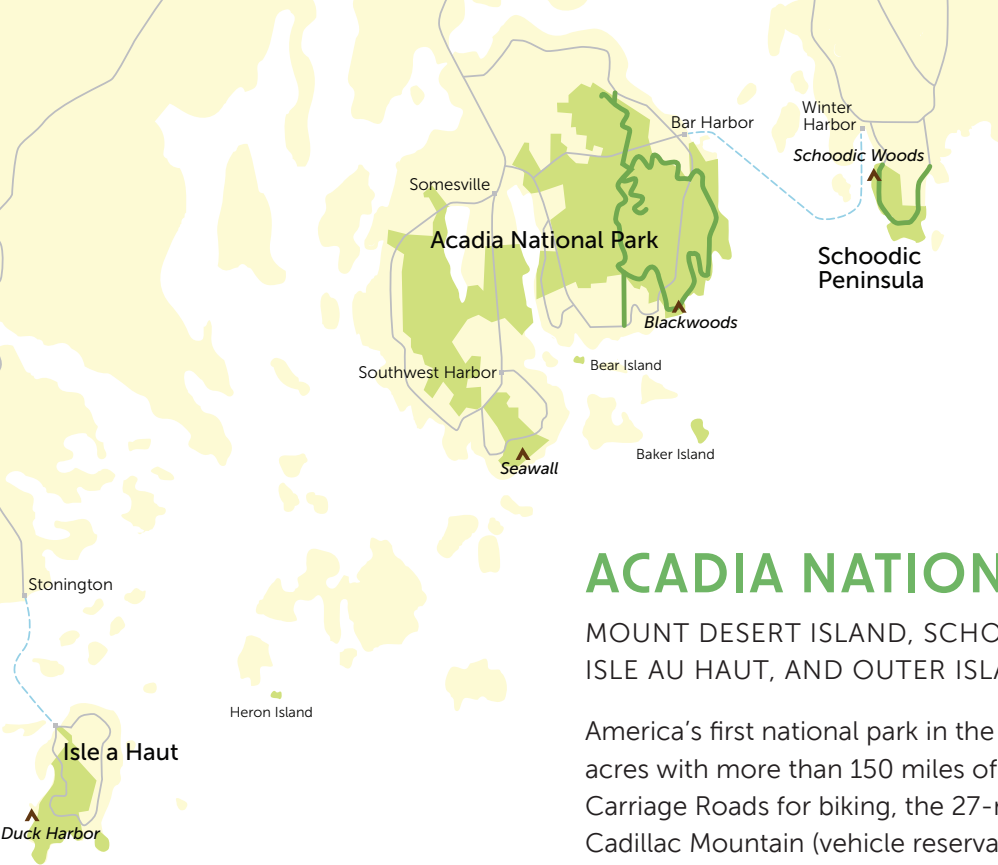
Acadia's Oktoberfest,
Bass Harbor, *October*

Mount Desert Island
Marathon, *October*

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With the Kids

Young kids will enjoy playing in a lobster boat and touch tank full of creatures at the Oceanarium and Education Center. Timber Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show in Trenton will thrill the whole family. Journey to the bottom of the sea without getting wet at Diver Ed's Dive-in Theater. Join a scenic cruise departing from the harbor to spot whales, seals, puffins, bald eagles, and lighthouses. **Learn more at VisitBarHarbor.com**



Cadillac Mountain Summit

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND, SCHOODIC PENINSULA, ISLE AU HAUT, AND OUTER ISLANDS

America’s first national park in the eastern United States—boasts 50,000 acres with more than 150 miles of hiking trails, an extensive network of Carriage Roads for biking, the 27-mile Park Loop Road, and the majestic Cadillac Mountain (vehicle reservations are required May through October).

Enjoy a car-free experience by riding the fare-free Island Explorer Bus system (runs Mid-June to Mid-October) to visit Acadia and its surrounding communities on **Mount Desert Island** and the **Schoodic Peninsula**. Learn more and plan your trip to Acadia at [nps.gov/Acadia](https://www.nps.gov/Acadia).

Top Scenic Spots

Cadillac Mountain, Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, Otter Point, Jordan Pond, and Somes Sound.



Acadia National Park

Winter in the Park

Miles of carriage roads are perfect for crosscountry skiing and snowshoeing. Snowmobile to the top of **Cadillac Mountain**—no reservation needed. Winter hiking along **Acadia’s** woodland trails and beaches reveals a different kind of beauty.

Mount Desert Island

The east side of the park is the most popular and visited area. It features mountains, lakes, meadows, forests, and a rugged coastline ranging from sea level at Sand Beach to 1,530’ on Cadillac Mountain—the highest peak on the eastern seaboard.

The west side of Acadia, quieter and more remote, is ideal for visitors looking to explore the park’s beauty and natural resources for hiking, boating, swimming, camping, wildlife watching, ranger programs, and more.

The Schoodic Peninsula

More secluded, this is the only part of Acadia on the mainland and is known for its granite headland. The 6-mile, one-way Loop Road around Schoodic Peninsula offers

vehicle turnouts to stop and enjoy scenic views. Campers can choose from tent, hike-in, group, and RV sites. The 8 miles of bike paths are popular with visitors.

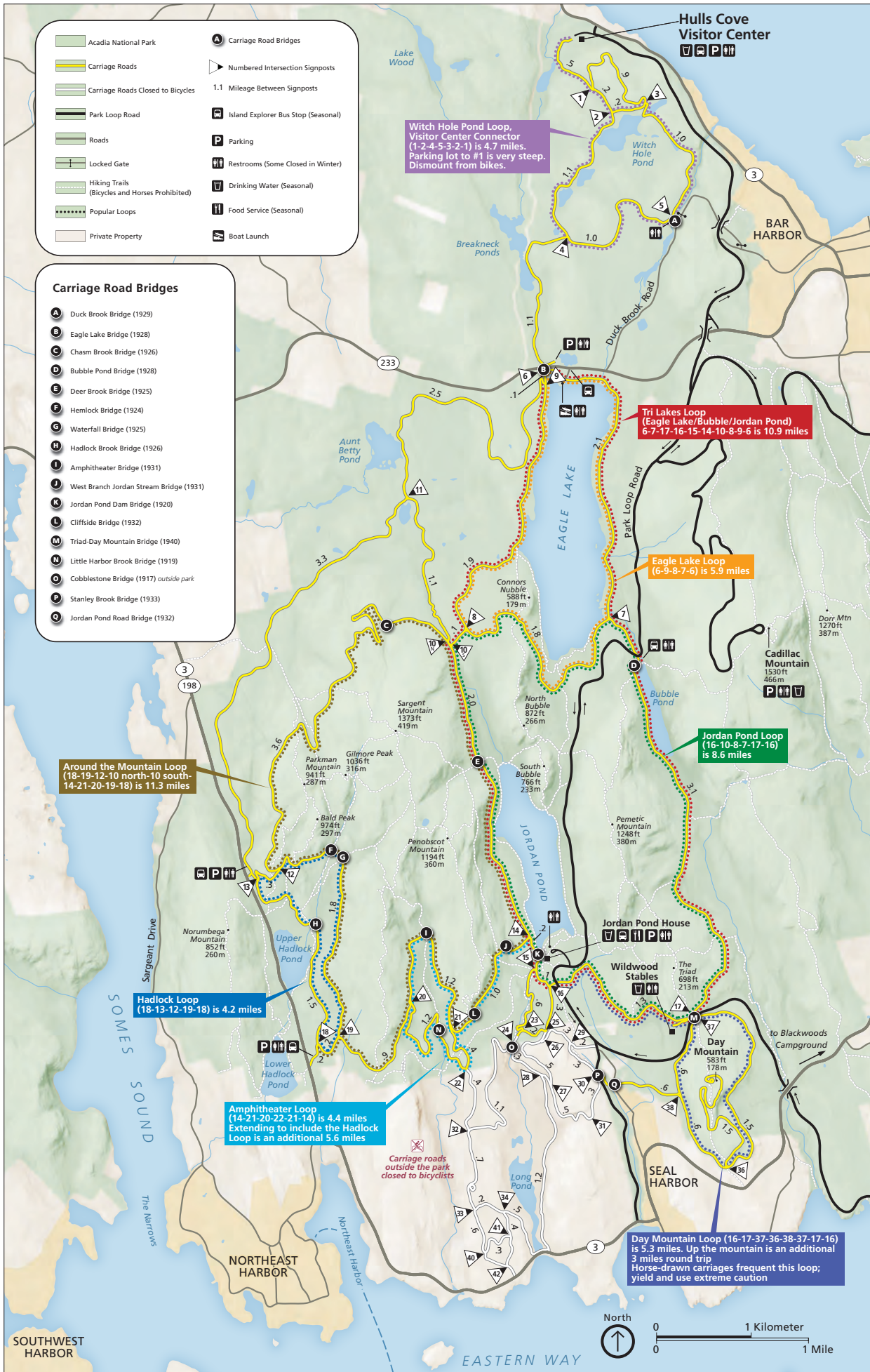
Isle au Haut

Isle au Haut is accessible only by the ferry from **Stonington Harbor** on the **Blue Hill Peninsula**. The island offers five miles of paved roads, seven miles of unpaved roads, and eighteen miles of trails to explore rocky shorelines, wooded uplands, marshes, bogs, and a freshwater lake.

Outer Islands

Although most of Acadia sits on Mount Desert Island, Schoodic Peninsula, and Isle au Haut, the park also manages over a dozen outlying islands. One island is accessible to visitors via a ranger-guided tour to the Islesford Historical Museum on **Little Cranberry Island**.

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK CARRIAGE ROAD MAP



Scan here for Acadia National Park updates and trip ideas:





MDI: THE ETERNAL SUMMERING DESTINATION

Learn more:



Mount Desert Island’s natural beauty and outdoor recreation assets have attracted summer visitors for over 150 years and today attract millions of people each year. Before the Island became a popular vacation destination, it was home to the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot people. While a small population lived on the island year-round, it served as a seasonal summer gathering place for people from across the Wabanaki homeland to camp, hunt, fish, forage, trade, and socialize.

Place names of the region carry these stories forward, although traditional seasonal migrations no longer occur. Bar Harbor, for example, translates to “the clam digging place”. A location near modern day Northeast Harbor was the central meeting place called astuwiku (Asticou) translated to “it comes together”. What is now Mount Desert Island was known as Pemetic, meaning “range of mountains.”

Downeast Maine’s transformation as a vacation destination began during the 1840s when artists of the Hudson River School captured the region’s dramatic landscapes in paintings and exhibited them in eastern cities. These artists ultimately spurred a unique tourism movement of nature-loving wealthy and elite, called the “Rusticators” because of their appreciation for a ‘rustic’ vacation experience.

In the later 1800s, Rusticators traveled to Mount Desert Island by yacht, train, steamboat, and stagecoach. A few of those Rusticators - in particular Charles Eliot, George B. Dorr, and John D. Rockefeller - were passionate about the natural beauty of Downeast Maine and inspired private conservation efforts that ultimately led to the creation of Acadia National Park.

By 1890, Mount Desert Island boasted about 20,000 summer residents, and Mount Desert Island, especially Bar Harbor, became one of the most fashionable summer destinations in the country. What is now Acadia National Park was composed almost entirely of private land donations and designated in 1916 as Lafayette National Park. The Schoodic section was added in 1929, and the entire park was renamed Acadia.



Enjoy our trails and park every day, dawn to dusk.

Check our website for museum schedule, barn reservations & calendar of events.
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DOWNEAST LIGHTHOUSES

BY LAND OR BY SEA!

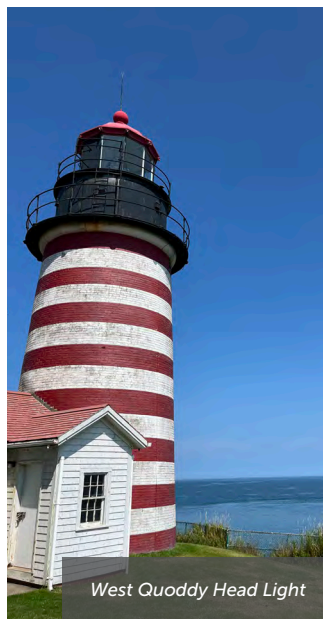
DownEast Acadia's collection of twenty-seven lighthouses attracts visitors from all over the world. These beacons still keep watch over our rocky coastline, which is home to over one-third of all the lighthouses in Maine. Use the information provided here to plan your approach—by land, or sea, or both.



Machias Seal Island Light



Bass Harbor Head Light



West Quoddy Head Light

The unique red-and-white stripes of West Quoddy Head Light's tower stand brightly against the sky as the easternmost U.S. lighthouse meets the dawn's first rays. The lighthouse has a seasonal visitor's center, and offers seasonal tours of the tower on Saturdays. As you drive back toward the town of **Lubec**, you can spy off to the east the Sparkplug, also known as the Lubec Channel Light.

Bring along your passport to visit **Campobello Island** where you'll find Mulholland Light and Head Harbour Light (also known as East Quoddy Head Light). Make a day of it with a whale watch cruise and a visit to the historic Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

In **Calais** stands Whitlocks Mill Light, our nation's northernmost lighthouse, standing in a broad S-curve in the St. Croix River. The lighthouse is best viewed by land from Pikewoods Rest Area.

In **Cutler**, the delightfully restored Little River Light now welcomes overnight guests looking to get away from it all. You can also book a stay at Burnt Coat Harbor Light, or in the former West Quoddy Life Saving Station.

Join a Baker Island Light scenic excursion from **Bar Harbor** and explore this fascinating 130-acre island. On your way back, enjoy a lingering view of Egg Rock Light at the mouth of Frenchman Bay.

Get the kids involved along the **Deer Isle Lighthouse Tour**. Before you arrive, order a U.S. Lighthouse Society Passport then collect a stamp at one or all of the lighthouses included.

Maine Open Lighthouse Day

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

This popular annual event is sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard, Maine Office of Tourism, and the American Lighthouse Foundation and offers visitors the rare chance to tour and learn about many of Maine's historic lights. Some of the lighthouses in the region include Bass Harbor Head Light, West Quoddy Head Light, Burnt Coat Harbor Light, and Baker Island Light.

On the Water Adventure

Visitors with a more adventurous streak may choose to spot some of our lighthouses via sailboat or sea kayak. For your safety, use a Registered Maine Guide as tides and weather in DownEast Acadia can often be unpredictable, and water temperatures rarely exceed 50° F, even in summer.

Visitor Resources

Maine Open Lighthouse Day

[Facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/MaineOpenLighthouseDay/)

[MaineOpenLighthouseDay/](https://www.maineopenlighthouseday.com/)

Deer Isle Lighthouse Trail

[DeerIsle.com](https://www.deerisle.com/)

Maine Lighthouse Friends

[LighthouseFriends.com](https://www.lighthousefriends.com/)

U.S. Lighthouse Society

[USLHS.org](https://www.uslhs.org/)

U.S. Lighthouse Society

Passport

[USLHS.org/passports](https://www.uslhs.org/passports)

For more about our Lighthouses scan here.



SCHOODIC TO JONESPORT

SULLIVAN, WINTER HARBOR, MILBRIDGE, BEDDINGTON, HARRINGTON, CHERRYFIELD, COLUMBIA FALLS, BEALS, AND JONESPORT



From end to end, the Schoodic to Jonesport travel area is known for its glacial terrain as seen in its rugged shore, wild blueberry barrens, exposed granite, and clear inland lakes. Along the coast, villages are filled with friendly folk working the waterfronts to provide us with the world's best fresh caught lobster!



Looking towards Mount Desert Island

Visitor Resources

Downeast Coastal Conservancy:
DowneastCoastalConservancy.org

Schoodic National Scenic Byway:
SchoodicByway.org

Schoodic Area Chamber of Commerce:
SchoodicChamber.com

Schoodic Institute at Acadia NP:
SchoodicInstitute.org and
Bit.ly/NPS_Schoodic

Pro-Tip

Don't miss the trek up Tunk Mountain during peak fall foliage. The summit offers a breathtaking explosion of color set against the vast, deep blue of the Atlantic.



For more about
**Schoodic to
Jonesport** scan here.

Historic Towns and Working Waterfronts

This area of DownEast Acadia marks the beginning of the boldest part of Maine's coastline extending between the former granite quarrying town of **Sullivan** to the traditional fishing villages of **Jonesport** and **Beals** and includes the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park. The people and places between the Schoodic Peninsula and Jonesport/Beals exemplify the hardworking culture often associated with DownEast Maine. Land trusts across the region have developed hiking trails with easy public access to beaches, ponds, and forests.

Winter Harbor is a bustling fishing village with seafood restaurants, artist galleries, gift shops, and cultural events hosted year-round by Schoodic Arts for All. Visitors can ride the ferry between **Bar Harbor** and **Winter Harbor**—bring your bicycle to explore the on-road Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway or the off-road bike trails at Acadia. **Gouldsboro** is home to Darthia Farm and Mandala Farm, which both welcome visitors to their well-stocked farm stores and to events during Maine Open Farm Day.

Stop in **Milbridge** to let the kids run free at Milbridge Commons, a 4-acre seaside park featuring a public vegetable garden, picnic tables, a walking track, games and outdoor musical instruments. Stroll along the Narraguagus River in the **Cherryfield** Historic District, launch your canoe for a gentle paddle at Cable Pool Park, or bike along the Down East Sunrise Trail. Learn about the cultural and ecological significance of wild blueberries at the Wild Blueberry Heritage Center or visit the Ruggles House Museum or Wreaths Across America military history museum in **Columbia Falls**.

Sail away with Jon and Mavis of Polaris Ocean Charters: polarisoceancharters.com



Captain Jon Keller, South Addison

Get Out On The Ocean

Located just off shore in Frenchman Bay, densely forested Preble Island is known for its cobble beaches and roosting eagles. Kayak and camp through the Maine Island Trail or hike the Pigeon Hill Preserve trail for great views of Petit Manan Island and Lighthouse. Hop aboard a wildlife-watching boat tour in Milbridge or Winter Harbor to spot Atlantic Puffins and more.

While planning your day on the Schoodic Peninsula, be sure to stop by Corea Harbor, where Captain Dan Rodgers and family provide one of the best all-in-one tours available in the region. Catch Your Dinner Lobster Tours allows visitors to haul lobster traps, view seals, puffins (when in season) and enjoy a fresh lobster meal when you're back at the dock - plus, you'll be able to learn what it takes to be a lobster fisherman in Downeast Maine.



Photo from Catch Your Dinner Lobster Tours



Schoodic Peninsula

Featured Events

Monteux Music Festival, Hancock, June/July

Puckerbrush Primitive Gathering, Columbia Falls, July

Winter Harbor Lobster Festival, Winter Harbor, August

Moosabec Summerfest, Jonesport, June/July

see all events on page 29

Scenic Drives

The Schoodic National Scenic Byway connects communities across the Schoodic Peninsula, starting at the Waukeag Station scenic turnout at the Hancock and Sullivan bridge, and winds through the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park. The Bold Coast National Scenic Byway begins in the service center of Milbridge and extends to the Canadian border in Calais.

With the Kids

During Maine Wild Blueberry Weekend in August, families can visit the Wild Blueberry Heritage Center and rake their own berries at nearby wild blueberry farms in Cherryfield, Columbia Falls, and Jonesboro.

Attend an event or movie screening at the Milbridge Theatre, a non-profit arts organization that has been a community icon since 1937. milbridgetheatre.org

Explore the seven Kids Quest sites along the Schoodic National Scenic Byway to learn about the region's history, ecology and culture.



Scan this QR code to explore Kids Quest!

SCHOODIC PENINSULA MAP



Scan here for Acadia National Park updates and trip ideas:



Visitor Resources

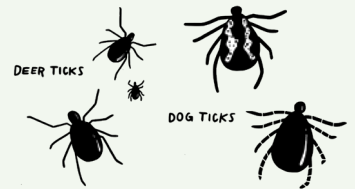
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- Schoodic Institute at Acadia NP: SchoodicInstitute.org



For more about Schoodic to Jonesport scan here.

MAINE TICK SAFETY

“Ticks can be active any time of the year when there is no snow cover. It’s remarkable, but true, that something so small can cause such big trouble for folks. Dog ticks (also called wood ticks) are common throughout Maine and generally don’t transmit disease when they embed in a person, though they can cause a nasty infection.



Deer ticks are best-known as vectors for Lyme Disease, but they can also transmit other concerning diseases such as Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis. Tiny deer tick nymphs are most active in June and July, and either they or the females (which have a reddish back with an all-black head and “shoulders”) can transmit the diseases.”

From “You Alone in the Maine Woods (2020),” from the ME Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

WILDLIFE-WATCHING

DownEast Acadia offers numerous opportunities for wildlife viewing—from whale watching excursions, puffin tours, and birding trails, to coastal hatcheries and exploration of the intertidal zone. Public lands, wildlife refuges, and land trusts provide ample opportunity to get out in nature and explore wildlife habitats.



Whale watching off the coast of Eastport

Birders' Delight

Bird life is everywhere in DownEast Acadia. Harlequin ducks make their way across harbors, while ospreys and bald eagles swoop overhead. Herons glide over estuaries and marshes in **Great Wass Island Preserve**. Located along the Atlantic Flyway, you'll find a myriad of birds along the Schoodic section of Acadia National Park.

Wander the trails at **Ellsworth's Birdsacre Sanctuary** where injured birds get a second chance. On the beach at **Roque Bluffs State Park** sandpipers, plovers, and on-shore seabirds skitter in the surf.

Wildlife Abounds

Watch closely as you drive along the region's roads as deer and moose like to graze at their edges,

especially along inland Route 9, known as The Airline.

Discover excellent habitat for bear, Canadian lynx, moose, bobcat, fox, and beaver in **Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge** and the **Amherst Community Forest**. But, please don't feed any wildlife, and give them space to go about their business.

Ocean Life

Take a nature cruise out of **Bar Harbor, Winter Harbor, Milbridge, Stonington, Lubec** or **Eastport** where harbor porpoise pop their heads above the surface and harbor seals sun themselves. A trip to the outer islands reveals minke and humpback whales and the iconic Atlantic puffin.

As the tide recedes, the intertidal zone reveals pools teeming with marine biodiversity. Schedule a free tour and explore the touch tank at Downeast Institute on **Beals Island**.



WILDLIFE-WATCHING



Photos by Don Dunbar, Eastport

Freshwater Fish

Learn about local fish species at one of the region's hatcheries:

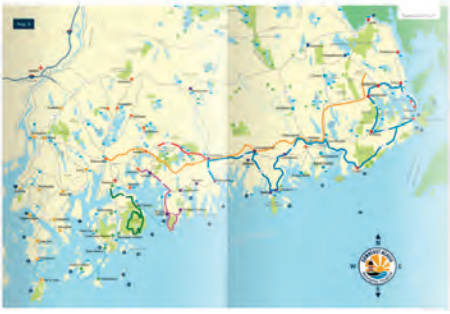
- Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery, East Orland
- Green Lake National Fish Hatchery, Ellsworth
- Grand Lake Stream State Hatchery, Grand Lake Stream
- Downeast Salmon Federation East Machias

Visitor Resources

- Cobscook Shores, Lubec
- Maine Land Trust Network Preserves, statewide
- Maine Birding Trail, statewide
- Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge, headquarters in Baring
- Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge, Steuben
- Acadia National Park Tour de Wildlife, Bar Harbor
- Schoodic Bird Tours & Workshops, Winter Harbor

For more about Wildlife Watching scan here.





REGION MAP

OUR INTERIOR MAP IS DESIGNED TO BE REMOVED WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE FLOW OF THE REMAINING PAGES IN THE REGION GUIDE.

Please tear it out, fold it up, and put it in your pocket for reference on the trail, road, in your hotel, or between meals. This is a fantastic compact resource to help you plan your route through this vast region of Maine. For more information, please visit us online: downeastacadia.com



SCENIC DRIVES AND BYWAYS

ACADIA ALL-AMERICAN ROAD, SCHOODIC NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY, BOLD COAST NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY, BLACKWOODS SCENIC BYWAY, AND MILLION DOLLAR VIEW SCENIC BYWAY

DownEast Acadia is the only region of Maine with two National Scenic Byways, two Regional Scenic Byways, and an All-American Road. Each exemplifies the depth and breadth of scenic, cultural, and recreational opportunities that greet visitors throughout the entire area. The enclosed map shows each route and other points of interest.

Suggested stops

In Bar Harbor, explore Maine's coastal habitat and marine life at **Mount Desert Island Oceanarium and Education Center**.

Wild Gardens of Acadia experience Acadia's uniquely varied plant life in a serene brookside setting.

Enjoy Acadia's historic carriage trails with **Carriages of Acadia**.

Acadia All-American Road

Distance: 40 Miles

The drive starts in Trenton, passes **Thompson Island Information Center**, and follows Rt. 3 across **Mt Desert Narrows**, and onto MDI. The route continues along the shore through **Hulls Cove** and into **Bar Harbor**. South of town, visitors must pay a park entrance fee to join up with **Park Loop Rd**.

If travelers plan to enter the Park Loop Road and visit **Sand Beach, Thunder Hole and Cadillac Mountain**, check in at the **Hulls Cove Visitor Center** within the park. Reservations are required to visit Cadillac Mountain. The free **Island Explorer** shuttle is recommended. Schedules are available online.

Grab lunch at **Downeast Mexican Takeout** in Gouldsboro, or after completing the byway, grab a drink and a bite at **The Pickled Wrinkle** in Birch Harbor.

Look for the colorful **Kids Quest** signs—its seven locations will engage families in the region's history, ecology and culture.

The unique coastal town of **Winter Harbor** is a picturesque working harbor filled with small businesses and historic buildings.

Learn more at
SchoodicByway.org

Schoodic National Scenic Byway

Distance: 29 Miles

Winding along the coast from **Hancock** to **Prospect Harbor**, this route offers up unparalleled scenery, including reversing tidal falls, historic architecture, and **Frenchman Bay**, while also passing through the only mainland section of **Acadia National Park**.

Start at the **Taunton Bay Gateway** where travelers can take in the sight of seabirds swooping in the sky, lobster boats, and sailboats in the distance. Along the shoreline the byway passes through rolling hillsides and historic seaside villages with names like **Bunkers Harbor** and **Wonsqueak Harbor**.

Have your camera ready for the **Frenchman Bay Scenic Turnout**, offering views across the bay to **Mount Desert Island** and **Cadillac Mountain**. The **Prospect Harbor Lighthouse** is said to be haunted and is a not-to-be-missed view along the way. While **Prospect Harbor** marks the end of this Byway, a short drive up Rt 186 to U.S. 1 to Milbridge visitors can connect up with the **Bold Coast National Scenic Byway**.

Learn about the 10,000 year history of indigenous wild blueberries at the **Wild Blueberry Heritage Center** in Columbia Falls.

As you make your way up the coast be sure to stop in Machias for a meal, a nature excursion, and a coffee! Check out **West Branch Farms, La Laiterie, Tom's Mini Mart, Machias Marketplace, and Roque Bluff State Park**. In late August experience the **Machias Wild Blueberry Festival**.

The Tides Institute and Museum of Art in Eastport holds an extensive cultural collection of historical to contemporary arts.

Bold Coast National Scenic Byway

Distance: 125 Miles

The Bold Coast begins in Milbridge with active fishing villages and winds eastward through historic riverside villages, prolific blueberry barrens, and wild rivers from Cherryfield to Machias. Further northeast, the rugged shores are dramatically shaped by the rise and fall of the Bay of Fundy and the highest tides on earth.

Quoddy Head in Lubec is the easternmost point of land in the United States and provides the first glimpse of sunrise in the USA. Campobello Island is home to Roosevelt/Campobello International Park and is a jumping off point for exploring the Fundy Isles by ferry.

Eastport, an historic fishing port and artist community, offers a wealth of dining, arts, and culture opportunities. A seasonal ferry connects Eastport and Lubec by water. The small city of Calais is the northernmost end of the Bold Coast region, located several miles inland on the tidally influenced St. Croix River – the international boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

Blackwoods Scenic Byway

Distance: 12.5 Miles

Running from **Franklin** to **Cherryfield**, the byway crosses from Hancock to Washington County offering a quiet, winding journey through forested granite mountains, alongside cold kettle ponds and lakes filled with fish.

The Blackwoods offers easy access to numerous boat launches, trails, primitive campsites, and swimming beaches.

Franklin was founded on a booming granite industry, and today is home to many artists and farmers. The **Down East Sunrise Trail** and **Schoodic Mountain** are easily accessed from downtown Franklin.

Cherryfield is the birthplace of the wild blueberry industry; established in 1874, Wyman's Blueberries is still the largest wild blueberry producer in the United States.

Suggested stops

Start with breakfast at **The Paisley Loon** on the Narraguagus River and explore the **historic Cherryfield district**, dating back to the 1700s.

Learn about the region's historic granite quarrying industry at Galamander Park in Franklin that showcases the Robertson Quarry Galamander.

Paddle around Fox Pond, fish and swim on Tunk Lake, or take a day hike up Tunk Mountain for a 360-degree panoramic vista.

Million Dollar View Scenic Byway

Distance: 8 Miles

Aptly called the "Million Dollar View," this remote stretch of U. S. 1, from **Danforth** to **Orient** in the northeastern-most section of DownEast Acadia offers travelers expansive views eastward across the **Chiputneticook Chain of Lakes** to New Brunswick, Canada and breathtaking views of **Peekaboo Mountain** and in the far distance, **Mount Katahdin**.

A former lumber town in the **Baskahegan River Valley**, **Danforth** marks the route's southerly limit and provides the most amenities. **Weston** is the location of a historic portage used by Native cultures and early settlers to travel between **Baskahegan Stream** and **East Grand Lake**.

The drive reaches its highest point near the top of **Peekaboo Mountain** near the Weston-Orient line. From this point, travelers may choose to continue along U. S. 1 north to explore Aroostook County or cross the border into New Brunswick, Canada.

Climb up the refurbished former fire tower on **Peekaboo Mountain** in Weston for a 360-degree view of forests, lakes, and mountains.

Danforth's Union Hall, also known as Town Hall, is a historical landmark that hosts music and performances during the summer.

Stop at any of three **Scenic Turnouts** located at miles 1.5, 2.5, and 5.5.

Plan to visit this area in early to mid-October to experience some of the most spectacular foliage on the East Coast.

The Down East Sunrise Trail

Distance: 87 Miles

The longest off-road trail section on the **East Coast Greenway**, the trail stretches through a natural landscape of forests, marshes, and wildlife habitat. This multi-use, multi-season route is open to **mountain or fat bikes, walking, horses, Nordic skiing, and ATVs**.

This inactive rail corridor provides an unpaved adventure through DownEast Acadia's back country with opportunities for lodging, dining, hiking, camping, and recreational fishing along the way. The trail can be explored as a whole or in three sections: the **Eastern, Central or Western** portions.

Learn more at SunriseTrail.org

Hop on the historic **Downeast Scenic Railroad** in Ellsworth for a scenic journey once enjoyed by visitors from eastern cities as they traveled to summer resorts on Mount Desert Island.

Take a detour in **Whitneyville** to walk the **Machias River Preserve**, or enjoy the scenic vista at **Middle River Park** in downtown **Machias**.

DownEast Fisheries Trail

The long history of fishing in the region begins with the native Wabanaki peoples followed by the Vikings and later European settlers.

These traditions still exist today in the fishing communities along the coast. Stops include **fishing camps, wharves, packing plants, smoke-houses, and aquaculture facilities.** All sites are accessible from the road.

Suggested Stops

Learn about local fisheries and the Gulf of Maine marine ecosystem at **Discovery Wharf in Stonington.**

Visit the **Peter Gray Hatchery** and learn about the efforts to restore wild Atlantic salmon populations.

Head to **Tidal Falls in Hancock** where the ebb and flow of the Taunton River creates reversing falls.

Stop at **McCurdy's Smokehouse** in **Lubec**, the nation's last traditional smoked-herring facility that shipped the cured fish around the world.



Castine



Lubec

Maine Sculpture Trail

This **34-piece outdoor exhibit** spans over 200 miles along the Penobscot River and DownEast coast to the Canadian border, where it meets the **International Sculpture Trail**. Carved from granite sourced from local quarries, these world class works of art dot the region from **Bucksport to Calais.**

Sculptures Across the Region

Addison: *Spirit of the Marsh*

Bar Harbor: *Tension*

Bucksport: *Before the Wind*

Calais: *Nexus*

Castine: *Home and Away*

Deer Isle: *Deer Isle Project*

Eastport: *Nature's Grace*

Ellsworth: *I Want to Ride a Cloud*

Franklin: *Recurrent Journey*

Hancock: *Sublime Portal—Whispering Stones*

Harrington: *Time and Tide*

Jonesport: *Connection*

Lamoine: *Dialog*

Lubec: *Beyond the Horizon*

Machias: *The Islands of Maine*

Milbridge: *Transitory*

Roque Bluffs: *Warm Wind*

Sorrento: *Gate of the Sun*

Southwest Harbor: *Sisters*

Steuben: *A Glimpse of the Moon*

Sullivan: *Sullivan Tower*

Surry: *Wave Sounds*

Winter Harbor: *Cleat*



Lubec

DownEast Acadia Birding Trail

Maine is a top birding destinations, and DownEast Acadia marks the further-most extreme of many migratory species' range. Birders of all kinds will find lots to love across the region, which includes national wildlife refuges, public reserved lands, state parks, and birding festivals. **Visit our website for info.**

Popular Birding Locations

Blue Hill Peninsula

Holbrook Island S.P.; Old Settlement Quarry; Crockett Cove; and Barred Island Preserve

Acadia National Park/Ellsworth

Beech Mountain; Lurvey Spring Rd; Pretty Marsh; Blagden Preserve; Sieur de Monts; and The Wildlands;

Schoodic to Jonesport

Schoodic Point; Petit Manan; Addison Marsh; and Great Wass Preserve

Machias Bay

Roque Bluffs and East Machias River

Grand Lakes

Downeast Lakes Land Trust; The Pocumcus Lake Trail; and Big Musquash Stream

Way DownEast

Hamilton Cove; South Lubec Sand Flats; Cobscook Bay State Park; and Moosehorn NWR

Visitor Resources

Bit.ly/DonnellPond

DowneastFisheriesTrail.org

SchoodicSculpture.org/trail/

MaineBirdingTrail.org

For more about
Self-Guided Tours
scan here.



Map A







GULF OF MAINE



Featured Itinerary: Machias Bay




Plan your route today on our website!

▲ To Aroostook County

Featured Itinerary: Grand Lakes



◀ To Baxter State Park and Katahdin Woods & Waters



Continued on Map A



Brunswick, CA



Map Key

- Airport
- Ferry Route
- Gravel Road
- Boat Launch Ramps
- Remote Campsites
- Park, Preserve, Wildlife Refuge

Scenic Drives

- Acadia All-American Road
- Schoodic National Scenic Byway
- Bold Coast National Scenic Byway
- Blackwoods Scenic Byway
- Million Dollar View Scenic Byway
- Airline Road (Route 9)
- Down East Sunrise Trail

On-Road Bike Routes

Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway

BikeBoldCoast.com

East Coast Greenway – *Greenway.org*

US Bike Route 1 – *AdventureCycling.org*

Trail Information

Maine Island Trail - *MITA.org*

Downeast Lakes Water Trail

DowneastLakes.org

Maine Trail Finder

MaineTrailFinder.com

Bureau of Parks and Lands

maine.gov/dacf/parks/index.shtml

Maine Coast Heritage Trust Preserves (more at mcht.org)

- Milbridge Commons Wellness Park
- Orange River Water Trail
- Sipp Bay Preserve

Lighthouses

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- 2 Pumpkin Island Light, Deer Isle **L B**
- 3 Eagle Island Light, Eagle Island **B ***
- 4 Deer Island Thorofare Light, Stonington **B ***
- 5 Isle au Haut Light, Isle au Haut **L B S ***
- 6 Burnt Coat Harbor Light, Swan's Island **B S ***
- 7 Blue Hill Bay Light, Blue Hill **B ***
- 8 Bass Harbor Head Light, Tremont **L B ***
- 9 Bear Island Light, Cranberry Isles **B ***
- 10 Great Duck Island Light, Frenchboro **B ***
- 11 Mount Desert Light, Mount Desert Rock **B**
- 12 Baker Island Light, Cranberry Isles **B ***
- 13 Egg Rock Light, Frenchman Bay **L B ***
- 14 Winter Harbor Light, Winter Harbor **L B**
- 15 Prospect Harbor Point Light, Gouldsboro **L B ***
- 16 Petit Manan Light, Milbridge **B ***
- 17 Narraguagus Light, Narraguagus Bay **B**
- 18 Nash Island Light, Pleasant Bay **B**
- 19 Moose Peak Light, Mistake Island **B ***
- 20 Libby Island Light, Machiasport **B ***
- 21 Machias Seal Island, Bay of Fundy **B ***
- 22 Little River Light, Cutler **B S**
- 23 West Quoddy Head Light, Lubec **L B S ***
- 24 Lubec Channel Light, Lubec **B ***
- 25 Mullholland Point Light, Campobello Island, NB, Canada **L B * P**
- 26 Head Harbour Light, Campobello Island, NB, Canada **L B * P**
- 27 Whitlocks Mill Light, St. Croix River **L B ***

Key: **L** Viewed by land; **B** Viewed by boat; **S** Offers lodging; ***** Active; **P** Passport Required

MACHIAS BAY

MACHIAS, EAST MACHIAS, MACHIASPORT, ROQUE BLUFFS, BUCKS HARBOR, WHITNEYVILLE, AND NORTHFIELD

The Machias Bay area of DownEast Acadia heralds its deep roots in early American History as the setting of the first Revolutionary War naval battle known as the Battle of the Margareta. “The word “Machias” originates in the native Passamaquoddy language, meaning “bad little falls” which refers to the river that runs through town, the Machias River.” (umaine.edu/undiscoveredmaine/)

Today Machias is a can't miss stop along Route 1 when traveling in DownEast Acadia. It can serve as a hub for exploring the eastern most portion of the United States with lodging, dining, shopping, and outdoor recreation attractions, all within its boundaries.



Jasper Beach

Visitor Resources

Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce MachiasChamber.org

Downeast Coastal Conservancy DowneastCoastalConservancy.org

Maine Historical Society MaineMemory.net

Maine Coast Heritage Trust MCHT.org

For more on what to do when visiting Machias Bay scan here.



Travel through History

The Machias Bay area's history goes way back. Within the coastal plain of Machiasport are nineteen archaeological sites with perhaps the most important petroglyphs (rock carvings) in New England. Created by the Wabanaki, some are at least 3,000 years old. Hike out to the interpretive station at Long Point in Machiasport to learn about these ancient drawings.

Visit Burnham Tavern during Margareta Days to relive the first Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War, and the subsequent Battle of the Rim.

Destroyed by the British during the War of 1812, Fort O'Brien was rebuilt before the Civil War. Today a bronze cannon known as a "Napoleon" or 12-pounder—the last remaining of five installed during the period—sits in the center of the earthworks. The cannons never saw any action.



Wild Blueberry Heritage Center

A Taste of Local Culture

The Machias Bay area maintains a delicate balance—and one that both locals and visitors alike are keen to perfect. Its deep community roots and connection to the land epitomize the unofficial state motto: “The Way Life Should Be.” All the while, its eye is on sustainable growth and investment in the health of its communities.

There is much to enjoy about Machias Bay and its stunning scenic beauty. You can begin by visiting the town of Machias during Wild Blueberry Season and getting a taste of the local culture, history, and landscape that make this part of the world heaven on earth.

Please follow the QR code below to take a deep dive into Machias during the height of the August wild blueberry harvest.



Margaretta Days



Welch Farm

On the Water

Travel away from the center of town toward **Bucks Harbor** and explore the harbor and its many islands by boat from one of the many public boat access points throughout the peninsula.

Bask in the salty air and sun of **Roque Bluffs State Park**, a half-mile sand and pebble beach on Englishmen Bay. Park the car and change in the public restrooms before spending the day on the beach or exploring the trail system behind the shallow waters of Simpson Pond.

Back inland, around **Northfield**, visitors will find plenty of places to paddle, boat, fish, camp, and swim on the Machias River or Long, Bog, and Fulton Lakes.

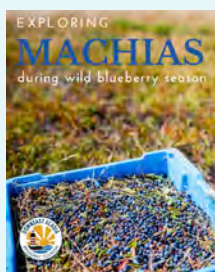
On the East Machias River, the Downeast Salmon Federation’s Peter Gray Parr Project salmon conservation program of rewilding is having a positive impact on the recovery of wild Atlantic salmon in Maine.

On the Trails

Otherworldly fall foliage and mild weather make Machias Bay a perfect destination for an Autumn or early winter hiking, biking, or ATV-ing trip. There are a multitude of trails accessible in a short radius of downtown Machias including the Down East Sunrise Trail, Machias River Preserve, and Maine Coast Heritage Trust trail systems.

Winter delivers sparkling natural beauty amongst thousands of acres of preserved lands for snowshoeing, skiing, ice skating, and fishing.

Featured Itinerary: Machias Bay



NATURE AWAITS YOU ON LAND TRUST PRESERVES

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN DOWNEAST MAINE, TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPLORE A PRESERVE AND JOIN COUNTLESS OTHERS IN EXPERIENCING THIS SPECIAL REGION.



Milbridge Commons

DownEast Maine offers a rich variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. From hiking, paddling and clamming, to photographing wildlife or simply taking in the views, locals and visitors enjoy numerous activities on land trust preserves. While most of these remarkable lands are privately owned, nonprofit land trusts conserve them—and make them open and accessible for all.

Did you know? Each preserve is unique, but they all have ecological and community values that evolve over time and require ongoing care. Land trusts don't do this work alone! Protecting lands that benefit people, plants and animals requires land trusts to work with many others—including landowners, towns, community members, Wabanaki Nations, marine harvesters, fishers, hunters, foresters and neighbors.



Orange River Trail

“Sipp Bay is my favorite preserve. It’s easy to get to, I’m surrounded by beauty and nature there, and we can all share it. I always take visitors to Sipp Bay.”

– Joanna O’Grady, area resident



Sipp Bay

Learn More

Learn more about land trusts and conservation at mcht.org and downeastconservationnetwork.org/partners.



**Maine Coast
Heritage Trust**

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Opposite, top: Milbridge Commons gardens. Credit: Women for Healthy Rural Living;

Opposite, bottom: Paddle on the Orange River. Credit: Credit Ryan Malagara;

Above: Clamming at Sipp Bay. Credit: Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

DownEast Preserves

Below are three DownEast preserves to consider visiting. Refer to the pull-out map to view preserve locations.

Milbridge Commons:

This community park and garden offers accessible walking trails that provide opportunities for exercise and connection with nature. It is co-managed with the Women for Healthy Rural Living, which has brought life and vibrancy to the preserve through its thoughtful, community-minded approach to stewardship.

Orange River Water Trail:

The Orange River Watershed in **Whiting** is home to an easy-to-access, easy-to-paddle, flat-water trail created by a partnership of five organizations. The water trail offers picnic areas, camping locations, and miles of fresh water teeming with wildlife.

Learn more at:

Orangeriverwatertrail.org

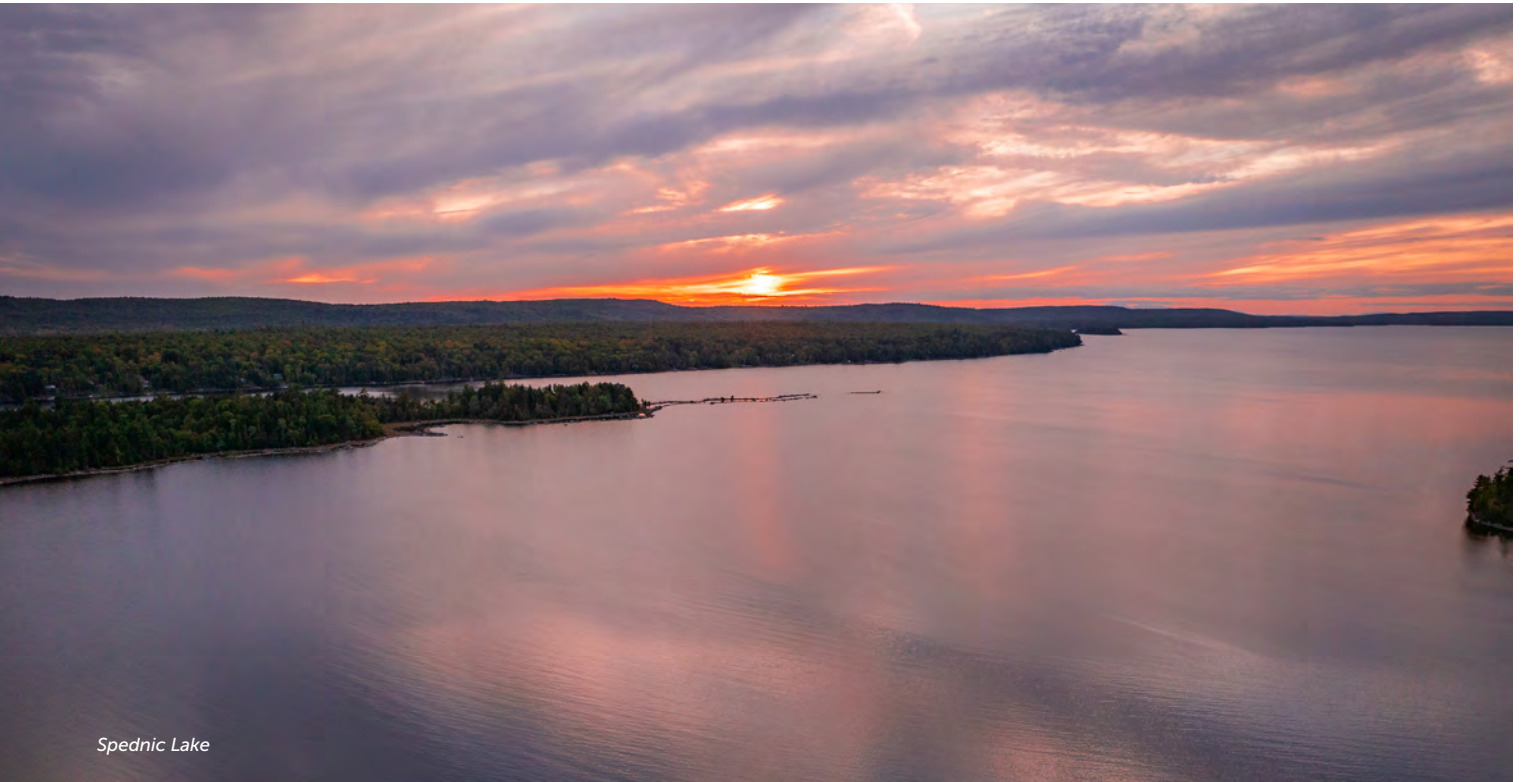
Sipp Bay Preserve:

This singularly gorgeous 92-acre property in **Perry** offers visitors 1.5 miles of trails to enjoy and some of the most accessible shoreline in Cobscook Bay. The Passamaquoddy people named this place Kci-puna-muhkatik, “big frostfish (tomcod) spawning place. Just up the bay from Reversing Falls, the waters surrounding Sipp Bay change dramatically during different tide cycles.

GRAND LAKES

GRAND LAKE STREAM, EAST GRAND LAKE, MEDDYBEMPS, ALEXANDER, PRINCETON, DANFORTH, AND WESTON

The **Grand Lakes Region** of DownEast Acadia is a stunning area known for its breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and diverse outdoor recreational opportunities. Located in the northeastern part of Maine, this region features several notable lakes, including Grand Lake and the Chiputneticook Lakes which includes North Lake, East Grand, Mud Lake, and Spednic Lake.



Spednic Lake

Characterized by clear, pristine waters, lush forests, and rugged mountains, the Grand Lakes Region is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Activities abound, including boating, fishing, hiking, and camping. The lakes are ideal for fishing, with abundant populations of trout, bass, and landlocked salmon, while hiking trails offer breathtaking views and opportunities for exploration. Visitors can immerse themselves in the area's beauty, and extensive ATV and snowmobiling trails provide year-round adventure.

Steeped in history, the Grand Lakes Region has significant Native American roots, originally inhabited by the Wabanaki Confederacy. European settlers arrived in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, drawn by the region's natural resources. This rich history enhances the region's appeal, making it a fascinating place to explore.

Conservation efforts are vital in the Grand Lakes Region, with organizations dedicated to protecting water quality, wildlife habitats, and forests, ensuring that future generations can enjoy its natural beauty. The area also

hosts various events throughout the year, including fishing derbies and outdoor festivals, promoting community engagement. The Grand Lakes Region combines natural beauty, rich history, and a strong community spirit, offering diverse experiences that highlight the best of the outdoors.

Featured Itinerary:
Grand Lakes





Wheaton's Lodge



Fishing on Spednic Lake



Maine Guide coffee

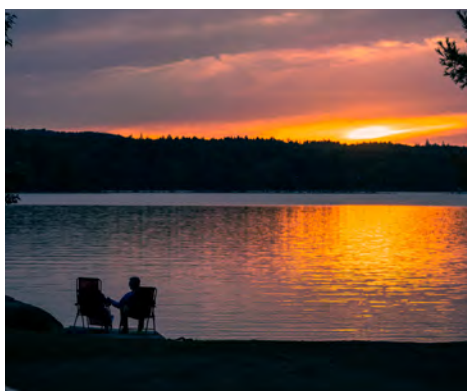
A Shore Lunch with a Registered Maine Guide

A cultural symbol of Maine's fishing heritage, the shore lunch is a celebration of the simple pleasures of life in the outdoors. Guides often serve warm "Guide Coffee", made with a whole egg (shells and all). The whites and shells help filter the grounds, making for an exceptionally clean and smooth cup of joe.

You may even get lucky and have a Registered Maine Guide like Tammi Matula or Daniel Daggett, who is also a forager and skilled cook. He has been known to whip up a chanterelle mushroom cream sauce to accompany locally raised pork chops cooked on the fire, showcasing the bounty of the local landscape. Top off the experience with a slice of homemade custard pie and chocolate chip cookies before you pack up and get back on the lake for an afternoon of fishing.

Stay at a Lodge

The Woodie Wheaton Land Trust is a nonprofit organization deeply committed to preserving the natural beauty and resources of the Chiputneticook Lakes Region, which spans Eastern Maine and Western New Brunswick. Named in honor of Woodie Wheaton, a celebrated Maine guide, the Trust focuses on safeguarding the area's land, water, and wildlife for the benefit of both current and future generations.



Things to Do

Visit the Grand Lake Stream Fish Hatchery to learn about Maine's landlocked salmon and brook trout fishery.

Seasoned paddlers can take on the 76-mile Machias River Corridor or 115-mile St. Croix International Waterway.

Travel along the striking Million Dollar View Scenic Byway.

Passamaquoddy Cultural Heritage Museum, Indian Township

Visitor Resources

Grand Lake Stream Chamber of Commerce

GrandLakeStream.org

Greater East Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce
EastGrandLake.net

Downeast Lakes Land Trust
DowneastLakes.org

For more on what to do when visiting the Grand Lakes scan here.



WAY DOWNEAST

CUTLER, WHITING, TRECOTT, LUBEC, CAMPOBELLO, CALAIS, PERRY, SIPAYIK, EASTPORT, PEMBROKE, AND DENNYSVILLE.

Immerse yourself in the easternmost edge of DownEast Acadia, in the heart of the Passamaquoddy homeland, known as “Dawnland.” From the **Cutler Coast**, east to **Lubec** and Bay of Fundy, and northward to **Calais**, the region wraps around the natural wonders of Cobscook Bay punctuated by the vibrant arts and culture scene in **Eastport**.



Laid Back Lubec

Lubec may be famous for its iconic red and white striped West Quoddy Head Lighthouse, but its compact downtown is worth a visit. Perfect for walking with galleries, vintage and antique shops, and dining.

Enjoy a pint at Lubec Brewing Co. while you take in a live set from local musicians. Set on stilts over the water, the McCurdy Smokehouse Museum is dedicated to the history of the smoked-herring trade. If the tide is out, search for sea glass on the adjacent beach.

You'll want to take the time to visit Mowry Beach, a short walk from downtown, or enjoy a bog walk as you hike the trails of West Quoddy Head State Park. The area is popular with cyclists and Cohills Inn offers a wide variety of local and regional biking tours. Bring your passport and cross the bridge to ride **Campobello Island's** trails and roadways.



The 2026 DownEast Acadia Region Guide is dedicated to the memory of John D. Rule "JD"

Teacher, mentor, author, father, grandfather, and husband.
(May 30, 1947 – November 27, 2025)



JD was a longtime supporter of DownEast Acadia's mission and advocate for Lubec, Maine through the non-profit organization, APPLE, the Association to Promote and Protect the Lubec Environment. Learn more about APPLE at visittubecmaine.com and consider making a donation to support their work.

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to support APPLE





Downtown Eastport

Artsy Eastport

Art lovers will find one of America's best art museums in **Eastport**; the Tides Institute & Museum of Art's collections focus on traditional and contemporary art of the northeast coast. Equally important, the Eastport Arts Center nurtures and promotes theater, art, music, film, and events.

A stroll along Water Street will take you back in time with fun shops, galleries, restaurants, and cafes housed in red brick buildings dating to the late 1800s. Celebrating 126 years, Raye's Mustard has produced small-batch gourmet mustards right in Eastport since 1900. Their Pantry Store offers a wide selection of Maine Made foods.



Gleason's Cove, Perry

Head to the harbor to hop a scenic cruise to spot whales, lighthouses, and the Western Hemisphere's biggest tidal whirlpool, the Old Sow. For a more hands-on experience, charter a fishing adventure for both small and large species.

Fisherman Statue, Eastport Pier



Events Way DownEast

Rhubarb Festival, *Perry, June*

DownEast Pride, *Eastport & Lubec, June*

International Homecoming, *Calais ME & St. Stephen NB, August*

Campobello Fog Fest, *August*

Eastport Salmon & Seafood Festival, *September*

Eastport Pirate Festival, *September*

see all events on page 29

Food and Drink

Sip a brew with a water view at Eastport's Horn Run Brewing Co. or raise your mug to Maine musicians at Lubec Brewing Co.

Visit the farm store or enjoy a farm stay at Tide Mill Farm in Edmunds.

Savor hand-crafted treats at Monica's Chocolates in Lubec.

Visitor Resources

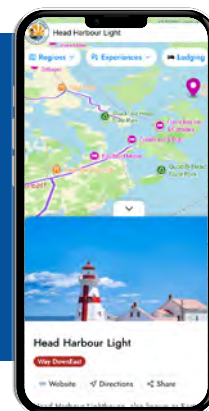
Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce: VisitEastport.com

Visit Lubec: VisitLubecMaine.com

Maine State Visitor Center
39 Union St., Calais

St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce: VisitStCroixValley.com

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CAMPOBELLO ISLAND, CANADA

ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO INTERNATIONAL PARK,
AND HERRING COVE PROVINCIAL PARK

Campobello Island was the beloved summer home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. In addition to their family home, the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, a 2800-acre nature park jointly administered by the U.S. and Canada, contains three other turn-of-the-century summer cottages and is the world's only international park.

Just across the FDR Memorial Bridge from Lubec, the Park welcomes visitors mid-May to mid-October (the natural area remains open year-round). Remember that you'll be entering a new time zone (5 pm in Maine is 6 pm on Campobello Island).

Roosevelt Campobello International Park has two new foot trails for outdoor recreation and exploration. The park designed and constructed the trails with the Park Stewardship Team to help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, enhance habitat protection, and provide greater access to the park's natural area for discovery.

The first new alignment departs from the Raccoon Beach Trail and ends on Liberty Point Drive. The other new path is the Upper Duck Pond Trail, which connects Cranberry Point Drive to the Fox Farm bicycle path. These two projects have added 1.25 miles of new trails to the park!

At the famous twice-daily experience, "Eleanor's Tea," held in the historic Wells-Shober cottage, visitors learn of Eleanor's life of activism over tea and homemade cookies.

Enjoy the meticulously maintained grounds with a picnic at one of



Roosevelt Cottage

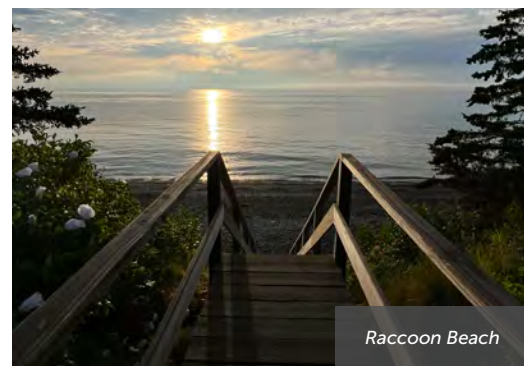
eleven sites with a takeaway meal from the Prince Cafe or bring along your own.

Camp by the sea at nearby Herring Cove Provincial Park or visit the charming fishing villages of **Wilson's Beach** and **Welshpool**.

Two-Nation Vacation

Maine and New Brunswick share a celebrated history and culture, both deeply tied to the Atlantic Ocean.

Visit RooseveltCampobello.org or VisitCampobello.com for more information on the park and trail system. For the latest Canadian border crossing requirements, visit CBSA-ASFC.gc.ca and don't forget your passport!



Raccoon Beach



Campobello Carriage Road



- ### Legend
- Tenting
 - Restroom
 - Lighthouse
 - Information
 - Picnic Sites
 - Drinking Water
 - Interpretive Trail
 - Observation Deck
 - Recreational Vehicles
 - Wheelchair Accessible
 - Bike Accessible

1 km = 0.62 miles
 1 hectare = 2.47 acres
 1 metre = 39.37 inches

- Provincial Paved Road
- Provincial Gravel Road
- Park Gravel Road
- Walking Trail

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- ### Trails
- 1** Visitor Centre to Friar's Head
 - 2** Nature and Trail Centre to Fox Farm
 - 3** Fox Farm to Upper Duck Pond
 - 4** Cranberry Point to Fox Farm
 - 5** Duck Island View
 - 6** Witapehkwakoni - Awt / Friendship Trail
 - 7** Liberty Point to Lower Duck Pond
 - 8** Raccoon Beach to Sunswep Sculpture and Liberty Point
 - 9** Lower Duck Pond to Raccoon Beach
 - 10** Eagle Hill Bog
 - 11** Fitz William Trail



Map source: <https://www.rooseveltcampobello.org/park-map>



Wabanaki Culture Center, Calais



On the St. Croix River across from St. Stephen, New Brunswick

Calais, DownEast Acadia's Gateway to Canada

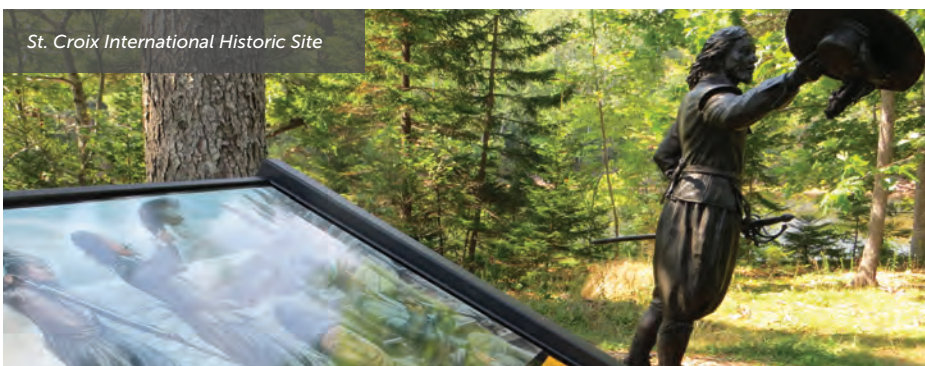
North of **Eastport** is **Calais**. First settled in 1779, it takes its name from the French town in tribute to France's support during the American Revolution. One of the smallest cities in Maine, it sits on the St. Croix River offering three crossings into **New Brunswick, Canada**.

Calais is truly a crossroads, where the Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway, East Coast Greenway, and US Bike Route 1 meet up and connect to the Coastal Link Trail between **St. Stephen** and **St. John, New Brunswick**. It also marks the junction of the Bold Coast National Scenic Byway and Fundy Coastal Drive.

Stroll along the Calais River Walk, part of the East Coast Greenway, for views of Whitlock Lighthouse, or visit the Wabanaki Cultural Center & Museum, overlooking the riverfront. For a Two-Nation experience, walk across the Ferry Point Bridge to St. Stephen—dubbed “Canada's Chocolate Town”—where one can visit the Ganong Chocolate Museum and browse local shops. Enjoy a day trip to **St. Andrews** with a visit to Kingsbrae Gardens.

Devil's Head is a prehistoric archaeological site with a shell midden dating back over 2,000 years. Just six miles south of Calais on the St. Croix River, Devil's Head is a 318-acre park offering two scenic hiking trails through mossy forests, granite bluffs, and marshland with sweeping views of the Canadian shore and St. Croix Island International Historic Site.

The St. Croix Island International Historic Site commemorates the early French explorer Pierre Dugua's first attempt at a year-round settlement years before Jamestown or Plymouth. Visitors can walk the interpretive trail, enjoy a picnic, or bird watch in the mainland portion of the site. The island is visible from the accessible trail that features bronze figures of the French and Passamaquoddy.



St. Croix International Historic Site

For more to do
Way DownEast
scan here.



Unspoiled Nature

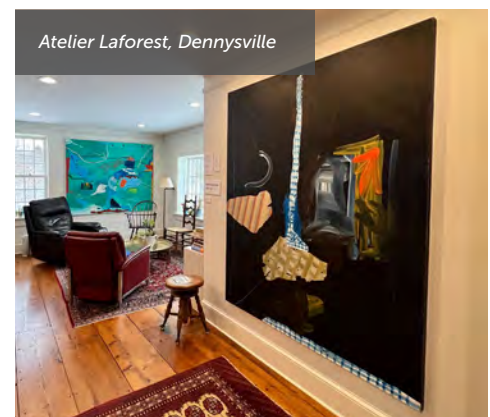
Cobscook Shores is a new collection of parklands offering access to miles of undeveloped beaches, bluffs, coves and islands.

Inland around **Whiting, Pembroke, and Dennysville** you'll find lakes and flat-water rivers perfect for paddling and fishing, swimming, and camping with the kids.

The **Cutler Coast** boasts some of the most dramatic hiking trails on Maine's coast, along with vast acres of blueberry barrens, woodlands, and peat lands, pocket coves, cobble beaches, and spectacular steep cliff views.

Each fall, thousands of waterfowl, songbirds, shorebirds, and raptors migrate southward through Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge just off shore.

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge consists of nearly 30,000 acres near **Calais** with over 50 miles of dirt roads and trails for hiking, biking, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing.



Atelier Laforest, Dennysville

DOWNEAST EVENTS

For more information on these and other events, visit downeastacadia.com/events. Local Visitor Centers and Chambers of Commerce (see page 1) also offer events calendars on their websites.

Eastport 4th of July Celebration



Bon voyage to Maine Maritime Academy's TSSOM State of Maine



Machias Blueberry Festival



APRIL

24th Annual Smelt Fry and Fisheries Celebration, *Columbia Falls*

MAY

Down East Sunrise Trail Opening, *Region-wide*

Down East Spring Birding Festival, *Cobscook Bay Area*

Pennamaquan Alewife Festival, *Pembroke*

East Grand Adventure Race, *Danforth*

Spring Birds of Acadia with Puffin Cruise, *Winter Harbor*

Wings Waves & Woods Birding Festival, *Stonington & Deer Isle*

2026 Acadia Birding Festival, *Mount Desert Island*

JUNE

Acadia Birding Festival, *Mount Desert Island*

Art in the Park, *Bar Harbor*

Rhubarb Festival, *Perry*

Wings & Wheels Airplane & Car Show, *Eastport*

The Bay of Fundy International Marathon, *Lubec & Campobello Island*

DownEast Pride, *Eastport & Lubec*

Margaretta Days and Downeast Revolutionary War Reenactors' skirmishes, *Machias*

Machias ATV Jamboree, *Machias*

Moosabec Summerfest, *Jonesport*

Monteux Music Festival, *Hancock*

JULY

July 4th Old Home Week, *Eastport*

Bastille Day, *Castine*

Flamingo Festival,

Southwest Harbor

Bar Harbor Music Festival,

Bar Harbor

Abbe Museum Presents:

DAWNLAND Festival of Arts & Ideas,

College of the Atlantic Campus,

Bar Harbor

Bucksport Bay Festival, *Bucksport*

Campobello Fog Fest,

Campobello Island, NB, CA

Down East Sunrise Trail Relay,

Ellsworth to Eastport

Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival,

Grand Lake Stream

Maine Open Farm Day, *State-wide*

Puckerbrush Primitive Gathering,

Columbia Falls

Addison Days, *Addison*

Maine Open Farm Day, *Statewide*

AUGUST

Mermaid Festival, *Eastport*

Artisan Market, *Wilson Museum,*

Castine

International Homecoming,

Calais and St. Stephen, NB, CA

Passamaquoddy Days, *Sipayik*

Machias Wild Blueberry Festival, *Machias*

Washington County Fair, *Pembroke*

Maine Wild Blueberry Weekend,

statewide

Schoodic Arts Festival,

Winter Harbor

West Grand Lake Race,

Grand Lake Stream

Winter Harbor Lobster Festival,

Winter Harbor

Eastport Salmon and Seafood

Festival, *Eastport, Labor Day Weekend*

Fogfest, *Campobello*

Maine Outdoor Film Festival,

Milbridge

SEPTEMBER

Eastport Pirate Festival, *Eastport*

International Maritime Film Festival, *Bucksport*

Machias Fiber Festival, *Machias*

Maine Open Lighthouse Day, *statewide*

Blue Hill Fair, *Blue Hill*

OCTOBER

Acadia's Oktoberfest,

Mount Desert Island

Art of Ellsworth, *Ellsworth*

Autumn Gold, *Ellsworth*

Witches of Eastport, *Eastport*

Maine Craft Weekend,

region-wide

Mount Desert Island Marathon,

Mount Desert Island

NOVEMBER

Cranberry Bounce, *Pembroke*

Early Bird Pajama Sales & Bed Races, *Bar Harbor*

Take Pride in Acadia Day, *Bar Harbor*

DECEMBER

The Great Sardine &

Maple Leaf Drop, *Eastport*

DOWNEAST STAYS

For more about where to Stay DownEast, scan here.



This is a primary list of hotels, inns, motels, and B&Bs, as well as restaurants, across our two-county region. We don't play favorites! If you'd like to be included on this list, please email us at hello@downeastacadia.com.

Blue Hill Peninsula

Pentagoet Inn, Castine
Aragosta at Goose Cove, Deer Isle
Brooklin Inn, Brooklin
Barn Castle Hotel & Restaurant,
Blue Hill
Blue Hill Inn, Blue Hill
The Maine Hideaway Guest House,
Brooklin
Oakland House Seaside Inn and
Cottages, Brooksville
Bucksport Inn, Bucksport
Fort Knox Park Inn, Bucksport
The Castine Inn, Castine
Alamoosook Lakeside Inn, Orland
Pres du Port B&B, Stonington
Inn on the Harbor, Stonington
Boyce's Motel, Stonington
The Inn at Ferry Landing, Deer Isle
Pilgrim's Inn, Deer Isle

Mount Desert Island & Acadia National Park

Please visit us online for our complete lodging list. Here are some year-round options for MDI Bar Harbor, & Acadia:
Atlantic Oceanside
Inn on Mount Desert
Acadia Hotel
Bar Harbor Condos
Saltair Inn
Pathmaker Hotel

Ellsworth

The Lucerne Inn, Dedham
Atlantic Coast Inn, Ellsworth
Comfort Inn, Ellsworth
Ramada by Wyndham, Ellsworth
Hampton Inn, Ellsworth
Colonial Inn, Ellsworth
Eagles Lodge Motel, Ellsworth
Arbor Camp, Ellsworth

Schoodic to Jonesport

Pleasant Bay B&B and Llama Keep,
Addison
Black Duck Inn, Corea Harbor
Elsa's Inn on the Harbor, Prospect
Harbor
Crocker House Country Inn,
Hancock
Ironbound Restaurant & Inn,
Hancock
Acadia's Oceanside Meadows Inn,
Prospect Harbor
Chandler River Inn, Jonesboro
Blueberry Patch Motel & Cabins,
Jonesboro
Red Barn Motel, Milbridge
Taunton River B&B, Sullivan
Acadia Bay Inn, Sullivan

Machias Bay

The Margaretta Inn, Machias
Machias River Inn, Machias
Inn at Schoppee Farm, Machias
Bluebird Motel, Machias
West Branch Farms, Machias

Grand Lakes

Rideout's Lodge, Weston
Weatherby's Lodge, Gr. Lake Stream
Grand Lake Lodge, Gr. Lake Stream
Leen's Lodge, Gr. Lake Stream
Grand Lake Cottages, Forest City
First Settlers Lodge, Weston
Cowger's Cabins, Danforth
Trail Side Cabins, Weston
Wheaton's Lodge, Forest City
Bellmard Inn, Princeton

Way DownEast

Calais Motor Inn, Calais
International Motel, Calais
Harris Point Shore Cabins, Eastport
Motel East, Eastport
The Kilby House Inn B&B, Eastport
Seaview RV Resort &
Campground, Eastport
Rosspoint by the Sea, Eastport
West Quoddy Station, Lubec
Eastland Motel, Lubec
The Peacock House B&B, Lubec
Cohill's Inn, Lubec
The Inn of the Wharf, Lubec
Water Street Tavern & Inn, Lubec
Kendall Farm Cottages, Perry
Brewer House B&B, Robbinston
Redclyffe Shore Motel, Robbinston
Whiting Bay B&B, Whiting
Campobello Whale Watch Motel,
Campobello Island, NB
Friars Bay Inn & Cottages,
Campobello Island, NB Seaview RV



West Branch Farms, Machias



Inn at Schoppee Farm, Machias



Scoville's Millside Dining, Harrington

DOWNEAST EATS

For more about where to Eat DownEast, scan here.



Blue Hill Peninsula

Stowaway's Town Tavern,
Bucksport
Arborvine, Blue Hill
Blaze, Blue Hill
Fish Net, Blue Hill
Blue Hill COOP, Blue Hill
Yannis Pizza, Blue Hill
Marlintini's Bar & Grill, Blue Hill
Barncastle Hotel & Restaurant,
Blue Hill
Siam Sky Thai & Sushi, Blue Hill
El Frijoles, Sargentville
Strong's Public House & Patio,
Sedgwick
Brooklin General Store, Brooklin
Brooklin Inn, Brooklin
The Morning Moon Cafe, Brooklin
Tinder Hearth, Brooksville
Buck's Restaurant, Brooksville
Crazy Otto's Street Food,
Brooksville
Bagaduce Lunch, Penobscot
Aragosta, Deer Isle
Deer Isle Music Hall & BBQ, Deer
Isle
44 North Coffee & Cafe, Deer Isle
Pilgrim's Inn, Deer Isle
There's A Treat Takeout, Deer Isle
LDI Lobster, Little Deer Isle
Stonecutters Kitchen, Stonington
Fin and Fern, Stonington
27 Fathoms Waterfront Grille,
Stonington
Stonington Ice Cream Co,
Stonington
Sweet Cheeks Diner & Bakery,
Bucksport

Ellsworth

For a complete list of the dining options in our Ellsworth Area please visit us online.

Zeppa's Pizza, Ellsworth
Finn's Irish Pub, Ellsworth
Black Moon Public House,
Ellsworth
Provender, Ellsworth
Airline Brewing, Ellsworth, Amherst

Fogtown Brewing, Ellsworth
Riverside Cafe, Ellsworth
86 This, Ellsworth
Martha's Diner, Ellsworth
Angelo's Pizzeria, Ellsworth
Flexit Cafe – Ellsworth
Janes Walk - Ellsworth
John Edward's Market - Ellsworth

Mount Desert Island

Please visit us online for our complete dining list.

Beal's Lobster Pier, Southwest Harbor
Seafood Ketch, Bass Harbor
Thirsty Whale, Bar Harbor
Jordan's Restaurant, Bar Harbor
Havana, Bar Harbor

Schoodic to Jonesport

Scovils Millside Dining, Harrington
(Cash Only)
Vasquez Mexican Takeout,
Milbridge
Knotty Lobster, Milbridge
The Milbridge House, Milbridge
44 Degrees North, Milbridge
Pickled Wrinkle, Birch Harbor
Paisley Loon, Cherryfield
J.M. Gerrish Café, Winter Harbor
Downeast Mexican Takeout,
Gouldsboro
Ironbound Restaurant, Hancock
La Laiterie Cafe, Jonesboro
Jonesport Pizza Shop, Jonesport

Machias Bay

Bold Coast Coffee, East Machias
The Milk House Cafe, Machias
Helen's Restaurant, Machias
Tom's Mini Mart, Machias
Angie's Comfort Kitchen, Machias
Machias Marketplace, Machias
Hing Garden, Machias
River Edge Drive In, Machias
Riverside Takeout, Machias
The Public House, Machias
Mason's Downeast, Machias
Pat's Pizza, Machias
The Anchor, Machias

Way DownEast.

WaCo Diner, Eastport
Old Sow Grill, Eastport
Happy Crab, Eastport
Horn Run Brewing, Eastport
Phoenix Fine Wines, Eastport
Ye Ole Hookers, Eastport
Dastardly Dick's, Eastport
Rosie's Hot Dogs, Eastport
Polar Treat, Perry
HD & Sons Seafood, Lubec
Uncle Kippys Korner, Lubec
Morano's Pizza, Lubec
Fisherman's Wharf Rest., Lubec
Water Street Inn & Rest., Lubec
Downeast Dog House, Lubec
Cohills Inn & Pub, Lubec
Twin Spruces Grill, Lubec
Downeast Subs, Pembroke
Sue's Cobscook Bay Cafe, Edmunds
Karen's Main Street Diner, Calais
Gather Cafe, Calais
Fitzgerald's Tavern, Calais
Jo's Pizzeria, Calais
The Sandwich Man, Calais
Nook and Cranny, Baileyville

Grand Lakes

Rideout's Lodge, Weston
Wheaton's Lodge, Forest City

Creameries

Josh Pond Farm, Whiting
Garden Side Dairy, Jonesboro
Seal Cove Farm, Lamoine
Sunset Acres Farm, Brooksville
Tide Mill Creamery, Edmunds
Long Lost Farm, Edmunds
Yellow Birch Farm, Deer Isle

Eat Downeast!

Eat Downeast! is a campaign, developed by Smithereen Farm in Pembroke, to connect eaters to the tastes of the region. **For an online map of food producers, visit eatdowneast.com.**

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Starry Bold Coast

WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY

In DownEast Acadia, the lack of light pollution allows visitors to spot millions of stars, planets, and the Milky Way, Maine's first moonrise, and from August to October, the Northern Lights. Winter, spring, summer or fall, every night is a spectacle to behold.

Experience an unforgettable evening paddle in **Castine Harbor's** bioluminescent bay, or join other amateur astronomers at the country's easternmost observatory, Sawyer Observatory in **Pembroke**.

A stay at Cobscook Bay State Park campgrounds will offer ample opportunity to enjoy the night sky. Early risers can double down at West Quoddy State Park as they spot Venus and Sirius bright in the early morning sky, then wait as the first rays of sun hit the United States. On a crisp autumn night, go outside and look north; you might see the Aurora Borealis' faint green cloud tinting the horizon or a dance of flickering lights fading in and out. The intensity of the glow depends on solar activity. Sunspots created by intense solar storms allow for a more active aurora near the Canadian border.

GETTING AROUND

Navigation - Cell/data service is limited in remote areas. A Maine Atlas and Gazetteer is recommended.

Tax - Sales tax is 5.5%; meals tax is 8%; and lodging tax is 9%.

Hands-Free Driving - The use of phones and handheld devices while driving is prohibited in Maine.

Seatbelts - Drivers and passengers must wear a seatbelt at all times.

Maine Marijuana Law - Adults 21+ can possess up to 2.5 oz of marijuana and consume marijuana on private property only; it is illegal to drive under the influence. More info: maine.gov/dafs/omp/faq.

Airports

Bar Harbor Airport (BHB)
BHBAirport.com

Bangor International Airport (BGR)
FlyBangor.com

Eastport Municipal Airport (KEPM)
EastportMaine.gov

Machias Valley Airport (KMVM)
MachiasMaine.org

Bus Service

Concord Trailways
ConcordTrailways.com

Island Explorer
ExploreAcadia.com

Greyhound Bus Lines
Greyhound.com

West's Bus Service
WestBusService.com

Statewide Contacts

Maine Turnpike Authority
877-682-9433, maineturnpike.com

Maine Warden Service
207-287-8000, maine.gov/ifw/warden-service/

Maine State Police
In Maine only non-emergency number: 800-452-4664
(911 cellular, for emergencies only)



Drive Times

To/From Ellsworth	Time	Miles
Blue Hill	:19	14
Bucksport	:23	20
Bar Harbor	:38	20
Southwest Harbor	:35	21
Bangor	:40	28
Cherryfield	:40	30
Deer Isle/Stonington	:55	35
Jonesport-Beals	1:14	52
Machias	1:16	56
Augusta	1:44	104
Cutler	1:46	73
Calais	1:50	93
Katahdin Woods & Waters	1:50	112
Lubec & Campobello	1:53	84
Grand Lake Stream	2:09	101
Eastport	2:15	100
Danforth	2:25	123
Houlton	2:27	148
Portland	2:28	155
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To and from Winter Harbor
DowneastWindjammer.com

Cranberry Cove Ferry P B

Southwest Harbor/Manset
to the Cranberry Islands
DowneastWindjammer.com

Bass Harbor-Swans Island

(207) 244-3254, (207) 526-4273

Bass Harbor-Frenchboro

(207) 244-3254

East Coast Ferries (seasonal)

506-747-2159
www.eastcoastferriesltd.com
Deer Island, New Brunswick-Eastport

Eastport - Lubec Water Taxis P

Downeast Water Taxi:
(207) 904-8029
Eastportcharter.com
207-992-7008

Beal & Bunker Mail Boat P B

Northeast Harbor to
the Cranberry Islands
CranberryIsles.com

Deer Island/Campobello Ferry P V B

Campobello to Deer Island, NB
EastCoastFerriesLtd.com

Isle au Haut P

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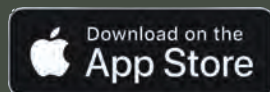
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