



MAINE'S MIDCOAST & ISLANDS

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Amazing



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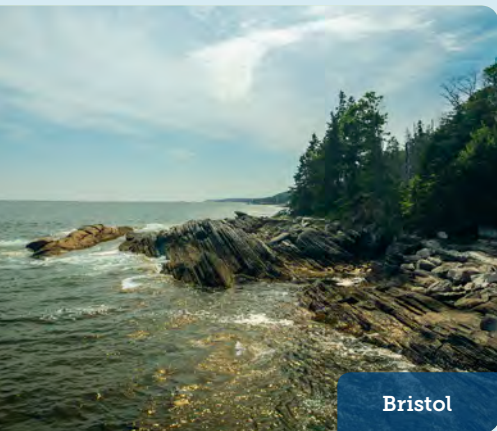
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Explore the Middle of Amazing

Sunsets over the sea, charming villages, freshly caught seafood, stunning foliage, snowy adventures and more await you in Maine's MidCoast & Islands. Trust us when we say you'll need a camera to capture the beauty you discover and the memories you make while you're here.

What will your captured memories look like? Spend an afternoon at a Maine lighthouse, such as [Squirrel Point Light](#) in [Arrowsic](#) or the iconic [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse](#); sink your toes in the sand at [Popham Beach](#) or grab a good book and a beach chair for a relaxing afternoon at [Reid State Park](#); enjoy an incredible lobster roll at [Red's Eats](#) in [Wiscasset](#) or grab a basket of fried clams to munch on as you drive to your next coastal destination; take a ferry to one of Maine's remote islands and enjoy a few days away from the rest of the world; or visit one of Maine's MidCoast & Islands' historic theaters for a show; plan your trip during the fall when the bright colors make Maine's landscapes even more beautiful or visit during the snowy season and check out [Gardens Aglow](#) at the [Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens](#).

Visit [Camden](#) or [Boothbay Harbor](#) for a picture of a classic coastal Maine town, discover [Rockland's](#) thriving art community, explore the unique shops lining the streets of [Belfast](#) or [Bath](#), take home a piece of history from one of [Searsport's](#) numerous antiques shops, or road trip through quaint coastal towns dotting Maine's Coast.

These adventures and more await you in the pages ahead. Let this book be your guide as you capture your trip. Maine's MidCoast & Islands is yours to discover.

Cover Photo: Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, Bristol



Discover

Maine's MidCoast & Islands

Visit a Pristine Maine Beach

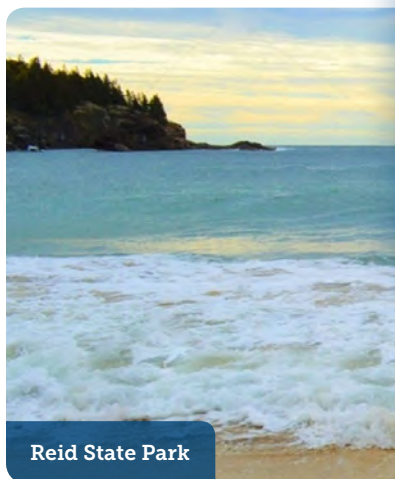
Lincolnvile Beach • If you're passing between **Camden** and **Belfast**, make sure you visit **Lincolnvile Beach**. The sandy beach is within twenty minutes of both great downtowns full of local shops, so you can make a day of your trip and enjoy shopping and a bite to eat between sunbathing and swimming.

Damariscotta Lake State Park • Pack up a picnic basket and head to **Damariscotta Lake** in Jefferson, a freshwater lake with sand to dig your toes into. **Damariscotta Lake State Park** has plenty of picnic tables and grills so you can enjoy a full day outside in the sand and sun. There are opportunities for canoeing, fishing, swimming, and wildlife watching as well!

Pemaquid Beach • Visit Bristol's **Pemaquid Beach** for beautiful, clear waters and a stretch of white sandy beach. Don't worry if you forget your beach umbrella or a shovel for your child to play in the sand—the Beach Shop is fully stocked for summer fun. Relax, sunbathe, and take a dip, then check out The Beachcombers' Rest Nature Center where your family can learn more about the ecology of the beach.

Lucia Beach • This sandy beach within **Birch Point State Park**, in Owls Head, is well-known by locals and offers a quieter option for visitors. You can enjoy the sound of the sea and beautiful views, or comb the beach for treasures. Families will enjoy this beach because of its tidal pools filled with learning opportunities.

Reid State Park • Thousands of visitors head to the wide sandy beaches of **Reid State Park** in Georgetown each year. Grab your beach chair, a good book, and a snack, and enjoy listening to the crashing waves and watching endangered least terns and piping plovers, along with other shorebirds that nest in the beach areas. Reid State Park is also a great place to surf and offers glimpses of several Maine islands and lighthouses. Want to check out another beach nearby? **Popham Beach**, in Phippsburg, is less than an hour away and offers a long stretch of sandy beach that's perfect for sandcastles and siestas.



Reid State Park



Explore Maine's MidCoast & Islands

Venture Off the Beaten Path

The drive from **Portland** to **Acadia National Park** is a little over three hours if you drive straight through on the highway—but you'll cruise right past some of Maine's best art, culture, and awe-inspiring natural beauty. Instead, veer off the beaten path and head right up Maine's MidCoast & Islands; take U.S. Route 1 between Portland and **Bar Harbor**.



Giant's Stairs, Harpswell



Popham Beach, Phippsburg

GIANT'S STAIRS, HARPSWELL

Only 25 minutes north of Portland, **Giant's Stairs Trail** should be at the top of your Maine's MidCoast & Islands list. Following along the rocky coastline, complete with crashing waves and views of Casco Bay, this easy nature walk is the best way to kick-off a road trip up the Maine MidCoast & Islands. One look at the rocks and you'll soon see why it's named "**Giant's Stairs.**"

WISCASSET'S WATERFRONT MAIN STREET

The tiny town of **Wiscasset** is a must-see on any coastal Maine road trip. Once among the busiest seaports in New England, you can take in all its history with the self-guided, **Museum in the Streets** tour. There are enough shops and eateries to keep you busy all day, and if you plan your trip in the summer, check out the **Alive on the River Concert Series** on Thursdays or the **Wiscasset Art Walk**, held on the last Thursday of the month.

POPHAM BEACH STATE PARK

Stretching between the mouths of the Kennebec and Morse Rivers, **Popham Beach** is a unique place in New England—it's one of Maine's few long, sandy beaches. Today, the best adventure here is a walk out to **Fox Island**, which is only accessible at low tide. Use a tide calendar to plan your trip so you don't end up marooned.

MUSCONGUS BAY

Thanks to its protection by surrounding peninsulas and uninhabited islands, **Muscongus Bay** sees little in terms of ocean wind and big waves—or traffic. Rent a kayak from Midcoast Kayak to experience this beautiful bay with or without a guide. The **Maine Island Trail** is a water route that links up more than 200 islands and coastal sites and passes through Muscongus.



Boothbay Harbor

BOOTHBAY HARBOR'S OFFSHORE EXCURSIONS

There's no better introduction to life on the seashore than iconic **Boothbay Harbor**. The area is known for excellent sea kayaking, but you can also charter a boat with one of several local outfitters, some of whom offer puffin and whale watching or island clambakes. Luxury boat excursions depart from **Boothbay Harbor Oceanside Golf Resort**. Plan to spend the better part of a day here sailing off the coast or exploring this classic coastal village.



Rockland Harbor

ROCKLAND'S DOCKS

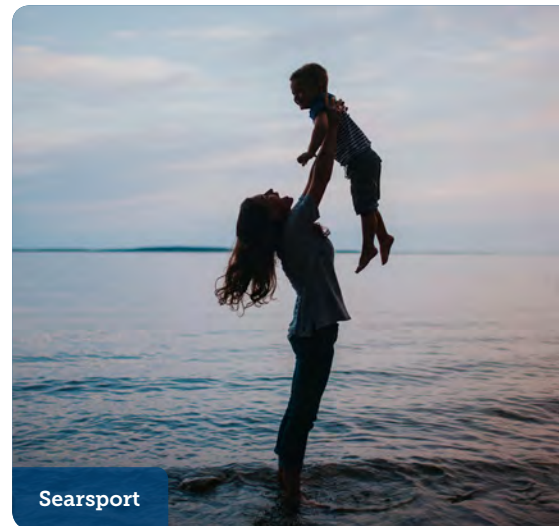
Rockland got its start as a fishing and shipbuilding village and boasts the highest concentration of Windjammers—cargo ships used by merchants in the late 19th century to move goods between continents. These days, Windjammers are living history, and visitors can spend a few hours or a week exploring the coastline and nearby islands aboard one of these beautiful ships. Sailboats like *A Morning in Maine*, above, offer sunset cruises and day trips.



Mt. Megunticook, Camden

THE VIEW FROM ATOP A PEAK IN CAMDEN HILLS STATE PARK

Camden holds plenty of appeal for travelers year-round. Get out of the car and stretch your legs on the summit of **Mount Battie**, which you can drive to the top of, famous for its gorgeous wildflowers and incredible view of **Camden Harbor**. Or hop in a boat and head out past **Curtis Island**, whose postcard-worthy lighthouse boasts a beam that can be seen up to six nautical miles away.



Searsport

SEARSPORT'S NATURE PRESERVES

With almost 10 miles of coastline on rugged **Penobscot Bay**, **Searsport** is not to be missed as you make your way up the coast. Head to **Moose Point State Park**, where you can stroll along the rocky coast, beachcomb in the many tide pools, and enjoy a picnic at the park's day-use area. The town is also connected to the 900-acre **Sears Island** via causeway, where you'll find miles of hiking, including a loop around the island's shoreline.



Travel to the Islands

The Ways to Maine's Islands

Did you know that you can access more of Maine's islands from Maine's MidCoast & Islands than any other region in the state? Maine's islands may be remote, but there are plenty of ways to visit them, from the ferry service to taking your own boat. The hard part is figuring out which method to use.

By Boat • The windjammers of Maine's MidCoast & Islands are legendary, with captains who welcome you and deliver serene sailing experiences. Windjammer cruises are offered by a variety of ships and will take you on a trip by sea that you'll never forget, sailing closeby the shores of many of Maine's islands. You can spend the day on foot exploring **Monhegan Island**, by taking an enjoyable engine-powered cruise from Hardy Boat Cruises in **Damariscotta** or Monhegan Boat Line in **Port Clyde**.

By Ferry • With a variety of restaurants and shopping, a mountain to climb, nature preserves, a lighthouse, and plenty of kayaking opportunities, **Vinalhaven** is a perfect getaway. The best way to visit Vinalhaven is to take the **Vinalhaven Ferry** from the **Rockland Ferry Terminal**. The tiny island community of **North Haven** is home to a small population of year-round residents, a few restaurants, several beaches, a golf course, and more. You can access this island from the **North Haven Ferry**, which also departs from the Rockland Ferry Terminal, plus the Rockland Ferry Terminal offers trips to **Matinicus Island** on the **Matinicus Ferry**. Matinicus Island is home to sandy and rocky beaches, a variety of walking trails, and an abundance of wildlife watching opportunities. You can also visit **Islesboro** from the Lincolnville Ferry Terminal. With only 600 year-round residents, the island is quiet, but filled with beautiful views and plenty of opportunity for adventure.

Ferry routes shown on pages 17-18

By Car • Want to travel on your own schedule? There are plenty of Maine islands you can drive to! Check out **Bailey Island's** beaches, walking trails, and art exhibits; or visit **Southport Island**, which is connected to **Boothbay Harbor** by bridge. You can also visit **Sears Island**, which offers wildlife watching and plenty of outdoor activities, from picnicking in the midst of summer to snowshoeing in the depths of winter.



Owl's Head Lighthouse from Vinalhaven Ferry



Cribstone Bridge, Bailey Island



Penobscot Bay

Experience

the Culture of the Coast

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Draw Inspiration from Maine Culture

Our beautiful state contains a rich history that's yours to discover. One of the best ways to learn more about Maine is to visit the variety of museums, theaters, and historic sites that span Maine's MidCoast & Islands. We've picked a few to help you get started.



Colonial Theatre, Belfast

MUSEUMS

With eight buildings on the register of historic places, visiting the **Penobscot Marine Museum** in **Searsport** is like taking a step back in time. As the oldest marine museum in Maine, you'll find photographs, ship models, boats, and a sea captain's house. For more maritime history, add the **Maine Maritime Museum** in **Bath** to your bucket list.

For the person who can't get enough of vintage aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles and more, the **Owls Head Transportation Museum** is a must see. The museum has one of the finest collections of pioneer-era vehicles in the world. The world-class permanent collection includes a full-scale replica of the Wright Brothers 1903 Kitty Hawk Flyer, a 1907 Renault Vanderbilt Racer, and more.

Over 20,000 feet of gallery space and more than 15,000 works make the **Farnsworth Art Museum** in Rockland an art lover's dream. At this museum you can enjoy paintings, prints, photography, and sculpture that focuses on American art from the 18th century. For contemporary art, visit the **Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA)** in Rockland.

THEATERS

The **Camden Opera House** was built in 1894 and has been host to events such as grand balls, music, town meetings, movies, and more. The Opera House holds the history of **Camden** and continues to entertain today with a variety of performances and concerts.

If you're in search of the perfect place to cozy up with some popcorn and a movie, look no further than the **Colonial Theatre** in **Belfast**. The Colonial shows the newest releases on their three screens and has been offering entertainment since 1912.

For a calendar of events that offers as much in variety as it does in entertainment, **The Opera House at Boothbay Harbor** is a great choice. As a true community arts center, the opera house offers everything from musical performances to an annual display of gingerbread houses during the holidays.

The **Strand Theatre** in **Rockland** is a multi-use venue offering the best of current first-run and independent films, live concerts, comedy, and more.

HISTORIC PLACES

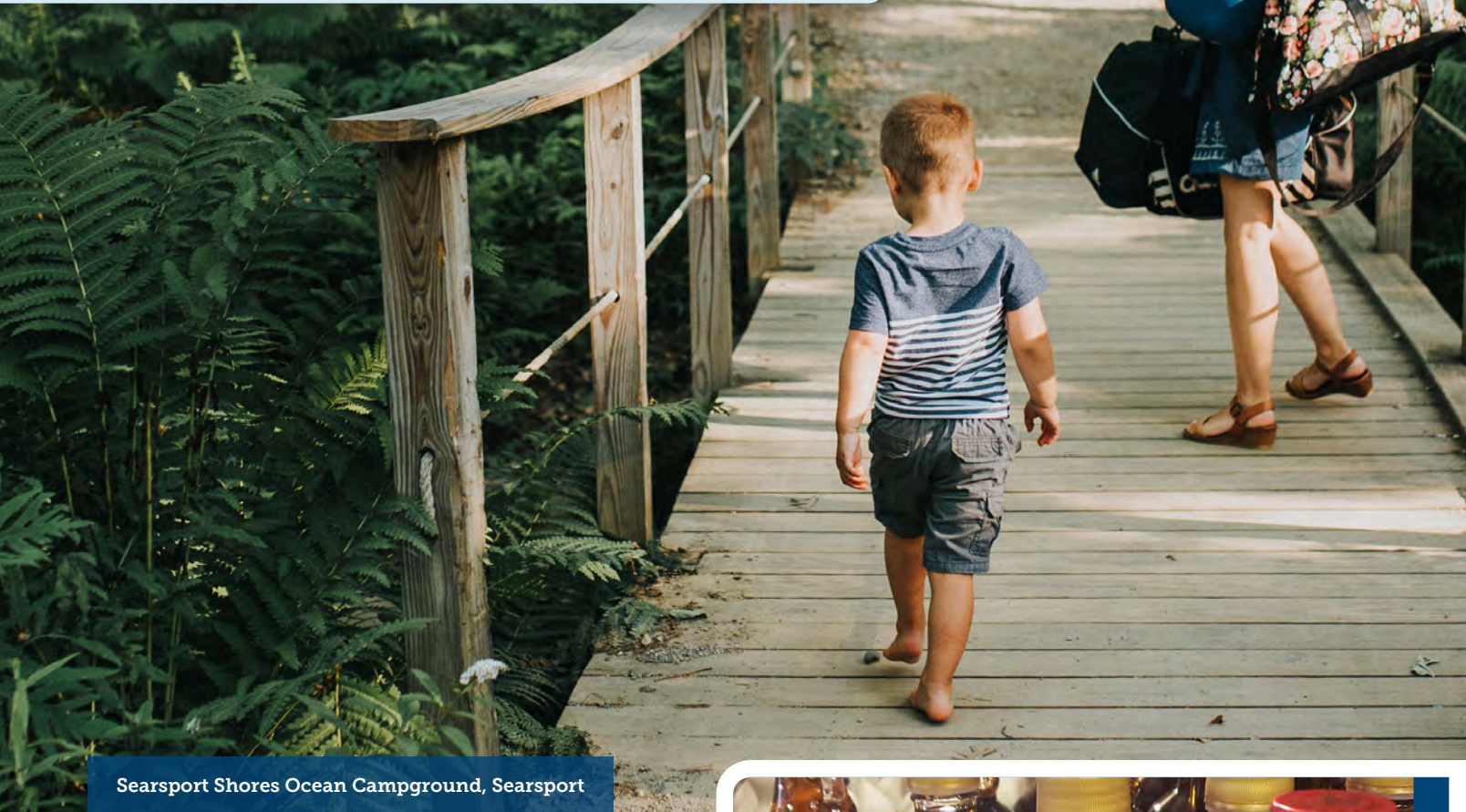
From restaurants, cafes, boutiques, and galleries, **Maine Street** in **Brunswick** has an incredible selection of shopping and restaurant options. If you're around during spring, summer, or fall, you can shop at the local farmers' market. If you've come to Brunswick in the winter for a holiday getaway, visit the famous year-round indoor flea market in **Fort Andros** before ice skating in town square on the mall's ice skating rink.

For a hike you're sure to remember, visit the **Whaleback Shell Midden State Historic Site** in **Damariscotta**. There you'll find oyster shell heaps, or middens, left by indigenous peoples. Keep an eye out for the **Glidden Midden**—it's one of the largest on the east coast!

Castle Tucker in **Wiscasset** overlooks the **Sheepscot River** and holds the history of Captain Tucker, son of a local shipping family. The Tucker family moved into the house in 1858 and the house has barely changed since 1900, making it a beautiful example of the Gilded Age.

Discover Four Seasons of Adventure

With an incredible variety of activities to enjoy year-round, you'll find that summer in Maine is only a small part of what makes it so special.



Searsport Shores Ocean Campground, Searsport

Spring • As the ice thaws and the snow recedes, Maine starts waking up. Warm days are extra sweet after winter's chill, and the flora and fauna respond. The very first sign that spring is here may be **Maine Maple Sunday**. The region's numerous syrup producers hold open houses on the third Sunday in March, and they often feature tours, samples, live music, and even free ice cream. Stop by **Goranson's Farm** in **Dresden**, and step into the past as you enter the sugar house. You'll find the farmers stoking the wood fire that heats the evaporator to boil down the sap... 40 gallons to make one gallon of syrup!



Goranson's Farm, Dresden

Summer • From hiking and nature watching to discovering new restaurants, art galleries and charming boutiques, you'll never run out of things to do during the summer in Maine. Lobster is a quintessential part of coastal culture and the dinner of choice for many visitors, but have you ever wondered how that lobster goes from the sea to your table? Take your family on a trip with **Camden Harbor Cruises** to discover the coastline surrounding **Camden Harbor** and **Penobscot Bay**. While aboard the Lively Lady, you'll get to see beautiful lighthouses, mansions by the sea, visiting yachts, and wildlife. Your children will also get the chance to haul up a lobster trap and see what's inside. With adventures like these, it's hard to forget a trip to Maine.

Camden Harbor



Union

Autumn • The crunch of leaves underfoot, the smell of wood smoke and soft apples, and vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow make autumn Maine's most beautiful, yet fleeting, season. One of the best ways to experience fall in Maine is by car. Winding through small coastal villages, visiting quaint general stores, and riding down country back roads will make you feel as if you've stepped into a storybook. One of the most breathtaking trips you can take winds between **Appleton** and **Union**. As you meander along Routes 235 and 131, you'll be tempted to stop and enjoy these breathtaking views that offer a perfect opportunity to capture a memory.

Don't just take our word for it, visit

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*to see the colors of **autumn in Maine**.*

Winter • Those who spend their lives here and those who visit when the temperatures drop know that winter is a special time in Maine. One of Maine's treasured winter activities comes during the holiday season when our coastal villages are blanketed in white and look like scenes from a snow globe. The **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** in Boothbay, a favorite spot for many visitors in the summer, transforms during the winter for **Gardens Aglow**. The grass is replaced with snow and the leaves on trees are replaced with hundreds of thousands of LED lights that illuminate the darkness as you enter the magical display that is Gardens Aglow. Don't forget to venture into Boothbay Harbor for even more winter fun at the **Boothbay Lights**.

Take a step inside a snow globe. Visit

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*to enjoy **winter in Maine**.*



Gardens Aglow, Boothbay



Adopt the Pace of Nature



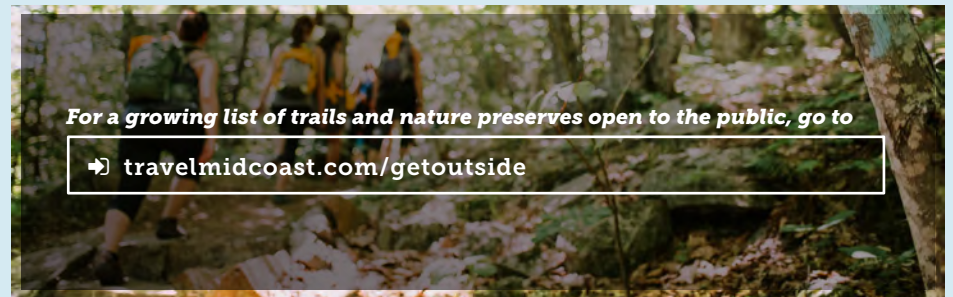
Take a Walk Among the Trees

Hiking in Maine is just as rewarding during the journey as it is at the summit. With miles of trails spanning the coast, all you have to do is step outside, and you're bound to find the perfect place for a hike. We've included some of our choices below so you can take a walk among the trees.

Camden Hills State Park is where land meets sea in a stunning display of color and beauty. The park offers a variety of trails with incredible views of Camden Harbor and Penobscot Bay. Take a trail to one of the summits before you spend a night under the stars with your family and friends, or head into Camden for a comfortable bed.

For a true walk amongst the evergreens, **Fernald's Neck Preserve in Lincolnville** offers lovely hikes and wildlife watching. Keep an eye out for the Blue Trail and Orange Trail; these two jaunts run along the Great Bog. You'll also have a beautiful view of Megunticook Lake and maybe even catch a glimpse of some of the animals that call it home.

The Ridge to River Trail in Searsmont is part of the **Georges River Land Trust**. You can find a variety of trails throughout the land trust, but the five-mile footpath that is the **Ridge to River Trail** offers a stunning view you shouldn't miss. As you make the ascent to the top of **Appleton Ridge**, take your time and a water bottle (it's a bit strenuous). Once you arrive, you'll be rewarded with a beautiful view of the river valley. The Georges River Land Trust isn't the only place where you can find excellent hiking opportunities. Make sure you check out the other land trusts of the MidCoast region, including the **Boothbay Region Land Trust**, the **Harpwell Heritage Land Trust**, the **Damariscotta River Association**, and more.



For a growing list of trails and nature preserves open to the public, go to

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Take Maine Home with You



Discover Downtown Destinations

Wander down the storied sidewalks of any village in MidCoast Maine, and you'll be struck by the charm of our many storefronts. You'll find a smiling face to welcome you and any number of eclectic items to take home. From shiny baubles for your Christmas tree and books written by Maine authors, to handmade cookware or bowls carved from wood straight from the forests of our beautiful state, you'll get to take a piece of Maine home with you as a reminder of your journey.

Bath • Front Street in **The City of Ships** has maintained the architecture and history of a time gone by and is home to an eclectic variety of shops. Buildings built from brick, beautiful church spires, and incredible architectural details make Front Street a historically intriguing and charming place to visit. Stop by **Now You're Cooking**, which is filled with fine cookware, gadgets, and wine, and don't forget to stop at the **Bath Sweet Shoppe** for a treat to enjoy afterward.

Brunswick • Check out **2nd Friday Brunswick** from June through September, a series of events that includes an art walk and showcases local shops and restaurants. If you're visiting during the holiday season, enjoy some ice skating at the Mall and make sure you stick around until after dark to watch the town light up. Venture over the **Swinging Bridge**, which was originally built in 1892 and is part of the National Register of Historic Places, or grab a snack at the local farmers market.



Damariscotta • The downtown area of **Damariscotta** has a variety of brilliant offerings, such as unique shops, restaurants serving up delicious fare, artists' galleries, and more. The Lincoln Theater offers a variety of entertainment, from new movie releases to the classics. Visit **King Eider's Pub** or the **Damariscotta River Grill** for a bite to eat, stop by **Sheepscot River Pottery** for a beautiful Maine-made gift, and enjoy views of the **Damariscotta River**.

Wiscasset • Wiscasset is a quaint and inviting village with many reminders of years past. Visit **The Sunken Gardens and the Nickels Sortwell House**, or shop for an item from long ago at **Old and Everlasting**, happily filled with favorite goods... just for you. Stop by **Mammy's Bakery** for some tasty treats and prepared meals, or visit any one of the waterfront dining destinations. Take a stroll through the streets, and stop to enjoy the views of a number of historical sites.

Belfast • Located at the mouth of the Passagassawakeag River estuary on Penobscot Bay, Belfast's historic downtown is home to artists, shops, walking trails and a bounty of options to whet your appetite. Our bustling waterfront and picturesque harbor provide treats and delights for the entire family. Home to the world renowned **Front Street Shipyard**, it sits on the City's **Harborwalk**; and don't miss our **Rail Trail**!





Taste the MidCoast

Pair your Hike with a Beer Brewed in Maine

Maine's booming craft beer scene has an entirely new group of visitors coming to the Pine Tree State. With so many breweries—90 and counting—and so little time, it can be tough to choose which brewpubs to visit and which to save for next time. We've put together a list of some of the best in the region, and great hiking trails to pair them with.



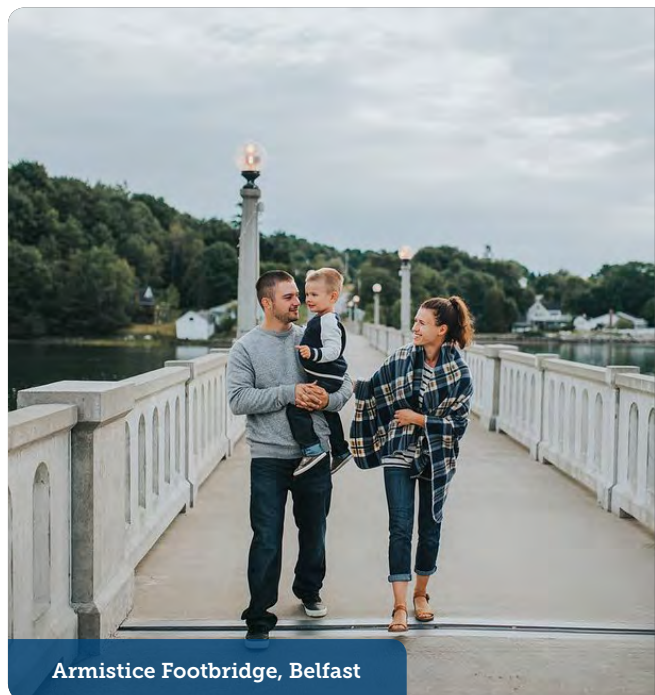
HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CENTER OXBOW BREWERY IN NEWCASTLE

Explore 1,000 acres of pristine Maine wilderness at the [Hidden Valley Nature Center](#), where 18 miles of interconnected, forested trails pass wetlands and ponds before leading to cliff-top views; then trust your GPS as it guides you five miles down a rural road and into the woods to [Oxbow Brewery](#).



OVEN'S MOUTH PRESERVE BOOTHBAY CRAFT BREWERY IN BOOTHBAY

Bring your four-legged friend along on this must-do hike, the 1.75-mile [Oven's Mouth Preserve's Western Shoreline Loop](#). The short but challenging trail passes salt marshes, tidal rivers, forested shoreline, and more. Then swing by the tasting room at [Footbridge Brewery](#), open daily from 12:00 to 8:00.

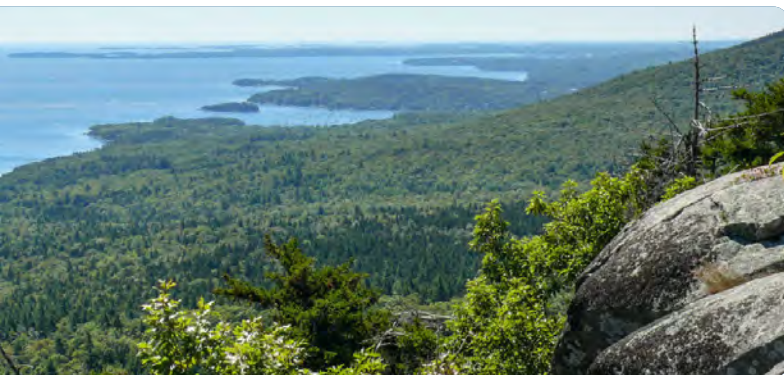


Armistice Footbridge, Belfast

LOBSTER COVE TRAIL

MONHEGAN BREWING COMPANY ON MONHEGAN ISLAND

Ten miles off Maine's coast you'll find **Monhegan Island**, a paradise for solitude seekers. If you only have one day, check out the **Lobster Cove Trail** to see a lighthouse, the shipwreck of a tugboat, and spectacular ocean views. Return to town for a pint of the aptly named Lobster Cove American Pale Ale on the deck of **Monhegan Brewing Company**.



BALD ROCK MOUNTAIN

BLAZE BREWERY IN CAMDEN HARBOR

Panoramic views of **Penobscot Bay** and Maine's islands await on this quiet hike to the top of **Camden Hills State Park's** second tallest peak. Don't let the elevation scare you—the gradually ascending trail is doable for groups, families, and dogs (just be sure to keep them on a leash). Once your legs are spent, head to **Camden Harbor** and recover at **Blaze Brewery**. They feature a wood-fired grill, a wood-fired oven, in-house brewery, fine wine, and fabulous cocktails.

ROCKLAND BREAKWATER TRAIL

ROCK HARBOR BREWING COMPANY IN ROCKLAND

It took the last two decades of the 1800s to complete the mile-long granite walkway that extends into the bay and leads out to the **Breakwater Lighthouse**, which is still in use today. After walking on water, grab a pint and an appetizer at **Rock Harbor Pub and Brewing Company**.



BELFAST RAIL TRAIL

THREE TIDES AND MARSHALL WHARF BREWING COMPANY IN BELFAST

Enjoy the views of the **Passagassawaukeag River** and **Belfast Harbor** along this wheelchair and stroller accessible 2.3 mile trail. Start from downtown **Belfast** via the **Armistice Footbridge**, or the terminus at the **City Point Railway Museum**, or in the middle at the **Stephenson Preserve**. Then head into town where you'll find a unique local bar and small plates eatery, **Three Tides**. The adjacent **Marshall Wharf Brewing Company** offers craft beers on draft, including unique seasonal favorites.

SALT BAY HERITAGE TRAIL

KING EIDER'S PUB IN DAMARISCOTTA

See evidence of ancient coastal Maine settlements on this trail along **Great Salt Bay**. Visit at low tide to ensure the boardwalks and bridges are above water, and take the approximately three-mile loop to a fascinating archaeological site—the **Glidden Midden**. Visit the charming coastal village of **Damariscotta** afterward, and stop at **King Eider's Pub** for a brew and some **Damariscotta River** oysters.





We Bring the Sea to Your Table

The culture of seafood and hospitality will delight you.

There are enough restaurants along the MidCoast to keep you occupied for a lifetime; however, there are some that bring the sea to your table in more ways than one. Here are some spots with seafood and views of the waters from where your food was pulled.

Lobsters • These sea critters are Maine's crowning glory. You can stop at almost any restaurant along Maine's coast and find a fresh lobster dish to sate your seafood appetite. Check out **Young's Lobster Pound** in Belfast where you can pick out your own lobster and enjoy it on the fishing pier, which looks out on to **Passagassawakeag River**. For a great lobster roll, try out **Red's Eats** in **Wiscasset**. The tiny red shack has been serving up one of Maine's best lobster rolls for decades. Each roll has the meat of two claws and a whole split lobster tail, ensuring that you walk away feeling satisfied. You'll even get great views of the **Sheepscot River** nearby! Lobster is never in short supply. Grab one to-go at **Graffam Brother's Seafood Market** in **Rockport** or downtown **Damariscotta's Fisherman's Catch**. You can also stop by **McLoon's Lobster Shack** in **South Thomaston** or **Greet's Eats** on **Vinalhaven**.

Oysters • These succulent morsels are served up in a variety of ways at restaurants throughout the MidCoast. Try **Three Tides** in **Belfast** for Pemaquid Oysters straight from the **Damariscotta River**, and pair the dish with **Marshall Wharf Brewing's Pemaquid Oyster Stout**, a rich beer brewed with Pemaquid Oysters. To top it off, Three Tides has an outdoor seating area where you can see the sun shine off the **Passagassawakeag River**.

Clams • For some incredible fried clams, another of Maine's specialty seafood dishes, try out **Five Islands Lobster Co.** in **Georgetown**. Their fried clam basket comes with fries or onion rings, and you can enjoy views of the Sheepscot River in their back yard.

Scallops • For a view that can't be beat and a taste of some delicious scallops, stop by **Erica's Seafood** in **Harpswell** for lunch or dinner. You can enjoy this Maine seafood delight as you look out on **Casco Bay**. The scallops from Erica's Seafood are harvested in nearby waters, and the takeout stand offers a variety of fresh seafood, including lobster that comes straight from their own wharf.

Mussels • For a pile of fresh, local mussels tossed in white wine, garlic and herbs, look no further than **Cook's Lobster & Ale House** on **Bailey Island**. You'll have a view of **Casco Bay** from any seat in the place. Another spot with great views and local seafood is **Robinson's Wharf** on (drivable!) **Southport Island**, a working lobster pound and restaurant.





Fairs & Festivals

Gardens Aglow, Boothbay

One great event at a time. That is the best way to enjoy a place with so many exciting annual happenings. Every town has a talent for bringing in the crowds. Everyone has a favorite. Many, including the Maine Lobster Festival, Damariscotta Pumpkinfest, the North Atlantic Blues Festival and Windjammer Days, receive national attention. For more events or details on those listed here, visit facebook.com/MainesMidCoast/events or MainesMidCoast.com/events.

January

Pies on Parade

Rockland & Camden

February

U.S. National Toboggan Championships

Camden

Winter Whoopla

Belfast

April

Passagassawakeag River Race

Belfast

May

Alewives Festival

Damariscotta Mills

June

Arts in the Park

Belfast

Boothbay Harbor Region Sculpture Trail

Boothbay Harbor

Damariscotta Oyster Celebration

Damariscotta to Boothbay Harbor

Pirate Rendezvous

Damariscotta/Newcastle

Waldoboro Days

Waldoboro

Windjammer Days

Boothbay Harbor

July

Alive on the Common Concert Series

Wiscasset

Bath Heritage Days

Bath

Bowdoin International Music Festival

Brunswick

Maine Celtic Celebration

Belfast

Maine State Music Theatre

Brunswick

North Atlantic Blues Festival

Rockland

Summerfest

Wiscasset

August

Belfast Harbor Fest

Belfast

Brunswick Outdoor Art Festival

Brunswick

DamBluesFest

Damariscotta

Great State of Maine Air Show

Brunswick

Destination and event hours and regulations are subject to change.

We recommend you call ahead or check websites for up-to-date information.

Maine Antiques Festival

Union

Maine Highland Games

Topsham

Maine Lobster Festival

Rockland

New England Auto Auction

Owls Head

Old Bristol Days

Bristol

Salt Bay Chamberfest

Damariscotta

SchoonerFest

Wiscasset

The Maine Boat & Home Show

Rockland

Union Fair/Maine Wild Blueberry Festival

Union

September

Boothbay Harbor Fest

Boothbay Harbor

Camden International Film Festival

Camden

Camden Windjammer Festival

Camden

Common Ground Country Fair

Unity

Maine Open Lighthouse Day

Statewide

Maine Wienerfest

Belfast

Pemaquid Oyster Festival

Damariscotta

October

Damariscotta Pumpkinfest

Damariscotta

Fall Foliage Festival

Boothbay

Scarecrow Fest

Wiscasset

Waldo County Pie & Story Festival

Belfast

November

Boothbay Lights

Boothbay Harbor

Festival of Lights Celebration

Rockland

Gardens Aglow

Boothbay Harbor

Villages of Light

Damariscotta

December

Boothbay Lights

Boothbay Harbor

Christmas by the Sea

Camden

Gardens Aglow

Boothbay Harbor

Midcoast Tree Festival

Brunswick

New Year's by the Bay

Belfast

Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest

Wiscasset

Spend an Afternoon at a Maine Lighthouse

Lighthouses are iconic to the rocky coastline of Maine. Used to identify a ship's location, warn sailors of danger, and guide ships safely to shore, the beautiful structures are scattered from **Stockton Springs** to **Bailey Island**. You can find them perched on ledges, standing guard at entrances to harbors, and acting as historical landmarks on islands and in towns throughout Maine. Maine's MidCoast & Islands is home to over two dozen lighthouses, each with its own history. We've picked out five so you can plan an afternoon at one or embark on a lighthouse discovery tour along Maine's coast.



Monhegan Island Lighthouse



SQUIRREL POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Accessibility Rating: Off the Beaten Path, Drivable

Start your adventure in **Arrowsic** at the **Squirrel Point Lighthouse** site, which is owned by the US Coast Guard. Citizens for Squirrel Point has been doing external restoration of the facility since mid-2015. Squirrel Point Lighthouse has no open buildings, but you can enjoy the beautiful grounds and snap some photos of the lighthouse with the picturesque Kennebec River in the background.

BURNT ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Accessibility Rating: Charter a Boat from Boothbay Harbor

In **Boothbay Harbor** you'll find **Burnt Island Lighthouse**. Burnt Island is accessible only by boat, and Keepers of Burnt Island Light, a nonprofit that supports the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the island and its buildings, offers living history tours that will take you back in time.





PEMAQUID POINT LIGHTHOUSE PARK

Accessibility Rating: Easy, Lots of Parking

Perhaps one of Maine's MidCoast & Islands' most iconic lighthouses, the **Pemaquid Point Lighthouse** in **Bristol** has The Fishermen's Museum to enjoy on the first floor in the Keepers House. The light tower is owned by the US Coast Guard. With a small admission fee you can enjoy the museum and views from the tower, which looks out over **Muscongus Bay** and **Johns Bay**.

GOOSE ROCKS LIGHTHOUSE

Accessibility Rating: Must Take Ferry or Boat

Between **North Haven** and **Vinalhaven** stands a 51-foot offshore lighthouse in the waters of the Fox Island Thoroughfare. **Goose Rocks Lighthouse** is unique because it is managed by Beacon Preservation, Inc., which allows you to become a keeper of the lighthouse and enjoy it overnight (or for multiple nights). The lighthouse is furnished comfortably and is the perfect place for a Maine adventure, plus you'll have to take a ferry to get there, which only adds to the experience.



OWLS HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Accessibility Rating: Easy, Lots of Parking

Owls Head Lighthouse is home to the American Lighthouse Foundation Interpretive Center, which will teach you everything you need to know about lighthouses. Constructed in 1825 and rebuilt in 1952, Owls Head Lighthouse is located in **Owls Head State Park**. Don't forget to get something from the gift shop to remember your trip!

MARSHALL POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Accessibility Rating: Easy, Lots of Parking

Marshall Point Lighthouse is connected to the lighthouse property by a long wooden walkway that's perfect for enjoying a beautiful sunrise or sunset. The lighthouse appeared in the 1994 film *Forrest Gump*. The Keeper's House has a wonderful museum where you can learn more about the history of the lighthouse, and the nearby fishing village of **Port Clyde** offers ample opportunity to get out and explore even more.





Maine's MidCoast Map & Islands





Trip Tips for Maine's MidCoast & Islands

By Air

Commercial flights: Cape Air provides daily service into and out of Boston's Logan Airport from Knox County Regional Airport. For ticketing call 800.CAPE.AIR (800.227.3247).

Airports

Bangor International Airport (BGR)

207.992.4600 | FlyBangor.com

Belfast Municipal Airport (KBST)

207.338.3370 | Airnav.com/airport/kbst

Brunswick Executive Airport (BXM)

207.798.6512 | BrunswickExecutiveAirport.com

Knox County Regional Airport (RKD)

207.594.4131 | KnoxCountyMaine.gov/airport

Portland International Jetport (PWM)

207.774.7301 | PortlandJetport.org

Wiscasset Municipal Airport (KIWI)

207.882.8200 | Wiscasset.org/departments/airport/

By Bus

Concord Coachlines

1.800.639.3317 | ConcordCoachlines.com

By Ferry

Rockland Ferry Terminal

207.596.5400 | maine.gov/mdot/ferry/rockland/

Lincolnville Ferry Terminal

207.789.5611 | maine.gov/mdot/ferry/lincolnville/

By Train

Amtrak Downeaster (Boston to Brunswick)

1.800.USA.RAIL | AmtrakDowneaster.com

By Car

From Portland | 26 miles to Brunswick

From Boston | 134 miles to Brunswick

From Acadia National Park | 53 miles to Belfast

From Augusta | 36 miles to Brunswick

From Bangor | 34 miles to Belfast

From Eastport | 142 miles to Belfast

By Boat

One of the most exciting ways to travel about the MidCoast is to arrive by boat. All our ports welcome boaters and there are excellent resources, even in some of the most out-of-the-way places.



Maiden Cliff, Camden

For Maine CDC Travel Advisories, visit: www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/

VISITOR INFO & REGIONAL RESOURCES

We're here to help. Stop in at any of these helpful spots along the coast where a local can recommend a special day trip or local event, answer your questions, and help you chart your course.

Maine
VisitMaine.com

Bath Regional Information Center	15 Commercial St., Bath VisitBath.com/bric
Belfast Area Chamber & Information Center	14 Main St., Belfast 207. 338.5900 BelfastMaine.org
Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce	192 Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor 207.633.2353 BoothbayHarbor.com
Brunswick Visitor Center	16 Station Ave., Brunswick 207.721.0999
Damariscotta Region Chamber	67A Main St., Newcastle 207.563.8340 DamariscottaRegion.com
Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber Offices & Information Centers	2 Public Landing, Camden 207.236.4404 25 Park St., Rockland 207.596.0376 CamdenRockland.com
Southern MidCoast Maine Chamber	8 Venture Ave., Brunswick 207.725.879 MidCoastMaine.com
Union Area Chamber of Commerce	UnionAreaChamber.org
Wiscasset Area Chamber	207.882.9600 WiscassetChamber.com
Wiscasset Information Center	Creamery Pier, Wiscasset

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