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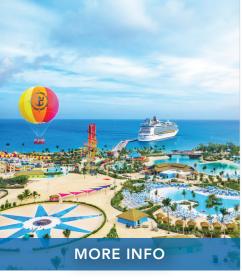
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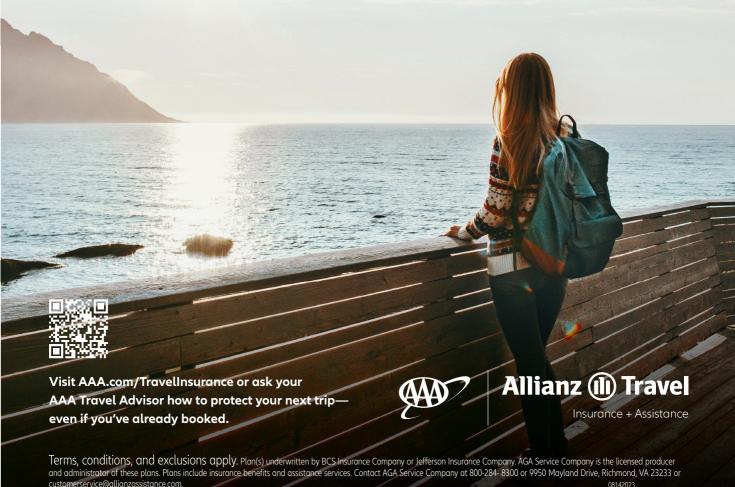






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Maine is a love affair between earth and water. Here. the two meet in an embrace to create some of the most beautiful coastal scenery in America. And like any relationship, the encounter between unlike partners can be stormy; whipped by marine winds and pounded by white-capped breakers, the rugged shore is a sight to behold.

No visit to Maine would be complete without an excursion to the crown jewel of its scenic coast: Acadia National Park. Consisting mostly of Mount Desert Island. Acadia is the second most visited national park in the country. The reason? An array of stunning landscapes range from sandy beaches—a rare sight along Maine's rocky northern coast—to Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the eastern coastline of North America.

From a distance, the rounded granite humps of Acadia's mountains seem to materialize out of the ocean. Two of the island's top draws: Thunder Hole, a cleft in the Otter Cliffs that produces a rumbling boom when the surf crashes through it, and Bar Harbor, a resort village of fine mansions, quaint inns and fishing wharves.

Think of Maine and you'll likely picture a lighthouse looming over a rock-strewn, wave-washed shore. There's a reason: More than 60 towers dot the coast here, including Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, one of the state's most picturesque. During storms, raging surf often engulfs the lighthouse's base, which is 79 feet

above water. In Portland's Fort Williams Park stands the Portland Head Light, one of the nation's most historic; it was constructed in 1791 under the authorization of George Washington.

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More than 90 percent of Maine's land area is forested, hence its official nickname: The "Pine Tree State." Vast areas of virtually uninhabited woodland offer plenty of room for vacationers to get away from it all. And there's no better time to make your escape than during Maine's fall foliage season, when the hills catch fire with autumn hues.

The Appalachian Trail is always a good bet for gorgeous alpine scenery; the footpath follows the crest of the Appalachian Mountains from Mount Springer in Georgia to the foot of Mount Katahdin. A huge granite monolith rising 5,259 feet, this peak—Maine's highest—is just a stone's throw away from Moosehead Lake, an outdoor recreation magnet attracting campers. boaters and water skiers.

#### **Authors and Artists**

For more than a century artists of all kinds have sought refuge and inspiration along the state's craggy shores and wooded hillsides.

One of the first to do so was poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who referred to his childhood home of Portland as "the beautiful town that is seated by the

sea." To explore the town, stop by the brick 1786 Wadsworth-Longfellow House, where the poet lived as a boy; to experience the sea, hop aboard one of the tour boats that cruise into Casco Bay among the picturesque Calendar Islands.

Maine has recharged the creative batteries of other authors as well. Harriet Beecher Stowe penned Uncle Tom's Cabin while living in Brunswick. Edna St. Vincent Millay was born in Rockland and began her career in Camden, where she is honored by a statue at the harbor's head. And various state locations have served as backdrops in the horror novels of Bangor resident Stephen King.

The dramatic, wind-swept coastline and hardy Down East fishermen kept painter Winslow Homer busy for many years of his career, while the town of Cushing inspired several of Andrew Wyeth's paintings.

#### Recreation

Warm weather brings a migration of visitors to the powder-soft sand of southern Maine's shoreline. Despite the summer crowds, there still are some quiet beaches where you can enjoy the rush of water between your toes. But getting wet isn't necessary to enjoy the water; windjammer cruises in Penobscot Bay pass by historic lighthouses and nature preserves filled with dolphins, seals and bald eagles.

Swimmers will find the water somewhat warm July through August. Ogunquit, a historic seaside village, was named after the Abenaki Indian word for "the beautiful place by the sea." Its beach is a wide sandbar between the Ogunguit River and the Atlantic.

Old Orchard Beach, with its amusement park, pier and arcades, is a center for summer fun. As a result, the beach around the pier can be a bit crowded late June through Labor Day. Try heading north up the shore if you need room for sand castles or sunning.

Other water adventures lead you inland. The Forks where two churning rivers meet to form the Kennebec—offers a 12-mile rafting run through a deep, tree-lined gorge. High water combines with few obstacles, creating raging foam and class IV drops. The rafting season starts with the spring runoff and continues through October.

Acadia National Park, Maine's premier outdoor destination, is a breathtaking combination of cobblestone beaches and glacier-carved mountains. More than 125 miles of hiking trails range from short beach walks to

the steep Precipice Trail. Forty-five miles of brokenstone carriage roads are populated with hikers and cyclists in summer; they are groomed for crosscountry skiers and snowshoers soon after the first snowfall.

Nearly all of Acadia is contained on Mount Desert Island. Park Loop Road, which passes jagged bluffs, glassy lakes and Cadillac Mountain, is wide enough to offer a safe, scenic route for cyclists. In summer the road is full, but you'll have the island practically to yourself during the spring and fall.

Baxter State Park in north-central Maine is the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. Maine's highest peak, Mount Katahdin, is the main attraction here.

Downhill skiing takes on a new twist at Camden Snow Bowl. There's nowhere else in the East where you can sail down slopes while enjoying spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. The Snow Bowl also has Maine's only public toboggan chute. Other major ski areas include Sunday River, renowned for its snowmaking ability, and Sugarloaf Mountain Resort.

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#### **GOOD FACTS TO KNOW**

#### **ABOUT THE STATE**

**POPULATION:** 1,362,359.

AREA: 35,380 square miles; ranks 39th.

CAPITAL: Augusta.

**HIGHEST POINT:** 5,259 ft., Mount Katahdin. **LOWEST POINT:** Sea level, Atlantic Ocean.

TIME ZONE(S): Eastern. DST.

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<b>Allagash Wilderness Waterway</b> River and lakes in northwestern Maine. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing.										
<b>Aroostook</b> 800 acres 4 mi. s. of Presque Isle on US 1, then w. and s. via a park road. Scenic. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; nature trails, playground.										
<b>Baxter</b> 209,501 acres (10 separate areas) n. of Millinocket and w. of Patten in north-central Maine off SR 159. Boating (non-motorized only), camping (primitive), hunting, rock-climbing, snowmobiling.										
<b>Bradbury Mountain</b> 800 acres w. of Freeport off US 95 on SR 136, then n. on SR 9. Bird-watching, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; nature trails, playground.										
<b>Camden Hills</b> 5,474 acres 2 mi. n. of Camden on US 1. Scenic. Bird-watching, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing.										
<b>Cobscook Bay</b> 888 acres 2 mi. s.e. of Dennysville off US 1. Beachcombing, bird-watching, canoeing, kayaking; nature trails, playground.										
<b>Crescent Beach</b> 243 acres 8 mi. s. of Portland off CR 77 in Cape Elizabeth. Beachcombing, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, sea kayaking.										

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Damariscotta Lake 17 acres in Jefferson off SR 32. Canoeing; beach, playground.														
<b>Ferry Beach</b> 117 acres in Saco on SR 9. Beachcombing; beach, nature center, trails. Note: Seasonal restrictions apply to leashed pets.														
<b>Fort Point</b> 120 acres 7 mi. n.e. of Searsport off US 1. Historic. Bird-watching, cross-country skiing; fort ruins, lighthouse, pier.														
<b>Grafton Notch</b> 3,000 acres 14 mi. n. of Bethel on SR 26 between Upton and Newry. Bird-watching, crosscountry skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing.														
<b>Lake St. George</b> 1,017 acres 2 mi. w. of Liberty on SR 3. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling; playground.														
<b>Lamoine</b> 55 acres 6.5 mi. s.e. of Ellsworth on SR 184. Cross-country skiing, hunting, sea kayaking, wildlife viewing; playground.														
<b>Lily Bay</b> 925 acres 8 mi. n.e. of Greenville on Lily Bay Rd. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, ice fishing, kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; playground.														
Mt. Blue 8,000 acres (two areas) n. of Weld on a gravel road. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; motorized-vehicle trails, nature center, playground.														
<b>Peaks-Kenny</b> 839 acres 6 mi. n. of Dover-Foxcroft on SR 153. Canoeing, hunting; beach, playground.														

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<b>Deboullie</b> 21,871 acres 41 mi. s.w. of Fort Kent. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing.														
<b>Dodge Point</b> 521 acres 3.5 mi. s.w. of Newcastle off River Road. Scenic. Beachcombing, cross-country skiing, hunting, wildlife viewing; interpretive trails.														
<b>Donnell Pond</b> 14,000 acres 15 mi. n.e. of Ellsworth off SR 182 and Donnell Pond Road. Scenic. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing.														
<b>Duck Lake</b> 27,000 acres 59 mi. n.e. of Old Town. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
<b>Eagle Lake</b> 23,000 acres 16 mi. s. of Fort Kent off CR 11. Cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
<b>Four Ponds</b> 6,000 acres 20 mi. s.w. of Rangeley off SR 17. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snow-mobiling, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing.														
<b>Gero Island</b> 3,845 acres n.w. of Millinocket off SR 11. Canoeing, hunting, wildlife viewing.														
<b>Holeb</b> 20,000 acres 44 mi. n.w. of The Forks off US 201 and Holeb Road. Canoeing, hunting.														
<b>Little Moose</b> 15,000 acres 7.5 mi. w. of Greenville. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
<b>Mahoosuc</b> 27,000 acres near Bethel off SR 26. Hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														

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Outlet Beach on Outlet Rd. 1 mi. e. of SR 26 on shore of Sabbathday Lake near Poland Spring. Canoeing, kayaking, paddleboating.														
<b>Scraggly Lake</b> 9,092 acres off Grand Lake Rd. n.w. of Mount Chase. Bird-watching, canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
<b>Seboeis Lake</b> 15,628 acres 20 mi. s.w. of Millinocket off SR 11. Canoeing, hunting, snowmobiling, wildlife viewing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
Telos Lake 23,000 acres 48 mi. n.w. of Millinocket off Telos Road. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, snowshoeing, wildlife viewing.														



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### ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Elevations in the park range from sea level at Sand Beach to 1,530 ft. at Cadillac Mountain. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Southeast of Bangor, Acadia National Park possesses an unusual combination of ocean and mountain scenery and is a popular vacation destination. The park includes more than 54 square miles of Mount Desert Island, the largest rock-based island on the Atlantic coast.

Dominating the park are the ancient, rounded peaks of the Mount Desert Mountains, worn down by countless centuries of erosion. Great granite cliffs, undermined by the pounding surf at their bases, rise from the ocean. Nowhere along the Atlantic seaboard is the "stern and rockbound coast" more picturesque.

Twenty-six peaks, mostly bare at their summits, are forested with spruce, fir, pine and northern hardwood trees. Some 500 types of wildflowers, including many Arctic species, grow in the park, and the area is a sanctuary for a variety of birds and other animals.

Samuel de Champlain sighted Mount Desert Island in 1604 and named it "L'Isle des Monts Deserts," which means island of bare mountains. It was the site of a shortlived settlement by French Jesuits in 1613, and for many years was part of the French province of Acadia, from which the park derives its name.

#### General Information and Activities

The park is accessible all year and is the perfect spot for those who love adventure travel. However, except for two short sections, the 27-mile Park Loop Road is typically closed from December to mid-April by snow, sleet or ice; state and town roads are kept open. Cadillac Mountain Road extends to the summit of 1,530-foot Cadillac Mountain (see attraction listing this page), offering a spectacular view of the coast.

Some 125 miles of hiking trails reach every mountain summit and valley; detailed hiking trail maps are available for purchase. There also are 45 miles of graded carriage roads suitable for walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing and jogging. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Park ranger programs are usually offered mid-May to mid-October. Programs include mountain hikes, campground programs and natural history walks, all fun things to do with friends. Check the park's program schedule for details. Park rangers also explain the area's geology, history, marine life and wildlife on three cruises around Frenchman Bay and the Cranberry Islands. Check at the visitor center for a current listing of programs.

Park information may be obtained at Hulls Cove Visitor Center (see attraction listing p. 25), open mid-April through October. From November to mid-April, park information may be obtained at park headquarters (which serves as the winter visitor center).

Private operators are available during the season to conduct daily sightseeing, deep-sea fishing, whalewatching and lobster-fishing cruises from Bar Harbor as well as from Northeast, Southwest and Bass harbors.

Audio tours, available at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center through Eastern National Bookstore, describe the geological origin, ecology and history of the park and contain instructions for making the drive around Acadia, beginning at Hulls Cove; phone (207) 288-4988 for the bookstore.

**PETS** are permitted in the park if they are attended and physically restricted at all times; leashes may be up to 6 feet in length. Pets are not permitted on the swimming beaches in season or on the ladder hiking trails on mountain cliffs; they also are not permitted in public buildings, some campgrounds and most lakes.

**ADDRESS** inquiries to Acadia National Park Information, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609; phone (207) 288-3338.

**CADILLAC MOUNTAIN** is accessible by way of 3.5-mi. Cadillac Mountain Rd., which is off Park Loop Rd. about 1 mi. s. of the park's Cadillac Mountain entrance. Visitors can drive all the way to the rocky summit of 1,530-foot Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the U.S. Atlantic seaboard. From a .4-mile loop trail at the top, the panorama encompasses Bar Harbor, almost the whole of Mount Desert Island and the wooded islands in Frenchman Bay.

Hikers also can reach the summit via the moderately difficult 2.2 mi. (one way) North Ridge Trail and the strenuous 3.7 mi. (one way) Cadillac Mountain South Ridge Trail from Blackwoods Campground. Note: Cadillac Mountain Road is closed in winter (typically Dec. 1-Apr.

Phone: (207) 288-3338.

CARRIAGES OF ACADIA, departing from Wildwood Stables, off SR 3 at Acadia National Park's Stanley Brook entrance, offers horse-drawn carriage rides along the carriage roads. Tour options include the 1-hour Day Mountain Tour, the 2-hour Mr. Rockefeller Bridge Tour and the 2-hour Day Mountain Summit ride.

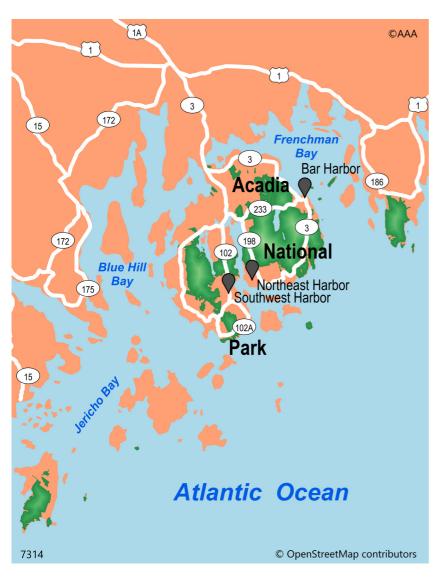
**Phone:** (207) 276-5721 or (877) 276-3622.

**GREAT HEAD TRAIL** is accessible from the Sand Beach parking lot off Park Loop Rd., 4 mi. s. of Bar Harbor. The 1.5-mile loop trail atop the sea cliffs of the Great Head Peninsula offers wonderful views of the ocean, Sand



#### Acadia National Park

This map shows cities in Acadia National Park where you will find attractions, hotels and restaurants. Cities are listed alphabetically in this book on the following pages.



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Beach, Otter Point and a steep granite dome known as the Beehive. Because the route from the beach is steep, this trail is considered moderately difficult. **Phone:** (207) 288-3338.

HULLS COVE VISITOR CENTER is 2.75 mi. n. of Bar Harbor on SR 3 at Hulls Cove. A 12-minute film about the island is shown on the half-hour. **Phone:** (207) 288-3338.

ISLESFORD HISTORICAL MUSEUM is accessible via mail boat or tour boat from Northeast or Southwest Harbor to Little Cranberry Island. The exhibits focus on 19th-century living on the Cranberry Islands. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (207) 288-3338.

PARK LOOP ROAD begins near the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and runs s. in a loop, connecting Mount Desert Island's mountains and seashore. It provides access to a number of interesting features: Sand Beach, partially formed of shell fragments; Great Head, one of the highest sheer Atlantic headlands in the United States; Thunder Hole, a wave-cut chasm producing loud reverberations when waves and tide are right; Otter Cliff and Otter Point, with a dense forest that extends to the edge of the sea;

and Cadillac Mountain, with its stunning views. Time: Allow 3 hours, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 288-3338.

**SCHOODIC POINT** is at the tip of Schoodic Peninsula on the eastern side of Frenchman Bay-about an hour's drive from Bar Harbor. Beside the point, Schoodic Head rises more than 400 feet, commanding a sweeping view eastward toward the Bay of Fundy and westward toward the Mount Desert Mountains. A park road from SR 186 follows the coast of the peninsula. **Phone:** (207) 288-3338.

SIEUR DE MONTS SPRING, near Bar Harbor, is a memorial to George B. Dorr, a co-founder of Acadia National Park. The area includes the Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring, the Nature Center and the Wild Gardens of Acadia.

Abbe Museum at Sieur de Monts Spring, off Sieur de Monts near the spring, contains regional artifacts of Native American culture. Phone: (207) 288-2179.

Nature Center, near Sieur de Monts Spring, houses a climate change exhibit. The Wild Gardens of Acadia, a living field guide to flowers and trees found within the park, is next to the center. **Phone:** (207) 288-3338.

#### **AUBURN**

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#### **AUGUSTA**

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A trading post was founded in 1628 by the Plymouth Colony. John Alden and Capt. Miles Standish, immortalized by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, were among the original settlers. In 1754 Fort Western was erected on the east bank of the Kennebec River. In 1797 the community chose Augusta as its name, presumably to honor the daughter of Gen. Henry Dearborn.

Capital of the state since 1827, Augusta is at the head of navigation on the Kennebec River. The city differs from most Maine communities that occupy both sides of a river in that it did not grow into twin cities. Augusta is the seat of many of Maine's governmental agencies and offices.

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce: 269 Western Ave., Augusta, ME 04330. **Phone:** (207) 623-4559.

MAINE STATE MUSEUM, in the Cultural Building in the State House Complex, contains exhibits depicting Maine's natural environment, prehistory and social history. Back to Nature features natural history scenes and a display of gems and minerals found in Maine, while 12,000 Years in Maine presents an extensive view of the state's prehistoric cultures with stone tools, weapons and clay pottery on display.

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Made In Maine is the museum's exhibit of 19th-century manufacturing technologies and products and features a three-story water-powered woodworking mill. Note: The museum is currently closed for major renovations; phone

ahead for updates. Visit the website for online virtual visits. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 287-2301.





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#### **BANGOR**

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Bangor, at the head of tidewater and navigation on the Penobscot River, is the principal retail, cultural and commercial center for eastern and northern Maine. Bangor area industries are based on papermaking, timber products, electronics, shoes and tourism. Several notable public and private colleges and universities are located here.

Bangor's survival was threatened by the War of 1812; blockade running and privateering became essential to maintain solvency. A resurgence in the timber trade following the war tripled Bangor's population during the 1830s. Within a few decades, the city became the leading lumber port of the world. Bangor's harbor became known as the Devil's Half-Acre due to the proliferation of drinking and gambling.

Of interest is the Paul Bunyan statue on Main Street, which is an appropriate 31 feet high and weighs about 1.5 tons. The Bangor Historical Society, in the Thomas A. Hill House at 159 Union St., contains antiques, artifacts and pictures from the 19th century. Various walking tours also are offered; phone (207) 942-1900.

Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main St., hosts national acts and conventions; phone (207) 561-8333 for ticket information. Summer heats up when Waterfront Concerts brings in first-rate entertainment such as Sting, Toby Keith and Jeff Dunham; phone (207) 358-9327. At downtown's American Folk Festival in late August, there's music aplenty; genres include bluegrass, gospel, jazz and zydeco; phone (207) 262-7765.

Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce: 2 Hammond Street #1, Bangor, ME 04401. **Phone:** (207) 947-0307.

**Self-guiding tours:** Aspects of the city's history can be experienced through a self-guiding walking tour; maps are available from the Bangor Historical Society at 159 Union St.; phone (207) 942-1900.

COLE LAND TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, off I-95 exit 182A following signs to the War Memorials at 405 Perry Rd., includes a 72-foot 1840s covered bridge and more than 200 vehicles illustrating the evolution of land transportation from wagons to automobiles to 18wheelers. Among the items exhibited are antique recreational vehicles, motorcycles, a locomotive, a railroad station, farm equipment, horse-drawn logging sleds, farm and logging trucks, snowplows and more than 2,000 enlarged and captioned photographs of early life in Maine.

Also featured are hundreds of military artifacts from the Civil War to World War II, including uniforms, insignias, weapons and armored vehicles. The museum also is home to the Maine World War II Veterans Memorial, the Maine Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Maine Korean Veterans Memorial and the Maine Military Order of the Purple Heart Memorial. Open seasonally May 1 to mid-Nov. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 990-3600.

MAINE DISCOVERY MUSEUM is at 74 Main St. This museum comprises three floors of hands-on exhibits and activities for children including Nature Trails and Turtle Alley; Booktown, featuring classic Maine children's books; Fit for Fun; Body Journey; Artscape; Trade Winds; and Sounds Abound, which features a karaoke studio.

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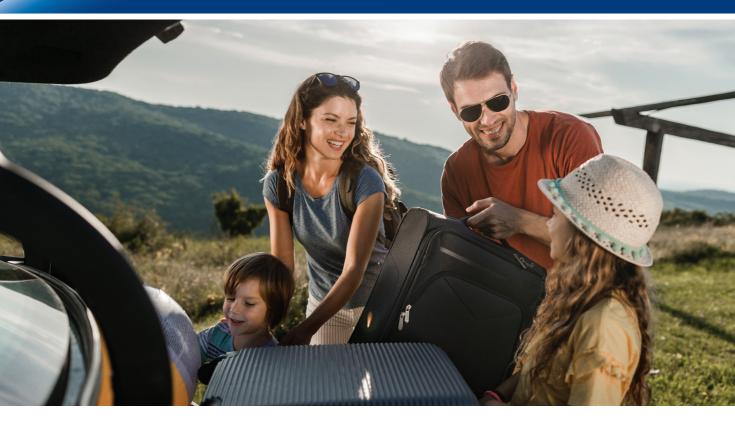












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#### **BAR HARBOR**

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- Part of Acadia National Park area— see map p. 24

Bar Harbor lies at the entrance to Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island. The beauty of sea, mountain, lake and forest have made this region well-known as a resort. By the turn of the 20th century Bar Harbor had become the summer playground for America's wealthy; millionaires J.P. Morgan, Joseph Pulitzer and John D. Rockefeller were among those who owned "cottages."

However, newly instituted income taxes, World War I and the Great Depression nearly removed the leisure class from Bar Harbor by the 1930s. Many of the abandoned cottages, like their owners, succumbed to disaster and bad luck. Then a fire swept through Bar Harbor in 1947, ravaging 237 homes, including most of the estates, destroying more than 17,000 acres and leaving \$23 million in charred ruins. The history of Bar Harbor can be seen in a collection of photographs and artifacts at the Bar Harbor Historical Society Museum, 33 Ledgelawn Ave.; phone (207) 288-0000.

A network of motor highways, carriage roads and mountain trails preserves the striking scenery for visitors. The Great Meadow Loop Trail connects downtown Bar Harbor with Acadia National Park.

One of the best ways to explore the area is to hop on the Island Explorer, a free shuttle bus operating late June through Columbus Day. Rides to Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Acadia National Park, beaches, campgrounds and other destinations originate at the Bar Harbor Village Green. Rides to Brown Mountain are offered late June through August 31. Shuttle passengers going to Acadia National Park should purchase a park entry permit at the Village Green prior to departing; phone (207) 667-5796.

Whale-watching cruises, sailing charters and working lobster boat excursions depart from Bar Harbor May through October.

Jackson Laboratory, 1.5 miles south on SR 3, is a national genetics research center. Public walking tours are offered on select Thursday mornings in summer; reservations can be made online. For information phone (800) 474-9880.

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce / Acadia Welcome Center: 2 Cottage St., Bar Harbor, ME 04609. Phone: (207) 288-5103 or (800) 288-5103.

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ABBE MUSEUM DOWNTOWN is downtown at 26 Mount Desert St. Permanent and changing exhibits devoted to Maine's Native American heritage grace the galleries. Exhibits focus on the cultures, history, art and archeology of the Wabanaki people—members of the Passamaguoddy, Penobscot, Micmac and Maliseet tribes-who live in Maine today. The Wabanaki also includes several bands of the Abenaki tribe, located primarily in New Hampshire, Vermont and Québec. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 288-3519.

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK TOURS, 53 Main St., offers narrated 2.5-hour bus tours of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. The tour includes the mansions of Bar Harbor. Sieur de Monts Spring, Thunder Hole and Cadillac Mountain. Phone: (207) 288-0300.

THE ATLANTIC BREWING COMPANY, 7 mi. w. on SR 3 (Mt. Desert St./Eden St.), then 1.4 mi. s. to 15 Knox Rd.,

offers 30-minute tours during which visitors observe the entire brewing process, from fermentation to bottling. The brewery produces 60 kegs per day; samples of its ales, as well as its root beer and blueberry soda, are available. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 288-2337. 

**MARGARET TODD WINDJAMMER CRUISES** depart from the Bar Harbor Inn Pier. Three cruises of Frenchman's Bay are available on the 151-foot-long, four-masted schooner or the 91-foot-long wooden schooner Bailey Louise Todd. Bald eagles, porpoises and seals may be seen during a morning sail; on the afternoon narrated sail, passengers may picnic and help hoist the sails. The sunset sail offers live music.

**Note:** Passengers are advised to bring a warm jacket or sweater, particularly during cooler months. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (207) 288-4585, (207) 546-2927 during winter, or (207) 288-2373 during summer.



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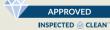
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Bath, on the west bank of the Kennebec River, has been an active center of shipbuilding since the early 1600s. Nuclear naval vessels and large merchant ships are now built at Bath Iron Works. Residential sections have a number of old mansions dating from Bath's days as a major port. The Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., offers year-round cultural events; phone (207) 442-8455.

In the town of Woolwich, one mile east of Bath, visitors on Sunday afternoons can tour the Woolwich Historical Society Museum, which is housed in an early 19th-century home and features quilts, rugs, fabrics, home furnishings, farm equipment and tools from the 19th and early 20th centuries; phone (207) 443-4833 during the summer, or (207) 443-5684 during the off-season.

MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM, 243 Washington St., is on a 20-acre site of a 19th-century shipyard where large wooden sailing ships were constructed and launched. In five original shipyard buildings, visitors learn about the process of building a wooden schooner. A highlight is the life-size sculpture of the *Wyoming*, reputedly the largest sailing ship built in the United States. The Maritime History Building contains paintings, ship models, displays of ship artifacts, photographs and video presentations. The lobstering exhibit describes the development of one of the state's leading economic activities.

In season, visitors can visit the Bath Iron Works to see modern U.S. Navy destroyers under construction, then take a trolley tour of historic Bath; glimpse up to 10 lighthouses on a boat cruise from the Long Reach area of the Kennebec River and surrounding waters; or peek into the Victorian-era life of the Bath family at the William T. Donnell House.

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Formerly a prosperous shipbuilding center, Belfast is a community resplendent with restored Federal and early Victorian homes built by former sea merchants. The city, located on Penobscot Bay, is becoming a cultural center with artists, writers and craftspeople adding to the economic revival of Waldo County.

The 1-mile Belfast Harbor Walk runs along the downtown waterfront from Footbridge Road to Commercial Street and offers views of the Passagassawakeag River.

Local theater groups, including the Belfast Maskers, (207) 370-2316, offer productions year-round. Local cruise and aviation companies offer summer tours by appointment.

Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce: 33 Main St., Belfast, ME 04915. Phone: (207) 338-5900.

Self-guiding tours: Walking tour brochures are available from the chamber of commerce.

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# **BIDDEFORD**

In 1662 one of the region's first sawmills was erected in Biddeford. The lure of waterpower gradually built the city into an important manufacturing center. Biddeford's diverse economic base relies on boatbuilding and the production of plastic, machinery, electronics and baked goods.

Biddeford is closely bound economically and culturally to Saco (see place listing p. 68), its sister city across the river. This interdependency is evident in the cooperative efforts shown in the restoration of the 1895 opera house; the acoustically perfect City Theater, (207) 282-0849, is an outstanding example of late 19th-century ornamental architecture.

Both cities take advantage of the educational and cultural opportunities offered by the University College at Saco and the University of New England, 4 miles east on Pool Road overlooking the sea.

Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce & Industry: 28 Water St., Suite 1, Biddeford, ME 04005. Phone: (207) 282-1567

#### **BOOTHBAY**

BOOTHBAY RAILWAY VILLAGE, 3.5 mi. n. on SR 27 to 586 Wiscasset Rd., depicts a turn-of-the-20th-century Maine village containing railroad memorabilia, antique cars and trucks and a general store as well as the 1847 Boothbay Town Hall and the Spruce Point Chapel. Visitors can ride on a narrow-gauge, coal-fired steam engine. A Christmas train runs in December.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (207) 633-4727.

COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS is, GEN from Rte. 1, 9.3 mi. s. on SR 27, .25 mi. w. on Corey Ln., then 1 mi. w. on Barters Island Rd. to 132 Botanical Gardens Dr. The 275-acre botanical garden contains some 91,000 plants representing more than 1,430





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species. Waterfalls, sculptures and stonework are featured, and 2 miles of trails are in waterfront and woodland settings.

Water-spraying whale sculptures welcome visitors to the 2-acre Bibby and Harold Alfond Children's Garden, which celebrates the works of E.B. White, Robert McCloskey, Barbara Cooney and other children's authors with ties to the state. Kids can listen to a storyteller, curl up with a good book in the Story Barn, explore a tree house, maneuver their way through a maze and sit in a rowboat.

In the Lerner Garden of the Five Senses visitors stimulate their bodies and minds by walking barefoot on a stone labyrinth, admiring and smelling blooming lavender, sampling fresh herbs, touching a fuzzy lamb's ear leaf and trying out a "sound stone."

Little ones will have a ball designing and constructing homes for imaginary forest dwellers in Fairy House Village. Sustainability is the theme of the LEED-certified Bosarge Family Education Center. Other must-sees include the Rhododendron, Rose, Kitchen, Hillside, Meditation and Forest Pond gardens. The site hosts workshops. art shows, concerts and events throughout the year.

Food is available seasonally. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (207) 633-8000. **GT** 

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A picturesque seaport, Boothbay Harbor retains the atmosphere of an old New England village. Fishing craft lie alongside wharves that follow the quaint, winding village streets. Yachtsmen and artists began vacationing in the area in the early 1900s. Word soon spread of the region's natural beauty, and Boothbay Harbor began the slow transition from shipping center to resort area.

The Boothbay Harbor region's waterfront offers visitors a glimpse into seafaring history and an array of nautical activities on the Maine coast. With a strong shipbuilding and fishing heritage, the harbor shelters a wide variety of boats.

River cruises, ocean cruises, whale watches, sailing and deep-sea fishing trips leave local piers daily and vary in length from 1 hour to an entire day. The Balmy Days II makes day trips to Monhegan Island late May to early October; phone (207) 633-2284 or (800) 298-2284.

In late June antique boats and a parade are part of the Windjammer Days celebration. The Fall Foliage Festival, featuring craft displays and train rides, is held early to mid-October.

**Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce: 192** Townsend Ave., Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. **Phone:** (207) 633-2353.

CAP'N FISH'S WHALE WATCH AND SCENIC NATURE **CRUISES.** downtown on the waterfront at Pier 1, offers a variety of sightseeing cruises along the Maine coast, including the Puffin Nature, Whale- and Seal-Watching, Lobster Trap Hauling, Damariscove Harbor, Kennebec River-Bath and Pemaguid Point Lighthouse cruises.

**Phone:** (207) 633-3244 or (800) 636-3244.



Hotel. Address: 121 Atlantic Ave 04538.

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Motel. Address: 200 Townsend Ave 04538.



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# **BRUNSWICK**

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Industry, recreation and education are important pursuits in Brunswick, the chief city of the eastern Casco Bay area. Industry began in the 1620s when an English trader's success with exporting sturgeon and salmon from the falls of the lower Androscoggin River induced his company to establish a post. From that time until about 1730 the settlement of Pejepscot rose and fell as warring Native Americans destroyed it in 1690 and again in 1722.

Between disasters, during 1714-15, a group called the Pejepscot Proprietors bought the post, built Fort George and planned the spacious grid pattern of the streets. One thoroughfare was the Twelve Rod Road, now Maine Street; measuring 198 feet across, it is one of the widest streets in New England. By the late 1700s the settlement, renamed Brunswick, was an important lumbering, milling and shipbuilding center.

Bowdoin College, established in 1794, is the home of the Maine State Music Theater, where a professional cast performs Broadway musicals early June to late August; phone (207) 725-8769. A summer organ music series is

presented on Tuesdays at noon in the summer at the First Parish Church; phone (207) 729-7331. Free open-air concerts are held on the Mall on Wednesday evenings late June through August.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's inspiration for "Uncle Tom's Cabin" supposedly came from a sermon delivered at the First Parish Church on Maine Street, open for worship since 1717. Another celebrated local was Gov. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, noted for his defense at Gettysburg and for being the only Union general to receive a battlefield promotion from Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber: 8 Venture Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011. **Phone:** (207) 725-8797.

**JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN MUSEUM**, 226 Maine St., is a partially restored Federal-style house with Victorian Gothic additions. The house once belonged to Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, a Civil War hero, president of Bowdoin College and governor of Maine 1867-71. Guests Chamberlain entertained at the house include Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Helen Keller and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Phone: (207) 729-6606. GT

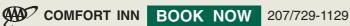
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TRAVELERS INN BOOK NOW

207/729-3364



Motel. Address: 130 Pleasant St 04011. Facility: 37 units. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Guest Services: coin laundry.

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#### CALAIS

Calais (KAL-is) is on the west bank of Passamaguoddy Bay at the mouth of the St. Croix River, a U.S.-Canadian boundary. Connected by the International Bridge to St. Stephen, New Brunswick, the city enjoys the distinction of being Maine's only international city.

Timber, fertile soil and an abundance of fish and game attracted the first settlers to the area in 1604. The town became an important lumbering and shipbuilding center. In 1809 the Massachusetts legislature named the settlement for the port of Calais, France, in acknowledgment of that country's assistance during the American Revolution.

The section of US 1 between Calais and Bar Harbor is a scenic drive from which visitors might see nesting eagles.

St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce: 39 Union St., Calais, ME 04619. Phone: (207) 454-2308.

**Shopping:** Duty Free Americas is located at 40 Main St., phone (207) 454-3476, and 97 Bering St., phone (207) 454-8905.

ST. CROIX ISLAND INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

is 8 mi, s. on US 1 to 84 St. Croix Dr. The site, on the mainland shore of the St. Croix River, offers a view of 6.5acre St. Croix Island, settled by the French in 1604. Many in the French expedition died of scurvy that winter and were buried on the island; the survivors departed and founded Port Royal in present-day Nova Scotia.

An interpretive trail leading to the viewpoint is adorned with bronze statues of French settlers and Passamaguoddy Native Americans who were present when the French arrived. A model depicting the settlement as it may have appeared in 1604 is displayed. The visitor center features interpretive panels. Native American baskets and replicas of artifacts excavated on the island. Ranger-led interpretive talks are offered daily mid-May through Columbus Day.

Note: Visits to the island are discouraged due to the island's fragile nature. Picnicking is permitted on the mainland. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 454-3871.

# CAMDEN

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Camden's beauty has attracted many writers, painters and artisans, including Edna St. Vincent Millay, whose career began in this town. A statue at the head of the harbor honors the poet, and Millay memorabilia is housed in the Whitehall Inn at 52 High St. Shaded streets, white clapboard churches and flower gardens contribute to the tranquil atmosphere.

As a year-round resort the seaside town also is popular with sports enthusiasts. Bicycling is a favorite pastime and sailing, kayaking and canoeing, on either the ocean or one of many lakes, prevails in the summer; ice-skating and cross-country and downhill skiing predominate in winter. The toboggan run at the Camden Snow Bowl is open to the public; phone (207) 236-3438. Windjammer cruises and lobstering provide summer recreation, and coastal cruising via scenic US 1 is rewarding year-round.

Cultural enthusiasts can attend performances at the Camden Opera House; phone (207) 236-7963. Summer highlights include a variety of events; schooner races, antique shows, church fairs and lobster festivals are all on the agenda. Occasional concerts as well as a juried art show in July are presented at Amphitheatre and Harbor Park, on Atlantic Avenue at the waterfront.

Camden Hills State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) is 2 miles north on US 1. A 1-mile road that leads to the summit of Mount Battie offers scenic views of Camden village and harbor. On a clear day, Acadia National Park and Monhegan Island can be seen.

Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce— Camden: 2 Public Landing, Camden, ME 04843. Phone: (207) 236-4404 or (800) 562-2529.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures and maps are available from the chamber of commerce, which is on the public landing.

MERRYSPRING NATURE CENTER is at 30 Conway Rd. The 66-acre nature park and education center includes herb, rose and perennial gardens; the Kitty Todd Arboretum; a greenhouse; walking trails; and the Ross Center, which houses a library and visitor facilities. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 236-2239.

16 BAY VIEW BOOK NOW 207/706-7990



Historic Boutique Hotel. Address: 16 Bay View St 04843. Facility: Each luxurious room features a balcony, a gas fireplace and upscale appointments. All bathrooms include a freestanding soaking/spa tub and a marble spa-style shower with body-massaging jets. 21 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Parking: on-site and valet. Amenities: safes. Guest Services: valet laundry.























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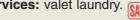
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GRAND HARBOR INN BOOK NOW 207/230-7177



Boutique Hotel. Address: 14 Bay View Landing 04843. Facility: In the heart of Camden, this hotel offers spacious rooms and suites on the second floor overlooking the harbor and marina. All rooms have balconies, fireplaces and jetted tubs with separate showers. 11 units. 2 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Activities: massage. Guest Services: valet laundry.























LORD CAMDEN INN BOOK NOW 207/236-4325



Hotel. Address: 24 Main St 04843. Facility: 36 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet laundry.

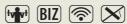


























#### WHERE TO EAT





New England Fine Dining. Address: 83 Bayview St 04843.

# CAPE ELIZABETH

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Cape Elizabeth was named by Capt. John Smith in 1615 for Princess Elizabeth, sister of Charles I of England. Early settlers managed to exist by fishing and farming. Closely associated with Portland (then Falmouth) in its earliest days, the settlement was recognized as a separate district in 1765 and finally granted status as an incorporated town during the Revolutionary unrest of 1775.

Few farms remain, as "the Cape" has become primarily a residential center for the Greater Portland area. The diverse coastal landscape includes sandy beaches, craggy cliffs and saltwater marshes and is accessible through two state parks as well as one town-owned park.

Two Lights State Park, 3 miles south on SR 77, features walking areas, scenic views from a rocky headland and picnic facilities. The park is next to Two Lights Lighthouse, which marks the entrance to Casco Bay. Crescent Beach State Park, 1 mile south on SR 77, offers recreational opportunities, picnic facilities and views of Richmond Island (see Recreation Areas Chart).

**PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT** is at 1000 Shore Rd. in Fort Williams Park, First operated in 1791 under the authorization of President George Washington, it was the first light completed after the founding of the United States and is one of the oldest lighthouses in continuous use in the country. Highlights include a museum, several cliffside walking paths, an arboretum and views of Casco Bay.

Phone: (207) 799-2661.





Classic Resort Hotel. Address: 40 Bowery Beach Rd 04107. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: The impressive views of the Atlantic and the gracious gardens beckon you to explore this scenic destination along Crescent Beach. 62 units, some two bedrooms, efficiencies and kitchens. 3 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: steamroom, beach on-site, recreation programs in summer, bicycles, lawn sports, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry.



































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# CAPE NEDDICK

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CLIFF HOUSE MAINE BOOK NOW 207/361-1000



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WALKERS MAINE 207/351-1145



New American Fine Dining. Address: 1273 US Rt 1 03902.

# **ELLSWORTH**

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Ellsworth began as a lumbering and shipbuilding center in 1763 and moved into the industrial era via waterpower from the Union River. Today the city is a bustling service center for the region. Lamoine State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart), 6.5 miles southeast of the southern terminus of SR 184, offers scenic views of Frenchman Bay and Mount Desert Island. Visitors can see eagles, osprevs, harbor seals and other wildlife at Ellsworth Marine Waterfront Park off Water Street

Ellsworth also is surrounded by several lakes and streams that offer opportunities for boating, canoeing and fishing.

Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce: 163 High St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Phone: (207) 667-5584.

DOWNEAST SCENIC RAILROAD, departing from 245 Main St., offers a scenic 10-mile round-trip excursion on the historical Calais Branch line. From railcars pulled by a 1948 diesel-powered locomotive, passengers view forests, wetlands and lakes and often spot such wildlife as beavers, deer, moose, herons and osprev. The trip lasts about 90 minutes. Phone: (866) 449-7245.



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HARBOR

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Hotel. Address: 215 High St 04605.

# **FREEPORT**

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Founded in 1789, the town is best known as the home of the L.L. Bean sporting goods store, which is open daily 24 hours, 365 days a year. More than 170 other retail shops and name-brand outlets surround the village.

In addition to retail outlet merchandising, chief contributors to the economy are tourism and lobstering. The 40foot Big Indian statue, 1 mile north of I-295 exit 17, is a frequently photographed local landmark.

Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park, 426 Wolfe's Neck Rd., offers several self-guiding nature trails that include views of Casco Bay and the Harraseeket River. The park, which is open year-round, also presents educational and interpretive programs.

Freeport Historical Society's Harrington House, 45 Main St., features changing exhibits relating to the history of Freeport dating from the late 18th century to the present. Pettengill Farm & Gardens, 1.5 miles east of downtown Freeport, is a 19th-century saltwater farm that includes an 1810 saltbox house and 140 acres of gardens, fields and woods; phone (207) 865-3170 for both attractions.

Visit Freeport: 23 Depot St., Freeport, ME 04032. Phone: (207) 865-1212.

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**BOOK NOW** THE KENDALL INN 207/865-1338

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED 🔗 CLEAN Historic Bed & Breakfast. Address: 213 Main St 04032.

# GREENVILLE

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Greenville, at the south end of Moosehead Lake, is in an area noted for a variety of year-round recreational activities. Swimming, fishing, canoeing, hiking, mountain climbing, horseback riding, seaplane tours and whitewater rafting are pursued in summer. Hunting for deer, bears, moose and partridges is available in the fall; crosscountry and downhill skiing and snowmobiling are enjoyed in winter.

Several cruises and a shuttle service are available to Mount Kineo, a historic Native American gathering place in Moosehead Lake. Visitors to the peninsula can enjoy hiking trails and a pebble beach.

Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce: 480 Moosehead Lake Rd., Greenville, ME 04441. Phone: (207) 695-2702.

BLAIR HILL INN BOOK NOW 207/695-0224

FOUR DIAMOND INSPECTED 🔗 CLEAN Historic Country Inn. Address: 351 Lily Bay Rd 04441.



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#### **KENNEBUNK**

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The Kennebunks—Kennebunk, Kennebunkport (see place listing) and Kennebunk Beach—constitute one of Maine's most popular coastal resort areas. Kennebunk developed between the Mousam and Kennebunk rivers about 1650 and was originally part of the town of Wells (see place listing p. 73). By 1730 there were shipyards along the Mousam; these and a brisk West Indies trade supported Kennebunk until the Revolution, after which water-powered industries assumed economic leadership.

In the first half of the 19th century Kennebunk, like Kennebunkport and nearly every other tidewater Maine settlement, caught shipbuilding fever. Between 1800 and 1850 more than 1,000 wooden schooners, clippers and cargo vessels emerged from the area's 50-odd shipyards.

Legacies of this period's wealth and skill are the beautifully detailed Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival and Victorian houses that grace Kennebunk's national historic district, which includes upper Main Street, Summer Street and a portion of US 1. First Parish Church on Main Street has a bell cast by Paul Revere's foundry in its Christopher Wren steeple.

Kennebunk-Kennebunkport-Arundel Chamber Commerce: 16 Water St., Kennebunk, ME 04043. Phone: (207) 967-0857.

Self-guiding tours: Guide books for a self-guiding walking tour of Kennebunk are available from the chamber of commerce or The Brick Store Museum. 117 Main St.

THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM, 117 Main St., occupies an early 19th-century commercial block in the heart of Kennebunk's National Register Historic District. Changing exhibitions showcase fine and decorative arts and artifacts pertaining to regional history. Architectural walking tours and beach tours are available seasonally. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (207) 985-4802.

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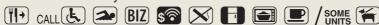


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Motel. Address: 55 York St 04043. Facility: 46 units, some efficiencies. 2 stories (no elevator), exterior corridors. Parking: on-site (fee). Pool: heated outdoor. Guest Services: coin laundry.





















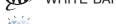






WALDO EMERSON INN BOOK NOW 207/985-4250

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#### WHERE TO EAT

# WHITE BARN INN RESTAURANT 207/967-2321



Regional American Fine Dining. Expert Advice: Historic. Rustic, elegant décor is the hallmark of this beautifully restored barn. The menu changes weekly, with an emphasis on outstanding New American cuisine. While the dress code is business smart—jackets are preferred for gentlemen—the atmosphere is still relaxed. Floor-length table linens, formally attired staff and a grand piano wonderfully contrast with the historic nature of the barn, the memorabilia in the hayloft, the artisan silverplated table sculptures and the shiny copper bar top. Features: full bar. Reservations: required. Address: 37 Beach Ave 04043.

Parking: valet only.

#### KENNEBUNKPORT

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A popular summer resort, Kennebunkport has long been a favorite among artists and writers who have found both its history and quaint setting conducive to creativity. Novelist Kenneth Roberts, born in Kennebunk, used the Kennebunkport area as a setting for his "Chronicles of Arundel," and author Booth Tarkington wrote at dockside

in his schooner Regina. Many galleries and craft shops attest to Kennebunkport's continuing affinity with the arts.

Dock Square has restored structures housing boutiques and galleries. Parson's Way, a scenic public walkway, begins at Dock Square and continues past Walker's Point. Along the docks several boats offer chartered deep-sea fishing, sailing, whale-watching or lobstering excursions. Sightseeing cruises of the Kennebunk River and coastal islands also are available.

Beyond the village Ocean Avenue follows the rocky shore of Cape Arundel to Cape Porpoise, a year-round fishing village. From Cape Porpoise pier it is possible to view the lighthouse on Goat Island. This scenic drive is lined with fine old mansions that are now restaurants or lodgings.

A waterspout, produced by water forced by the incoming tide through such formations as the spouting rock and the blowing cave, can be seen at Cape Arundel near Walker's Point—summer home of former President George H.W. Bush. Parking is not permitted along Ocean Avenue, but it is available at nearby Womby Beach. Farther "down east" via SR 9 is picturesque Goose Rocks Beach.

**Self-guiding tours:** Guide books for a self-guiding walking tour of Kennebunkport are available at White Columns (see attraction listing).

RUGOSA LOBSTER TOURS, departing from docks behind Nonantum Resort, 95 Ocean Ave., takes visitors on a 60- to 75-minute tour of the Kennebunk River while crew explain and demonstrate the intricacies of a lobster haul. Passengers may watch crew members pulling lobster traps out of the water, extracting the catch and resetting traps for the next pull. Hands-on safe handling of lobsters also is offered.

Note: Vessel operates in open water; make sure you carry appropriate medication if you're prone to seasickness. Tours are limited to 20 passengers. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 468-4095.

WHITE COLUMNS is at 8 Maine St. Guided tours take visitors through this 1853 Greek Revival-style house containing original Victorian furnishings, pictures and personal belongings from four generations of Perkins and Nott families. Displays at the First Families Museum offer insight into the town's history. Of interest is the From Sea Captains to Presidents exhibit that tells the story of early seafarers and shipbuilders as well as Kennebunkport's most famous summer resident, former President George H.W. Bush. The garden offers a peaceful park-like setting.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 967-2751.

THE BOATHOUSE WATERFRONT HOTEL

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207/967-8223



Hotel. Address: 21 Ocean Ave 04046.



THE COLONY HOTEL BOOK NOW 207/967-3331



Classic Historic Hotel. Address: 140 Ocean Ave 04046.



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Historic Country Inn. Address: 1 Dock Square 04046.



ODGE AT TURBAT'S CREEK BOOK NOW

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Motel. Address: 7 Turbats Creek Rd 04046.



THE NONANTUM RESORT BOOK NOW

207/967-4050



Historic Resort Hotel. Address: 95 Ocean Ave 04046.





Hotel. Address: 41 Turbats Creek Rd 04046.

THE YACHTSMAN HOTEL AND MARINA CLUB BOOK NOW 207/967-2511

THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Boutique Hotel. Address: 59 Ocean Ave 04046.

#### WHERE TO EAT

EARTH 207/967-6550

FOUR DIAMOND

New American Fine Dining. Address: 354 Goose Rocks Rd 04046.

OCEAN RESTAURANT 207/967-2125

FOUR DIAMOND

New American Fine Dining. Address: 208 Ocean Ave 04046.

# **KITTERY**

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Settled in the early 1600s, Kittery was an important shipbuilding, shipping and lumbering center. One of the oldest shipyards in the nation and among the first owned by the federal government, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on Seavey's Island was established in 1800. The Ranger, the first ship to fly the Stars and Stripes, was launched at Kittery under the command of John Paul Jones on May 10, 1777. In 1917 the first American submarine, the USS L-8, was launched from the Portsmouth Navv Yard.

Kittery is noted for its historic sites, rocky beaches and thriving outlet trade on US 1. Fort Foster, constructed soon after the Civil War, is situated on Gerrish Island in a park setting. The remains of the fort are open to the public Memorial Day to Labor Day, and visitors can enjoy views of Portsmouth Harbor, picnicking and nature trails.

**Shopping:** More than 120 outlet shops can be found at Kittery Outlets, off N. US 1, including Calvin Klein, Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer and Reebok.

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SAVE Hotel. Address: 275 US Rt 1 03904.

# LEWISTON

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The larger of the "Twin Cities of the Androscoggin" and the second largest city in the state, Lewiston occupies the river's east bank, across from Auburn (see place listing p. 25). Lewiston's early years gave little hint of what it would become. The first settler erected a log cabin within the present city limits in 1770, but subsequent growth was slow.

Although a woolen mill began operation in 1819, it was not until the waterpower of the Androscoggin River was harnessed about 1850 that Lewiston began developing into a major textile center. By the 1870s cottons and

woolens were issuing from the mills of several large companies.

At the same time many French Canadians were recruited to work in the mills, leaving Lewiston with a rich Franco-American heritage. The city now is experiencing economic diversification, with strong service, retail and innovative technology sectors.

Another Lewiston tradition is Bates College, founded in 1864. A highlight of the 75-acre campus is rocky 340-foot Mount David. The view from its summit encompasses Lewiston, Auburn and the Androscoggin Valley and extends 50 miles west to the Presidential Range in New

Hampshire. Lewiston Falls and Dam, which provided the city's industrial impetus, is best seen from Longley Bridge on US 202.

The Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., was built in 1907 as St. Mary's Parish. The converted church features stainedglass windows and hosts dance and musical performances; phone (207) 783-1585.

Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce: 415 Lisbon St., Suite 100, Lewiston, ME 04240. **Phone:** (207) 783-2249.

# HAMPTON BY HILTON LEWISTON-AUBURN BOOK NOW 207/344-1000





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Hotel. Address: 15 Lincoln St 04243. Facility: 93 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services:

valet and coin laundry.



























# LINCOLNVILLE

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A coastal community with a beach area on Penobscot Bay, Lincolnville is the mainland terminal for ferry service to Islesboro, a small yet scenic island frequented by

summer visitors. The bay, a popular launching point for sailing trips, also amuses water-sports enthusiasts with paddleboarding and other pursuits. A large portion of Camden Hills State Park is within the town—the park's wooded hills are a great vantage point from which to view striking panoramas of the coast and of the fall foliage.



VICTORIAN BY THE SEA **BOOK NOW** 207/236-3785



Historic Bed & Breakfast. Address: 33 Sea View Dr 04849.

# **LUBEC**

Settled in 1780, Lubec is in the easternmost area of Maine. It holds the distinction of being the first spot where the sun rises in the continental United States. Situated on a peninsula, the community offers scenic ocean vistas and many opportunities to explore Maine's rugged coastline.

Tours of Lubec and Cobscook provides self-guiding audio tours, including an intertidal zone shore walk, a nature walk through an Arctic bog and a walk along historic Water Street. Tours may be downloaded online or rented from the Eastland Motel, 385 County Rd.

Boats may be chartered to view the coastal scenery as well as whales, seals and birds. Machias Seal Island, one of only three islands in Maine that serve as home to the



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Atlantic puffin, also is accessible by boat. Some of the highest tides in the United States occur at Johnson Bay.

West Quoddy Head Light Keepers Association and Visitor Center: in Quoddy Head State Park at 973 S. Lubec Rd., Lubec, ME 04652. Phone: (207) 733-2180.

# **Nearby New Brunswick**

# **CAMPOBELLO ISLAND**

For more than a century, from 1767 to 1881, Campobello Island belonged to the Owen family. The 1835 home of Adm. William F. Owen, who so loved the sea that he reputedly built a quarterdeck on which to pace in its presence, is preserved at Deer Point. A picturesque lighthouse stands at East Quoddy Head; whales and porpoises can sometimes be spotted in the offshore waters.

James Roosevelt visited Campobello in 1883 when his son, Franklin, was just a year old. From then until 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt spent most of his summers on the island. A small collection of items relating to the Roosevelt family is among the displays at the Campobello Public Library and Museum, at 3 Welshpool St. in the village of Welshpool; phone (506) 752-7082.

ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO INTERNATIONAL PARK is connected to Lubec, Maine, by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, and from June through September by ferry from Deer Island. Here visitors can explore Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's summer home in the early years of the 20th century and find out why they and their children so loved the people and the natural beauty of their "beloved island."

The centerpiece of the 1,134-hectare (2,802-acre) memorial is the 34-room "cottage" filled with family mementos. The visitor center has an introductory film and exhibits pertaining to the Roosevelts' history and the friendship between the U.S. and Canada. A guided tour of the grounds is available. "Tea With Eleanor," the story of

Eleanor Roosevelt's life, is offered daily by expert guides and includes tea and cookies.

The park's natural areas feature scenic drives and walking trails along coves, bogs, beaches and cliffs.

**Note:** The park is in the Atlantic time zone, 1 hour ahead of the Eastern time zone. The hours listed are in the Eastern time zone. Passport is required for visitors returning to Maine.

Phone: (506) 752-2922 or (877) 851-6663. GT

This ends the Lubec section and resumes the alphabetical city listings for Maine.

#### **MACHIAS**

Founded in 1763, Machias (ma-CHY-us) is Maine's oldest town east of the Penobscot River. The name means "bad little falls," in reference to the Machias River's plunge through a deep gorge that lies just behind Main Street. Machias is the center of commerce and government for Washington County; industries include blueberry processing, seafood harvesting and processing, and lumber and wood products. It also is a starting point for hunting and fishing trips into the interior lake country.

As the Revolution became inevitable, patriotic enthusiasm engulfed the citizens of Machias, especially the group who frequented Job Burnham's tavern. In June 1775, after learning that a British warship would arrive to requisition lumber for British barracks, Capt. Jeremiah O'Brien and his cohorts convened at the tavern to plan a Colonial response. The battle resulting from that meeting took place off Machiasport (see place listing) on June 12, 1775—5 days before Bunker Hill.

Roque Bluffs State Park, 7 miles south off US 1 on Roque Bluffs Road, contains Maine's easternmost sandy beach. See Recreation Areas Chart.

Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce: 2 Kilton Lane, Machias, ME 04654. Phone: (207) 255-4402.

# MILFORD

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MILFORD MOTEL ON THE RIVER BOOK NOW 207/827-3200



Motel. Address: 174 Main Rd 04461.

# MILLINOCKET

# RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES White-water Rafting

 SNE New England Outdoor Center is at 30 Twin Pines Rd. White-water rafting and other activities are offered. **Phone:** (207) 723-5438 or (800) 766-7238.

# **NAPLES**

On the northwestern edge of Sebago Lake, Naples is the location of the Songo Lock, opened in 1830 for transportation along the 42-mile canal system to Portland. The lock now links the north end of Long Lake and Sebago Lake. The hand-operated gate is the only remnant of the old lock system connecting western Maine with the coast.

Such recreational opportunities as boating, windsurfing, seaplane rides and mail boat runs are popular in Naples, an area characterized by rolling hills and crystal-blue lakes. The causeway offers the opportunity for striking views of Mount Washington in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

The old-fashioned riverboat Songo River Queen II, berthed at the causeway in the center of town at 841 Roosevelt Tr. (US 302), offers sightseeing cruises Memorial Day weekend to early October; phone (207) 693-6861

# NORTHEAST HARBOR

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- Part of Acadia National Park area— see map p. 24

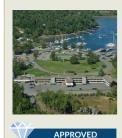
Located on the southern end of Mount Desert Island at the mouth of Somes Sound, this bustling village is a major yachting center and popular summer vacation spot. The Great Harbor Maritime Museum, 124 Main St., features boat models, photographs and changing exhibits relating to the region's seafaring history; phone (207) 276-5262.

THUYA GARDEN is accessed via the Asticou Terraces gravel parking area, 1 mi. w. on Harborside Rd. to jct. SR 198, then 1 mi. s. on SR 3. The .25-mile Terrace Trail affords beautiful views of Northeast Harbor from several terraces and lookout points along the granite hillside. At the top, semi-formal English gardens, indigenous eastern Maine woodlands, winding paths and a reflecting pool comprise Thuya Garden.

The Asticou Terraces trail is fairly steep and includes stairs. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. A handicap entrance and accessible parking lot can be reached via Thuya Drive; parking is limited. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 276-3727.



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# **OGUNQUIT** • Hotels p. 56

Ogunquit was called "beautiful place by the sea" by the Abenaki Indians, who were early inhabitants of this region. The town is 15 miles north of the New Hampshire south. The Ogunquit River, a 2-mile tidewater river, parallels the beach and is separated from it by sand dunes.

Shore Road leads to Perkins Cove, a quaint working harbor with a footbridge spanning its entrance. Perkins Cove offers specialty shops, waterfront restaurants and art galleries as well as fishing, lobstering and whalewatching opportunities. The "Marginal Way" is a mile-long

border, with a 3-mile sandy beach stretching northward

and more than a mile of picturesque rocky shore to the

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scenic footpath along the granite shoreline leading from Perkins Cove to Ogunquit's village and beach.

Ogunquit is a popular summer resort, especially among artists. The Village Center has shops, theaters and parks lining its streets. The Ogunquit Playhouse, a half-mile south of town on US 1, has presented exceptional summer theater since the 1930s; phone (207) 646-5511. Art exhibits are held throughout the summer months at the Ogunquit Museum of American Art (see attraction listing) and the Barn Gallery. Trolleys offer transportation around town from June to October.

**Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce:** 36 Main St., Ogunquit, ME 03907. **Phone:** (207) 646-2939.

**OGUNQUIT HERITAGE MUSEUM** is at 86 Obeds Ln. Housed in the circa 1780 Captain Winn House, the museum offers changing exhibits about the history of the town, its inhabitants and houses as well as a pictorial history of the art, fishing and shipbuilding communities. The

house features original architectural details and is surrounded by gardens and a park. **Time:** Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (207) 646-0296.

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART is s.e. of Perkins Cove at 543 Shore Rd. The museum showcases approximately 3,000 works of such renowned American artists as Charles Burchfield, Marsden Hartley, Robert Henri, Rockwell Kent, Walt Kuhn, Gaston Lachaise, Reginald Marsh and William Zorach.

Highlights include a comprehensive American Modernism collection featuring pieces by artists who were part of the Ogunquit Art Colony, which was established in the 1890s. Special exhibits that change two or three times during the season spotlight other nationally known American artists. The main gallery's glass wall offers stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean. Lush gardens, alluring coastline, a reflection pond, sculptures and sheltered benches allow visitors an opportunity to unwind on the 3-acre grounds. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (207) 646-4909.

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APPROVED Hotel. Address: 687 Main St 03907.

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Motel. Address: 267 Main St 03907.

TERRACE BY THE SEA BOOK NOW 207/646-3232

Motel. Address: 23 Wharf Ln 03907 Location: Oceanfront. Facility: 57 units, some efficiencies and kitchens. 2 stories (no elevator), interior/exterior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor.

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# **OLD ORCHARD BEACH**

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Old Orchard Beach, one of the oldest seashore resorts in Maine, boasts a 7-mile strip of white sand coastline. The low surf makes the area a favorite spot for swimming. Recreational pastimes include golf, tennis and deep-sea fishing. There are amusement parks and arcades in town. Automobile races take place May through September at nearby Beech Ridge Motor Speedway; phone (207) 885-5800. In summer there's harness racing at Scarborough Downs, 7 miles north of town; phone (207) 883-4331.

**Note:** Policies concerning admittance of children to parimutuel betting facilities vary. Phone for information.

**Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce:** 11 First St., Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064. **Phone:** (207) 934-2500.

PALACE PLAYLAND AMUSEMENT PARK is at 1 Old Orchard St. Established in 1902, the 4-acre oceanfront park offers 28 rides and a 24,000-square-foot arcade featuring more than 250 electronic games. Among the rides are two roller coasters, the Galaxi and the Orient Express; the Chance Menagerie carousel; the Electra Wheel, a Ferris wheel more than 70 feet tall; and many rides for children, including Dizzy Dragon and Winky the Whale. Games of skill and free entertainment are available.

Note: Height restrictions apply to certain rides. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 934-2001.



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# **ORLAND**

Traditional handcrafting became a major industry in Orland with the 1970 establishment of H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment). The cooperative, which began as an outlet for locally made products, has since expanded to include a chapel, a museum, a lumber mill, pottery and weaving shops and an extensive rural education program.

Various craft demonstrations can be seen at the H.O.M.E. compound, which is at the corner of US 1 and School House Road; for further information phone (207) 469-7961.

The town's many lakes and streams as well as the Narramissic River are popular with swimmers, canoeists and kayakers.

# **ORONO**

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Although small industries and farming contribute to Orono's economy, the main focus of this Penobscot Valley town is the University of Maine. Since its opening in 1868 with 12 students and two teachers, the land-grant institution has grown to an enrollment of more than 11,000. The university is a center for teaching, research, public service and cultural activity.

The Collins Center for the Arts houses the 1,435-seat Hutchins Concert Hall; phone (207) 581-1755. The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium and Observatory offers multimedia astronomy programs and views of the heavens; phone (207) 581-1341. Other university highlights are the ornamental gardens, anthropological museum, dairy and sheep barns, modern athletic facilities and the largest library in the state. Brochures for a self-guiding walking tour are available at the visitor center near the Munson Road entrance. Phone (207) 581-3740 for general information.

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# **OXFORD**

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#### **PORTLAND**

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"The beautiful town that is seated by the sea," wrote poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow of his birthplace, Portland. Longfellow's town has become the largest city in Maine and a major industrial and manufacturing center for northern New England. Attractively restored 19th-century buildings, tree-lined streets and a fringe of parks readily evoke the grace that inspired the poet's tribute.

The Old Port on the waterfront was the heart of Portland's busy 19th-century commercial activities. After fire leveled the heart of the city in 1866, the district was reconstructed in a classic Victorian style. The architecture, cobblestone streets and old street lamps recapture the flavor of the city's early seaport days. Many of the warehouses, ship chandleries and merchant exchanges now serve as boutiques, restaurants, bars and bookshops. At the Maine State Pier on Commercial Street is the "Whaling Wall," a 950-foot mural depicting sea life found in the Gulf of Maine.

Culturally, Portland is Maine's showplace. Dozens of galleries and museums on Congress Street offer free admission during Portland's First Friday Artwalk, held the first Friday of the month. Founded in 1974, Portland Stage Company, 25A Forest Ave., produces seven to nine shows each season; phone (207) 774-0465. Three centuries of art and architecture are on display at the Portland Museum of Art (see attraction listing p. 61). The Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., is home to the Portland Symphony Orchestra and hosts a variety of musical acts throughout the year; phone (207) 842-0800 for tickets.

Baseball fans can cheer on the Portland Sea Dogs, the AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, at Hadlock Field; phone (207) 879-9500 for information.

At the northeasternmost end of the peninsula is the Eastern Promenade, a 68-acre recreation area with grassy slopes and magnificent views of Casco Bay and the surrounding Calendar Islands. The 2.1-mile Eastern Promenade Trail runs along the waterfront and connects with Back Cove Trail. Maps are available from the ranger station at East End Beach (off Cutter Street).

The Calendar Islands, so called because their number was thought to be 365 (they actually number closer to 220), are east of Portland in Casco Bay. Capt. John Smith

first explored these islands in 1614. Crescent Beach (see Recreation Areas Chart) and Two Lights state parks are nearby in Cape Elizabeth.

The city has a network of more than 30 trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing; phone (207) 775-2411. Excursions and charters for whale watching, deep-sea fishing, fall foliage viewing and tours to lighthouses and the Casco Bay islands are available. For information contact AAA Northern New England, 68 Marginal Way, Portland, ME 04101; phone (207) 780-6800 or (800) 222-3760.

**Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Bureau:** 14 Ocean Gateway Pier, Portland, ME 04101. **Phone:** (207) 772-5800.

**Self-guiding tours:** Brochures for a walking tour of the city's architectural highlights are available daily for \$1.25 at the convention and visitors bureau. Each map outlines tours through the Old Port, Congress Street, State Street and the Western Promenade.

The Portland Freedom Trail walking tour identifies 16 former Underground Railroad sites; phone (207) 591-9980 for information.

**Shopping:** Gift shops and restaurants are housed in quaint 19th-century brick buildings in downtown's Old Port, between Congress and Commercial streets near Exchange Street. The Portland Farmers' Market is held on the Park Avenue side of Deering Oaks Park Sat. 7-1, late Apr.-late Nov. and at Monument Square on Congress Street Wed. 7-1, Apr.-Dec.; the market moves to 84 Cove St. Sat. 9-1, rest of year.

**LUCKY CATCH CRUISES** is .3 mi. s.e. on Franklin Arterial/US 1A, then .2 mi. s.w. on Commercial St./US 1A to 170 Commercial St. (at Long Wharf). The intricacies of a lobster haul are demonstrated during 80- to 90-minute cruises on the 37-foot-long *Lucky Catch*. Willing passengers may don aprons and gloves and participate in setting an assortment of lobster traps. An overview of lobsters discusses their biology, conservation, humane treatment and a variety of methods for cooking.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (207) 761-0941.

MAINE DUCK TOURS departs from 177 Commercial St. An amphibious vehicle transports visitors on a 1-hour narrated land and sea tour of Portland. The land tour covers historical and scenic landmarks of the city. The water portion navigates the waters of Portland Harbor/Casco Bay, with lighthouses, historic forts and the Calendar Islands on view.

**Note:** Visitors arriving in an RV may have difficulty finding a parking spot. **Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (207) 774-3825.

MAINE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD CO. AND MU-SEUM, off I-295 exit 7, .8 mi. s.e. on Franklin St., then .3 mi. e. to 58 Fore St. following signs, is dedicated to preserving Maine's narrow gauge railroad equipment. Highlights of the museum include a two-foot gauge parlor car, coaches, locomotives and railroad artifacts. Thirty-minute train rides on two-foot gauge track run along Casco Bay and the Portland Waterfront.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 828-0814.

PORTLAND DISCOVERY LAND & SEA TOURS, departing from Long Wharf at 170 Commercial St., offers fully narrated trolley tours of Portland and harbor cruises on Casco Bay. All tours depart from the heart of the Old Port.

Trolley tours take you on city streets and along the rocky coast to learn about Portland's history and see many local landmarks. The trolley tour includes a stop at Portland Head Light, the oldest lighthouse in Maine. Scenic harbor cruises take you past iconic lighthouses, Civil War forts and inner bay islands, with views of seals, seagulls and the bustling harbor along the way.

Phone: (207) 774-0808.

PORTLAND HEAD LIGHT—see Cape Elizabeth p. 45.

PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART, 7 Congress Sq., houses an extensive collection of American, European and contemporary art, as well as iconic works from Maine artists. Displays include works by American artists Winslow Homer, Rockwell Kent, Andy Warhol and Andrew Wyeth. The museum's European collection includes works by Edgar Degas, Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso. Sculpture and decorative objects also are showcased. Rotating exhibits from the more-than-18,000-piece collection are complemented by guest lectures, family programs, workshops, community events and film screenings.

Guided 2.5-hour tours of the restored Winslow Homer Studio, where the renowned artist lived and worked from 1883 until his death in 1910, depart from the museum; reservations are required. Nearby on High Street, the David E. Shaw and Family Sculpture Park is seasonally open and features such outdoor artwork as "Spirit of the Dance" by William Zorach and "Play Sculpture" by Isamu Noguchi.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (207) 775-6148.  $\overline{\text{GT}}$ 

**PORTLAND SCHOONER CO.** departs from Maine State Pier, 56 Commercial St., beyond Casco Bay Lines Gate 5. Launched in 1912 and 1924 respectively, the 88-foot and 72-foot wooden schooners *Wendameen* and *Bagheera* are elegantly decorated in period detail with mahogany trim and brass oil lamps. The 2-hour trip on Casco Bay affords visitors an opportunity to experience the sounds of the ocean and the sights along the Maine coast.

**Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (207) 766-2500 or (877) 246-6637.

VICTORIA MANSION, 109 Danforth St. between State and High sts., is a stunning Italianate-style house designed by distinguished New Haven architect Henry Austin. Built 1858-60 as an opulent summer home for hotelier Ruggles Sylvester Morse and his wife, the brownstone mansion boasts a four-story tower, several porches and such conveniences as running water, a gas lighting system and central heating.

An extensive collection of furniture by interior designer Gustave Herter complements the original painted *trompe l'oeil* walls and ceilings. Elaborate wood carvings and drapery; carpets; glassware; porcelain; and silver are some of the other treasures within. A whopping 90 percent of the home's original furnishings have been preserved.

The Turkish smoking room (believed to have been the first smoking room incorporated into a private American residence), the billiard room and the master bedroom's attached washroom are frills characteristic of mid-19th-century luxury hotels. Also noteworthy are the spectacular displays of stained glass, including the three-story stair hall's dazzling 6-by-25-foot skylight. From late November to early January holiday festivities showcase the house in Christmas splendor.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 772-4841. GT

WADSWORTH-LONGFELLOW HOUSE, 489 Congress St., was built 1785-86 by Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, maternal grandfather of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It was here that the curious blue-eyed boy turned celebrated poet spent his childhood years. Situated on about 1.5 acres on the back side of town, it was the first all-brick home in Portland, constructed in the neoclassical style with bricks barged from Philadelphia. The residence was originally a two-story structure; in 1815 a third story with seven rooms was added after an 1814 fire ruined the gable roof.

The brass knocker that greets you at the front door is the original. Upon crossing the threshold, you'll find a

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lovely blend of fixtures and décor from three different generations. An impressive collection of furniture, including a circa 1805 leather side chair and an 1808 high-post bed; portraits; records; and other personal possessions of the Longfellow and Wadsworth families have been preserved.

The last family member to reside in the house was Anne Longfellow Pierce, who died in 1901 and deeded the property to the Maine Historical Society. During an extensive 2.5-year restoration project that concluded in 2002, experts analyzed family photographs and letters as well as paint shades and wallpaper scraps in an attempt to reproduce the woodwork hues, wall coverings, drapery, carpets and upholstery that adorned the interior in the 1850s.

Today the Wadsworth-Longfellow House is the one remaining private residence in the now urbanized eastern section of Congress Street. Behind the boyhood home is Longfellow Garden, a secluded Colonial Revival-style garden in the middle of downtown, where visitors can roam the meandering paths for free (in season). The

Maine Historical Society, located on the grounds of the historic home, offers exhibits detailing the history of the area, as well as seasonal guided walking tours of historic Portland (weather permitting).

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (207) 774-1822. GT

Maine Historical Society Brown Library, at the rear of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House grounds, is a research library containing a collection of more than 125,000 books and two million manuscript pages. Phone: (207) 774-1822.

WICKED WALKING TOURS depart from Bell Buoy Park, 72 Commercial St. On a walking tour through the Old Port, participants discover Portland's darker side as theatrical guides relate a blend of eerie legends, comedic tales and historical oddities. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (207) 730-0490 after hours, or (888) 718-4253 for ticket reservations Mon.-Fri. 9-9.









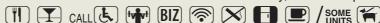
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Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























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Amenities: safes. Activities: exercise room.



















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Hotel. Address: 65 Commercial St 04101. Facility: 120 units. 6 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: Some: safes. Pool: heated

indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.



























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Historic Hotel. Address: 20 Milk St 04101. Facility: This converted armory (circa 1895) is on the National Register of Historic Places. Guest rooms have a classic coastal design with dark hardwood furnishings. Ground floor rooms are pet friendly. 95 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Amenities: safes. Dining: 2 restaurants. Activities: sauna, hot tub, steamroom, health club, spa. Guest Services: area transportation.































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SAVE Historic Hotel. Address: 157 High St 04101.

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New American Fine Dining. Address: 288 Fore St 04101.



TWELVE 207/910-7400



New American Fine Dining. Address: 115 Thames St 04101.

# PRESQUE ISLE

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When Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman climbed into the gondola of the Double Eagle II on Aug. 11, 1978, they began an adventure momentous in the history of aviation. Six days later they landed in a field in France, having completed the first successful transatlantic hot air balloon flight. A replica of the balloon, at Double Eagle II Park on Spragueville Road just beyond Echo Lake, indicates the starting point of the flight.

The Maine Solar System Model, the world's largest complete 3-D scale model of the solar system, begins on the campus of the University of Maine and runs 40 miles along US 1 to Topsfield. The model includes the sun, nine planets, seven moons and three dwarf planets.

For the most part, however, Presque Isle's interests are more down to earth. The city is the chief industrial and commercial center of Aroostook County. Nearby, the University of Maine's 375-acre experiment station explores improved methods of growing and marketing potatoes as well as other crops. The university's Reed Fine Art Gallery, at 181 Main Street, serves as a cultural resource for the community and features works by local and regional artists; phone (207) 768-9442.

Recreation is available year-round at Aroostook State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart), 4 miles south on US 1, then west and south via a park road. In the winter snowmobile enthusiasts enjoy over 1,600 miles of groomed trails in the area. Cross-country skiing, other recreational activities and winter camping also are available.

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce: 3 Houlton Rd., Presque Isle, ME 04769. **Phone:** (207) 764-6561.

**Shopping:** The Aroostook Centre Mall, 830 Main St., offers roughly 15 stores, including JCPenney.

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# RANGELEY

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RANGELEY SADDLEBACK INN BOOK NOW 207/864-3434

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# ROCKLAND

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Rockland, one of Maine's largest fishing ports, is known as the Lobster Capital of the World and the Schooner Capital of Maine—ferries to several nearby islands are available along with schooners for daily and weeklong cruises. Shipbuilding, commercial fishing, granite quarrying and limekilns have contributed to area history and economy. The poet Edna St. Vincent Millay was born in Rockland.

A granite breakwater, extending seven-eighths of a mile across Penobscot Bay, leads to the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse at Jameson Point in Rockland Harbor, built



around 1888. Self-quiding tours are available on weekends from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. The town's historic Main Street district is now a shopping area. Owls Head Light, 5 miles southeast, offers outstanding

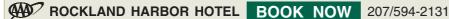
views of Penobscot Bay.

In early August it's a true crustacean celebration at the Maine Lobster Festival, which features boat rides, crafts, cooking contests and the coronation of the Maine Sea Goddess. Come hungry—there's nearly 10 tons of lobster to go around.

Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce— Rockland: 1 Park Dr., Rockland, ME 04841. Phone: (207) 596-0376 or (800) 562-2529.

MAINE LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM is at 1 Park Dr. The facility contains a large collection of lighthouse artifacts as well as exhibits of U.S. Coast Guard relics, including working lights, horns, bells and lifesaving devices. Lighthouse models, Fresnel lenses, flags, uniforms and fog bells are displayed. A video explains the inner workings of the Fresnel lens. Phone: (207) 594-3301.

PROJECT PUFFIN VISITOR CENTER is at 311 Main St. Interactive displays and exhibits provide information about the National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program. A 20-minute orientation film gives an overview of puffin conservation efforts on the coastal islands of Maine. Visitors can watch a live video feed from puffin nesting sites May through August. An art gallery hosts changing exhibits. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (207) 596-5566.





INSPECTED & CLEAN

Hotel. Address: 520 Main St 04841. Facility: 82 units. 5 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry. SAVE (TI+) CALL (L) (WHY) BIZ (S) X (TI )









WHERE TO EAT



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# ROCKPORT

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ISLAND VIEW INN BOOK NOW 207/596-0040

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Boutique Hotel. Address: 20 Central St 04856.



SAMOSET RESORT ON THE OCEAN BOOK NOW

207/594-2511



Resort Hotel. Address: 220 Warrenton St 04856.



STRAWBERRY HILL SEASIDE INN BOOK NOW

207/594-5462



Hotel. Address: 886 Commercial St 04856.

# SACO

Like its sister city Biddeford (see place listing p. 37), Saco (SAH-co) was settled in 1631 at a site first noted by Capt. John Smith in 1614; in 1762 the town was incorporated as Pepperellborough. Pepperellborough became Saco in 1805.

A few years later the first major industry, an ironworks, was established. Due to an abundance of readily available waterpower, Saco remained predominantly industrial until recently. The economy now has a broader base, with commerce taking the leading role.

Besides powering the city's industries, the Saco River provides opportunities for fishing, boating and swimming on its 4-mile run to the sea. Ferry Beach State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) occupies 117 acres on the east bank; a stand of tupelo trees, rare at this northern latitude, grows in the park. Also nearby is one of the region's favorite seaside resorts, Old Orchard Beach (see place *listing p. 57*).

# SCARBOROUGH

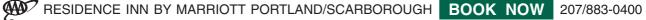
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SAVE Extended Stay Hotel. Address: 800 Roundwood Dr 04074.





Historic Motel. Address: 7 Bliss St 04074.

# SKOWHEGAN

The Abenaki Indians called this island in the Kennebec River skowhegan—"a place to watch"—as they looked for salmon in the depths below the falls. One still watches: A 62-foot Native American sculpted in wood by Bernard Langlais rises above town in honor of those who first watched from this spot.

In 1771 the island's second settlers arrived, drawn by timber and the river's plenty. Their village was brushed by Revolutionary history in 1775, when Col. Benedict Arnold's expedition crossed the island en route to Québec; a granite boulder marks the site.

Although Skowhegan gradually evolved into a predominantly manufacturing city, the colorful history of log driving on the Kennebec did not end until 1976. A paper pulp mill with an 800-ton daily capacity, 7 miles south on US 201, is further evidence of the area's continued interest in lumbering.

Lakewood Theater, on Lake Wesserunsett 6 miles north of Skowhegan on US 201 to 76 Theatre Rd. in Madison, is Maine's state theater. Established in 1901, it is one of the oldest continuously operating summer stock theaters in the country. Matinee and evening performances run mid-May to mid-September; phone (207) 474-7176.

Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce: 23 Commercial St., Skowhegan, ME 04976. Phone: (207) 474-3621.

# SOUTH PORTLAND

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**CUSHING'S POINT MUSEUM AT BUG LIGHT PARK.** off Madison Street in Bug Light Park, presents local and nautical history with exhibits about shipwrecks, lighthouses, sardine canneries and the South Portland shipyards where World War II Liberty ships were built. Time: Allow 45 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (207) 767-7299.



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Hotel. Address: 700 Main St 04106. Facility: 153 units. 4 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: hot tub, exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























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SAVE Hotel. Address: 100 Southborough Dr 04106.



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DOUBLETREE Hotel. Address: 363 Maine Mall Rd 04106. Location: Opposite Maine Mall. Facility: 220 units. 7-9 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: area transportation.



































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Hotel. Address: 369 Maine Mall Rd 04106. Location: Opposite Maine Mall. Facility: 98 units. 4 stories, interior corridors. Bath: shower only. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry, area transportation.















# SOUTHWEST HARBOR

Part of Acadia National Park area— see map p. 24

Located on the southwest side of Somes Sound and bordered by a natural fjord, this fishing and boatbuilding center shares Mount Desert Island with Acadia National Park (see place listing p. 23). With about 70 lobster fishermen operating from its wharves, Southwest Harbor is the archetype of the New England coastal village. mhl0

Bass Harbor Head Light, 3 miles south on SR 102A, is a favorite spot for photographers. Local conditions are ideal for boating, swimming and other water sports. Schooner cruises, deep-sea fishing excursions and canoe rentals are available

**Southwest Harbor & Tremont Chamber of Commerce:** 329 Main St., Southwest Harbor, ME 04679, Phone: (207) 244-9264.

# THOMASTON

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON ROCKLAND/THOMASTON BOOK NOW 207/594-6644



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SAVE Hotel. Address: 190 New County Rd 04861.



# 72 VINALHAVEN ISLAND — WATERVILLE, ME

# VINALHAVEN ISLAND

Vinalhaven Island, 9 miles long and 6 miles wide, is the largest of Penobscot Bay's Fox Islands and the third largest along the Maine coast. This working island village is a popular day-trip destination with visitors and locals alike. The Maine State Ferry Service transports passengers, automobiles and trucks on a 1.25-hour cruise from Rockland to Carver's Harbor; phone (207) 596-5400.

Incorporated in 1789, Vinalhaven at one time had numerous granite guarries that attracted settlers and provided a booming industry. Many buildings in Washington, D.C., and New York were made of Vinalhaven granite. Two abandoned spring-fed quarries are now town parks and popular swimming holes. Another abandoned site, Armbrust Hill, also is a town park.

The island is home to one of the most productive lobster-fishing fleets in the world. Parks, rocky beaches, hiking trails and natural areas offer a variety of recreational opportunities. Lane's Island, south of Vinalhaven and accessible by bridge, is a nature preserve.

# WATERVILLE

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Abenaki Indians once met for tribal councils and summer encampments at the Kennebec River's Ticonic Falls, near the site of Waterville. The area is now a center for commerce and education.

The city of Waterville was established in 1802. The arrival of the steamship Ticonic in 1832 introduced Waterville's era as a prosperous freight and passenger port. By mid-century, as river traffic declined due to railroad advances, energies turned to new possibilities. A dam was erected at Ticonic Falls in 1868; 5 years later the first of many large factories was established. The city is an important industrial center for paper, biotechnology, health care and professional services.

Waterville also benefits from the presence of two colleges and several cultural organizations. Especially popular are theater, dance, music and comedy performances at the Waterville Opera House; phone (207) 873-7000 for ticket information.

West of the city lies the Belgrade Lakes region, whose largest lake, Great Pond, inspired the play and movie "On Golden Pond." Miles of hiking trails lace the city, and fishing and boating on the Kennebec River are other popular outdoor pastimes.

The Maine International Film Festival draws a crowd in July to Railroad Square Cinema, 17 Railroad Square, for 10 days of independent and international films. The Taste of Waterville brings more than 7,000 foodies to downtown on the first Wednesday in August and includes food booths, live entertainment, a beer garden and children's activities.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce: 50 Elm St., Waterville, ME 04901. Phone: (207) 873-3315.







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Hotel. Address: 375 Main St 04901. Facility: 138 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin





































Hotel. Address: 376 Main St 04901.



HAMPTON BY HILTON WATERVILLE

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(SAVE) Hotel. Address: 425 Kennedy Memorial Dr 04901.

#### WELLS

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Within a year of its settlement in 1640 Wells boasted a mill on the Webhannet River and showed signs of becoming a flourishing trading port. Although it ultimately fulfilled its potential, Native American hostility made the village's first century precarious. Wells was one of only four English communities to survive the second French and Indian War, which occurred 1688-97.

Stubborn courage may have been at the heart of Wells' survival. For 2 days in 1692, 15 soldiers ensconced in the Joseph Storer House repulsed the attacks of 500 Indians and French. The house, south on US 1, still stands as a private home and business.

Wells remained primarily a fishing and farming center until the "discovery" of Wells Beach, Laudholm Beach and Drakes Island Beach by vacationers in the early 20th century. Since then visitors have thronged to the 7-mile-long strand to sun, swim and just relax. The town also is a popular shopping center with a variety of stores, shops and factory outlets.

Wells Chamber of Commerce: 136 Post Rd., Wells, ME 04090. Phone: (207) 646-2451.

THE GARRISON

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Motel. Address: 1099 Post Rd 04090.



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SAVE Hotel. Address: 900 Post Rd 04090.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS WELLS

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## WELLS BEACH

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BOOK NOW 207/646-7061 ATLANTIC OCEANFRONT HOTEL



Hotel. Address: 37 Atlantic Ave 04090.

#### 74 WISCASSET — YORK BEACH, ME

#### WISCASSET

Wiscasset at one time was Maine's chief port. The Embargo Act of 1807 seriously crippled its prosperous sea trade, and the town never regained its stature as a seaport. However, the legacy of that era is evidenced by Wiscasset's mansions, built by ship owners and merchants in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Lincoln County Museum and Old Jail, 133 Federal St., is a fortresslike granite building used as a jail 1811-1913. Original graffiti from the 19th century still exists on cell walls. A brick jailer's home attached to the jail houses antiques and decorative arts as well as changing exhibits; phone (207) 882-6817.

#### YORK

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First settled in 1624, York is one of Maine's oldest, most historic places. Reminders of York's past include residential areas dating from the 18th century, Colonial churches, farmhouses with large woodpiles of white birch, stone walls along tree-lined streets and an old burying ground where quaint epitaphs are favorites for stone rubbings.

Ancient traditions are strong, but there also are new industries and plentiful facilities for recreation. The York River provides a setting for boating, and Agamenticus Mountain has facilities for picnicking, biking and hiking. George Marshall Store Gallery, 140 Lindsay Rd., includes rotating exhibits by local artists; phone (207) 351-1083. The Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce: 1 Stonewall Ln., York, ME 03909. Phone: (207) 363-4422.



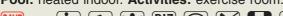




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Hotel. Address: 2 Brickyard Ln 03909. Facility: 86 units. 2 stories, interior corridors.

Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room.











Hotel. Address: 6 Market Place Dr 03909.

## YORK BEACH

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YORK'S WILD KINGDOM ZOO AND AMUSEMENT PARK, I-95 exit 7, then 2 mi. n. to 1 Animal Park Rd., is home to exotic animals from around the world, including camels, lions and a white Bengal tiger. The Butterfly Kingdom exhibit, animal shows and a petting zoo also are offered. An amusement park features 20 rides.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (207) 363-4911. [<del>-/\</del>-)



207/363-5112



Hotel. Address: 265 Long Beach Ave 03910.





Classic Hotel. Address: 8 Beach St 03910.

#### YORK HARBOR

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The fashionable resort member of the Yorks, York Harbor has enjoyed this role since the Civil War. Wellto-do residents of Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities built rambling three-story "cottages" and grand hotels in which to while away their summers, cooled by the New England sea breezes. York Harbor's summer colony once rivaled those of Bar Harbor (see place listing p. 31) and Newport, R.I.

The harbor itself, with the town wharves and marina, remains as busy now as in the 18th century, when it was the Yorks' marketplace and the scene of lively market fairs. It is a favored stopover among yachtsmen and an equally popular starting point for deep-sea fishing trips.

One block south of SR 1703 and US 1 a footpath leads to Wiggly Bridge, a restored suspension bridge spanning the York River. From York Harbor, Long Sands Beach extends northeastward past York Beach toward Cape Neddick Light, popularly known as the Nubble Light. One of the most photographed lighthouses in Maine, the Nubble extends a rocky thumb into the sea: from a tiny island just off its tip the Cape Neddick Light, built in 1879, once guided seamen.

The Sayward-Wheeler House at 9 Barrell Ln. Ext., open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from June to mid-October, contains antique furniture and items brought back as booty from the expedition against the French at Louisbourg in 1745; phone (207) 384-2454.



THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN Classic Country Inn. Address: 22 Harris Island Rd 03909.

# STAGE NECK INN BOOK NOW 207/363-3850



Resort Hotel. Address: 8 Stage Neck Rd 03911. Location: Oceanfront. Facility: Situated at the mouth of York Harbor's Rocky Neck, this resort features breathtaking views and elegant, amenity-rich, plush guest rooms. The Maine-centric gift shop is worth a visit. 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, beach on-site, tennis, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.































THREE DIAMOND INSPECTED @ CLEAN

YORK HARBOR INN BOOK NOW 207/363-5119

Historic Country Inn. Address: 480 York St 03911.



#### Live free or die.

To understand New Hampshire's blunt motto, "Live Free or Die," it's necessary to peek into the state's feisty and pathfinding past.

Twenty years after English sea captain Martin Pring sailed up the lower Piscatagua River to explore the region, Europeans established the first white settlements at Odiorne's Point and Dover in 1623. Others followed in nearly a century of allegiance to the English crown.

When the colonists would have no more, New Hampshire declared independence from England, and in 1776 became the first colony to adopt a provisional constitution and government.

Durham was a hotbed of this Revolutionary activity. Led by native son Maj. Gen. John Sullivan, patriots took gunpowder from the British and stored it in a town meetinghouse; a tablet marks the site. Several historic houses along the Portsmouth Harbour Trail owe their significance to the strife. A then-renowned haven for dissenters, Exeter now is home to the American Independence Museum.

Out of this epic struggle for freedom, a simple motto was born.

In post-independence New Hampshire, the spirited maxim had even broader implications. It meant immunity from religious persecution to the Shakers, who built villages in Canterbury and Enfield.

The influence of the state's majestic backdrop of mountains, caves, lakes and wide open spaces encouraged creative figures to freely express themselves. Poet John Greenleaf Whittier wrote "Sunset on the Bearcamp" about the river of the same name. An ascent of Mount Monadnock inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem "Monadnoc." Many writings of Robert Frost drew upon his life on a Derry farm.

Author Thomas Bailey Aldrich penned "The Story of a Bad Boy," which includes references to his Portsmouth boyhood home. Composer Edward MacDowell thrived in the woodland retreat of Peterborough, which he later introduced to scores of other artists.

From the White Mountains to Lake Winnipesaukee. the largely pristine Granite State epitomizes much of what is amazing—and liberating—about nature.

Mountain roads like Kancamagus Highway (SR 112) wind through White Mountain National Forest, skirting breathtaking vistas of the peaks. In autumn the vivid hues of changing leaves are unmatched in their glory and beauty.

Railways and tramways climb to the top of Cannon Mountain, Loon Mountain and Mount Washington, the Northeast's tallest peak at 6,288 feet. Well-trodden hiking paths through the entire mountainous region often lead to tumbling waterfalls.

## At the Bottom, Looking Up

The low-level vantage points of mountain gaps give a different perspective. Impressive characteristics of Franconia Notch, which splits the Kinsman and Franconia ranges, are The Flume Gorge, a long chasm flanking Mount Liberty; the Lost River, which often disappears as it snakes through boulder caves and potholes in Kinsman Notch; and Dixville Notch, which boasts striking sights like the Cathedral Spires and Table Rock.

Walk amid granite boulders and mineral formations in Plymouth's Polar Caves, seven caves formed by glacial activity more than 20,000 years ago.

Climb aboard a steamship or boat in Portsmouth and cruise through Portsmouth Harbor to the Isles of Shoals. Marvel at Lake Winnipesaukee's natural spectacles—coves and islands set against an outline of mountain peaks; cruises depart from Weirs Beach and Wolfeboro.

Kick back, shake off your cares and live life to its fullest in New Hampshire. It's certainly the better of the motto's two options!

#### Recreation

If New Hampshire needs a recreation slogan, here's an idea: "Have skis, will travel."

The state sport is unrivaled in popularity.

Like it fast? You'll find more than 150 downhill skiing and snowboarding trails among the White Mountain region's three largest resorts: Attitash Bear Peak in Bartlett, Loon Mountain in Lincoln, and Waterville Valley.

Tubing parks are among the additional facilities at Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, King Pine Ski Area in East Madison. Pats Peak in Henniker and Whaleback in Lebanon.

If you prefer skiing on more level ground, there are 24 cross-country facilities that fit the bill. Lengthy trails and scenic vistas characterize Jackson X-C in Jackson and The Franconia Inn in Franconia.

In the state's northernmost quarter snowmobiling is sure to get your motor running. A 7,000-mile interconnecting trail system weaves through breathtaking scenery.

When the snow melts away, you'll warm to New Hampshire's more temperate pursuits.

Bicyclists are in for a treat when they pedal through

the Granite State: endless vistas of dark green mountainsides and clear blue skies. The trail system is extensive, particularly along the Connecticut River, around Lake Winnipesaukee and in the Merrimack Valley region, from Concord to Nashua.

The easy 1-mile hike up Blue Job Mountain, near Strafford, culminates in great views of Boston and Mount Washington. If you have half a day, take on White Dot Trail on Mount Monadnock, one of the most climbed mountains in the world.

Got nerves of steel? Cathedral Ledge, in Echo Lake State Park near Bartlett, and Franconia Notch State Park, near Franconia and Lincoln, are hot spots for rock climbing.

The Swift River beckons to white-water rafting enthusiasts. Kayaking is good on the Androscoggin River, which can be slightly rough upstream from Berlin.

Strong winds over the surface of Lake Winnipesaukee make for excellent sailing. For boating and swimming, check out Newfound, Squam and Sunapee lakes.

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## **GOOD FACTS TO KNOW**

#### **ABOUT THE STATE**

**POPULATION:** 1,377,529.

AREA: 9,349 square miles; ranks 46th.

CAPITAL: Concord.

HIGHEST POINT: 6,288 ft., Mount Washington. LOWEST POINT: Sea level, Atlantic Ocean.

TIME ZONE(S): Eastern. DST.

#### **GAMBLING**

**MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 21.** 

#### **REGULATIONS**

**TEEN DRIVING LAWS:** For the first 6 months, no more than one unrelated passenger under age 25. Driving is not permitted 1 a.m.-4 a.m. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 18. For more information about New Hampshire driver's license regulations, phone (603) 227-4000.

SEAT BELT/CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS: Children ages 7-17 or at least 57 inches tall are required to be in a seat belt; child restraints are required for children age 3-6 and under 57 inches tall. Children under age 2 must be in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system. AAA recommends the use of seat belts and appropriate child restraints for the driver and all passengers.

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**HOLIDAYS:** New Year's Day, Jan. 1 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. (3rd Mon.) • Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day. Feb. (3rd Mon.) • Memorial Day, May (last Mon.) • July 4 • Labor Day, Sept. (1st Mon.) • Columbus Day, Oct. (2nd Mon.) • Veterans Day, Nov. 11 • Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.) ● day after Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Fri.) ● Christmas, Dec. 25.

#### **MONEY**

**TAXES:** New Hampshire does not have a statewide sales tax. There is a 9 percent tax on use of lodgings, restaurants and rental vehicles

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**INFORMATION CENTERS:** State welcome centers provide details about attractions, accommodations, historic sites, parks and events. They are maintained year-round at Canterbury, I-93N between exits 18 and 19 • Hooksett, I-93N and I-93S between exits 10 and 11 • Lebanon, I-89S between exits 17 and 18 ● Littleton, I-93S before exit 44 ● Nashua, US 3 exit 6 • North Conway, US 16 and US 302 • Salem, I-93N before exit 1 • Sanbornton, I-93S between exits 20 and 22 Seabrook, I-95N before exit 1 ● Springfield, I-89N between exits 12A and 13 • and Sutton, I-89S between exits 9 and 10, as well as Colebrook ● Epsom ● Rumney ● and Shelburne.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:**

Division of Travel and Tourism Development 1 Eagle Sq., Suite 100 Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-2665 (800) 386-4664

#### **NATIONAL FOREST INFORMATION:**

White Mountain National Forest 71 White Mountain Dr. Campton, NH 03223 (603) 536-6100

#### FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

Fish and Game Department 11 Hazen Dr. Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-3421





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<b>Bear Brook</b> 10,000 acres 2 mi. e. of Allenstown off SR 28. Cross-country skiing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; archery range, museums.														



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<b>Greenfield</b> 401 acres 1 mi. w. of Greenfield off SR 136. Snowshoeing; canoe and kayak rentals, playground.														
<b>Lake Francis</b> 1,684 acres 7 mi. n. of Pittsburg off US 3. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, hunting, kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; all-terrain vehicle trails, canoe rentals, playground.														
<b>Monadnock</b> 699 acres 4 mi. n.w. of Jaffrey off SR 124. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.														
<b>Moose Brook</b> 755 acres 2 mi. w. of Gorham off US 2. Cross-country skiing; mountain biking trails. Pets restricted to designated areas.														
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<b>Pillsbury</b> 3,702 acres 3.5 mi. n. of Washington on SR 31. Cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling; canoe and kayak rentals, playground.														
<b>Pisgah</b> 13,500 acres off SR 63 in Chesterfield. Horseback riding, hunting, mountain biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; all-terrain vehicle trails.														
<b>Silver Lake</b> 80 acres 14 mi. n.e. of Mason on SR 122. Canoeing, kayaking; beach.														
<b>Umbagog Lake</b> 19 mi. s.e. of Dixville Notch on SR 26; some portions accessible only by boat. Canoeing, kayaking; beach.														
<b>Wadleigh</b> 8 mi. n.e. of Newbury off Chaulk Pond Rd. Canoeing, kayaking; playground.														
<b>Weeks</b> 420 acres 2 mi. s. of Lancaster off SR 3. Historic. Scenic. Downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; tower.														
<b>Wellington</b> 183 acres 4 mi. n. of Bristol off SR 3A. Beach, horseshoes, kayak rentals, volleyball.														
<b>Wentworth</b> 50 acres 7 mi e. of Wolfeboro on SR 109. Canoeing, kayaking.														
White Lake 603 acres 1 mi. n. of West Ossipee on SR 16. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, kayaking, snow-shoeing: playground.														

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#### **OTHER**

Moore Reservoir 3.500 acres 8 mi, w. of Littleton off I-93 via SRs 18 and 135.



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#### 84 BARTLETT — BETHLEHEM, NH

#### BARTLETT

With Bear Mountain to the south, Mount Parker to the north and symmetrical Mount Carrigan rising at the western end of the valley, Bartlett is a year-round recreation center. The land along the Saco River east of its emergence from Crawford Notch was granted to William Stark and several others for their service in the French and Indian War; the village was incorporated in 1790.

From Bartlett a scenic road runs south through Bear Notch to the Kancamagus Highway (see attraction listing p. 118).

#### **BEDFORD**

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## **BETHLEHEM**

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THE ROCKS off I-93 exit 40, then .5 mi. e. on US 302 to Glessner Rd., then e. to 4 Christmas Ln. The 1882 estate of Chicago businessman John Jacob Glessner, a founder of International Harvester, sits on the grounds. Scenic

trails with wildlife viewing and hiking and skiing opportunities wind throughout the 1,400 acres.

Glessner's grandchildren donated the land to the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests in 1978. A sustainable Christmas tree farm with more than 43,000 trees is open to the public, as is an interactive maple sugar house and museum. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum.

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### **BRETTON WOODS**

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With the opening of the Mount Washington Hotel in July 1902, Bretton Woods became a well-known resort. Wealthy families spent pre-Depression summers at this lavish European-style spa. Some 50 trains arrived daily, and private railroad cars sat on a siding by the golf course, waiting to take passengers home.

A second surge of fame came in July 1944 when the International Monetary Conference convened at the hotel, refurbished for the occasion by the federal government. This meeting set the gold standard at \$35 an ounce. thereby stabilizing post-World War II currency and establishing the American dollar as the cornerstone of international financial exchange. The conference room is now a small museum.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COG RAILWAY is 6 mi. n.w. on SR 302, then 6 mi. n.e. to 3168 Base Station Rd. Opened in 1869, the historic railway bills itself as the first mountain-climbing cog railway in the world. Coalfired steam and biodiesel-powered trains take passengers on a scenic 3-hour round-trip to the top of 6,288-foot Mount Washington—the highest peak in the Northeast. The base station features a museum that has media and interactive presentations.

Season runs late May to early October. Time: Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (603) 278-5404 or (800) 922-8825.

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## **CANTERBURY**

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE is off I-93 exit 18, following signs to 288 Shaker Rd. During the village's heyday in the 1850s, more than 300 Shakersmembers of a religious sect known for the ecstatic dancing that took place during church services—lived, worked and worshipped in the village. Today it's a museum and historic site with 30 restored original buildings and four reconstructions set among nearly 700 acres of pretty New England countryside.

The oldest buildings go back all the way to 1792, when the village was established, about 2 decades after the Shakers first arrived from England. Canterbury Village was one of the most important of the 19 virtually selfsufficient communities the Shakers established from Maine to Kentucky in the 18th and 19th centuries.

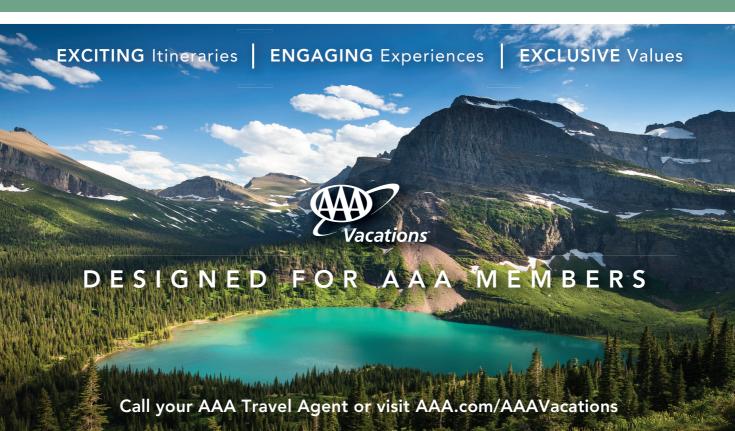
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#### 88 CANTERBURY — CONCORD, NH

Living a nearly monastic lifestyle that stressed pacifism, communal ownership, celibacy, gender equality, industriousness and simple living, the Shakers built large dormitories, barns and workshops with minimal ornamentation, a feature you'll notice immediately as you stroll among the unadorned utilitarian clapboard buildings. You'll also notice the separate entrances and sleeping areas for men and women; another hallmark of the Shaker lifestyle.

"Hands to work and hearts to God" was one Shaker motto, and Shaker communities prospered as they became known for the beautifully crafted objects they made. The village museum houses a large collection of these items, including Shaker furniture, noted for its elegant simplicity. And at various locations in the village, you can watch artisans re-create the traditional Shaker crafts of broom making, letterpress printing, oval box making, spinning and weaving, among others.

Guided tours introduce visitors to the 200-year history, culture and innovations of the Canterbury Shakers. If you want to see the village at your own pace, you can opt for the self-guiding tour; a guide describing the network of nature trails on-site is available online.

**Time:** Allow 3 hours minimum. **Phone:** (603) 783-9511. **GT**)  $( \mathbb{T} )$   $( \mathbb{R} )$   $( \mathbb{T} )$ 

#### CHARLESTOWN

The 12 families who lived in this northwestern outpost in 1744 found their position increasingly precarious as King George's War accelerated. In 1746 Abenaki Indian raids confined them to the fortified village, and that winter they abandoned the settlement. Capt. Phineas Stevens and less than 50 provincial soldiers returned in April. Their withstanding a 3-day siege by 700 French and Native Americans was celebrated in Boston.

Charlestown revived as settlers returned to the fertile Connecticut River Valley. During the Revolutionary War the town's wide main streets supposedly served as a training ground for the soldiers of Gen. John Stark, hero of the Battle of Bennington (see Bennington, Vt., p. 128). Main Street has many buildings that date from the late 18th and early 19th century.

#### CONCORD

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The political and financial center of the state—and capital since 1808—Concord also is a major industrial, transportation and distribution point. At the root of its prosperity is easy accessibility. Historically, settlement and

commerce followed the Merrimack River and later, a canal to Boston. Now a convergence of highways forms the city's busy lifelines.

A trading post operating as early as 1660, the locale gained notoriety in 1697 as the place where Hannah Dustin, abducted by Penacook Indians in a raid on Haverhill, Mass., scalped her sleeping captors and escaped.

Settlement came somewhat more slowly. Not until 1725 was the land granted to settlers, who named it the Plantation of Penacook, from the name Native Americans gave to a nearby bend in the river. In 1765 the area was renamed Concord.

Because generally peaceful relations with the Penacook people had allowed Concord to grow, by the Revolutionary War it was a sturdy community able to send companies to fight at Lexington and Concord, Mass., Bunker Hill and other battle sites. A tablet at Walker and Bouton streets marks the site where New Hampshire ratified the Constitution on June 21, 1788.

Industry began to develop during the early 1800s. Wheelwright Lewis Downing and coach builder J. Stephens Abbot created a product that was instrumental in opening the frontier—the bouncing, high-wheeled Concord coach used by Wells Fargo and other stage lines throughout the West.

A few reminders of Concord's past stand along some of the town's wide, shaded streets. The Rev. Timothy Walker House, 276 N. Main St., dates from 1734, making it the oldest house in Concord; it is closed to the public. The structure at 132 N. Main St. once was the Eagle Hotel, a popular tavern 1825-56; it is now the site of a restaurant. Tuck Library, established in the early 1900s and operated by the New Hampshire Historical Society, is at 30 Park St.

A community-wide effort resulted in the restoration of the Capitol Theatre, built in the neo-Egyptian style in 1927 to house vaudeville shows. The Capitol Center for the Arts, with the Chubb Theatre as its centerpiece, presents touring Broadway shows, concerts, entertainers and dance troupes. The 1,300-seat theater is at 44 S. Main St.; phone (603) 225-1111.

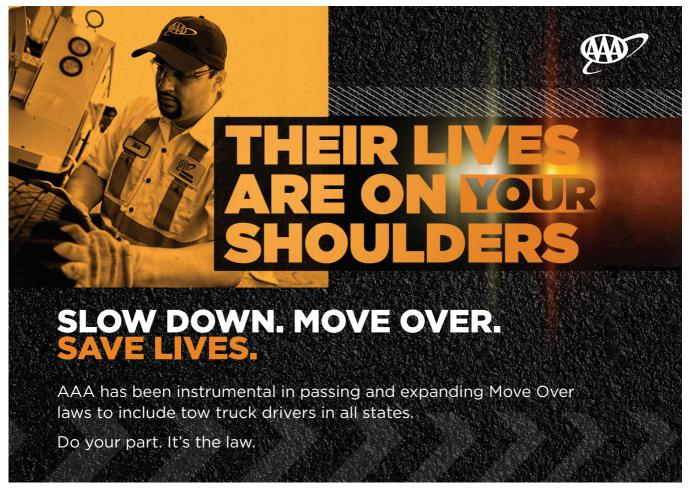
The city balances its governmental and business orientation with ample opportunities for recreation. Among several city parks offering both summer and winter sports are 20-acre White Park at Centre and Washington streets and 16-acre Merrill Park at Eastman and Carpenter streets.

**Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce:** 49 S. Main St., Suite 104, Concord, NH 03301.

**Self-guiding tours:** Concord on Foot, a tour of downtown, includes historical and architecturally interesting buildings. Brochures are available at the chamber of commerce and at the New Hampshire Historical Society for \$2

CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE—see Canterbury p. 86.

SUSAN N. MCLANE AUDUBON CENTER is at 84 Silk Farm Rd. Visitors can view wildlife and observe raptors up close. Miles of well-marked hiking trails and a large picnic area are available. In addition to serving as the headquarters of the New Hampshire Audubon, the center offers educational programs year-round. Phone: (603) 224-9909.





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## CORNISH

In the first decade of the 20th century this township on the Connecticut River gained fame as a major New England art colony. The central force behind the reputation was sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, but Maxfield Parrish and other notables in arts and letters also found a haven in the village.

About 2 miles south of Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (see attraction listing) off SR 12A is the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge, one of the longest covered bridges in the United States. Built in 1866 and 450 feet long, the bridge spans the Connecticut River and links New Hampshire to Windsor, Vt.

SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE is off SR 12A at 139 Saint-Gaudens Rd. The 1885-1907 home and studio of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens originally was a country tavern built in 1817. Complemented by formal gardens, Aspet, the Historic House, retains Saint-Gaudens' furnishings.

Other buildings include the Little Studio, which contains bas-reliefs, portraits and monuments; the New Gallery,

with casts of some of the sculptor's largest works, cameos and coin models; the Picture Gallery, where contemporary art exhibitions are displayed; and the stable, which features a collection of horse-drawn vehicles. Hiking trails wind through the 190-acre site. Concerts are held on Sundays from early July to mid-August.

Leashed dogs are allowed on the grounds. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (603) 675-2175. 🔀 😭 🚎

#### CRAWFORD NOTCH

Created when the Pleistocene ice sheet pushed through a narrow preglacial pass, majestic Crawford Notch stretches from Bartlett on the south to Saco Lake on the north. The Saco River and US 302 wind along its floor between steep, wooded Webster and Willey mountains. Behind Mount Webster rises Mount Jackson, the southernmost peak of the Presidential Range.

The scars of many landslides mark the mountainsides. In 1826 a landslide thundered down Willey Mountain, killing the fleeing family whose name the peak bears, but sparing the family's home. The event is recounted in "The

#### 92 CRAWFORD NOTCH — DOVER, NH

Ambitious Guest," one of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Twice-Told Tales." Near the site of the Willey House is the headquarters for Crawford Notch State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart), which embraces much of the notch; phone (603) 374-2272.

The Willey Slide also disrupted the Tenth New Hampshire Turnpike, one of a series of roads that laced the notch following Timothy Nash's discovery of the gap during a 1771 hunting expedition. Spurred by the governor's promise of a land grant if Nash could bring a horse through the notch, the hunter and a companion hauled the animal up and down the rocks by ropes.

As improvements made the route passable for freight traffic, the turnpike became instrumental in the opening of New Hampshire's North Country. Promptly repaired after the 1826 landslide, the road served as a channel for commerce until the railroad crossed the notch in 1875.

#### **DOVER**

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Considered the oldest permanent settlement in the state, Dover was founded in 1623 by fishermen and traders who plied the tidewaters of the Great Bay area and landed at Pomeroy Cove, now called Dover Point. By the late 1600s population growth necessitated moving the settlement from Dover Point, on SR 4 at the Piscatagua River, to its present location.

The harnessing of the Cochecho Falls' water power caused the shift from a fishing and farming economy to one based on industry. Sawmills and gristmills gave way to cotton mills when the embargoes imposed during the War of 1812 curtailed mercantile interests.

Apple Harvest Day, held the first Saturday in October, attracts more than 350 vendors and 50,000 attendees to the downtown area. The Cochecho Arts Festival, a summer-long concert series, provides a showcase for local and regional musicians.

Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center: 550 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. Phone: (603) 742-2218.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 6 Washington St., has an assortment of hands-on exhibits. Youngsters can command a yellow submarine, build and test flying machines, learn about life in the mills and experience a music matrix where they can visualize sound waves. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (603) 742-2002.









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# DURHAM

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Settled in 1635 and separated from Dover in 1732, historic Durham was the home of Maj. Gen. John Sullivan, a Revolutionary War hero and three-time governor of New Hampshire.

A tablet marks the site of the old meetinghouse where, in 1774, Sullivan and his band of Durham patriots supposedly stored the gunpowder they had taken from the British at Fort William and Mary in New Castle (see place listing p. 108). Although the British attempted to retrieve the gunpowder, the shallow river halted their frigate at Portsmouth

The ensuing century of rural and maritime activity ended in 1893. A beguest to the state removed the College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (which later became the University of New Hampshire) from Hanover, where it had been founded in association with Dartmouth College in 1866, to Durham. University and community quickly blended, and Durham assumed its role as a college town. The university's Paul Creative Arts Center is a focus for cultural activities; phone (603) 862-7222 for the ticket office.

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In 1782 two Shaker brothers from Mount Lebanon, N.Y., came to a village in the rolling woodlands near the eastern shore of Lake Mascoma. With others they formed the society that led to the establishment of Enfield, one of 19 Shaker communities to flourish in the United States. In 1793 they moved to the west side of the lake, where a permanent settlement was built.

The Enfield Shakers numbered 330 in the 1850s, but entries into the celibate order declined steadily after the Civil War. The last 10 members moved to the Canterbury society (see Canterbury Shaker Village attraction listing p. 86) in 1923.

ENFIELD SHAKER MUSEUM, 447 SR 4A, is a restored 19th-century village dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Enfield Shakers. A self-guiding walking tour includes the herb, production and community gardens; the 1854 Cow Barn; the stone mill, feast grounds and cemetery; the Great Stone Dwelling; the Ministry East/West Brethren Shops; the Mary Keane Chapel; and the laundry and dairy complex. A tour guide is available in the Great Stone Dwelling. Museum displays include Shaker artifacts and

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#### **EXETER**

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Behind the peaceful charm of Exeter at the falls of the Squamscott River lies a history of outspoken dissent. The settlement was begun in 1638 by the Rev. John Wheelwright, whose radical views and religious nonconformity led to his expulsion from Boston. Wheelwright's individualism seemed to set the tone for the community, for revolutionary attitudes and politics were characteristic from the outset.

Exeter citizenry defied Royal commands, flouted talk of liberty and burned in effigy British lords Bute and North. When the war began, it was natural that the capital was moved from Tory-controlled Portsmouth to this Patriot stronghold.

Exeter is a mixture of industry and academia; Phillips Exeter Academy, a distinguished secondary school, was founded in 1781 and has conducted classes since 1783. Another link to the town's past is its architectural heritage, which is preserved with pride.

Every October, more than 50 brewers and 20 restaurants satisfy taste buds at the Powder Keg Beer and Chili Festival; phone (603) 772-2411.

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## **FRANCONIA**

In June Franconia hosts the Celebration of Lupines, featuring afternoon teas, sporting events, arts and crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides and tours of historic homes and gardens.

FRANCONIA NOTCH

Franconia Notch is perhaps the most celebrated mountain gap in the East. A gap between the towering Kinsman and Franconia ranges, it has more scenic spots than any other White Mountain notch. It is crossed by I-93 from Echo Lake, southwest of Twin Mountain, to Lincoln.

The grandeur of the notch most likely was first seen by white settlers in the late 18th century. Its fame spread quickly, and by the mid-1800s it was a favorite tourist destination, with huge hotels to accommodate a plethora of visitors. Although the hotels no longer exist, throngs of

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visitors continue to enjoy the area's scenic and recreational aspects, many of which are within Franconia Notch State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Echo Lake is bounded by mountains on three sides. Named for the acoustical phenomenon resulting from its setting, the lake is the largest body of water in the notch and offers boating, fishing and swimming. The beach is open daily 9-6, mid-June through Labor Day; Fri.-Sun. and Memorial Day 9-6, late May to mid-June; Fri.-Sun 9-5, day after Labor Day-Columbus Day.

Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce: 421 Main St., P.O. Box 755, Franconia, NH 03580, Phone: (603) 823-5661.

CANNON MOUNTAIN AERIAL TRAMWAY, off I-93 exit 34B, extends from Valley Station to the top of Cannon Mountain. During the summer, when this popular ski mountain isn't buried in snow and swarming with skiers and snowboarders, you can hop aboard an 80passenger aerial tram car that will whisk you to the summit where you can enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys of Franconia Notch State Park and the White Mountain National Forest. Foot trails lead from the observation platform to overlooks from which, on a clear day, you can see four states and the province of Québec.

The current tramway, inaugurated in 1980, is the second to operate on this breathtaking spot. Its predecessor is said to have been the first aerial tram in North America, having made its first trip up to the 4,080-foothigh summit back in 1938.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (603) 823-8800.

THE FLUME GORGE, 852 Daniel Webster Hwy. (SR 3), at the s. end of Franconia Notch State Park, is a chasm extending nearly 800 feet along the flank of Mount Liberty. A mountain stream tumbles in a series of waterfalls and pools between its 60- to 90-foot-high granite walls. An optional shuttle bus takes visitors the first half-mile; it is then a 1.5-mile walk through the flume back to the visitor center. A well-constructed boardwalk leads through the gorge; there are, however, some steep grades. Within the flume are two covered bridges, waterfalls and cascades.

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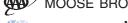
#### **GLEN**

An access point to both Franconia Notch (see place listing p. 94) and Pinkham Notch (see place listing p. 111), Glen is an important link in the chain of communities in the Mount Washington Valley. Nearby ski areas include a large cross-country skiing center.

## GORHAM

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A gateway to the Great North Woods, Gorham is home to several miles of scenic and challenging trails, including a section of the Appalachian Trail.



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## **HAMPTON**

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One of New Hampshire's earliest towns, Hampton was settled in 1638. The town first was called the Plantation of Winnacunnet. Winnacunnet is an Abenaki Indian word meaning "pleasant pines." The first tax-supported public school was established in Winnacunnet in 1649 for the education of both boys and girls. The Tuck Museum on Meeting House Green, 40 Park Ave., depicts facets of Hampton's history; phone (603) 929-0781. Across from the Green, Founders Park contains 42 stones representing the town's earliest families.

Nearby Hampton Beach buzzes with activity during the summer, reeling in tourists with its countless water activities, weekly fireworks shows, free evening concerts and fun annual events. The biggest event is the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, an extravaganza of food and crafts held on the beach the weekend after Labor Day. In June, talented sand artists participate in the Master Sand Sculpting Competition.

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#### **HANOVER**

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When Rev. Eleazar Wheelock arrived in Hanover to establish the school that was to be an experiment in spreading Christian education to the Abenaki Indians and other youth, he found a staid agricultural village of about 20 families. The purpose of the school failed so Wheelock enlarged it to include a college for the education of whites

in the classics, philosophy and literature. In 1769 and despite objections from Lord Dartmouth, the head of the British Board of Trustees, Wheelock named the school Dartmouth College. The community and the college quickly established a symbiotic relationship that continues to the present, each growing and prospering with the other.

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### HILLSBOROUGH

Hillsborough comprises several villages that feature Early American architecture, some of which is pre-Revolutionary. Stone arch bridges, built 1830-60 by Scottish stonemasons, are made from locally excavated granite. The town also was the home of the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce.

Fox State Forest, on Center Road 2 miles north, covers 1,445 wooded acres. Its 20 miles of hiking paths become

cross-country ski trails in winter; snowshoeing and snowmobiling also are available. Information about local plants and wildlife is available at headquarters; phone (603) 464-3453.

**Greater Hillsborough Area Chamber of Commerce:** 3 School St., P.O. Box 541, Hillsborough, NH 03244. Phone: (603) 464-5858.

**Self-quiding tours:** Maps for a walking tour of homes in the historic district are available at the chamber of commerce.

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## **JACKSON**

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The village of Jackson, nestled between several mountain peaks in the White Mountain National Forest, offers visitors numerous year-round recreational opportunities in a picturesque setting.

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## **JEFFERSON**

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Known locally as Jefferson Hill, Jefferson is primarily a summer resort community. From high on the flank of Mount Starr King, it commands a wide view of the Israel River Valley and the White Mountains southwest to the Franconias.

A marker just west on US 2 commemorates inventor and pioneer aeronaut Thaddeus S.C. Lowe, born nearby in 1823. During the Civil War Lowe organized and directed a Union balloon force: later he invented several important devices for use in atmospheric observation and metallurgical processing.



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#### **KEENE**

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The 1762 Wyman Tavern, 339 Main St., is one of Keene's important early buildings. In 1770 the well-known inn was the scene of the first meeting of the trustees of Dartmouth College; 5 years later Capt. Isaac Wyman led 29 Minutemen from the tavern to Lexington at the onset of the Revolutionary War. The Historical Society of Cheshire County offers seasonal tours of the tavern; phone (603) 352-1895.

Keene's industrial future was cast during the 19th century when the city became known for the production of glass and pottery. Henry Schoolcraft's flint glass bottles have become collectors' items, as has the white pottery made 1871-1926 by the Hampshire Pottery.

The Keene State College Redfern Arts Center on Brickyard Pond is the locale of plays, concerts and recitals during the academic year; phone (603) 358-2168. The restored Colonial Theatre at 95 Main St. features plays, concerts and opera as well as movies; phone (603) 357-1233.

Six covered bridges can be found on side roads off SR 10 between Keene and Winchester. Three of these bridges span the Ashuelot River: south of SR 119 at Ashuelot; east of SR 10 at West Swanzey; and a mile north of SR 32 at Swanzey Village. Still another covered bridge crosses the South Branch of the Ashuelot River east of SR 32, a half-mile south of Swanzey Village.

Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce: 48 Central Sq., Keene, NH 03431. Phone: (603) 352-1303.

Shopping: The Colony Mill Marketplace, 222 West St., is a restored woolen mill that contains a group of shops. On Main Street, visitors can find boutiques, art shops and locally owned restaurants.



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## KINSMAN NOTCH

Bather than turn back when he found that he had taken the wrong road en route to a land grant at Landaff, pioneer Asa Kinsman, his wife and two Woodstock townsmen hacked their way through the rugged intervening miles to their destination. Thus was traversed—and named—Kinsman Notch, a pass between Mount Moosilauke and the Kinsman Range.

Kinsman, like the other White Mountain notches, was deepened and widened by the Pleistocene ice sheet. As the glaciers melted and frost weakened the fractures in the north face of the notch, huge blocks of granite plunged into Lost River Gorge to form the narrow passages among which the river gets lost.

## LACONIA

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A log cabin, the first structure on the site of Laconia, was probably erected in 1766. Before then the presence of Sachem Indians had prevented settlement, although the area had been granted as early as 1727. Growth was slow until the railroad reached the community—then called Meredith Bridge-in 1848. Thereafter mills and factories proliferated, and Laconia became a trading and manufacturing center.

Paugus Bay and lakes Winnisguam and Opechee extend into Laconia's city limits, bringing opportunities for water sports. About 5 miles north is Lake Winnipesaukee. the largest lake in the state and a major resort center (see Weirs Beach p. 117).

Cultural activities are presented at the Belknap Mill, a noted center for arts and humanities. Outdoor concerts are presented in spring and summer at the grandstand next to Belknap Mill.

Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce: 383 S. Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. Phone: (603) 524-5531.

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## LANCASTER

Charming old houses create an atmosphere of the past in this busy trading center, settled in 1764 as the first town in northern New Hampshire. Its setting at the confluence of the Israel and Connecticut rivers is enhanced by the serrated Pilot Range to the northeast and the Presidential Range to the southeast. Abundant recreational activities

are available, including hiking, biking, camping, fishing, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling.

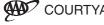
Lancaster is a waypoint along the Connecticut River Byway, a scenic, 500-mile route that traverses through more than 50 communities on both sides of the Connecticut River in New Hampshire and Vermont. Brochures and information are available at the Great North Woods Welcome Center (closed in winter), 25 Park St; phone (603) 788-3212.

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Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce: 25 Park St., P.O. Box 537, Lancaster, NH 03584. Phone: (603) 788-2530 or (877) 788-2530.

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#### LINCOLN

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Lincoln is the western terminus of one of the state's most popular scenic drives, the Kancamagus Highway (see attraction listing p. 118). It's also the place with the first widely reported alien abduction Betty and Barney Hill, in 1961; there's a marker on US 3 near Shadow Lake Lane.

With North Woodstock, its sister community across the Pemigewasset River, Lincoln serves those who visit the nearby recreational developments. The North Country Center for the Arts offers year-round productions at Jean's Playhouse: phone (603) 745-6032 for information or (603) 745-2141 for tickets.

In September the New Hampshire Highland Games, featuring Scottish music, dancing and athletic competitions, is held at Loon Mountain Resort.

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## LITTLETON

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Prior to the Civil War Littleton was a station on the branch of the Underground Railroad that led northward to Vermont and Canada. It is now better known as a resort center and stopover for travelers bound for the White Mountains.

The Ammonoosuc River's 235-foot descent through Littleton was the catalyst for the city's transformation into a manufacturing and commercial center. The job of energy production now falls to Moore Station, a hydroelectric plant on the Connecticut River, 8 miles west on SR 18. One of New England's largest such projects, it impounds Moore Reservoir (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce: 107 Main St., Littleton, NH 03561. Phone: (603) 444-6561.

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# MANCHESTER

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Logging helped to sustain early settlers in Manchester, and by 1810 the first cotton and woolen mills were in operation. The village was on its way to becoming the American counterpart of its British namesake, then the largest textile producing city in the world. In 1831 a group of Boston financiers bailed out a struggling cotton mill called the Amoskeag Cotton and Woolen Factory and reincorporated it as the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.

Nearly 5 million yards of cloth were shipped each week from the brick mills, which employed thousands of workers and covered more than 8 million square feet. The mills thrived until the 1920s when a combination of stresses on the industry such as obsolete machinery, labor unrest and strong competition from the South, sapped its strength. In 1935 Amoskeag filed for bankruptcy and the mills fell silent.

But Manchester was not doomed to obscurity. A group of local businessmen pooled \$5 million, purchased the mile-long ranks of mills and reactivated them with a diversified array of industries. Manchester is the state's industrial giant as well as its largest city and the home of nearly 10 percent of its population.

Just as the mills and the company houses have new tenants, so does the fully restored 1915 Palace Theatre at 80 Hanover St. Known for its excellent acoustics and large stage, the theater hosts performances by the New Hampshire Philharmonic, the Opera League of New Hampshire and the theater's own professional company; phone (603) 668-5588.

Manchester also is noted for its association with Gen. John Stark, who was born in Londonderry in 1728 and moved with his family to Derryfield—now Manchester—

when he was 8. Stark fought the Abenaki Indians with Maj. William Rogers and his Rogers' Rangers, a backwoods fighting team that is considered the forerunner of today's Army Rangers. Stark died in 1822, having outlived every Patriot general except Marquis de Lafayette. His childhood home stands at 2000 Elm St.; his grave is in Stark Park, off N. River Road overlooking the river.

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce: 54 Hanover St., Manchester, NH 03101. Phone: (603) 666-6600.

**Shopping:** The Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St., features JCPenney, Macy's and Sears. Elm Street and Hanover Street in downtown boast dozens of locally owned shops.

THE CURRIER MUSEUM OF ART, 150 Ash St., is in a 1929 Beaux Arts building reminiscent of an Italian Renaissance palace, as well as in a complementary modern addition. The museum showcases an internationally respected collection of European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 14th century to the present.

The collection, which also can be explored online, contains more than 15,000 objects representing nearly every medium including architecture. Highlights include works by Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, Frank Stella and Andrew Wyeth. American furniture and works by New Hampshire artists and craftsmen also are on view.

The museum also is home to two Frank Lloyd Wright homes accessible by guided tours. Built in the 1950s, the Kalil House: A Usonian Automatic and the Zimmerman House express two similar visions using contrasting materials. The museum features changing exhibitions, lectures, classes and concerts.

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Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (603) 669-6144. **TI** 

**Zimmerman House** is reached by van from The Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. Frank Lloyd Wright designed the house, the interiors, all the furniture, the gardens and even the mailbox. Built for Isadore J. and Lucille Zimmerman in 1950, the structure is one of Wright's Usonian houses and is the only Wright home open to the public in New England. Available for viewing by guided tour only; reservations required. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (603) 669-6144. **GT** 

SEE SCIENCE CENTER, 200 Bedford St., has interactive exhibits that focus on a variety of topics including electricity, momentum, light and gravity. The LEGO Millyard exhibit features more than 3 million LEGO bricks. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (603) 669-0400.

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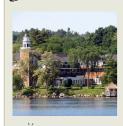
SAVE Hotel. Address: 135 Spring St 03101.

## MEREDITH

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MILL FALLS AT THE LAKE BOOK NOW 603/279-7006



HREE DIAMOND **INSPECTED @** CLEAN Hotel. Address: 312 Daniel Webster Hwy 03253. Location: Waterfront. Facility: 172 units, some cottages. 4 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Amenities: Some: safes. Dining: 4 restaurants. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: hot tub, steamroom, self-propelled boats, boat dock, fishing, ice skating, lawn sports, exercise room, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry.





























## MERRIMACK • Hotels p. 107

ANHEUSER-BUSCH LLC is e. off Everett Tpke. exit 10 at 221 Daniel Webster Hwy. Tours include a visit to the brew hall, cold cellars, sampling room, packaging facilities and Clydesdale stables. Behind-the-scenes Beermaster Tours include a visit to the brewhouse, hop room, primary fermentation cellar, lager cellar, packaging facility, quality assurance room and finishing cellar. Beermaster Tours and Day Fresh Tours include a beer sample directly from a finishing tank.

**Note:** Pants and closed-toe shoes are required for the Beermaster Tour. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (603) 595-1202. GT

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Hotel. Address: 4 Amherst Rd 03054.

## MOUNT WASHINGTON

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At 6,288 feet, Mount Washington, in the Presidential Range of the White Mountains, is the Northeast's highest peak. The weather at its summit rivals that of Antarctica: the average annual temperature is below freezing. Fifteen feet of snow is the winter norm, and summer temperatures rarely exceed 72 F. The highest wind velocity ever recorded—231 mph—occurred in April 1934.

Conditions can change in minutes from balmy to subfreezing. Nevertheless, in clear weather, the summit rewards visitors with a panorama that includes the Atlantic Ocean, Maine, New Hampshire, Québec and Vermont,



#### **NASHUA**

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New Hampshire's second most populous city, located at the confluence of the Merrimack and Nashua rivers, has a history dating to the 1650s. Way back then it was known as Dunstable, founded as a fur-trading settlement. Like other New England riverfront towns, Nashua's 19thcentury development was fueled by textile mills running on water power—an industry that today is only a historical footnote.

Mine Falls Park, a green retreat in the heart of downtown, has forest and wetland habitats where visitors hike, bike and fish during the summer and go cross-country skiing in winter. The Nashua Canal Trail follows a 3-milelong canal, dug by hand in the 1880s, through a lush wooded setting along the Nashua River. The park has several access points; take US 3 (Everett Turnpike) to exit 5W (SR 111/W. Hollis Street); proceed west to Riverside Street and follow signs to the parking areas.



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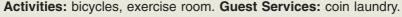
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#### **NEWBURY**

Beginning the first Saturday in August, Newbury's 9-day League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair is said to be the oldest craft fair in the country; phone (603) 224-3375.

## **NEW CASTLE**

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Narrow streets with old houses flush to the curbs lend a Colonial air to New Castle, founded as a fishing village on Great Island in the late 1600s. To the east of the square

is a historic site containing the remnants of Fort Constitution, the site of the first overt acts of rebellion against the British Crown.

Originally Fort Constitution was the British stronghold Fort William and Mary. On Dec. 14, 1774, following a littleknown warning ride by Paul Revere, Portsmouth's Sons of Liberty, accompanied by Durham and New Castle patriots, captured the fort and seized the British powder and arms. Stored in Durham (see place listing p. 93), the munitions were used against the British 4 months later at the battle of Bunker Hill.

President Theodore Roosevelt won a Nobel Peace Prize for work done in New Castle. In 1905 he negotiated the Treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Russo-Japanese War.

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Historic Hotel. Address: 588 Wentworth Rd 03854.



FOUR DIAMOND

## **NORTH CONWAY**

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So taken was he with the view of Mount Washington from North Conway's main street that artist Benjamin Champney set up his easel in the middle of the road in August 1850 and painted the scene. Subsequently he and other artists depicted Thompson's Falls and many other nearby spots. Champney supposedly sold several of his New Hampshire landscapes to a chromolithograph company that circulated reproductions.

As the commercial center of the Mount Washington Valley recreation area, the community thrives on a yearround throng of visitors who come not only for outdoor sports and sightseeing, but also for dining, shopping and nightlife.

Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce: 2617 Main St., P.O. Box 2300, North Conway, NH 03860. Phone: (603) 356-5701, or (800) 367-3364 out of N.H.

**Shopping:** Bargain hunters enjoy Main Street, where the L.L. Bean Shopping Center, Red Barn Factory Stores, Settler's Green and White Mountain Outlets feature such stores as Brooks Brothers, Eddie Bauer, Nautica and Ralph Lauren.

MOUNT WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY WEATHER **DISCOVERY CENTER** is at 2779 White Mountain Hwv. Interactive exhibits explore the science of climate and weather. Visitors can speak with meteorologists at the Mount Washington summit, forecast the weather in a mock television studio, and learn how tornadoes form. Mount Washington is said to have some of the world's most extreme weather, and the observatory plays an important role in recording and researching atmospheric conditions.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (603) 356-2137. 

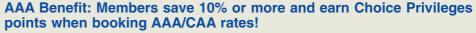


## COMFORT INN & SUITES NORTH CONWAY

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Hotel. Address: 2001 White Mountain Hwy 03860. Facility: 58 units. 3 stories, interior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: coin laundry.

























Hotel. **Address:** 2955 White Mountain Hwy 03860.



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## 110 NORTH CONWAY — NORTH WOODSTOCK, NH



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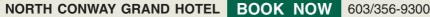


MERRILL FARM RESORT

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Hotel. Address: 72 Common Ct 03860. Facility: 200 units. 4 stories, interior corridors.

Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, ice skating, recreation programs in summer, playground, game

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## NORTH WOODSTOCK

Western White Mountains Chamber of Commerce: 126 Main St., North Woodstock, NH 03262. Phone: (603) 745-6621.

LOST RIVER GORGE & BOULDER CAVES is at 1712 Lost River Rd. (SR 112). Thousands of years ago, the water from melting glaciers scoured out this 300feet-deep gorge. As centuries passed, water seeped into cracks within the walls, expanded as it froze and split away massive blocks of granite that tumbled into the



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gorge, stacking up and hiding the river in places—hence the name "Lost."

But you won't get lost as you explore this heavily wooded setting thanks to a wide loop trail of gravel paths, wooden boardwalks and more stairs than you'd want to count. You'll have postcard-worthy views of the river as it cascades over, around and under the huge, mosscovered boulders. If you're up to it, and don't mind confined spaces and a little dirt, you can clamber down ladders into lantern-lit caves among the rocks with colorful names like Judgment Hall of Pluto, Devil's Kitchen, Cave of Odin, the Dungeon and, if you dare, the Lemon Squeezer.

Informative signs along the way describe various features of the gorge, and platforms and benches offer spots beneath the maple and birch trees where you can pause to catch your breath. A forest boardwalk trail leads visitors across a covered bridge to a tree house and a suspension bridge over the upper gorge.

The self-guided boardwalk trail through the gorge covers 1 mile, includes over 1,000 stairs, and takes roughly 60 to 90 minutes to complete; sturdy walking shoes are advised. The boulder caves can be individually bypassed. Note: Baby strollers, wheelchairs and dogs are not allowed in the gorge. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (603) 745-8031. **GT** 

## **PETERBOROUGH**

Peterborough and the arts have been virtually synonymous since the late 19th century. In 1907 composer Edward MacDowell decided to share with other artists the peace and inspiration he had found at his nearby woodland retreat. Although he died the next year, the Mac-Dowell Colony flourished. Pulitzer Prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships and many other international awards have been bestowed upon painters, sculptors, printmakers, filmmakers, writers and composers who have worked in Peterborough.

Because the colony closely guards the privacy of its resident artists, only Colony Hall and MacDowell's gravesite are accessible to the public; phone (603) 924-3886.

Nearly as venerable is the Peterborough Players, a professional summer theater company that performs in a theater within a converted 18th-century barn at Stearns Farm, just 3 miles from downtown at 55 Hadley Rd.; phone (603) 924-7585.

Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce: 10 Wilton Rd. (SR 101), P.O. Box 401, Peterborough, NH 03458. Phone: (603) 924-7234.

# PINKHAM NOTCH SCENIC AREA

Walled by the Presidential Range on the west and by Mount Moriah, North Carter Mountain, Carter Dome and other mountains on the east. Pinkham Notch is one of the easternmost of the New Hampshire White Mountain notches.

In 1790 Joseph Pinkham, whose name was bestowed on the notch, allegedly brought his possessions to his new home via pig-drawn sled. The rough trace that Pinkham and his companions followed has since evolved into scenic SR 16, which threads through the pass between Jackson and Gorham. On the south slope the road parallels the Ellis River and offers access to such spots as Glen Ellis Falls and Crystal Cascade along the Tuckerman Ravine Trail.

The ravine's sheer west wall challenges expert downhill skiers. The notch and its attractions are within the White Mountain National Forest.

A visitor center on SR 16 between North Conway and Gorham is sponsored by the Appalachian Mountain Club. The center offers hikers and other travelers trail and weather information, food, educational displays about outdoor recreation in the White Mountains, free guided walks and evening lectures; phone (603) 466-2721.

## **PLYMOUTH**

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## **PORTSMOUTH**

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To their delight, when the sea-weary travelers on the *Pied Cow* disembarked on the west bank of the *Piscataqua River* in 1630, they found the ground covered with wild strawberries. Thus was founded and named Strawbery Banke, the little settlement that took root around a tidal inlet and grew into the seaport of Portsmouth.

The passengers on the *Pied Cow* were not the first to settle in the area. In 1623 members of the Laconia Co. had come to the Piscataqua to establish a plantation and fishery. Part of the group continued upriver to Dover. The remainder settled at Odiorne Point, 2 miles east of Portsmouth, where they built the first house in New Hampshire. Odiorne Point is a state park that preserves an area little changed in the last 3 centuries (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Strawbery Banke, however, changed greatly. Fishing and farming sustained residents at first, but the ready supply of good timber and an excellent harbor soon engaged them in shipbuilding. Portsmouth—the name was changed in 1653—began attracting the merchant class in large numbers.

The community also served as the seat of the provincial government. As a center of political activity and a vital trade circuit that linked it with Great Britain and the West Indies, Portsmouth naturally was the focus of many Patriot vs. Tory confrontations prior to the Revolutionary War. British ammunition and stores taken from Fort William and Mary by Portsmouth patriots on Dec. 14, 1774, were used in the first battles of the revolution.

Private shipbuilding reached its apex in the early 19th century, producing many of the swift clipper ships that graced the sea. Two of America's first warships, the Ranger and the America, were built in Portsmouth Harbor under the direction of John Paul Jones. Thereafter, shipping and shipbuilding declined as steamships and the competing Massachusetts ports gained popularity.

In 1800 the historic U.S. Navy Yard on Seavey's Island (see Kittery, Maine, p. 52) became the impetus behind Portsmouth's economy, since augmented by diversified industry and a healthy summer resort trade.

Portsmouth's history is documented in many restored buildings and neighborhoods. Colonial structures as well as the finely detailed houses built by wealthy 19th-century sea captains line the narrow, winding streets of these sections.

The Old Harbor area at Bow and Ceres streets once was the focus of a thriving mercantile seaport; craft shops, restaurants and boutiques now occupy its chandleries and warehouses. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, an all-year equity theater, is in a renovated brewery at 125 Bow St.; phone (603) 433-4472 for tickets.

Similarly the 14 Federal and Georgian buildings of The Hill, at Deer and High streets, have been refurbished and now are used as offices. Seven of the structures were erected during or before the Revolutionary War. Across Mechanic Street from Prescott Park is the city's oldest cemetery, Point of Graves, which contains gravestones dating from 1682.

The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St., is a beautifully restored Victorian-era theater with a striking Beaux Arts lobby and an ornate auditorium. Just around the corner at 131 Congress St. is the theater's sister venue, The Music Hall Loft, a trendy, intimate space offering the same menu of plays, movies, concerts and literary events. Phone (603) 436-2400 for the box office.

The Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth: 500 Market St., P.O. Box 239, Portsmouth, NH 03802. Phone: (603) 610-5510.

**STRAWBERY BANKE MUSEUM** is bounded by Marcy, Court, Washington and Hancock sts. The 10-acre historic waterfront neighborhood offers eight gardens and more than 30 buildings from the period 1695-1955, with costumed role-players and traditional craft demonstrations.

The 1777 William Pitt Tavern, 1780 Wheelwright House, 1795 Drisco House, 1815 Chase House, 1830 Rider-Wood House, 1872 Goodwin Mansion and 1919 Shapiro House have been restored and furnished in different periods to show the changes in lifestyle and architectural fashion over 350 years. The boyhood home of editor and author Thomas Bailey Aldrich, known as the Nutter House to readers of his book "The Story of a Bad Boy," is another highlight.

Information about self-guiding tours, guided walking tours and holiday events is available at the Tyco Visitor Center at 14 Hancock St. An outdoor skating rink is open daily 9-9 December 1 through February. Special events and programs are offered year-round.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (603) 433-1100, or (603) 433-1107 for the visitor center. **GT**  $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ 

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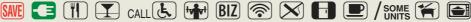


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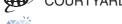












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Hotel. Address: 23 Portwalk Pl 03801. Facility: 120 units. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.

































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Services: coin laundry. GAVE









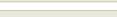












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Extended Stay Contemporary Hotel. Address: 100 Deer St 03801. Facility: 128 efficiencies. 5 stories, interior corridors. Parking: valet only. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Pool: heated indoor. Activities: exercise room. Guest Services: valet and coin laundry.



























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SAVE Hotel. Address: 250 Market St 03801.

## ROCHESTER

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Hotel. Address: 77 Farmington Rd 03867.

## SALEM

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SAVE AMERICA'S STONEHENGE, 5 mi. e. of I-93 exit 3 on SR 111, then 1 mi. s. to 105 Haverhill Rd., encompasses prehistoric stone structures proven by carbon dating to form the oldest known megalithic site on this continent. Continuing research indicates the site may be 4,000 years old; inscriptions deciphered offer possible evidence that Celt-Iberians used this site from about 800 to 300 B.C. Inscriptions are displayed and reading material is available as well a mobile app with an audio tour. Five alpacas are on the premises.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (603) 893-8300.

CANOBIE LAKE PARK is .2 mi. e., then 1 mi. n. of I-93 exit 2 to 85 N. Policy St. The amusement park offers more than 85 rides, games and activities and features live entertainment. Highlights include three roller coasters, a giant sky wheel, an 1890s carousel with hand-carved horses, a lake cruise, a log flume water ride, a water coaster and an interactive water-play complex. During the park's annual SCREEEMFEST in October, visitors can brave haunted houses, play Halloween-themed games and sample seasonal foods in addition to enjoying the park's regular ride offerings.

Time: Allow 4 hours minimum. Phone: (603) 893-3506. 

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## SUNAPEE

Sunapee is one of several resort communities that line many-lobed, 10-square-mile Lake Sunapee. A vacation spot since the mid-19th century, the area affords a variety of year-round outdoor recreation. Located in west-central New Hampshire, the locale should not be confused with the "Lakes Region," located in the eastern part of the state. The lake's name is derived from a Penacook Indian word believed to mean "goose lake." Boat cruises may be taken on the lake.

During the 1860s Sunapee seemed to attract residents with a flair for invention. In 1868 John Smith devised a machine that permitted the local clothespin factory—a major industry at the time—to produce 125 finished clothespins per minute.

The following year, after a decade of study, Enos Clough drove a horseless carriage throughout the area, but its tendency to terrify horses resulted in its being banned. Clough sold the contraption to a Laconia man who ran it into a fence; the engine was finally installed in a boat.

Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce: 328 Main St., P.O. Box 532, New London, NH 03257. Phone: (603) 526-6575 or (877) 526-6575.

## TILTON

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Shopping: Tanger Outlets, just n. on US 3 from I-93 exit 20 at 120 Laconia Rd., features stores such as American Eagle Outfitters, Nike Factory Store, Tommy Hilfiger and Under Armour.

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## WARNER

A quiet agricultural village with a few structures dating from the late 1700s, Warner was the birthplace of three of New Hampshire's governors.

MT. KEARSARGE INDIAN MUSEUM, off I-89 exit 8N, 1 mi. e. on SR 103, then 1 mi. n. on Kearsarge Mountain

Rd., depicts the culture and heritage of Native Americans. An 8-minute video introduces visitors to the museum, thereafter they may embark on a self-guiding tour of exhibits featuring baskets, canoes, quillwork, beadwork and other artifacts. The adjacent Medicine Woods area offers a walking tour of 2 acres of plants, shrubs and trees used



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by various tribes for food, medicine and dyes. An art gallery features rotating exhibits of contemporary work.

Phone: (603) 456-2600. GT

## **WEIRS BEACH**

A boardwalk, waterslide, weekly fireworks displays, yachting, fishing, swimming and other water sports are among the diversions at Weirs Beach, New Hampshire's inland version of a seaside resort.

Weirs Beach lies on the shore of Lake Winnipesaukee. Its name is thought to mean "Smile of the Great Spirit." The title is apt, for island-studded Winnipesaukee is considered one of the most picturesque lakes in the state. It also is the largest; the many bays and deep coves create a 283-mile shoreline.

Endicott Rock, a large boulder, was marked by emissaries of Gov. John Endicott of Massachusetts Colony. Proceeding 3 miles north, they established the northern boundary of Massachusetts, a line that held until the separation of New Hampshire and Massachusetts in 1740.

## WHITEFIELD

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# WHITE MOUNTAINS AND WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 440 ft. south of Deer Hill near Colton Brook to 6,288 ft. on Mount Washington. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

North of New Hampshire's central plateau, the White Mountains rise in dramatic relief, cloaked with forests and laced with streams. Among the ranges and ridges are the highest mountains in the Northeast, the Presidential Range, which culminate in the bare granite summit of 6,288-foot Mount Washington (see place listing p. 107). Mounts Adams, Jefferson, Monroe and Madison also exceed 5,000 feet in elevation.

Passes known as notches pierce the uplift; Crawford, Franconia, Kinsman and Pinkham notches provide some of the best scenic features in the state. More than 800,000 acres of the region lie within the White Mountain National Forest, which extends into Maine.

The names of several mountains in the southern section of the forest commemorate some of the state's best-known Native Americans. Mount Passaconaway honors the chieftain who united 17 tribes into the Penacook Confederacy in the mid-17th century. Mount Kancamagus remembers Passaconaway's grandson Kancamagus, the

last sagamore of the confederacy, who strove for peace with white settlers until he was provoked to attack Dover in 1689.

Because the White Mountains are as noted for outdoor recreation—particularly skiing and hiking—as for their beauty, they are one of the nation's most heavily used forest areas. Some of the ski resorts are world renowned. In summer anglers ply the rivers for several species of trout, and campers take advantage of the numerous campgrounds.

From spring through late fall the extensive network of trails, including the Appalachian Trail along the mountains' spine, lures hikers and backpackers. Many places, such as the Great Gulf Wilderness, are accessible only on foot. Only experienced back-country travelers thoroughly familiar with the terrain and weather should attempt the higher elevations—in any season.

There are visitor information centers at the Pemigewasset Ranger Station, 71 White Mountain Dr. in Campton, phone (603) 536-6100; at the Saco Ranger Station, 33 Kancamagus Highway (SR 112) near Conway, phone (603) 447-5448; and at the Androscoggin Ranger Station, 300 Glen Rd. in Gorham, phone (603) 466-2713. White Mountains Visitor Center, 200 Kancamagus Hwy. (SR 112) in North Woodstock, is open daily 9-3:30, late May-late Oct. and Fri.-Sun. 9-3:30, rest of year; phone (603) 745-3816.

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For further information phone (603) 536-6100 or TTY (603) 536-3665. See Recreation Areas Chart.

KANCAMAGUS HIGHWAY (SR 112), traverses the forest between Conway and Lincoln. It follows the Swift River Valley, passing Rocky Gorge Scenic Area, old Passaconaway and Sabbaday Falls. After crossing 2,860-foot Kancamagus Pass, the highway drops into the Pemigewasset Valley. Overlooks, picnic sites and campgrounds are scattered along the 34.5-mile route.

Self-guiding trails are near Covered Bridge Campground and at the Russell Colbath Historic Site, 12 miles from Conway near the junction with Bear Notch Road, which leads to Bartlett (see place listing p. 84). About 1.5 miles west of Lincoln (see place listing p. 101) is the White Mountains Visitor Center, which dispenses recreation information year-round. Seasonal interpretive programs and brochures detailing the history of the area are available. **Phone:** (603) 447-5448 for the Saco Visitor Center, or (603) 745-3816 for the White Mountains Visitor Center.

WOLFEBORO

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Known as one of the oldest summer resorts in America, Wolfeboro attained this status in 1768 when Gov. John

Wentworth of Massachusetts built the country's first summer home. A marker at the site, 5 miles east on SR 109, commemorates the estate. By the time the governor's manor house burned in 1820, it was no longer unique. Summer homes and resorts now line Lake Wentworth and the southeastern shore of Lake Winnipesaukee. Although it has an air of sedate venerability, modern Wolfeboro is a major lake port.

**Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce:** 32 Central Ave., P.O. Box 547, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. **Phone:** (603) 569-2200 or (800) 516-5324.

THE WRIGHT MUSEUM OF WORLD WAR II, n.w. of jct. SRs 109 and 28 at 77 Center St., displays memorabilia of the U.S. home front 1939-45. Exhibits illustrate details of American life as well as major events of World War II as they unfolded in Europe and the Pacific. An extensive collection of vehicles, equipment, clothing and other relics is on permanent display and enhanced by music and news broadcasts of the period, film clips and vintage periodicals.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (603) 569-1212.



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Samuel de Champlain, the French explorer who in 1609 visited what is now Vermont, called it *les verts mont*—"green mountains"—after the lush ridges that form the spine of the state. Visit Vermont and you'll discover its namesake hue just about everywhere.

Take the Green Mountains and Green Mountain National Forest in central Vermont: From a distance, peaks appear swathed in deep blue-green, the palette of balsam, hemlock and white pine trees.

Maple trees adorned with emerald, five-fingered leaves contribute to the state's maple syrup production. Light green apples hang on orchard trees throughout the state in late summer, awaiting harvest. Fields of kelly green crops display the state's green thumb.

Rainbow-colored hot air balloons float over dark green valleys and aqua lakes. And various shades of green can be found stitched or woven into quilts, baskets and other Vermont handicrafts.

#### The Green Mountain State

In an attic, an elderly woman discovers a book containing portraits of the "Green Mountain State." Images fill her head as she recalls her childhood in Vermont. Deciding to revisit a pleasant past, she dusts off the cover and cracks the binding.

Page one: A stark white steeple pierces the deep blue sky. Lofty, green-leafed trees surround the church.

It's summer in Stowe, and Mount Mansfield, the

state's tallest peak, keeps watch over the town. The outline of the mountain resembles a face, so much so that it's easy to make out the formations locals call the Forehead, Nose and Chin.

The woman sips her tea and flips to page 11: A light blue truck is parked under a red covered bridge. Bands of soft light filter through the wooden lattice on one side wall, and the outlines of two lip-locked lovers can be seen in the glow of the setting sun.

Page 14: Light from a full moon cloaked in clouds casts a violet glow over a field quilted in white.

She clutches the afghan around her shoulders and turns to page 16. Buckets are crookedly attached to the trunks of sugar maple trees, tapped to catch oozing sap in spring. Page 17 shows beige, gallon-sized jugs filled with the sugary stuff lining a shelf.

Flames of fall color dominate pages 20 and 21. She can easily distinguish the softwoods from the hardwoods in a photograph of Green Mountain National Forest. Softwoods remain a deep green, while the leaves on oak, maple, beech, ash and cherry trees showcase the same hues as school buses, blackberries, pumpkins and rosy lips.

Next, a father searches for the perfect pick off an apple tree while his son slyly taste-tests those already in the bucket. The flush of the boy's cheeks matches

the red of the apples, and the scene calls to mind a Norman Rockwell painting—the artist lived in Arlington 1939-53 and used many townsfolk as models.

She flips to page 26: The granite spire of the Bennington Battle Monument reaches 306 feet into the cloudless sky. The monument honors the 1777 defeat of the British forces at this site by the Green Mountain boys, a Vermont militia group.

Turning to the last page, she is greeted by the gaptoothed grins of two young girls. Their fingers are covered with dripping ice cream, their faces a sticky delight. The sugar cone wrappers display "Ben & Jerry's" in trademark bubble letters, and one of the girls' shirts reads "I loVERMONT."

As she slowly closes the book, she can't think of a reason not to love Vermont.

#### Recreation

Mogul maniacs hit the slopes at Killington/Pico (the "Beast of the East"); Mount Snow; Stratton, known as the birthplace of snowboarding; Bromley in Manchester Center; Okemo in Ludlow; Sugarbush in Warren; Mad River Glen in Waitsfield; Stowe; Smugglers' Notch Resort in Jeffersonville; Burke Mountain in East Burke; and Bolton Valley.

Snowmobiling on more than 1,800 miles of well-marked "corridor" throughout the state heats up winter chills. Cross-country skiing trails are at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home in Manchester Village; Prospect Mountain; and Viking and Wild Wings, both near Arlington.

But Vermont is versatile. Hiking and biking trails also accommodate cross-country skiers and snowmobilers; fishing and boating become ice fishing and ice boating in winter; and ski slopes run alpine slides in summer.

Biking is best in central Vermont's Green Mountains. In fall, blueberries grow on wild bushes that crowd the Hogback Mountain Trail on the south side of Hogback Mountain.

For another good Green Mountains ride, head to Ripton and catch the Natural Turnpike, a 23-mile paved path that circles to South Lincoln and offers a great view of Mount Abraham. Linking to the Natural Turnpike is Steammill Road, where you may glimpse moose relaxing near a former steam mill.

Hikers love Camel's Hump Trail. Crossing brooks and passing stands of birch trees, it runs between Burlington and Montpelier. Aptly named, the 270-mile Long Trail ascends to the Camel's Hump summit. In Mount Mansfield State Forest, numerous paths lead trekkers to the Chin of Mount Mansfield for a spectacular 360-degree panorama. The famed Appalachian Trail meanders along the Green Mountains' crown; continue south at Shelburne Pass to intersect with the lower portion of the Long Trail.

Put the wind in your sails on expansive Lake Champlain. More than 400 other freshwater lakes— especially Lake Seymour, Lake Willoughby, and Caspian and Crystal lakes in the north—are also good places to row a boat.

Rafters and canoeists put in and paddle the waters of the Connecticut, Batten Kill and White rivers. Otter Creek, the longest river in the state, provides a good view of the Green Mountains. The Winooski River starts at Montpelier and runs 58 miles through deep Winooski Gorge, around dams and eventually to Lake Champlain.

Maple trees are tapped to catch oozing sap in spring / © iStockphoto.com /



## **GOOD FACTS TO KNOW**

## **ABOUT THE STATE**

**POPULATION:** 643.077.

AREA: 9,616 square miles; ranks 45th.

**CAPITAL:** Montpelier.

**HIGHEST POINT:** 4,393 ft., Mount Mansfield. **LOWEST POINT:** 95 ft., Lake Champlain.

TIME ZONE(S): Eastern. DST.

#### **GAMBLING**

**MINIMUM AGE FOR GAMBLING: 18.** 

#### **REGULATIONS**

**TEEN DRIVING LAWS:** No passengers are allowed for the first 3 months without a licensed parent, guardian or other licensed adult age 25 or older. No passengers, except for immediate family (of any age), are allowed for the following 3 months. The minimum age for an unrestricted driver's license is 16 years, 6 months. Phone (802) 828-2000 for more information about Vermont driver's license regulations.

**SEAT BELT/CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS:** Seat belts are required for driver and all passengers ages 18 and over. Children ages 8-17 are required to use a seat belt or child restraint. Child restraints are required for children under age 8; children under age 1 or less than 20 lbs. are required to be in a rear-facing child restraint. AAA recommends the use of seat belts and appropriate child restraints for the driver and all passengers.

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**HELMETS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS:** Required for all riders.

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**MOVE OVER LAW:** Driver must slow down and vacate the lane nearest stopped police, fire, rescue and tow truck vehicles using audible or flashing signals.

**FIREARMS LAWS:** Vary by state and/or county. Contact the Vermont State Police Headquarters, 45 State Dr., Waterbury, VT 05671; phone (802) 244-7345.

#### **HOLIDAYS**

**HOLIDAYS:** New Year's Day, Jan. 1 ● Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. (3rd Mon.) ● Washington's Birthday/Presidents Day, Feb. (3rd Mon.) ● Town Meeting Day, Mar. (1st Tues.) ● Memorial Day, May (4th Mon.) ● July 4 ● Bennington Battle Day,

Aug. 16 ● Labor Day, Sept. (1st Mon.) ● Veterans Day, Nov. 11 ● Thanksgiving, Nov. (4th Thurs.) ● Christmas, Dec. 25.

## MONEY

**TAXES:** Vermont's statewide sales tax is 6 percent. Municipalities may impose an additional 1 percent sales tax for a maximum combined tax of 7 percent. There is a 9 percent lodgings, restaurant and car rental tax (with an additional 1 percent local sales tax in certain cities).

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION CENTERS:** Year-round welcome centers are open in Montpelier (daily 8-8) ● on I-91 near the Canadian border at Derby Line ● on SR 4A at Fair Haven ● on I-91 at Guilford ● on I-93 at Lower Waterford ● and on I-91 at Lyndonville.

State and visitor information booths, open during the summer, are in Alburgh ● Barre ● Bellows Falls ● Bennington ● Brandon

- Brattleboro Bristol Burlington Castleton Chester
- Hardwick Island Pond Jeffersonville Killington Ludlow
- Manchester Middlebury Montpelier Quechee Randolph Rutland St. Albans St. Johnsbury Swanton
- Vergennes Waitsfield Wells River White River Junction
- Wilmington and Woodstock.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION FOR VISITORS:**

Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing 1 National Life Dr., 6th floor Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

(802) 828-3237 (800) 837-6668

#### **NATIONAL FOREST INFORMATION:**

Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest 231 N. Main St. Rutland, VT 05701 (802) 747-6700

## FISHING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS:

Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife 1 National Life Dr., Davis 2 Montpelier, VT 05620 (802) 828-1190 (licenses) (802) 828-1000

#### **RECREATION INFORMATION:**

State of Vermont Parks and Reservations 1 National Life Dr., Davis 2 Montpelier, VT 05620 (802) 828-1534 (Commissioner) (802) 522-0730 (Business Office) (888) 409-7579 (Reservations)



## **Recreation Areas Chart**

Shaded columns below indicate available services and activities.



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<b>Green Mountain</b> 420,000 acres. South-central Vermont. Cross-country and downhill skiing, horseback riding, hunting, snowboarding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing.													
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North Hartland Lake 1 mi. n. of North Hartland off US 5. Canoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing; playground. Non-motorized boats only.													
North Springfield Lake 1,361 acres .5 mi. n.e. of North Springfield off SR 106. Cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing. Canoes and flat-bottomed boats only.													
<b>Townshend Lake</b> 6 mi. n. of Townshend on SR 30. Cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, snowshoeing.													
<b>Union Village Dam</b> 5 mi. s. of Thetford Center on SR 132. Cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling.													
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<b>Bomoseen</b> 3,576 acres (two areas) .5 mi. n. of West Castleton. Historic. Beach, nature center, nature trails.													
<b>Branbury</b> 64 acres 3 mi. e. of Salisbury off US 7 on SR 53. Beach, nature center, nature trails, playground, waterfalls.													
<b>Brighton</b> 610 acres 2 mi. e. of Island Pond off SR 105. Amphitheater, beach, nature center, nature trails, theater. Pets allowed in campground only.													
<b>Burton Island</b> 253 acres in Lake Champlain; access by boat only from Kamp Kill Kare State Park. Marina, nature center, nature trails.													

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Camp Plymouth 295 acres off SR 100 n. of Ludlow. Beach.														
<b>Coolidge</b> 21,416 acres 2 mi. n. of Plymouth via SR 100A. Snowmobiling; nature center, playground.														
Crystal Lake 16 acres in Barton on SR 16. Beach, playground.														
<b>D.A.R.</b> 95 acres 1 mi. n. of Chimney Point on SR 17. Bird-watching, sailing.														
Elmore 700 acres at Elmore on SR 12. Beach, playground.														
<b>Emerald Lake</b> 430 acres at North Dorset on US 7. Historic. Beach, cemetery, nature center, nature trails, playground. Non-motorized boats only.														
<b>Gifford Woods</b> 285 acres 2 mi. n. of Killington on SR 100.														
<b>Grand Isle</b> 226 acres 5 mi. n. of South Hero off US 2. Nature center, playground.														
<b>Groton State Forest</b> 26,175 acres (seven areas) midway between Montpelier and St. Johnsbury. Snowmobiling.														
Half Moon Pond 50 acres 10 mi. n.w. of Castleton off SR 30. Beach, nature programs, nature trails, playground. Non-motorized boats only.														
<b>Jamaica</b> 772 acres 1 mi. e. of Jamaica on SR 30. Nature center.														

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Kamp Kill Kare 17.75 acres 4 mi. w. of St. Albans on SR 36, then 3.5 mi. s.w. on Point Rd. Kayak rentals, playground.														
<b>Kingsland Bay</b> 264 acres 3 mi. n.w. of Ferrisburgh off Hawkins Rd. Historic. Sailing.														
<b>Knight Point</b> 54 acres 3 mi. s. of North Hero off US 2. Art center, beach, playground.														
<b>Lake Carmi</b> 482 acres 3 mi. s. of East Franklin on SR 236. Beach, nature trails, playground.														
<b>Lake St. Catherine</b> 117 acres 3 mi. s. of Poultney on SR 30. Canoeing, kayaking; nature center, nature trails, playground.														
<b>Lake Shaftsbury</b> 84 acres 10 mi. n. of Bennington via US 7A. Beach, nature trail, playground.														
<b>Maidstone</b> 469 acres 5 mi. s. of Bloomfield on SR 102, then 5 mi. s.w. on State Forest Hwy. Beach, nature trails, playground.														
Mt. Ascutney 2,506 acres 3 mi. s.w. of Windsor on SR 44 off US 5. Scenic. Hang gliding, snowmobiling.														
<b>Mount Mansfield State Forest</b> 39,765 acres. Crosscountry skiing, downhill skiing, snowmobiling.														
<b>Little River</b> 60 acres 1.5 mi. w. of Waterbury on US 2, then 3.5 mi. n. on Little River Rd. Water skiing; beach, playground.														
<b>Smugglers Notch</b> 32 acres 8 mi. w. of Stowe on SR 108. Historic. Nature programs.														
Underhill 1 mi. n.e. of Underhill Center on Pleasant Valley Rd, then 2.6 mi. e. on Mountain Rd														

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Mount Philo 168 acres 14 mi. s. of Burlington off US 7. Scenic. Bird-watching; playground.														
North Hero 400 acres 8 mi. n. of North Hero off US 2. Nature trails, playground.														
Quechee 688 acres 7 mi. w. of White River Junction off US 4.														
Sand Bar 15 acres n.w. of Burlington using I-89, exit 17 (Champlain Islands) then 4 mi n on US 2. Beach, playground.														
<b>Silver Lake</b> 34 acres .5 mi. e. of Barnard off SR 12. Beach, playground.														
<b>Townshend</b> 1,095 acres 4.8 mi. w. of Townshend at 2755 State Forest Rd.														
<b>Wilgus</b> 89 acres 1 mi. s. of Ascutney on US 5. Canoeing, kayaking; nature trails.														
<b>Woodford</b> 398 acres 10 mi. e. of Bennington on SR 9. Nature trails, playground.														
Woods Island 125 acres 4 mi. n. of Burton Island State Park in Lake Champlain; accessible by private boat only. Permit camping only.														
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Wrightsville Beach 4 mi. n. of Montpelier off SR 12. Disc golf (18 holes); canoe and kayak rentals. Dogs are permitted before Memorial Day and after Labor														

## **BARNARD**

A town of summer cottages and winter hideaways, Barnard has been home to some of the state's most elite citizens. Journalist Dorothy Thompson and her husband, novelist Sinclair Lewis, lived at their picturesque white frame house, Twin Farms, during the 1930s. Thompson was one of the few female correspondents during World War II. She is buried in Village Cemetery on North Road.

#### **BARRE**

Although Barre (BARE-ie) started out not much different from other fledgling late 18th-century New England towns, a quirk of geology established its fate.

Originally chartered as Wildersburgh in 1780, the area's first settlers arrived in 1788, followed soon thereafter by emigrants from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. A name change resulted in Barre replacing Wildersburgh, though exactly how the change occurred has been lost to history. Two stories prevail—one version involves a bout of fisticuffs, the other has to do with offering naming rights to the person who contributed the most money toward the construction of a meeting house (the winning bid, by the way, was £62).

The huge quantity of granite found nearby is the geological phenomenon that altered the course of Barre's history. Shortly after the conclusion of the War of 1812, many highly skilled stonecutters from Italy, Scotland and other nations came to ply their trade. The arrival of the railroad simplified transportation, and the city adopted the moniker Granite Center of the World. Barre has been the largest granite-producing district in the country since 1900.

Barre granite, known for its almost flawless texture, comes in two shades: white and blue-gray. Fine works created from the local stone can be found throughout the region, including the state house in nearby Montpelier (see place listing p. 138).

You don't have to go far, though, to find some prime examples of granite craftsmanship. Pay a visit to Barre Opera House at 6 N. Main St.; phone (802) 476-8188. Hope Cemetery, established in 1895, has many artistic, often whimsical memorials, all crafted out of Barre gray granite. And the Robert Burns Monument, at 60 Washington St., was cut by local artisans in 1899 and is considered one of the finest pieces of granite sculpture in the world. In addition to a statue of Burns, the sculpture includes four panels that depict scenes from his poems and from his cottage in Ayr, Scotland.

Many large plants still produce granite sculpture for use in monuments and tombstones, and factory and quarry

tours are available in nearby Graniteville at Rock of Ages Visitors Center.

**Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce:** 33 Stewart Rd., P.O. Box 336, Barre, VT 05641. **Phone:** (802) 229-5711 or (802) 229-4619.

**Self-guiding tours:** A downtown walking tour covers the town's common, memorials, a number of 19th-century churches, the Opera House, Masonic Temple, library, post office and fire station. You can pick up a walking tour brochure at the chamber of commerce, the library and local merchants.

## BENNINGTON

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Bennington is set in a valley between Mount Anthony, part of the Taconic Range, and the foothills of the Green Mountains (see place listing p. 133). In the Battle of Bennington on Aug. 16, 1777, the Americans under Gen. John Stark defeated a British expedition sent by Gen. John Burgoyne. The conflict is commemorated each year in mid-August during the Bennington Battle Day Celebration.

Bennington's three covered bridges are reminders of times gone by. The Silk Road Bridge, Paper Mill Village Bridge and Henry Bridge all are easily accessible from off SR 67A on Murphy Road. US 7A north to Manchester and SR 9 east to Brattleboro provide scenic drives.

Hemmings Car Lover's Store and Sunoco Station displays vintage automobile memorabilia in an old-fashioned, full-service gas station at 216 Main St.; phone (802) 447-9652.

Three miles north at 121 Historic SR 7A in Shaftsbury is the Robert Frost Stone House Museum, in which the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet lived and composed poetry from 1920-29. Educational and literary displays cover Frost's life and art; phone (802) 447-6200.

Outdoor activities available in the area include crosscountry skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and fishing. Popular recreational areas are Lake Paran, Woodford State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart) and Lake Shaftsbury State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Held Labor Day weekend, the Southern Vermont Garlic and Herb Festival draws more than 13,000 allium lovers with food, music and crafts.

Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce: 100 Veterans Memorial Dr., Bennington, VT 05201. Phone: (802) 447-3311.

**Self-quiding tours:** Maps of two walking tours of historic buildings, houses and streets are available from the chamber of commerce. The chamber also has bike tour maps and driving tour maps that feature covered bridges.

Shopping: Bennington Potters Yard, 324 County St., offers free self-guiding tours of the pottery works which produce fine and decorative art pottery for the home; phone (800) 205-8033. Works in other media are offered in galleries throughout town.

BENNINGTON BATTLE MONUMENT, 1 mi. w. on SR 9 (Main St.), then .3 mi. n. on Monument Ave. to 15 Monument Cir., commemorates the Revolutionary War battle of August 16, 1777, between British General John Burgoyne's forces and a group of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts volunteers led by General John Stark.

The British, running low on supplies, were attempting to reach the depot in Bennington where U.S. military provisions and food were stocked. The Americans met the redcoats before they could reach the storage site, however, and the Battle of Bennington, which ensued, was actually fought about 5 miles west at Walloomsac, N.Y. The loss to the Americans (both in manpower and the failure to restock their supplies) proved to be a factor in Burgoyne's surrender following the Battle of Saratoga in October, said to be a major turning point in the war.

The stone obelisk, when completed in 1889, was the tallest battle monument in the world; at 306 feet, it is still the tallest structure in Vermont. The monument was not dedicated, though, until 1891, with President Benjamin Harrison in attendance.

From the upper lookout chamber, reached by elevator or on occasion by walking the 412 steps, three states (Vermont, New York and Massachusetts) can be seen. A diorama and exhibits illustrate the battle, and an iron kettle belonging to General Burgoyne is displayed. A granite monument to Seth Warner who, with the Green Mountain Boys, helped win the battle, a statue of Stark and other monuments surround the attraction. Events are scheduled throughout the season.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 447-0550.

BENNINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 44 Gypsy Ln., is home to seven visual arts galleries and a covered bridge museum. The center's 700-piece collection is displayed on a rotating basis; a Native American exhibit, Floyd Scholz bird carvings and Eric Sloane paintings are displayed year-round. Concerts, lectures and workshops are offered throughout the year.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 442-7158.

Vermont Covered Bridge Museum, inside the Bennington Center for the Arts at 44 Gypsy Ln., describes the history of the state's and nation's covered bridges, many of which were destroyed in a late 1920s flood. Visitors view miniature replicas of covered bridges and learn about the bridges' builders, architectural styles and locations. A resource center contains information about covered bridges across the country. Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (802) 442-7158.

BENNINGTON MUSEUM is at 75 Main St., 1 mi. w. of jct. SRs 7 and 9 in The Shires of Vermont. The museum houses a collection reflective of the region's art, history and innovation. Home to what is said to be the largest public collection of paintings by Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses, the museum's Grandma Moses Gallery displays her paintings and belongings as well as photographs and family memorabilia. The gallery is adjacent to the Grandma Moses Schoolhouse, a family and children's activity center where visitors can barter in a country store and learn what it was like to attend school in the 19th century.

Permanent exhibits include the Bennington Flag, one of the oldest Stars and Stripes flags in existence; firearms; and American paintings and sculpture from the 18th and 19th centuries. The story of the Battle of Bennington is told in the museum's Military Gallery, and the Bennington Pottery Gallery showcases a renowned collection of 19thcentury ceramics produced by local companies.

The Early Vermont Gallery presents life in Vermont from the time when the earliest European settlers arrived in 1761 with only the bare necessities to the early 1800s when Vermont craftsmen achieved a level of sophistication rivaling Boston and New York. (1760s to early-1800s). Explored through stories and vignettes, this gallery showcases over 85 major pieces and smaller items from the Museum's extensive historical collection of over 30,000 objects.

The Bennington Modernism Gallery includes works by avant-garde artists working in Bennington from the early 1950s to the mid-1970s. As the gallery changes, it may feature works by such artists as Pat Adams, Paul Freeley, Helen Frankenthaler, Kenneth Noland and David Smith. The Gilded Age Vermont Gallery highlights industrial and cultural innovations in the region through objects either made or owned in Bennington or created by artists with connections to the area. Exhibits include paintings by William Morris Hunt and Frederick MacMonnies; glass and metal works by Louis Comfort Tiffany; and the Martin Wasp, a 1920s luxury automobile made in Bennington by Karl Martin. The Works on Paper Gallery features drawings, prints, paintings and photographs by contemporary and historic artists.

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Changing exhibits are available year-round. A genealogy research library and the Hadwen Woods and George Aiken Wildflower Trail also are on the grounds.

Cellphone audio tours are available. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (802) 447-1571.



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It was here that the state's first permanent English settlement, Fort Dummer, was established in 1724.

Rudyard Kipling, in collaboration with New York architect Henry Rutgers Marshall, built a house for his American bride north of Brattleboro in Dummerston and named it Naulakha, which means "precious jewel." Kipling wrote "Captains Courageous" and the two "Jungle Book" stories during his residence there. The Landmark Trust USA, a non-profit foundation dedicated to preserving historically significant homes, restored the house, which is available for rent by reservation and accommodates up to eight guests at a time; phone (802) 254-6868.

Also of interest is Brooks Memorial Library, which has changing art and photography exhibits, an extensive genealogy room and a children's room; phone (802) 254-5290. Running west to Bennington is SR 9, which offers scenic views in the vicinity of Hogback Mountain.

Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce: 180 Main St., Brattleboro, VT 05301. Phone: (802) 254-4565 or (877) 254-4565.

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## BURLINGTON

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Built on the terraced slopes of Lake Champlain, Burlington is the largest city in Vermont and is an important industrial, retail and educational center. It is the headquarters of navigation on the lake and a principal port of air entry on the United States-Canada border.

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The area first was settled in 1775, but most of its inhabitants left with the onset of the American Revolution, and settlement did not resume until after the war. Revolutionist Ethan Allen tended a farm north of the city and is buried in Greenmount Cemetery on Colchester Avenue. The Ethan Allen Monument, a 35-foot-tall Doric column topped with an 8-foot-tall statue of the patriot, marks the site of his grave.

The city's oldest section is along Battery Street near the lakefront. Explore other historic areas including Pearl, South Willard and Church streets, the University Green and City Hall Park. Church Street Marketplace, a fiveblock pedestrian mall, is in the historic district.

On the upper level of town is the University of Vermont, founded in 1791. Champlain College, established in 1878 as the Burlington Collegiate Institute but renamed in 1958, spreads out along S. Willard Street in the city's Hill Section, within walking distance of downtown. Some dormitories occupy handsomely renovated Victorian-era mansions. Free campus tours of Champlain College are available; phone (802) 860-2727 for reservation information.

The Burlington Bikepath, a 7.5-mile scenic route from Oakledge Park to the path's terminus at the Winooski River, traverses Burlington's historic waterfront, skirts Lake Champlain's shoreline, passes through woodland areas and ultimately connects to the Colchester Bike Path.

Burlington is at the end of the scenic portion of two highways: I-89, which runs 95 miles southeast to White River Junction, and SR 7, which runs south to Middlebury.

You'll be tapping your toes at the Discover Jazz Festival, a 10-day event that kicks off summer in Burlington. In early June, more than 100 performances by local talent and international jazz legends take place at intimate venues, parks, restaurants and the Church Street Marketplace. Plus, classes, films, meet-the-artist sessions and workshops offer festivalgoers greater insight into this enduring American art form.

Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce: 60 Main St., Suite 100, Burlington, VT 05401. Phone: (802) 863-3489 or (877) 686-5253.

**Shopping:** Shops at CityPlace Burlington, I-89 exit 14W, features some 10 stores, including L.L. Bean and PacSun.

Downtown, Church Street Marketplace provides shops, services and restaurants in a festive atmosphere that includes street musicians and sidewalk cafés. University Mall on Dorset Street offers more than 60 stores including anchors JCPenney and Kohl's.

ECHO, LEAHY CENTER FOR LAKE CHAMPLAIN is downtown on the waterfront, just w. of jct. College and Battery sts., at 1 College St. In this nature and science center, numerous tanks hold 70 live species you can find in the area. Enhance learning with more than 100 interactive experiences for all ages. Northfield Savings Bank 3D Theater screens nature and science films daily.

Some permanent exhibits include Action Lab, a 3-D augmented reality watershed sand table; Into the Lake, a shipwreck for kids to explore and discover live sturgeon and learn about invasive species; and Indigenous Expressions, a look at the Native Americans who lived in the Lake Champlain basin. In Champ Lane, a 2,500-squarefoot interactive learning space, families can climb in a tree house, captain a ship, shop in a market, explore water play and care for animals in the Kids Lab. Rotating exhibits change seasonally.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Parking: Parking is available for a fee. Phone: (802) 864-1848 or (877) 324-6386.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN FERRIES—see Lake Champlain p. 134.

**ROBERT HULL FLEMING MUSEUM,** 61 Colchester Ave. on the University of Vermont campus, opened in 1931. Displays of European, American, African, ancient Egyptian, and Middle Eastern art and anthropology as well as paintings by 20th-century American artists are featured. Rotating exhibits are shown periodically.

**Phone:** (802) 656-0750, or (802) 656-2090 for recorded information.

SHELBURNE MUSEUM—see Shelburne p. 143.



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The Vermont Quilt Festival, held in late June at the Champlain Valley Exposition, features hundreds of new and antique quilts. The Champagne and Chocolate Preview kicks off what is called New England's oldest and

largest quilt show. You'll find quilt appraisals, classes, demonstrations, gallery talks, guest speakers and a merchants' mall with more than 80 vendors.

**Shopping:** Essex Outlets, off I-89 at 21 Essex Way, is home to such national retailers as Brooks Brothers and OshKosh B'gosh. A digital movie theater with stadium seating also is on-site.

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## GREEN MOUNTAINS AND GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Elevations in the forest range from 878 ft. near Rochester to 4,083 ft. Mount Ellen in Warren. Refer to AAA maps for additional elevation information.

Extending the length of Vermont, the Green Mountains comprise several distinct ranges. The highest peaks lie in the north; several-including Mount Mansfield (see place listing p. 139), the tallest mountain in Vermont—exceed 4,000 feet.

The 420,000-acre Green Mountain National Forest was established in 1932 after uncontrolled logging, fire and flooding had ravaged Vermont. It stretches across nearly two-thirds of the state's length, following the main range of the Green Mountains. The forest is divided into two sections. The southern half extends from the Vermont-Massachusetts border to SR 140 near Wallingford: the northern half extends from US 4 northeast of Rutland to SR 17 near Bristol.

The forest encompasses eight wilderness areas as well as the White Rocks National Recreation Area, south of Wallingford, and the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area, east of Lake Dunmore. Ranger stations are located at 2538 Depot St. in Manchester Center, phone (802) 362-2307; 1007 SR 7S in Middlebury, phone (802) 388-4362; and 99 Ranger Rd. in Rochester, phone (802) 767-4261.

Natural resources in this area play an important role in the economy of Vermont and the Northeast. In addition, the region's scenic beauty and a broad range of recreational opportunities attract thousands of visitors annually. Along with 60,000 acres of designated wilderness, there miles of hiking trails—including 900 Appalachian/Long Trail and the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail—approximately 400 miles of snowmobile trails. seven cross-country ski areas and three downhill ski areas.

Developed campgrounds (no RV hook-ups) and picnic sites are available as well. For more information, phone (802) 747-6700. See Recreation Areas Chart.

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With its long snow season and challenging peaks, today's Killington is home to one of the largest ski resorts in the East. Other popular winter recreational activities include snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and dog sledding. When green returns to the mountains, the area provides abundant opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, tennis and golf.

Killington Pico Area Association: 2319 US 4, P.O. Box 114, Killington, VT 05751. Phone: (802) 773-4181 or (800) 337-1928.

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## LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Extending from Canada southward for 120 miles, Lake Champlain varies from a quarter of a mile to 12 miles wide. Two-thirds of its area lies in Vermont; the rest, except for a small Canadian portion, is in New York. Lake Champlain—with its Hudson River connector, the Champlain Canal—accommodates large vessels to make navigation possible from New York City to Montréal and the Great Lakes. It briefly became the sixth Great Lake in 1998 after president Bill Clinton signed a Senate bill reauthorizing the Sea Grant Program, but 2 months later the designation was rescinded.

Legends of Lake Champlain's own version of the Loch Ness Monster have persisted since French explorer Samuel de Champlain, the lake's discoverer, allegedly sighted what he described as a serpentine creature 20 feet long, as thick as a barrel and with a head like a horse. Occasional sightings of the elusive creature, affectionately named "Champ," still occur, but whether a distant cousin of the legendary Scottish sea serpent really resides in the lake remains a matter of speculation.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN FERRIES depart from Burlington, Charlotte and Grand Isle. Offered are scenic links between Vermont and New York via three crossings: Burlington to Port Kent, N.Y. (crossing time 1 hour); Charlotte to Essex, N.Y. (crossing time 25 minutes); and Grand Isle to Plattsburgh, N.Y. (crossing time 12 minutes).

Phone: (802) 864-9804.

## LAKE CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS

The Lake Champlain Islands are a picturesque summer resort area, affording a broad expanse of inland sea with the Adirondack Mountains on the west and the Green Mountains on the east. US 2 off I-89 connects the islands with the Vermont mainland. New York and Canada.

St. Anne's Shrine on Isle La Motte is on the site of Fort Ste. Anne, the first European settlement in Vermont, The shrine contains a statue of Samuel de Champlain that was sculpted at Expo '67 in Montréal; phone (802) 928-3362.

#### LOWER WATERFORD

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Historic Country Inn. Address: 48 Lower Waterford Rd 05848.

## WHERE TO EAT



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## **LUDLOW**

Situated on SRs 100/103 along the Black River, Ludlow offers views of mountain ranges, lakes and fertile farmland. Vermonters in this area pioneered the manufacture of reworked wool to combat cloth shortages after the Civil War.

Ludlow is home to the 600-acre campus of the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, 611 SR 103S, where artisans and craftspeople have been teaching the general public traditional techniques and exploring new media and methods since 1947. Classes last from 2 days to 1 week. In the summer a shop features items made by members of the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen; phone (802) 228-8770 for class information and shop schedule.

**Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce:** 57 Pond St., P.O. Box 333, Ludlow, VT 05149. **Phone:** (802) 228-5830.

#### **MANCHESTER**

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Manchester, a year-round resort area guarded by Mount Equinox to the west, encompasses the communities of Manchester, Manchester Depot and Manchester Center. Elm-lined streets and marble sidewalks characterize Manchester, which is primarily residential; Manchester Center is more of a retail area.

**Shopping:** Battenkill & Highridge Outlet Centers, Manchester Designer Outlets and Marble Mill on Depot Street (SR 11/30) all house factory outlets.

**AMERICAN MUSEUM OF FLY FISHING**, 4070 Main St. (SR 7A), chronicles the history of fly fishing dating back to A.D. 200. The museum has a library, angling-related art and an impressive collection of rods, reels and flies. **Phone:** (802) 362-3300.

HILDENE, THE LINCOLN FAMILY HOME, 1.5 mi. s. on SR 7A to 1005 Hildene Rd., is a 24-room Georgian Revival mansion built in 1905 as a summer home for Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's only child to live to maturity.

Robert Lincoln, who became president and chairman of the Pullman Co., was so impressed by the beauty of the Manchester area when he visited with his mother and brother Tad in 1864 that he returned years later to build this 412-acre estate. Lincoln descendants lived in the house until 1975.

Visitors can watch a brief video orientation in the welcome center, take a guided or self-guiding tour of the home, hear an original Aeolian 1,000-pipe organ and stroll through the gardens; the formal garden boasts some one thousand peony blooms, many from the original plants which date back to 1908. Twelve miles of walking trails wind through woods and meadows, leading to a working farm, a teaching greenhouse, a floating boardwalk through the wetland and a goat dairy and cheese-making facility. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available along the trails in winter.

The restored 1903 wooden Pullman Palace car, Sunbeam, along the trail just outside the Gatehouse, is used to tell the complex story "Many Voices" which looks at the African-American Pullman porters of the time and how they observed and emulated the mannerisms, dress and aspirations of the wealthy Pullman clientele, realizing their possibilities in wealth, travel and learning and rising to the Black middle class, but also seeing the inequities between the classes.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. **Phone:** (802) 362-1788.  $\overline{\text{GT}}$   $\overline{\cancel{\mathcal{R}}}$ 

Mount Equinox Skyline Drive begins on SR 7A between Manchester and Arlington (toll house). The 5.2-mile winding route takes you to the 3,848-foot summit of Mount Equinox. Parking areas offer panoramic views of the Green, White, Adirondack, Taconic and Berkshire mountains as well as rivers, lakes and valley communities along the way.

**Note:** Buses; RVs; trailers; truck campers; vans that can accommodate more than eight passengers; and vehicles carrying bikes, canoes or kayaks are not permitted on the toll road. Have your brakes checked and be sure your vehicle is in good condition before attempting the drive. **Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (802) 362-1114.

**SOUTHERN VERMONT ARTS CENTER** is off SR 7A to West Rd., following signs to 930 Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr. Situated on a 407-acre campus on the slope of Mount Equinox, the center includes the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum of paintings and sculptures; the 400-seat Louise Arkell Pavilion; the Yester House art galleries; a sculpture garden; and a botany hiking trail.

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Manchester Center is a census-designated place in the northeastern part of the town of Manchester (see place listing p. 135). Located in a scenic valley in the Green Mountain National Forest, Manchester is a resort destination offering outdoor recreational opportunities, art and cultural events, shopping and dining.

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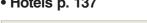
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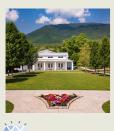
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OUR DIAMOND

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Boutique Hotel. Address: 3835 Main St 05254. Facility: The eye-catching design at this Southern Vermont hotel is a blend of modernity and tradition. The Frette linens, custom furnishings and Atelier Bloem bath amenities will ensure a luxurious experience. 86 units, some cottages. 3 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Bath: shower only. Parking: on-site and valet. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor. Activities: bicycles, lawn sports, exercise room. Guest Services: area transportation.





























## MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

The nation's only national park focusing on conservation history and the evolution of land stewardship in the United States, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is located off SR 12 in Woodstock. The park's woodlands, covering 550 acres, comprise an area known for its scenic beauty and are managed not only to preserve natural resources but also to maintain sustainable forestry.

The park was an outgrowth of the first environmental crisis faced by Vermonters: the large-scale deforestation of the Green Mountains in the mid-19th century as a result of settlement that began after the end of the American Revolution. It was named for George Perkins Marsh, an early conservationist who also served as a diplomat and member of Congress, and Frederick Billings, a railroad

president and philanthropist who was a successful attorney in San Francisco before returning to his native state.

Billings purchased the Marsh family farm, not only establishing a progressive dairy operation but also developing one of the country's first blueprints for scientific forest management. His work was carried on by three generations of women—his wife Julia, their three daughters and Billings' granddaughter, Mary French. French subsequently married Laurance S. Rockefeller, bringing together two families with a strong commitment to conservation. The Rockefellers gifted their estate's residential and forestlands to the people of the United States, making possible the creation in 1992 of Vermont's first national park.

A fine way to experience the parkland is by walking some of the 20 miles of carriage roads and trails that crisscross Mount Tom. Note: Due to ongoing forestry and

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trail work, portions of the carriage roads and trails may be closed. Hike to the top of Mount Tom for beautiful views of Woodstock and the surrounding hills. Also within the national park is the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion (see attraction listing).

The Carriage Barn, the park's visitor center, has an exhibit about land stewardship. The visitor center is open daily 10-5, Memorial Day weekend-Oct. 31. The carriage roads and trails are open year-round. Park admission is free. For park information phone (802) 457-3368, ext. 222.

MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER MANSION, just inside the entrance to Marsh-Billingsjust inside the entrance to Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park at 54 Elm St., is the childhood home of pioneering environmentalist George Perkins Marsh, Conservationist/Businessman Frederick Billings purchased the property in 1869 and built the Queen Anne-style residence that his granddaughter, Mary French Rockefeller, modernized in the 1950s. The house features Tiffany glass windows and beautifully detailed woodwork as well as the dining room complete with table settings.

Ranger-guided tours of the mansion and gardens explore the history of conservation, the stewardship ethic of the Marsh, Billings and Rockefeller families, and community-based conservation in a more modern context. In addition to original furnishings and personal items, the mansion displays works of art that include some of America's finest landscape paintings, highlighting the influence painting and photography had on the conservation movement. The Carriage Barn Visitor Center, built on the foundation of an earlier stable in 1895, is the park headquarters and contains the exhibit "Conservation Stewardship: A Place in the Land."

Some 20 miles of carriage roads and trails are available for exploration throughout the park. The Appalachian Trail crosses Woodstock to the north. Ranger-led hikes are available. The site also is part of the traditional and unsurrendered homeland of the Indigenous Abenaki people.

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## **MIDDLEBURY**

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Midway between Salisbury and New Haven, Middlebury was founded in 1761. A ranger district office at 1007 SR 7S provides maps and guides for hiking in nearby Green Mountain National Forest (see place listing p. 133); phone (802) 388-4362.

Middlebury College was chartered in 1800; the present enrollment exceeds 2,500. The campus includes Painter Hall, Vermont's oldest college building, built in 1816. Emma Hart Willard, a pioneer in American women's education, began her work in 1807 when she became the principal of Middlebury Female Academy. The school plays host to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in summer.

Addison County Chamber of Commerce: 93 Court St., Middlebury, VT 05753. Phone: (802) 388-7951.

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Capital of the state, Montpelier is a center for the insurance and granite-quarrying industries. The city was the birthplace of Adm. George Dewey, hero of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War. Hubbard Park, covering 185 acres on a hill behind the Capitol, offers a good view of the Worcester Mountains and the Winooski River Valley.



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Also of architectural interest is the Supreme Court Building, 111 State St., which was constructed from Barre granite. The State Office Building, directly across from the Capitol, is a fine example of modern architecture. It is built of reinforced concrete, with Vermont marble facing on the exterior and polished, matched marble in the lobby.

Founded in Bristol in 1977, Lost Nation Theater stages dramas focusing on the power of human interaction. The theater is located on the second floor of Montpelier City Hall at 39 Main St.; phone (802) 229-0492 for the box office.

MORSE FARM MAPLE SUGARWORKS, 2.7 mi. n. on Main St. to 1168 County Rd., following signs, shows a video about the sugaring process. A sample of maple syrup is included. Tours show processing techniques as well as the history of syrup making. Also on the premises is the Outdoor Museum of Folk Art.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 223-2740. **GT** 

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## **MORRISVILLE**

Morrisville, like Vermont's other mountain-bound towns, grew rapidly when railroad service reached the area. Visible reminders of that event remain on Portland Street, where structures more closely resemble those of a Western boomtown than a New England village.

Lamoille Region Chamber of Commerce: 92 Lower Main St., Morrisville, VT 05661. **Phone:** (802) 888-7607.

NOYES HOUSE MUSEUM, 122 Lower Main St., is a twostory Federal-style brick building that contains local and regional history exhibits, photographs, furnishings, toys, household and farm tools, quilts, costumes and military artifacts. On guided tours, visitors learn about the residents, most notably the women, who were instrumental in shaping the town. Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 888-7617. GT

#### MOUNT MANSFIELD

The loftiest peak in both the Green Mountains and in Vermont, Mount Mansfield is 4,393 feet high and 5 miles long. Covering 34,000 acres of the mountain is Mount Mansfield State Forest (see Recreation Areas Chart). The forest can be reached by roads from Stowe through Smugglers' Notch or from Underhill Center.

The profile of Mount Mansfield is said to resemble a human face. The Long Trail and other trails lead to scenic spots and picnic areas. Campgrounds are available. The east side is a game refuge; hunting is permitted on the west side.

## MOUNT SNOW

In southern Vermont's Green Mountains, Mount Snow is a year-round resort. Recreational activities include alpine skiing from early November to early May and golf, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing and mountain biking the rest of the year.

#### NORTH BENNINGTON

PARK-MCCULLOUGH HISTORIC ESTATE is 1 blk. w. off SR 67A at 1 Park St. Built in 1865. this blk. w. off SR 67A at 1 Park St. Built in 1865, this 35-room Victorian "summer home" contains original furnishings, decorative art pieces and period clothing belonging to the Park and McCullough families. The home remains essentially as it was more than 140 years ago.

Also on the premises are gardens, a carriage house with a collection of carriages, the 1904 Grapery Greenhouse and the 1865 Playhouse. Hiking trails are available and special programs are offered throughout the year.

Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (802) 442-5441. (GT) (<del>-//-</del>)

#### **NORWICH**

The King Arthur Flour Baking Education Center, Bakery and The Baker's Store at 135 SR 5S draws visitors from all over the United States and Canada. The store is staffed with experienced bakers who delight in answering technical baking questions and are quick to provide demonstrations and samples. The education center offers registrants the chance to work alongside some of the nation's

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finest master bakers. Classes from half a day to a full week cover subjects from chocolate to artisan breads to pasta; phone (802) 649-3361, or (800) 827-6836 to order a catalog.

MONTSHIRE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, I-91 exit 13 to 1 Montshire Rd. off SR 10A, features more than 140 hands-on exhibits about science, natural history and technology. Permanent exhibits include freshwater aquariums; live animals; and Bubbles: Science in Soap, exploring surface tension and how it affects bubbles of all sizes. Daily activities are offered in the Science Discovery Lab. Visiting exhibitions also are offered throughout the year.

The museum is on 110 acres along the Connecticut River. Nature trails, outdoor exhibits and an outdoor science park with water features are on-site. Food is available in summer. **Time:** Allow 4 hours minimum. **Phone:** (802) 649-2200.

## **PLYMOUTH**

The small Green Mountain town of Plymouth was the birthplace of Calvin Coolidge. Vice President Coolidge was at home Aug. 3, 1923, when he heard the news of President Warren G. Harding's death. His father, a notary public, administered the oath of office to him in the parlor by the light of a kerosene lamp.

PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE STATE HISTORIC SITE, 3780 SR 100A, includes the birth-place, boyhood home and grave of Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president of the United States. The birthplace and homestead have original furnishings.

Other buildings include the President Calvin Coolidge Museum & Education Center, with an exhibit about Coolidge's career and changing displays of gifts presented to the president while in office; Wilder House, the childhood home of Coolidge's mother, which is now a restaurant; Wilder Barn, displaying a collection of 19th-century farm implements; the Plymouth Cheese Factory, built in 1890 by Coolidge's father and still making cheese using the original 1890 recipe; the 1850s General Store; the office of the 1924 summer White House; and Union Christian Church, an 1840 meetinghouse. The Aldrich House contains exhibits pertaining to the village and to Coolidge.

Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (802) 672-3773.

#### **PROCTOR**

In the narrow Otter Creek Valley, Proctor was named for Redfield Proctor, governor of the state 1878-80 and founder of the Vermont Marble Co., an international corporation. Appropriately, sidewalks and public buildings are constructed from the local marble.

**VERMONT MARBLE MUSEUM** is at 52 Main St. Said to contain one of the largest displays of its kind in the world, the museum illustrates the origin, quarrying and finishing of marble. More than 100 exhibits feature custom marble work, historic photographs, varied artifacts and the Earth Alive geology display room. The Hall of Presidents contains white marble relief statues of past U.S. presidents. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier exhibit chronicles the history of the shrine, from the quarrying of the marble to the burial vault's arrival at Arlington National Cemetery.

Visitors also can observe the museum's sculptor in residence create marble carvings. **Phone:** (802) 459-2750 or (800) 427-1396.

WILSON CASTLE, 2708 West St., was built in 1867 on a 115-acre estate. Nineteen open proscenium arches overlooked by a towering turret, parapet and balcony dominate the elaborate facade of English brick and marble. The castle's 32 rooms feature 84 stained glass windows and 13 fireplaces finished with domestic tiles and bronze; not all rooms are included in the tour.

Furnishings include European and Far Eastern antiques and museum pieces, along with statuary, Chinese scrolls and Oriental rugs. Paintings, sculpture and photographs are displayed in an art gallery. Cattle barns, stables and a carriage house are on the grounds.

Phone: (802) 773-3284. GT

## **QUECHEE**

A scenic portion of Quechee Gorge, Vermont's Little Grand Canyon, lies west of Quechee (pronounced KWEE-chee). The bridge on US 4 that spans the gorge 165 feet above the Ottauquechee River provides a good view of this natural spectacle. A covered bridge leads into this small village, known in the 19th century for its busy woolen mills.

White River Junction Welcome Center: 100 Railroad Row, White River Junction, VT 05001. Phone: (802) 281-5050.

**Shopping:** The Mill, 1760 Quechee Main St., is a complex of shops including Simon Pearce Glass, where visitors can observe the glass-blowing process. The Fat Hat Clothing Company, 1 Quechee Main St., sells clothing. Quechee Gorge Village, on Woodstock Road at Quechee

Gorge, offers antiques, arts and crafts, seasonal miniature steam train rides, an antique carousel and a Cabot Creamery tasting center, one of only two in the state.

VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE is on SR 4, 3.5 mi. w. of I-89 exit 1 at 149 Natures Way. Located adjacent to scenic Quechee Gorge, this environmental learning center encompasses 47 acres inhabited by migratory songbirds, amphibians and other Vermont wildlife. Such raptors as owls, bald eagles, red-tailed hawks and peregrine falcons can be viewed in 17 outdoor enclosures.

Educational programs allow visitors to get an up-close look at live raptors, and nature trails encourage exploration. There is an outdoor adventure playscape and a Forest Canopy walk as well as the stroller- and wheelchair-friendly McKnight Trail which winds through the lush woodlands for .25 miles. Phone: (802) 359-5000. <del>-</del>

## RUTLAND

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The immense quarrying and finishing industries in Rutland are responsible for the community's reputation as the "Marble City." An industrial center in the Otter Creek Valley, Rutland is protected by the Taconic Mountains to the west and three striking Green Mountain peaks— Killington, Pico and Shrewsbury—to the east. It is the closest city to Killington (see place listing p. 133) and functions as a base for visits to the Green Mountain National Forest (see place listing p. 133).

The state's oldest continuously published newspaper, the Rutland Herald, was founded in 1794. Rutland also was the birthplace of John Deere, a journeyman blacksmith who developed the first commercially successful, self-scouring steel plow and began a plow-building business that became today's well-known manufacturer of acricultural machinery and equipment.

The Chaffee Art Center, 16 S. Main St., occupies an elegant Victorian-era mansion and offers eight galleries displaying works by Vermont artists; phone (802) 775-0356.

If you like exhibits, fair food and carnival midways, the Vermont State Fair won't disappoint. Highlights of one of the oldest state fairs in the country include top-name entertainers, demolition derbies, harness racing, racing pigs, death-defying stunt performances and truck pulls. Held in mid-August, the fair closes with the Governor's Day Benefit Event.

Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce: 50 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701. **Phone:** (802) 773-2747 or (800) 756-8880.



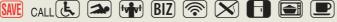




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## ST. ALBANS

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Nestled between Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains, the town once described by Henry Ward Beecher as "a place in the midst of a greater variety of scenic beauty than any other I can remember in America" had anything but a placid history to match its serene setting. St. Albans was a notorious center for smuggling operations on Lake

Champlain in the early 1800s and was an important link on the Underground Railroad.

Its rowdy days left behind, St. Albans is headquarters for the New England Central Railway, a production and distribution center for dairy products and a manufacturing center of such products as maple sugar, sugar-making equipment, medical technology equipment and ice cream. Franklin County Regional Chamber of Commerce: 2 N. Main St., Suite 101, St. Albans, VT 05478. Phone: (802) 524-2444.



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## ST. JOHNSBURY

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The converging valleys of the Moose, Passumpsic and Sleeper's rivers create a striking range of elevations upon which St. Johnsbury grew. The town was named after the French consul in New York, Saint Jean de Crèvecoeur, a friend of Ethan Allen and author of "Letters of an American Farmer." Crèvecoeur suggested the addition of "bury" to the town's name to distinguish it from the many towns named St. John.

Much of St. Johnsbury's history and growth centered on Thaddeus Fairbanks' invention of the platform scale in 1830 and George Cary's idea of flavoring plug tobacco with maple sugar. The town prospered with the success of the Fairbanks Scale and maple-sugar industries, still major contributors to the local economy. It is the industrial, retail and cultural center of the part of Vermont known as the Northeast Kingdom.

Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce: 2000 Memorial Dr., Suite 11, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Phone: (802) 748-3678 or (800) 639-6379.

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM, 1302 Main St., houses a large collection that includes art and antiques, village and crafts tools and more than 75,000 natural-science specimens like shells, rocks and mounted animals. The museum also is home to the Eye in the Sky Weather Center (a working studio that is not open to visitors) and Vermont's only public planetarium. It also hosts a traveling exhibit that runs from one summer to the next. The 1891 building was designed by noted architect Lambert Packard to house the "cabinet of curiosities" of Franklin Fairbanks, nephew of Thaddeus Fairbanks, the inventor of the platform scale.

Time: Allow 1 hour, 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 748-2372.

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM, 1171 Main St., is a public library and art gallery containing 19th-century landscape paintings from the Hudson River School. The collection includes Albert Bierstadt's monumental "The Domes of the Yosemite." Donated to the town by Horace Fairbanks in 1871, the historic landmark has Victorian reading rooms showcasing elaborate woodwork and spiral staircases. Regularly scheduled public programs include poetry readings and educational lectures.

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## SHELBURNE

Shelburne, with the Adirondack Mountains to the west and the Green Mountains to the east, was settled in 1763 by two German lumbermen and later named for an English earl. Many downtown shops occupy renovated farm buildings dating from the 1800s.

SHELBURNE MUSEUM, 6000 Shelburne Rd. (US 7), consists of several galleries and 25 historic structures. Spread over 45 acres, the buildings house diverse collections of fine and folk art and artifacts depicting early New England life. Among the structures are a horseshoe barn, jail, country store, schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, meetinghouse, stagecoach inn, lighthouse, hunting lodge, apothecary and furnished houses representing 4 centuries.

Attractions include a railroad depot, a private rail car and locomotive, a two-lane covered bridge, a round barn, a handcrafted model circus parade more than 500 feet long and the side-wheel steamboat *Ticonderoga*.

Displays of Americana feature a sizable group of wooden cigar-store figures; fine, folk and decorative art; tools; and coaches, carriages and wagons. The Electra Havemeyer Webb Memorial building houses European furnishings, sculpture and paintings by Jean Baptiste Corot, Gustave Courbet, Edgar Degas, Edouard Manet and Claude Monet, as well as works by American artist Mary Cassatt.

The Webb Gallery of American Art contains works by Albert Bierstadt, John Copley, Winslow Homer, Fitz Henry Lane, Grandma Moses, William Prior, Andrew Wyeth and other 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century artists. Formal gardens, ornamental trees and shrubs, and seasonal roses and lilacs adorn the grounds.

Open year-round, the Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education contains two floors of gallery space, as well as classrooms and an auditorium. Time: Allow 4 hours minimum. **Phone:** (802) 985-3346.

#### SOUTH BURLINGTON

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Part of the Burlington metropolitan area, South Burlington is home to multiple residential neighborhoods, a commercial center and Burlington International Airport. The city's Red Rocks Park offers trails and a summer beach on Lake Champlain. South Burlington is just west of Vermont's Green Mountains, offering year-round recreational opportunities such as skiing, snowboarding, hiking, golfing and swimming.



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### **SPRINGFIELD**

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The Black River powered a variety of Springfield mills in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Though some mills still exist along the river, none uses waterpower.

Two state historic sites are nearby. The restored Eureka Schoolhouse is east of Springfield on SR 11. Begun in 1785 and completed 5 years later, this one-room schoolhouse is said to be the state's oldest and is one of Vermont's few remaining 18th-century public buildings. Today it houses an information center. Next to it stands the 37foot-long Baltimore Covered Bridge, built in 1870. The

bridge originally spanned Great Brook in North Springfield; it was moved to its present location in 1970.

The Great Hall, 100 River St., is a renovated factory building that accommodates large works of art; phone (802) 885-3061.

Springfield declared itself "Home of the Simpsons" after being chosen as the fictional hometown of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie from the animated television series "The Simpsons."

Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce: 56 Main St., Suite 2, Springfield, VT 05156. Phone: (802) 885-2779.

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### STOWE

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In the heart of the Green Mountains, Stowe is a yearround vacation destination offering fall foliage viewing and other outdoor pursuits. This historic, picture-perfect New England village, complete with a white-steepled church, is nestled beside 4,393-foot Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak. The Von Trapps of "The Sound of Music" fame settled in Stowe in the 1940s; today family descendants operate an alpine lodge offering classical concerts and sing-alongs.

The area includes some of New England's best downhill ski runs. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sleighing and ice-skating also are popular cold-weather endeavors. Once it warms up, visitors can indulge in hiking, rock climbing, golf, horseback riding, kayaking, mountain biking and ziplining. Hikers, cyclists and skaters head to the Stowe Recreation Path, starting in the town center behind the village church (parking areas provide access along the route). Area outfitters rent bikes and family biking accessories. For more challenging terrain, hikers venture to nearby Smugglers Notch State Park (see Recreation Areas Chart).

Recreational activities aside, Stowe also presents a thriving cultural and arts scene. Visitors can enjoy musical, theatrical and dance performances as well as outdoor concerts by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Artists and craftspeople display their wares in the village's assorted shops and galleries—works include glass, pottery, jewelry, woodcarvings, painting, hand-dyed yarns, sculpture and photography.

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During the summer months, Stowe Mountain Resort's gondola takes passengers on a 7,000-foot ride to a point just below Mount Mansfield's summit, where they can view sweeping panoramas of lush mountain valleys; phone (802) 253-3000 or (800) 253-4754.

On Sundays from mid-May to mid-October, the Stowe Farmers' Market is the place to shop for fresh produce. garden supplies, locally made products and other Vermont specialties; the market is next to the Red Barn shops on SR 108.

In addition to the area's brilliant foliage, a highlight of Stowe's fall season is the traditional harvest festival Oktoberfest, held in early October. Don your lederhosen and dirndls and celebrate the 3-day event in a re-created Bavarian village at the Stowe Events Fields. This lively event includes oompah bands. German food and beers, a parade, pumpkin and face painting, dancing and crafts.

Stowe Area Association: 51 Main St., P.O. Box 1320, Stowe, VT 05672. **Phone:** (802) 253-7321 or (800) 467-8693.

THE HELEN DAY ART CENTER, 90 Pond St., is in an 1860 Greek Revival building. It presents changing exhibitions of the works of well-known local, national and international visual artists.

Time: Allow 30 minutes minimum. Phone: (802) 253-8358.

VERMONT SKI & SNOWBOARD MUSEUM is at 1 S. Main St. The museum utilizes permanent and changing exhibits to relate Vermont's skiing and snowboarding history—from handcrafted 8-foot-long skis to lost ski areas to the story of the 10th Mountain Division to Vermont Olympians. Time: Allow 1 hour minimum. Phone: (802) 253-9911.

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Resort Hotel. Address: 4000 Mountain Rd 05672. Facility: This trendy hotel is close to the ski slopes. Set away from the road, it offers a quiet retreat with mountain views. Guest rooms offer natural light, upscale coffeemakers and chic alpine decor. 68 units, some kitchens and condominiums. 3 stories, interior/exterior corridors. Terms: check-in 4 pm. Amenities: safes. Pool: heated outdoor, heated indoor. Activities: sauna, hot tub, steamroom, tennis, recreation programs, game room, lawn sports, trails, health club, spa. Guest Services: valet laundry, area transportation. Affiliated with Preferred Hotels &





























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### **SWANTON**

In the past, smuggling was one of Swanton's more lucrative businesses. This town near the Vermont-Québec border was the scene of controversy when enterprising Vermonters drove cattle across the border into Canada. where the livestock was sold to British soldiers during the War of 1812. Twentieth-century smugglers followed in



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their predecessors' footsteps during Prohibition when they ran liquor into the state by automobile.

Before 1700 the St. Francis Indians, guided by French Jesuits, built the first chapel in the Vermont territory at Swanton. After France lost the land to the English, the Native Americans moved the chapel stone by stone to St. Hyacinthe, Québec.

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, 3 miles northwest off SR 78, covers 6,792 acres along the Missisquoi River delta and Lake Champlain. Waterfowl and other wildlife can be seen along a 1.5-mile interpretive trail. Several other refuge trails are open for wildlife observation. Hunting is allowed in season with a permit. Phone (802) 868-4781.

Rd., has over a dozen exhibit buildings chronicling the maritime history and nautical archeology of the Champlain Valley through interactive learning stations, video and audio displays, historical artifacts, and images. One of the most popular deciphers the stories of some unusual and dramatic shipwrecks in the lake. Also of interest is a fullsize replica of a Revolutionary War gunboat from Lake Champlain's fleet.

Summer workshops on boat-building, blacksmithing and maritime skills are available, along with on-water ecology and historical excursions. Time: Allow 2 hours minimum. Phone: (802) 475-2022.

### **VERGENNES**

Settled in 1766 and incorporated in 1788, Vergennes is one of America's oldest incorporated cities and one of the smallest, at less than 2 square miles. During the War of 1812, 177 tons of cannon balls were cast in the city. The restored, 300-seat 1897 Vergennes Opera House, 120 Main St., is open weekdays for self-guiding tours; phone (802) 877-6737.

Bixby Memorial Free Library displays a collection of Abenaki Indian artifacts and items from other tribes; phone (802) 877-2211.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MARITIME MUSEUM, on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain at 4472 Basin Harbor

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Founded by Gen. Benjamin Wait in 1782 in a region known as Mad River Valley-which also comprises the towns of Warren, Fayston and Moretown-this former dairying and lumbering center is now in the heart of a premier winter sports region. Hiking, road and mountain biking, fishing, swimming, and downhill and cross-country skiing are popular activities. The Village Bridge, Vermont's oldest covered bridge in continuous use, is in the middle of town. It was built in 1833.

Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce: 4403 Main St., P.O. Box 173, Waitsfield, VT 05673. Phone: (802) 496-3409 or (800) 828-4748.



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### WARREN

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For a town with only two traffic lights, Waterbury sure has a lot going on. It's near some of the east's major ski resorts-Mad River Glen. Stowe Mountain Resort and Sugarbush Resort are all close by. It's a quintessentially quaint and charming New England village with an impressive historic district. You'll also find interesting 19thcentury architecture, a restored train station and even a covered bridge or two nearby.

In addition to the aforementioned skiing—cross country as well as downhill-there's plenty to keep you outside enjoying the fresh air and beautiful scenery. There are trails to hike and mountain biking adventures to experience. You can fish in lakes or catch a trout in the Winooski River, launch a boat or canoe, or go for a swim or a picnic. Nearby Green Mountain National Forest and Mount Mansfield (see place listings p. 133 and p. 139) and Waterbury Reservoir provide opportunities for many of these endeavors.

Take a break from recreational activities and enjoy a sample of Cherry Garcia or Chunky Monkey at hometown favorite Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory Tours, or try a cup of the house blend at Waterbury's own Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Visitor Center.

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### WESTON

Weston nestles in a valley below the source of the West River. Its many restored buildings help to preserve the atmosphere of a 19th-century Vermont village. The Weston Priory, 3 miles north of the village at 58 Priory Hill Rd., is a Benedictine monastery that welcomes the public; phone (802) 824-5409.

WESTON PLAYHOUSE, on the village green at 12 Park St., is Vermont's oldest professional theater company. The building's white-columned, Greek Revival facade was restored after a fire in 1962. Following the final curtain during the summer season the Act IV Cabaret, in the downstairs lounge, presents a music and comedy revue.

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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BURLINGTON/WILLISTON

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### WOODSTOCK

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A resort and residential community, Woodstock is noted for its historic Federal-style homes and charming village green. Four local church bells were cast in Boston by either Paul Revere or a worker at his foundry.

Three covered bridges can be seen along scenic US 4. The Middle Bridge stands on Union Street; the Taftsville Bridge stands 3 miles east of the village; and the Lincoln Bridge is in West Woodstock, 4 miles west.

Although it is best known for skiing, Woodstock also offers summer recreation, including golf, horseback riding and hiking. Holiday decorations and lights create a magical atmosphere during Woodstock's well-known Wassail Weekend the second weekend in December: the festivities include caroling, carriage rides and a parade with horseback riders in 19th-century garb.

Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce: 34 Mechanic St., P.O. Box 486, Woodstock, VT 05091. Phone: (802) 457-3555 or (888) 496-6378.

SAVE BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM is .5 mi. n. on SR 12 across the Elm Street Bridge to 69 Old River Rd. It encompasses both a modern working dairy farm with one of the finest Jersey cattle herds in the nation and a museum depicting rural Vermont farm life in the

late 19th century. In 1871 Vermont native Frederick Billings purchased the Woodstock farm where early conservationist George Perkins Marsh had grown up nurturing his love of nature. The restored farmhouse is now a livinghistory center offering a look at Billings Farm's farming and forestry operations circa the 1890s.

The museum, housed in four renovated 19th-century barns, portrays daily chores such as butter and cheesemaking in addition to seasonal activities like ice cutting and sugaring. Tools, home furnishings, machinery and a re-created workshop, kitchen and country store are displayed. Visitors also can observe the daily activities of the modern dairy operation, including the afternoon milking. and participate in special activities. Nominated for an Academy Award, the film "A Place in the Land," which traces the history of the farm from the Marsh years through its Rockefeller ownership, is shown daily in the 96-seat theater.

Self-guiding tours of the farmhouse are available. **Time:** Allow 2 hours minimum. **Phone:** (802) 457-2355.

SUGARBUSH FARM is at 591 Sugarbush Farm Rd. The farm produces maple syrup and cheeses. Exhibits and a video presentation about farm life and syrup making detail production processes, and free samples are provided. Visitors can walk through the woods and see some of the equipment used in collecting maple sap and making syrup.

**Time:** Allow 1 hour minimum. **Phone:** (802) 457-1757 or (800) 281-1757.



506 ON THE RIVER INN BOOK NOW 802/457-5000



Boutique Hotel. Address: 1653 W Woodstock Rd 05091.



Historic Bed & Breakfast. Address: 43 Senior Ln 05091.

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Resort Hotel. Address: 14 The Green 05091.

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### WHERE TO EAT

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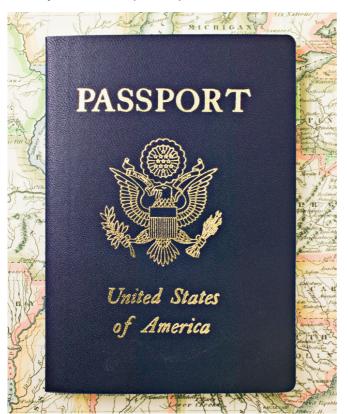
Regional American Fine Dining. Address: 14 The Green 05091.



# **Border Information**

# U.S. Residents Traveling to Canada

Border crossing requirements: Travelers are required to present proper travel documents in order to enter Canada and return to the U.S. Air travel: A U.S. passport is required. Land or sea travel: Proof of citizenship and proof of identity are required. Approved documents include a passport or passport card, Enhanced Driver's License or NEXUS trusted traveler program card. Visit the U.S. Department of State website travel.state.gov for the most current information on these requirements. Canadian citizens should refer to the Canada Border Services Agency website www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca. **U.S. resident aliens:** An Alien Registration Receipt Card (Green Card) as well as a passport from the country of citizenship is required.



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Children: All children must provide their own travel documents. In lieu of a U.S. passport or passport card, children under 16 traveling to Canada by land or sea may present an original or copy of their birth certificate, a Report of Birth Abroad obtained from a U.S. Consulate or a Naturalization Certificate. Minors must be accompanied by both parents; if one parent is absent, a notarized letter of consent from the absent parent giving permission to go on the trip is required.

**Legal Issues:** Persons with felony convictions, DUI convictions or other offenses may be denied entry into Canada.

**Firearms:** Canada has strict laws regarding the importing, exporting, possession, use, storage, display and transportation of firearms. These are federal laws that apply across the country. Firearms are divided into classes: non-restricted (most ordinary rifles and shotguns); restricted (mainly handguns) and prohibited (full and converted automatics and certain handguns, among others).

To bring a non-restricted or restricted firearm into Canada you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Declare firearm(s) in writing at the first point of entry
- Obtain an Authorization to Transport (ATT) from a provincial or territorial Chief Firearms Officer prior to arrival at the point of entry; contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at (800) 731-4000 for additional details.

Hunters may bring in, duty-free, 200 rounds of ammunition; a valid license or declaration to purchase ammunition is required. Those planning to hunt in multiple provinces or territories must obtain a hunting license from each one.

Firearms are forbidden in many of Canada's national and provincial parks, game reserves and adjacent areas. For additional information regarding the temporary importation and use of firearms consult the Canada Border Services Agency website.

**Personal items:** Clothing, personal items, sports and recreational equipment, automobiles, snowmobiles, cameras, personal computers and



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food products appropriate for the purpose and duration of the visit may be brought into Canada duty and tax-free. Customs may require a refundable security deposit at the time of entry.

**Tobacco products:** Those meeting age requirements (18 years in Alberta, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Yukon; 19 years in other provinces) may bring in up to 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, 200 grams of tobacco and 200 tobacco sticks.

Alcohol: Those meeting age requirements (18 years in Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec; 19 years in other provinces and territories) may bring in limited alcoholic beverages: 40 fluid ounces (1.14 litres) of liquor, 53 fluid ounces (1.5 litres) of wine (about two 750-ml bottles) or 287 fluid ounces (8.5 litres) of beer or ale (the equivalent of 24 12-ounce bottles or cans).

- Amounts exceeding the allowable quantities are subject to federal duty and taxes, and provincial/territorial liquor fees.
- Provincial fees are paid at customs at the time of entry in all provinces and Yukon.
- It is illegal to bring more than the allowable alcohol quantity into the Northwest Territories or Nunavut.

**Purchases:** Articles purchased at Canadian duty-free shops are subject to U.S. Customs exemptions and restrictions; those purchased at U.S. duty-free shops before entering Canada are subject to duty if brought back into the United States.

**Prescription drugs:** Persons requiring medication while visiting Canada are permitted to bring it for their own use. Medication should be in the original packaging with a label listing the drug and its intended use. Bring a copy of the prescription and the prescribing doctor's phone number.

**Gifts:** Items not exceeding \$60 (CAN) in value (excluding tobacco, alcoholic beverages and advertising matter) taken into or mailed to Canada are allowed free entry. Gifts valued at more than \$60 are subject to regular duty and taxes on the excess amount.

**Pets:** You must have a certificate for a dog or cat 3 months and older. It must clearly describe the animal, declare that the animal is currently

vaccinated against rabies and include a licensed veterinarian signature.

- Collar tags are not sufficient proof of immunization.
- Be sure the vaccination does not expire while traveling in Canada.
- The certificate is also required to bring the animal back into the U.S.

**Exemptions:** Service animals; healthy puppies and kittens under 3 months old with a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian indicating that the animal is too young to vaccinate.

### **Vehicles**

- Vehicles entering Canada for leisure travel, including trailers not exceeding 8 feet 6 inches (2.6 m) in width, are generally subject to quick and routine entry procedures.
- To temporarily leave or store a car, trailer or other goods in Canada if you must leave the country, you must pay an import duty and taxes or present a valid permit.
   Canadian Customs officials issue vehicle permits at the point of entry.
- You are required to carry your vehicle registration document when traveling in Canada.
- If driving a car other than your own, you must have written permission from the owner.
- If driving a rented car, you must provide a copy of the rental contract.
- A valid U.S. driver's license is valid in Canada.
- In all Canadian provinces and territories except Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan, it is illegal to use radar detectors, even if unplugged.
- Seat belt use is required for the driver and all passengers.

Financial Responsibility Laws in Canada: When an accident involves death, injury or property damage, Canadian provinces and territories require evidence of financial responsibility.

U.S. motorists should check with their insurance company regarding whether they are required to obtain and carry a yellow Non-Resident Inter-Province Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card (accepted as evidence of financial responsibility throughout Canada). Those not carrying proper proof may be subject to a substantial fine. If renting a vehicle, check with the rental car company.



# U.S. Residents Returning to the U.S.

U.S. citizens returning to the U.S. from Canada by air must have a valid passport. Those returning by land or sea are required to present the appropriate travel documents outlined above.

Every individual seeking entry into the United States—foreign visitors, U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents—must be inspected at the point of entry and each family (persons living in the same household related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership or adoption) must complete a declarations form. Random searches may be conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents.

### U.S. Exemptions for a Stay in Canada of 48 **Hours or More**

- Each individual may bring back tax- and duty-free articles not exceeding \$800 in retail value.
- Any amount over the \$800 exemption is subject to duty.
- The exemption is allowed once every 31 days.
- · A family may combine purchases to avoid exceeding individual exemption limits.
- Exemptions are based on fair retail value (keep receipts of all purchases as proof).
- Exemptions apply to articles acquired only for personal or household use or as gifts and not intended for sale.
- The exemption may include 100 cigars, 200 cigarettes and 1 litre (33.8 fluid ounces) of liquor per person over age 21. Customs enforces state liquor laws.
- All articles must accompany you on your return.

### U.S. Exemptions for a Stay in Canada Less Than 48 Hours

- Each individual may bring back tax- and duty-free articles not exceeding \$200 in retail value.
- The exemption may include no more than 10 cigars, 50 cigarettes, 150 millilitres (5 fluid ounces) of alcohol or 150 millilitres of perfume containing alcohol.
- · A family may not combine purchases.
- If purchases exceed the \$200 exemption, you forfeit the exemption and all purchases become subject to duty.
- All articles must be declared and accompany you upon return.

### Gifts

• Gifts up to \$100 fair retail value may be sent to friends or relatives in the United States provided no recipient receives more than one gift per day (gifts do not have to be included in the \$800 exemption).

- Gifts of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or perfume containing alcohol valued at more than \$5 retail are excluded from this provision.
- Mark the contents, retail value and "Unsolicited Gift" on the outside of the package.

**Prohibited:** Narcotics and dangerous drugs, drug paraphernalia, obscene articles and publications. seditious or treasonable matter, lottery tickets, hazardous items (fireworks, dangerous toys, toxic or poisonous substances) citrus products and switchblade knives. Also prohibited are any goods originating in embargoed countries.

# **Canadian Residents Traveling** to the U.S.

Canadian citizens entering the U.S. by air must have a valid passport. Canadian citizens entering the U.S. by land or sea are required to present the appropriate travel documents; refer to the Canada



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Border Services Agency website www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca or travel.state.gov for the most current information on these requirements.

If traveling to the United States with a minor 15 years or younger, carry documentation proving your custodial rights. A person under age 18 traveling to the United States alone or with only one parent or another adult must carry certified documentation proving that the trip is permitted by both parents.

U.S. Customs permits Canadian residents to bring—duty-free for personal use and not intended for sale—the following: clothing, personal items and equipment appropriate to the trip, up to 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 2 kilograms of tobacco, and 1 litre of liquor.

# Canadian Residents Returning to Canada

There are no exemptions for same-day cross-border shoppers.

Canadian residents may claim a \$200 (CAN) exemption on goods, excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco products, if returning after less than 48 hours and not using any other exemption. This exemption may apply any number of times in a year. No tobacco or alcohol may be brought back if returning from a visit of less than 48 hours.

For each absence of 48 hours or more (but fewer than seven days), residents may bring back, free of duty and taxes, goods valued up to \$800 (CAN) any number of times a year, provided the visit to the United States is 48 hours or more and all goods accompany the purchaser (a written declaration may be required).

If returning after 7 days or more (not counting the departure day from Canada) you may claim up to a \$800 (CAN) exemption, but goods other than alcohol and tobacco products need not accompany you (a written declaration may be required).

Permitted within the \$200 and \$800 exemptions: up to 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, 200 tobacco sticks and 200 grams of tobacco; and up to 1.14 litres (40 fluid ounces) of liquor, 1.5 litres (53 fluid ounces) of wine (about two 750-ml bottles) or 8.5 litres (287 fluid ounces) of beer or ale (the equivalent of 24 12-ounce bottles or cans). You must meet the minimum age requirement of the province or territory entered to claim alcohol or tobacco products.

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# Traveling the world?

Before you go, purchase an International Driving Permit for a recognizable form of identification, even if you're not driving.

U.S. residents apply at AAA offices. Canadian residents apply at CAA offices.

Or visit online at: AAA.com/IDP or CAA.ca/services/travel





# **ICON LEGEND**



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### In select cities only:

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### **SERVICES**

Airport transportation

Pet friendly (Call for restrictions/fees.)

Restaurant on premises

Restaurant off premises

Room service for 2 or more meals

Full bar

Child care

**BIZ** Business center

Accessible features (Call property for available services and amenities.)

# **AMENITIES**

Full-service casino

🚁 Pool

Health club or exercise room on premises

**HS** High-speed Internet service

High-speed Internet service (Call property for fees.)

Wireless Internet service

Wireless Internet service (Call property for fees.)

No wireless Internet service

Pay movies

Refrigerator

Microwave

Coffeemaker

No air conditioning

No TV

No telephones

### **SAFETY FEATURES**

No sprinklers

No smoke detectors

### DINING

Designated smoking section

**B** Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner

24 Open 24 hours

LATE Open after 11 p.m.

# **ATTRACTIONS**

**GT** Guided Tours available

Camping facilities

Recreational activities

Picnicking allowed

Designates an attraction of exceptional interest and quality. AAA GEM — a Great Experience for Members®.