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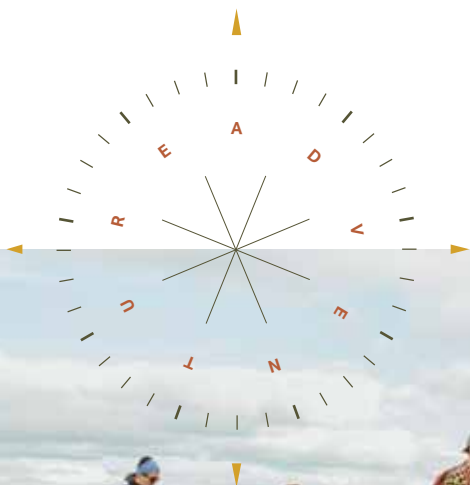
MAINE

OF ORIGINALITY



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North, south, east or west? Yes to all.





**HERE, YOU AND ADVENTURE
WILL FORM A FAST FRIENDSHIP.
THE KIND THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.**

THERE ARE FEW PLACES AS NATURALLY AND SOULFULLY SUITED FOR FINDING **ADVENTURE** AS MAINE. BUT HERE'S A LITTLE HEADS-UP. IN A PLACE KNOWN FOR ITS INDEPENDENT SPIRIT, **ADVENTURE** SOMETIMES HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN. WHICH IS TO SAY THERE ARE TIMES WHEN MAINE **ADVENTURE** WILL LOOK FOR AND FIND YOU. IT'S ALL GOOD. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY – OR NIGHT – **THE TWO OF YOU**



WILL BE INSEPARABLE.

IN MAINE, ADVENTURE IS MORE
THAN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES. IT'S
A STATE OF EXHILARATION. A STATE
OF WONDER. A STATE OF JOY.

OUTDOORS

Hiking on legendary Mount Katahdin. Biking on breathtaking Atlantic coast trails. Paddling the wild rivers that inspired Henry David Thoreau. Fishing Maine's timeless and endless lakes, rivers and streams. Hunting in woods as alive as they were centuries ago. Snowmobiling on some of America's best and freshest trails. Skiing: downhill, cross-country and at the end of the day, across the lodge floor to a warm fire.

THAT'S ADVENTURE IN MAINE. ARE YOU IN?

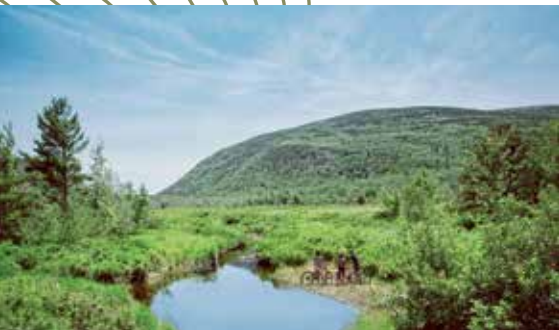


FAST FACTS

MAINE IS THE FIRST STATE TO SEE THE SUNRISE EVERY MORNING. ☀️ IT'S YOUR WAKE-UP CALL TO ADVENTURE. WITH MORE MOOSE PER SQUARE MILE THAN ANY OTHER STATE, IT'S AMAZING THAT MAINE'S STATE ANIMAL DOESN'T GET AN EVEN BIGGER HEAD. 🦌 MAINE HAS 3,500 MILES OF COASTLINE. 🌊 THAT'S LIKE GOING ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE USA AND HALFWAY BACK. BUT WHY DO THAT WHEN YOU CAN HAVE A MUCH MORE EXCITING TIME HERE? 🗺️ GEOGRAPHICALLY, MAINE IS BIGGER THAN THE OTHER FIVE NEW ENGLAND STATES COMBINED. AND FIVE TIMES THE FUN. 🏔️ HOW GOOD ARE YOU AT ISLAND HOPPING? WITH MORE THAN 3,000 ISLANDS ALONG MAINE'S COAST, YOU CAN DEFINITELY PERFECT YOUR TECHNIQUE. 🚢 HIKERS, YOU CAN PUT MORE THAN A BOUNCE IN YOUR STEP ON THE WIGGLY BRIDGE, THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUSPENSION BRIDGE IN YORK, MAINE. 🏞️ ACADIA NATIONAL PARK IS THE SECOND MOST VISITED NATIONAL PARK IN THE COUNTRY, BUT NUMBER ONE IN OUR HEARTS.

JOY
WONDER
EXHILARATION





**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU LOOK AT THAT
MATTERS, IT'S WHAT YOU SEE.**

– Henry David Thoreau



WINTER



MAINE
(ARCOSTOOK COUNTY)
ALLAGASH QUADRANGLE

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YOU'RE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING IN THE DAZZLING WINTER SUN. YOU STOP FOR A MOMENT AND HEAR A SOUND YOU HAVEN'T HEARD IN FOREVER. SILENCE.

After serving up a spectacular Maine summer and fall, the earth takes a bow. As the sun dances southward, the curtain goes up on the Maine winter with action-packed adventure and serenity as deep as the mountain snow. With more than 14,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, you can ride uninterrupted from one end of Maine to another. But don't stop there. Because Maine is home to world-class downhill skiing and snowboarding – from beautiful local hills to gorgeous mountain steep. On the steep side, Sugarloaf Mountain has the only lift-served, above-treeline skiing east of the Mississippi. And proving there's no business like snow business, the crew at Sunday River was named one of the best snowmaking teams in America.



FAST FACTS

MAINE HAS 17 ALPINE SKI AREAS, ALL WITH UNLIMITED YODELING. ⚡ THOSE SO INCLINED, CAN ENJOY ICE CLIMBING ON MAINE'S PEAKS AND FROZEN WATERFALLS. ➤ THE DOG DAYS OF WINTER ARE AWESOME – WITH THE CAN-AM CROWN INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE IN FORT KENT. 🐕 WITH 18 CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS IN MAINE, IT'S NOT JUST THE VIEWS THAT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY. 🏠 AND SHOOT, WE CAN'T GO WITHOUT MENTIONING OUR TWO WORLD-CLASS BIATHLON CENTERS.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



**WE BELIEVE IN LETTING YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE.
BUT IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THE REALLY GOOD STUFF,
A REGISTERED MAINE GUIDE IS THE WAY TO GO.**

History has its share of visionaries. But not many who've caught 200 trout in one day. Born in 1854, Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby was not only a legendary angler, she was an esteemed outdoor writer and Maine's first licensed guide. She also coined Maine's longtime slogan: "The Nation's Playground."



**THE PLAYGROUND IS BETTER THAN EVER
AND BEST EXPERIENCED WITH ONE OF MAINE'S
MORE THAN 4,000 REGISTERED GUIDES.**

Name your favorite outdoor adventure and a Registered Maine Guide will take you there. Casting for native brook trout, kayaking the coastal islands, river rafting a wild gorge, canoeing a hidden river, watching for moose. And the stories – definitely the stuff of legend.





WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

**THERE'S A CREATURE IN MAINE KNOWN
FOR ITS CURIOSITY AND PLAYFULNESS.
YOU'LL SEE IT LOOKING BACK AT YOU
IN THE MIRROR WHEN YOU VISIT.**

There's something about seeing wildlife that makes us reflect on ourselves. When you venture out in Maine, you'll see an amazing variety of creatures – some great, some small, but all perfectly at home in the wild.

For starters, think big. As in a whale-watching expedition off the Maine coast. Now think tall – hiking the mountains with a Registered Maine Guide to see a 1,000 pound moose. A little more petite but just as fascinating are the countless species of birds – feel free to count if you wish – including two island colonies of puffins and more than 500 pairs of bald eagles.





**AFTER AN ADVENTUROUS DAY, OUR
LEGENDARY HOSPITALITY MAKES
YOUR DREAMS EVEN SWEETER.**

In Maine, we work extra hard to make sure your lodging is as relaxing and rejuvenating as your outdoor time was exciting and fun. So whether it's one of Maine's sporting camps, wilderness lodges, classic woodland cabins – or a cabin on one of our historic schooners – a good night is always just a sunset away.

Stay close to nature at a state park campground or one of the privately owned campgrounds offered by the Maine Campground Owners Association. Or cuddle up with the charms of a lovely inn or historic bed & breakfast. All accommodations include a star-studded evening show – that would be the night sky – with no cover charge.



LODGING





WATER SPORTS



When water is, well, everywhere, its attraction is powerful. Our guests agree, especially those who've experienced the world-class whitewater rafting on our three major rivers – The Penobscot, The Kennebec and The Dead – and the pure joys of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. Kayak much?

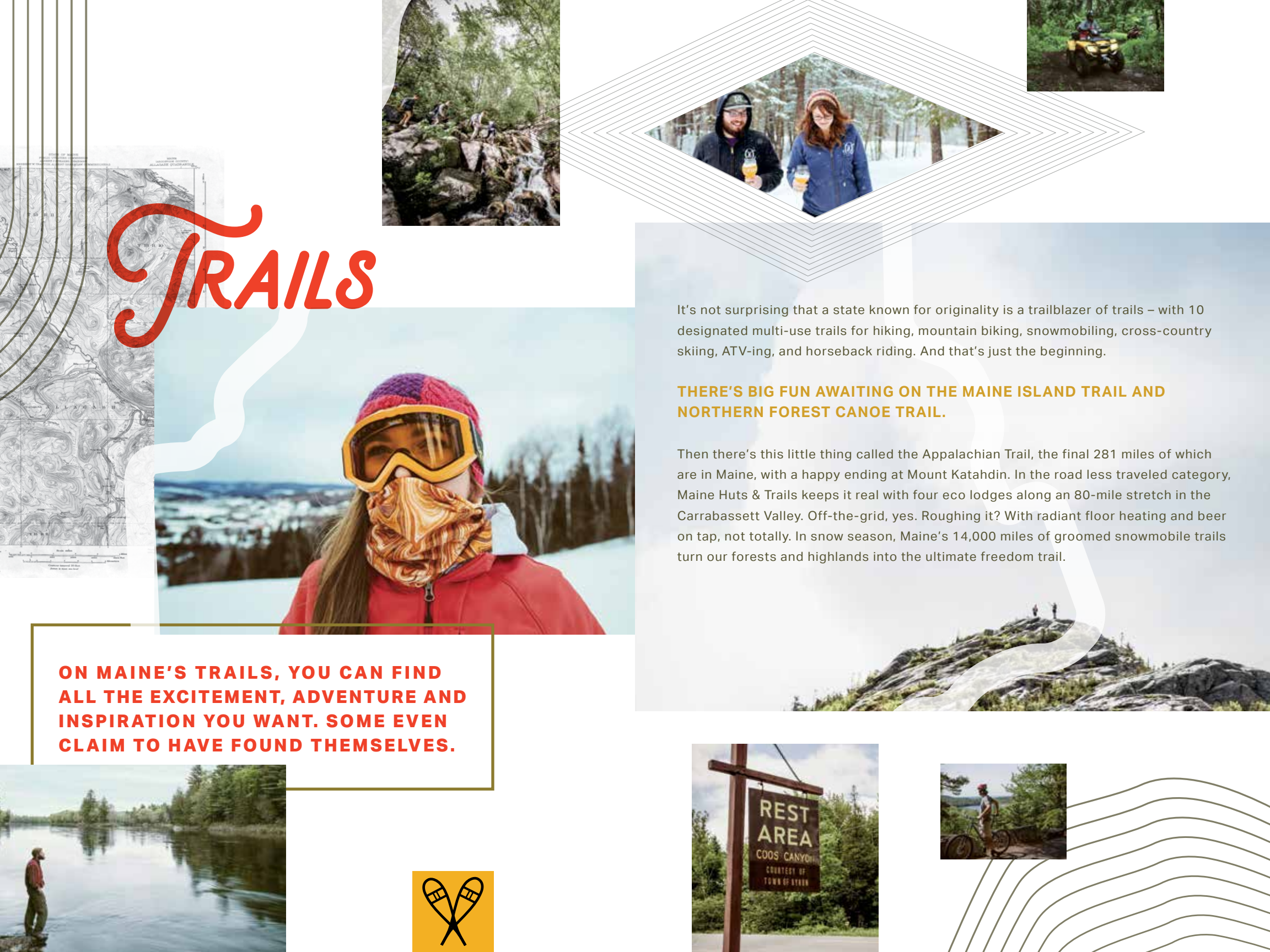


YOU'RE WHITEWATER RAFTING ON THE DEAD RIVER WHEN YOU COME TO A RAPID NAMED HUMPTY DUMPTY. YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP.



With more than 2,500 lakes, and the bays and islands of the Atlantic coastline, you could kayak forever. Sailing anyone? Chart a course to adventure out on the ocean, among the coastal islands or on our refreshing inland waters. With rivers and streams virtually untouched by the years, paddling your canoe forward will take you back in time. Equipment-wise, you can rent whatever you need from Maine's outfitters and guides. The water, of course, is free.





TRAILS

It's not surprising that a state known for originality is a trailblazer of trails – with 10 designated multi-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ATV-ing, and horseback riding. And that's just the beginning.

THERE'S BIG FUN AWAITING ON THE MAINE ISLAND TRAIL AND NORTHERN FOREST CANOE TRAIL.

Then there's this little thing called the Appalachian Trail, the final 281 miles of which are in Maine, with a happy ending at Mount Katahdin. In the road less traveled category, Maine Huts & Trails keeps it real with four eco lodges along an 80-mile stretch in the Carrabassett Valley. Off-the-grid, yes. Roughing it? With radiant floor heating and beer on tap, not totally. In snow season, Maine's 14,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails turn our forests and highlands into the ultimate freedom trail.

ON MAINE'S TRAILS, YOU CAN FIND ALL THE EXCITEMENT, ADVENTURE AND INSPIRATION YOU WANT. SOME EVEN CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES.





**YOU JUST HAD A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME
ADVENTURE. YOU TELL YOURSELF IT
COULDN'T POSSIBLY GET ANY BETTER.
AU CONTRAIRE.**

APRÈS ADVENTURE

Like any great story, your Maine adventures have a beginning, middle and ending. Let's focus on that last part. Can we start you off with something to drink? Beer lovers will be ecstatic over the more than 60 craft breweries, great brew pubs and Beer Trail tour. Wine aficionados, there's a Wine Trail for you too, with exceptional wineries and delightful vintners.



We've got spirits; yes we do – with craft distilleries creating outstanding vodka, gin and more. Do you need a few more minutes or are you ready? Okay, it's no secret that Maine has become a phenomenal foodie haven, with award-winning chefs and an amazing diversity of cuisines. For dessert, we recommend some live local music. Bonsoir.



EVENTS

JANUARY

- Rangeley: Snodeo Snowmobile Festival

FEBRUARY

- Great Maine Outdoor Weekend
- Maine Pond Hockey Championships

MARCH

Fort Kent: Can-Am Dog Sled Race

APRIL

- Fishing Season Opens
- Bangor: Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race

MAY

- Whiting: Downeast Birding Festival
- Trek Across Maine
- Blue Hill: Wings & Water Birding Festival

JUNE

- Bar Harbor: Acadia Birding Festival
- Boothbay: Windjammer Festival

JULY

- Old Town: Penobscot River Whitewater Nationals Regatta
- Camden: Maine Lobster Ride and Roll



AUGUST

- West Grant Lake Race
- Crown of Maine Balloon Festival

SEPTEMBER

- Bar Harbor: Night Sky Festival
- Bike Maine
- Moosehead Lake International Seaplane Fly-In

OCTOBER

- Lewiston: Dempsey Challenge
- Bethel: North American Wife-Carrying Championships

NOVEMBER

- Jackman: Annual Hunter's Supper

DECEMBER

- Tree Lightings; Festival of Lights Celebrations and Holiday Happenings throughout the state
- Freeport: Freeport Sparkle Weekend
- Farmington: Chester Greenwood Day



• CHECK OUT MORE EVENTS AT VISITMAINE.COM



PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

With 41 state parks and 29 natural areas reserved for the public, you can discover Maine today much as it was discovered hundreds of years ago. The areas are vast – more than 700,000 acres, including the 205,000 acres of Baxter State Park, home to Maine's highest peak, Mount Katahdin. All told, you can pursue your happiness in the state parks and public lands in whatever ways you love best. Camping, biking, fishing, hunting, paddling, wildlife watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ATV-ing. For starters.

Book your camping reservation online at campwithme.com.

TRANSPORTATION

BY LAND | Maine is within just an hour's drive from Boston, and only a six-hour drive from New York City. In addition, train service offers a convenient and scenic travel option from Boston to Portland. Several bus lines also offer service to Maine from Boston and New York City.

If you're planning on driving as a secondary mode of transportation, you'll find major car rental agencies located at Maine airports and in several Maine cities; consult the Maine Office of Tourism's Web site at visitmaine.com for more details and complete lists of transportation services.

Train Service | Amtrak DownEaster
amtrakdowneaster.com

Bus Services | Concord Trailways
concordcoachlines.com

Greyhound Bus Lines
greyhound.com

BY AIR | For those who prefer to fly, Maine offers several options – major airports are located in Bangor and Portland, and regional airports are conveniently located throughout the state.

Consult visitmaine.com for a list of Maine airports and other transportation services.

GATEWAYS

Portland International Jetport
(PWM) Portland | portlandjetport.org

Bangor International Airport
(BGR) Bangor | flybangor.com

BY SEA | Ferry services offer many exciting travel opportunities between points on the Maine coast and its scenic islands. Maine is also a popular cruise ship destination.

Maine State Ferry Service
exploremaine.org/ferry/index.html

Casco Bay Lines
cascobaylines.com

CruiseMaine
cruisemaineusa.com

CLIMATE

Maine enjoys a healthy, invigorating climate: Its smog-free air, moderate temperatures, and climatological zones ranging from mountain to seaside elevations combine to make Maine a highly desirable four-season destination.



Maine has one of the most comfortable statewide summer climates in the nation, with peak temperatures averaging about 70°F (21°C) throughout the state. Summer nights are usually cool and pleasant. Fall is one of Maine's most glorious seasons, with crisp, sun-swept days (averaging about 55°F) and cool evenings.

Winters are generally cold, but prolonged cold spells are rare. Average snowfall is between 60 to 90 inches (152 to 228 cm), making Maine very popular with skiers and other winter outdoor enthusiasts.

RESOURCES

GENERAL TRAVEL INFO

Maine Tourism Association
mainetourism.com

DINING

Maine Restaurant Association
mainerestaurant.com

ARTS

Maine Arts Commission
MaineArts.com

The Maine Art Museum Trail
maineartmuseums.org

LODGING

Maine Innkeepers Association
maineinns.com

Maine Campground Owners Association
campmaine.com

Maine Sporting Camp Association
mainesportingcamps.com

SHOPPING

Freeport Merchants Association
freeportusa.com

Kittery Outlet Association
thekitteryoutlets.com

Maine Antique Dealers Association
maineantiques.org

Maine Craft Association
mainecrafts.org

Maine Made
mainemade.com

SPECIAL INTEREST & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Maine Windjammer Association
sailmainecoast.com

Raft Maine
raftmaine.com

Maine Professional Guides Association
maineguides.org

Ski Maine Association
skimaine.com

Maine Birding Trail
mainebirdingtrail.com

Maine State Parks
maine.gov/dacf/parks/index.shtml

Maine State Parks Passport Program
maine.gov/dacf/parks/discover_history_explore_nature/activities/passport_program.shtml

Maine Trail Finder
mainetrailfinder.com



Maine Wilderness Guides Association
mwgo.org

Maine Woods Discovery
mainewoodsdiscovey.com

Maine Island Trail Association
mita.org

Northern Forest Canoe Trail
northernforestcanoetrail.org

Golf Maine
golfme.com

Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative
lobsterfrommaine.com

Appalachian Trail
appalachiantrail.org

Scenic Byways
exploremaine.org/byways

Maine Snowmobile Association
mesnow.com

Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
maine.gov/ifw

Maine Wildlife Park
maine.gov/ifw/education/wildlifepark

Swan Island
maine.gov/ifw/education/swanisland



