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# Welcome to MAINE'S LAKES MOUNTAINS

Maine's Lakes and Mountains region is an honest-to-goodness year-round vacation destination. Scores of trail-creased mountain peaks, fish-filled rivers and ponds, and swim-able lakes are here to be enjoyed by all. Since there is so much to cover, use this vacation planner, map on pp. 48–49, and MaineLakesAndMountains.com to learn more about what the region has to offer.



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## A feast for the SENSES

Scenic drives reveal crystal-clear lakes (*p. 20*) and rolling mountains that hide verdant forests with tumbling waterfalls (*p. 39*). Endless miles of hiking through the hushed grandeur of fir, pine, and spruce (*p. 36*). Paddling at dawn (*p. 18*) in sight of a moose grazing on the opposite shore and hearing the distinctive call of a loon (*p. 42*). Granite peaks, reaching 4,000 feet to the sky (*p. 8*) offering unparalleled views. Hills and dales blooming in a riot of russet and gold come autumn.

Even traveling through our **cities and towns** offers a chance to see architectural treasures (*p. 13*) and to take in places that evoke our **history** (*p. 12*) and offer glimpses of a thriving **cultural scene** (*p. 24*). These are just some of the splendors that await your visit to our region.

Western Maine's clean air, sparkling water, and untrammeled landscape will bring you back to a slower, quieter time (p. 10), opening your eyes to ancient rivers and lakes cut by ice-age glaciers, sun-drenched cliff faces, and beautiful mountain villages. Some of Maine's tallest mountains (p. 8) challenge you to a hike. Maine's public lands (p. 40) are a welcome departure from our overbuilt world: You'll view hillsides that roll to a distant horizon or across places drawn straight from postcards. Wildlife abounds: Stop a while to listen for warblers and chickadees (p. 42) or maybe even spot a rafter of wild turkeys.

Take one of our numerous scenic drives, where you'll be rewarded with the sight of cathedral pine stands, winding rivers, majestic waterfalls (*p. 39*), working farms, and even a collection of quaint covered bridges (*p. 20*). Our region is just as beautiful in the winter (*p. 32*), when our snowy landscape, pine-scented air, and warm sun on your back all create a true feast for the senses.

## Fun with the KIDS

Let our woods, mountains, and water become the most incredible and fun, natural playground for your kids. So let them loose, and allow yourself to have fun too. They'll love clambering up hiking trails (*pp. 16 and 36*)–spotting wildlife, listening for woodpeckers (*p. 43*), and sampling tasty berries growing wild along the way. With so many parks and public lands to explore, a picnic is must, too (*p. 40*). Or climb to the top of one of our waterfalls (*p. 39*) among our many mountains (*p. 8*). Once at the top, call out to an echo friend on a neighboring peak.

Don't forget your water sports gear! We include "lakes" in our name for a good reason (p. 6). From countless beaches and hidden spots, to swimming holes and waterfalls, this place was meant for swimming and splashing about (p. 29). Or you can rent kayaks and canoes (p. 18) for paddling up the Songo River, passing through the hand-operated Songo Locks. Tubing on the Saco is fun, too. Fishing is another great way for families to connect (p. 44), whether it's a lazy summer day or while on the hunt for a derby prize in the winter.

Camp-outs and rustic resorts are family favorites (p. 31). There's nothing like sharing stories around a cozy campfire. Add in toasted marshmallows and a game of cards by flashlight to make for great digital downtime.

Here are a few other great family activities: Check out the olde-time Bridgton Drive-in or Celebration Barn in South Paris, play paintball at the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, go rock-hounding and caving in Oxford and try snowboarding or dog-sledding (*p. 32*) when winter turns cold and snowy.





# Find yourself OUTSIDE

Hiking, biking, rock-climbing, kayaking, and backwoods camping in this part of Maine is everything you want (p. 16), in any way you want it, all adding up to unmatched outdoor experiences and one fantastic getaway.

The forests, mountains, and lowlands are laced with a network of watersheds, lakes, rivers, and streams begging to be **paddled** (*p. 18*), and forested woodland rich in wildlife (*p. 42*) and history. Our spectacular mountains (*p. 8*), which include several 4,000-footers, welcome both seasoned and novice hikers (*p. 36*), and provide plenty of opportunities for rock-climbers. Then jump into one of our crystalline lakes for a swim (*p. 29*). Bring or rent a canoe, kayak, small sailboat, SUP, or pontoon-boat to explore our many waterways (*p. 18*). You'll also find challenging fly-fishing in rapid streams and historic pools that helped to define the sport (*p. 44*).

Our trails, walkways, and roads are perfect for walks, runs, and bike rides and even motorized action (p. 38). In the winter, try cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and dogsledding (p. 32) or seek out downhill and snowboarding thrills at our world-class mountain resorts and community ski mountains (p. 34). Along the way you'll find majestic nature at every turn, scenic drives (p. 20) connecting our culture-rich downtowns (p. 24) to secluded spots, crossroad communities (p. 10), and mountain villages (p. 10). Rustic camps and lakeside retreats (p. 31) welcome all lovers of the outdoors, including a "season" in nearly every season for those who love the thrill of the hunt (p. 44).

The region is perfect for a multi-day getaway with wilderness tenting spots and **sporting resorts** easy to find. **Camp** and paddle trips along a choice of numerous waterways can easily turn a few days into a lasting memory.

## Go for the SNOW

This place is the perfect getaway for winter fun. We've got annual snowfall between 6 and 7 feet and 10 peaks on the 4,000-footer list, giving you a great "base" to start your wintertime fun. Whether you are into a secluded mountainside retreat or winter camping (p. 31)-paired with a few days of off-the-grid dog sledding (p. 32), Alpine skiing, carving your own backwoods trail, riding the rails in a terrain park (p. 34) and hitting the trails on a snowmobile for a little motorized fun (p. 38)-it is clear from first flake to last how much snowy fun you can have.

Sure, there's skiing and snowmobiling (and both are unparalleled); then there is the whoosh-whoosh of a day of Nordic skiing (p. 34) or perhaps a hut-to-hut skiing adventure at Maine Huts and Trails that is without par. No doubt, there are also virtually endless miles of snowshoeing, countless ice-fishing derbies, tubing hills on town mountains, skijoring (combine skiing and dog-sledding), ice-climbing and caving, and fat-biking, as well as some spectacular mountaineering (p. 32) on many peaks.

And for anglers who cannot wait until the ice is out, places like **Sebago** are hot spots for prizes like brook trout, lake trout, and splake (*p. 44*). Spending time out on the ice offers a perfect chance to connect with locals and have fun.

Back at the lodge, supper and homemade hot chocolate are always steaming and craft brews await (*p. 23*). One last tip: Make sure to bring a good camera or even your phone. The winter landscape features the gentle curves of freshly fallen snow and sparkling light in ways which Instagrammers just love (#melakesmtns). See you in the snow!



# A place overflowing with YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE

#### DAY TRIPPING

Maine is Vacationland, and it comes with iconic experiences that should not be overlooked. Take a little time during your visit to see another part of the state, with these suggested day trips.

Shopping in Freeport, with a stop at LL Bean • 20-25 minutes from the Lewiston Auburn area

A day at the shore and a few games along the pier in Old Orchard Beach • 1 hour from Sebago or Naples

A trip to Portland Head Light and dinner out in Portland's vibrant food scene • Just over an hour from your cottage in Fryeburg

Visit the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay • 90 minutes from a lakeside retreat in Poland

These next two are a little further afield, but these experiences are an unforgettable addition.

A day of whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River followed by a stop at Moxie Falls • *About 2.5 hours from Norway* 

Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park (make sure to summit Cadillac Mountain and see Thunder Hole) • Absolutely worth the 3-hour drive from Farmington The Maine Lakes and Mountains Region is a four-season destination that runs like a spine up the state's western border with New Hampshire to the west and the Canadian province of Québec to the north. It takes its name from the rumpled quilt of incredible mountain ranges–some reaching more than 4,000 feet– embellished by hundreds of spectacular glacial lakes–including several of Maine's largest, like the 46-square-mile Sebago, Rangeley, and the man-made Flagstaff–and a vast network of rivers and streams.

This geography, distinctive to the Appalachians (of which our mountain ranges are part), made way for the development of the many quaint and quintessential New England towns and villages here. And industry drawn from the power of rivers like the Androscoggin gave rise to cities like Lewiston and Auburn, Jay, and Rumford.

An ideal vacation destination, the region is both easy to get to and easy to get around—as well as being family-friendly and affordable. We take great pride in our pristine environment, where those seeking adventure and lazy days alike can get away from the pressures of everyday life and enjoy unspoiled landscapes, friendly locals, small communities, and a breath of fresh air.

Other popular places in our mountainous enclave include **Bethel**, **Kingfield**, and the **Carrabassett Valley**. Within and around those areas are some of Maine's top ski resorts. In addition to skiing, wintertime brings opportunities for dog-sledding, skijoring, snow-tubing and other enjoyable and diverse winter activities.

Summertime attracts visitors to Fryeburg, Bridgton, and Sebago's refreshing lakeside retreats featuring swimming, boating, water skiing, and fishing of all kinds.

Traveling the numerous scenic byways that crisscross the region, you'll encounter prime wildlife viewing spots, unrivaled sights of waterways and long-range vistas, rolling mountains, swift-moving rivers, working farms, historic districts, the local work of artisans and craftsmen, and welcoming locals who manage to make every conversation both friendly and memorable.

For those looking to explore the entire depth and breadth of the region, we offer many unique points of interest, ranging from the majestic Pennacook Falls, the highest in New England, and wonders like Height of Land in Rangeley and the Cathedral Pines in Eustis. Marvels of construction include six covered bridges and the state's only Catholic basilica in Lewiston; and New Gloucester's truly unique Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village–the last Shaker community in the world.





# Memories are made on MAINE'S LAKES

Our lakeside towns are alive with visitors eager to soak up our Maine charm. Begin with making a reservation at a quaint cabin or B&B for your stay. Grab your crew and head to the water. Everything else can wait. Warm, sunny days are perfect for a stroll around town–stopping to explore local sights, museums, or charming craft and gift shops. When night falls, enjoy dining, live music, the nostalgia of the drive-in, summer stock, or time with friends under the stars.

The Indian name Sebago (*se-bay-go*) means "great stretch of water." Carved by glaciers, **Sebago Lake** fills an ancient granite basin. Thanks to those glaciers, visitors nowadays can enjoy multiple water sports on Maine's deepest lake. Power boaters, sailors, kayakers, canoeists, anglers, and beachgoers will all find something to enjoy here. Even a simple walk across the causeway becomes special.

On Sebago's north shore is beautiful Sebago Lake State Park. The park's campground, with 250 campsites, is popular with families, providing lasting memories season after season. Relax in the wooded areas that offer a respite from the sun. Whether hiking on marked trails or biking, visitors find many ways to enjoy the park. If you're looking to experience "life as it should be," to know the hushed quickening of dawn, the clarity of a bubbling stream, or the painted wonder of the sun setting in concert with loons calling across a still lake, you'll feel right at home in the **Greater Bridgton Lakes** region.

The bountiful mountains, lakes, and woods surround towns with names like **Sweden**, **Lovell**, and **Denmark** and provide a vast playground for visitors, offering a multitude of year-round activities. From the excitement of skiing the mountain peaks in the winter to hiking wooded trails in the spring, swimming, fishing, and paddling on a lake of glass in the summer to leaf-peeping in autumn, this pristine lakes region will capture your heart and never let it go.

Imagine a pontoon boat ride on Flagstaff Lake, Maine's largest man-made lake, with the dramatic 4,000+-ft. Bigelow Range looming above, or fly-fishing at Stratton Brook Pond at an almost 1,400-ft. elevation.

Kayaking on myriad rivers and ponds or preparing the day's catch over a campfire on the shores of the **Chain of Ponds** after a day of fishing. Swimming or just relaxing on a dock are adventures for visitors all ages. The Northern Forest Canoe Trail can be accessed at the Stratton boat launch, where motorboats are also welcome. Find serenity with a knockout view at Cathedral Pines Campground, on the western shore of Flagstaff Lake. The Dead River Area Historical Society Museum exhibits the "lost" towns of Flagstaff Lake, including the village of Flagstaff, named for the flagpole erected by Benedict Arnold's men during his infamous march to Québec in 1775.

The **Rangeley** and **Oquossoc** area consists of six major lakes plus hundreds of smaller lakes and ponds. Get to know the area aboard one of the Rangeley Region Lake Cruises, or simply take in the views of these waterways along the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway. Make sure to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy beside a waterfall. Complete your visit with a stop at the Rangeley Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum, named the Best Sporting Museum in New England by *Yankee* magazine.

Cruise back in time on The Oquossoc Lady, a beautifully restored 1947 vintage wooden launch at the **Saddleback** Marina. You'll circle around Rangeley Lake while the captain shares an intimate glimpse of the lake's history from a unique perspective.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce <u>MaineLakesChamber.com</u>

Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce SebagoLakesChamber.com

# Classic outdoor experiences in **MAINE'S MOUNTAINS**

Iconic and windswept, our mountains weave a spellbinding tale whether you come to play on their sun-drenched faces or to traverse their quiet paths linking beautiful mountain villages. Discover why rustic sporting types choose this place to enjoy world-class hunting and fishing in rough-hewn places. Then, when the winter flakes take flight, return again as their steep slopes welcome you back for another set of thrills. Because here, each season is bound to delight, surprise, and refresh.

Visitors of all kinds will be delighted by **Fryeburg**, one of the region's oldest mountain villages. Hikers should survey the entire area from atop **Jockey Cap** mountain; be sure to look for the monument to former resident Robert Peary (of North Pole discovery fame). Swim or paddle awhile in **Lovewells Pond** or go for a serene trip down the **Saco River**. Maybe take a ride through the town's welcoming streets or visit its picturesque parks. Of note at Fryeburg Academy, you'll find Leura Hill Eastman PAC bringing world-class performances to town. People also know Fryeburg because of the long-running and hugely popular fall agricultural fair–considered by many to be Maine's (and New England's) finest.

Situated between some of Maine's tallest mountains to the north and the White Mountain National Forest to the west, Bethel is an ideal starting point for bicycle, automobile, and hiking tour loops. Visit the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center, which hosts exhibits in two of the town's earliest homes. Take a self-guided walking tour through this serene hamlet, with its distinctive boutiques and charming eateries.

Newry is home to Sunday River, Maine's second-largest ski resort with 135 trails across eight interconnected mountains. The area also caters to Nordic skiers with several ski touring centers. A little to the north, the Grafton Notch Scenic Byway takes you along Route 26 to Grafton Notch State Park where you can hike, climb rock and ice, or picnic along the Bear River.

From Kingfield to the Canadian border, this area offers an abundance of exciting outdoor adventures with a backdrop that stimulates the senses. Shops and galleries full of treasures dot the Maine High Peaks Scenic Byway. In Kingfield, you can explore the history of Maine's ski industry at the Ski Museum; see an original Stanley Steamer; or start a journey along Maine's Huts & Trails' 75-mile network of beautifully maintained trails, all while experiencing real back-country hospitality. In neighboring Carrabassett Valley, Sugarloaf Mountain, at 4,237 feet, is Maine's largest ski area and the setting of the state's premier championship golf course. Enjoy the Narrow Gauge Pathway, which follows the Carrabassett River, where trail sports enthusiasts can be found in every season. Further north, in Eustis and Wyman, you can hike a section of the Appalachian Trail or connect to a broad network of snowmobile and ATV trails, either for a day trip or for longer adventures.

Rangeley is built for outdoor recreation, from snowboarding, skiing, or snowmobiling in the winter to hiking and golf in the spring and summer. Those looking to take in all there is to see should slow their pace while heading to Height of Land along Route 17. There, you'll view breathtaking sunsets behind Toothaker Island–a flawless jewel in the delightfully named Mooselookmeguntic Lake–and endless (and endlessly changing) Maine skies..

At Rangeley Lake State Park, explore nearly 900 acres including a swimming area on the lake's southern edge, a picnic area, and a ball field. There's a ramp to launch your motorboat, too. You can also hike and camp here. Choose from 50 sites for tenting, camper trailers, and RVs.

In the town of Rangeley, you can visit the Rangeley Public Library or the Oquossoc Log Church–both of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. You can also learn more about scientist Wilhelm Reich or visit the Rangeley Lakes Region Logging Museum, then take in a concert or show at Rangeley Friends of the Arts Theatre.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce | <u>BethelMaine.com</u> Fryeburg Business Association | <u>FindltInFryeburg.com</u> Maine's High Peaks | <u>MainesHighPeaks.com</u> Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce <u>RangeleyMaine.com</u>

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Maine's Lakes and Mountains region is home to 10 of Maine's 4,000+-foot mountains, including the Avery Peak, Sugarloaf, Abraham, and Saddleback.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

With a total of six, the Maine's Lakes and Mountains region is home to more covered bridges than any other part of the state.

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# Timeless charms in our **VALLEYS & CROSSROADS**

Spend time in this part of Maine's Lakes and Mountains and the world seems to slow down. Life here seems to be so easygoing. That's the nature of things, when you sit at the crossroads, whether it's history, industry, or outdoor recreation. Here's the secret: This whole area is a crossroads, right in the center of it all, close to just about everything-but a place that offers the sense of space you seek. So, don't rush your visit. Take your time and discover a charming experience.

The former mill towns of Jay, Livermore, and Livermore Falls sit on the cusp of Maine's western mountains and at the gateway for several ski areas. Spruce Mountain Ski Slope in Jay is a blast from the past where you rise 300 vertical feet to the summit via its tow rope lifts.

In warm weather, head to the nearby Androscoggin River, for great canoeing, kayaking, or bass fishing. You can also take the Source to Sea Canoe Trek to explore the river. Hike to scenic overlooks of the river at Pine Island Park or along a one-mile trail through an orchard at North Jay's White Granite Park.

Ride the 14-mile Whistlestop Trail, which starts off Route 4/17 in Jay across from French Falls and ends in West Farmington. This shared-use trail accommodates virtually all forms of motorized and non-motorized recreation.

Livermore is home to the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, a 455-acre complex that includes restored structures ranging from a one-room schoolhouse to farm structures to a Victorian mansion. Learn firsthand about living and working in Maine of the late 1800s.

Farmington's agricultural heritage runs deep, buy produce from local farmers at the Farmington Farmers Market or the Sandy River Farmers Market. The town is home to the University of Maine at Farmington, where you can attend performances and lectures. In December, the town celebrates Chester Greenwood Day, honoring the inventor of earmuffs with a parade and the Festival of Trees.

Take a walk through Farmington history by following the signs that take you by the Farmington Library, the old corn cannery, the Farmington Historical Society's Old North Church, the original narrow gauge railroad depot, and the site where the devastating fire of 1886 began, destroying most of the downtown area.

The River Valley is home to Black Mountain Ski Area, where you can ski or snowboard by day or under the lights at night. You'll also find cross-country trails, developed by local two-time Olympian Chummy Broomhall, which have hosted many national cross-country ski championships.

Visit **Rumford Falls** (formerly known as Pennacook Falls), which gradually plunge nearly 180 feet. Hike along the **River Walking Trail** to spot statues of Paul Bunyan and his Blue Ox Babe.

In addition to Rumford, the River Valley is peppered with the towns of Andover, Byron, Canton, Carthage, Dixfield, Hanover, Mexico, Peru, and Roxbury. Each of these friendly towns offers its own take on quaint New England historic buildings, tree-lined streets, village greens, white-steeple churches, and country stores.

Over in Byron during the 1830s, gold was discovered in the Swift River. Even today, recreational gold panning is still enjoyed along the branches of the river. This area also boasts spectacular views from Mount Zicron. For those looking for manmade beauty, head to the Lovejoy Covered Bridge in Andover, one of six within the region.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce <u>FranklinCountyMaine.org</u> Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce

Jay-Livermore-LF.org River Valley Chamber of Commerce

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# Winding along ROUTE 26

It is not surprising that Route 26 began as a Native American mountain-to-sea trade route. Follow us on our quick northbound tour from where the route intersects with I-95 in Gray to tiny Woodstock in the foothills of the western mountains. Thrilling outdoor recreation can be found along each turn, so take your time. Just one visit to the places along Route 26 will have you coming back for a lifetime.

To be guaranteed a sighting of the state's beloved moose, you need not go any further than The Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. Park guides offer scheduled tours and talks, and the park hosts a number of events throughout the year. Next, visit the cluster of tidy buildings that make up the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, for a look at life as it has been since the community was established in 1783. There are tours and a museum. Nearby, Pineland Farms is a pastoral 5,000-acre site home to an organic farm and welcoming recreational and event venue.

Poland Spring Preservation Park is home to the Poland Spring Water Museum. Visit the original spring, the Maine State Building from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and the serene All Souls Chapel. Next door is the Donald Ross-designed course surrounding America's Oldest Golf Resort, Poland Spring Resort.

North of **Poland** is the community of **Oxford**, home to **Oxford Casino** which has become popular with local and visiting fun-seekers looking to take a chance at going home a winner. Race fans will love the **Oxford Plains Speedway**, home of the Oxford 250 held every August. September welcomes the **Oxford County Fair** with its demolition derby, rides, and harness racing. Norway offers the nicest kinds of diversions. Do a little shopping at locally owned stores housed in buildings that date from the early 1900s. Or visit the Norway Arts Festival in July, featuring over 120 artists celebrating both the visual and performing arts. North of town you'll find Lake Pennesseewassee (Norway Lake), an idyllic spot to paddle or sail the day away or simply fish for brown trout, pickerel, and landlocked salmon.

The McLaughlin Garden & Homestead sits at the center of **South Paris**, with its respected horticultural pedigree including Maine's largest collection of lilacs. The town is also home to the **Paris Hill Historic District**, a well-preserved 19th-century community worth seeking out.

A journey through this part of the region ends at **Bryant Pond** and **Woodstock**. This rural town and its pretty pond are well-loved by many native Mainers. A unique claim to fame? It's the home of the last "crank" call ever made– well, the last call with a crank phone ever made.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce | OxfordHillsMaine.com



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# Enjoy culture along the GREAT FALLS

The "twin cities" of Lewiston and Auburn are the cultural and economic center of Androscoggin County. The cities are bisected by the flow of the Androscoggin River over the Great Falls, which once powered the area's rise to prominence during the last century as the heart of Maine's shoe and textile industry.

Today, visitors can see the falls up close by strolling the Androscoggin River Walk, a mile-long paved trail leading from the falls south, to a pedestrian bridge that crosses the river, to Lewiston's Simard-Payne Memorial Park. The park is home to celebrations like the Great Falls Brew Fest in June, the Dempsey Challenge in the autumn and The Great Falls Balloon Festival, which fills the August sky with dozens of spectacular hot air balloons.

With its deep Franco roots, **Lewiston** has a large Catholic population, with many calling the majestic **Basilica** of **Saints Peter and Paul** their spiritual home. Since 1936, it has helped to define the Lewiston skyline and is home to a wonderful pipe organ and striking rose window modeled after Chartres Cathedral. Those looking for another kind of sanctuary might try **Thorncrag**: This lovely spot offers a quiet retreat for wildlife in the city, especially birds. More than 70 species have been documented here.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Auburn is Lewiston's more bucolic twin, with winding country roads dotted by farmhouses, orchards, and farm stands. Here you will also find easy access to the area's landlocked salmon and bass fishing in the protected waters of Lake Auburn. For rock hounds there is feldspar, smoky quartz, tourmaline, and, of course, apatite to be unearthed at Mount Apatite, located west of downtown.

Those looking for culture can discover these local gems: the Public Theatre, the state's highest-rated equity theater; the Gendron Franco Center presenting over 60 performances annually, from chorale music to the Emerge Film Festival; the Bates College Museum of Art; and the world-renowned Bates Dance Festival held each summer on the college's campus and various locations in Lewiston. Visit Museum L-A, located in one of the former Bates Mill buildings, to learn more of the area's history.

Further exploration of the LA Metro area will reveal a collection of towns, each with something special, whether it be a favorite ice cream shop, antique store, maple barn, or the annual Moxie Festival in Lisbon Falls.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Maine boasts the Appalachian Trail's most challenging, rugged, and remote sections, with the Lakes and Mountains region being home to its "hardest mile," Mahoosuc Notch.

# Strike out for unlimited OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Maine's Lakes and Mountains has it all. Start with the incredible terrain that makes up our region; craggy mountains and cliffs, places where water runs from smooth to hard-charging, a tumult of foothills and valleys, sky-high woods filled with the sound of birdsong all summer, ablaze with color come autumn, and brilliant with snow all winter.

Spend a day at premier rock-climbing spots like Shagg Crag, on the side of Bald Mountain near Woodstock. Vertical granite cliffs offer one of the highest concentrations of hard sport climbing routes in New England. Limber up first at the 25-foot climbing wall at Sunday River. Before the climb, peer through binoculars to spy falcons nesting in the cliffs. Afterward, enjoy a feast of blueberries growing wild in the area. Over in Fryeburg, climbers can relish an excellent selection of routes to the top of the historic granite dome of Jockey Cap.

You'll get a whole new perspective on the world from a zip-line. This thrilling activity will have you flying over trees and ravines at up to 25 miles per hour. Zip-lines can be found at places like **Sunday River** and **Sugarloaf** ski resorts, both offering a full slate of year-round activities. Sync your Sunday River visit with the summertime Tough Mountain Challenge, an adventure obstacle race that tackles alpine terrain and throws in natural and manmade challenges that push you to your limits. Sugarloaf offerings include a moose safari, Segway tours, scenic plane and chairlift rides, and disc golf.

Tackle a challenging and beautiful section of the iconic Appalachian Trail: Here, the AT traverses magnificent mountain terrain in the Grafton Notch/Mahoosuc area. Take the 38.6-mile Grafton Loop Trail for a multi-day hike, or climb 2.2 miles to Step Falls and its gorgeous cascades and endless views.

The high-peaks region, home to 10 of Maine's 4,000plus-foot mountains, offers an abundance of additional hiking opportunities, all tuned to gorgeous backdrops and the excitement of spotting elusive wildlife like moose and ruffed grouse. For another kind of thrill, try those trails for some single track mountain biking: Bring your own or rent from a local outfitter. Other stellar single track rides can be found at Titcomb Mountain, Androscoggin Riverland's State Park in Turner, and around Poland at Range Pond State Park.

After a day on land, try excitement on the water. Carved by ancient glaciers, our lakes are perfect for water skiing or power boating. Go tubing or kayaking on our pristine rivers, then enjoy a splash under one of our many waterfalls. Our cold, swift-running waters offer spectacular fishing for brook trout.

Go caving. Maine caves can be found in limestone, granite, and sandstone. Some have freezing temperatures, with ice chunks lasting through the summer. The **Mahoosuc Unit**, a section of the Appalachian Trail, features an ice cave winter and summer. Winter brings the adrenaline rush of tubing, snowboarding, and downhill skiing, with our world-class resorts offering exciting verticals and superior snowmaking.

For treasures you can take home, the region is home to old quarries and mines that are known for sparkling beauties like tourmaline, the Maine state gemstone. Various rock hounding outfits will take you on tours to the local gem mines like those found at, Mt. Mica in Paris, and the Harvard Mine in Greenwood. Or, on your own, explore Mt. Apetite in Auburn.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Appalachian Mountain Club-Maine Chapter AMCMaine.org

Maine Trail Finder | MaineTrailFinder.com

N.E. Mountain Bike Association | NEMBA.org/trails/maine

# Be renewed by time spent ON THE WATER

Imagine the sun beaming down on a pristine lake, the scent of pine woods in the air, ducks and loons gliding on the distance surface. The crystalline water, set like a jewel amid lush green woods, beckons for a cool dip, or perhaps a splash in the shallows with the kids.

Here in Maine's Lakes and Mountains Region, spending a day on the water can mean so much more than swimming. With 6,000 lakes and ponds strung like gleaming gems across the region, there is no end to watery bliss.

Hop into a canoe or kayak, or try a stand-up paddleboard, and explore the lake shore's hidden spots. Enjoy a freshening morning breeze in a lake sailboat. Have fun zipping around in a powerboat-or enjoy the thrill of being zipped around behind a powerboat on waterskiis or a tube. Or gear up for a day of fishing from a boat or dock.

Explore our vast river network by raft, kayak, or canoe, hitting some of the best paddling spots in the state. Our watershed includes hundreds of glacial lakes, including a number of Maine's largest and interconnecting rivers and streams. You can paddle up the **Songo River** and step back in time passing through one of the last-known hand-operated locks at the famous **Songo Locks**.

On Sebago Lake, you'll experience the Indian word's true meaning, "great stretch of water", and the pleasures of its granite-filled basins. If you're looking to experience "life as it should be"-the hushed quickening of dawn, the clarity of a bubbling stream, the painted wonder of the setting sunyou'll feel at home in the Greater Bridgton Lakes region.

In the Jay, Livermore, and Livermore Falls area-sitting on the cusp of Maine's western mountains-you can follow the Source to Sea Canoe Trek to explore the river. In the middle of Anasagunticook Lake in Canton, you can find the "Stone House," built in the early 1900s. The Rangeley and Oquossoc area consists of six major lakes plus hundreds of smaller lakes and ponds. Get to know the area aboard one of the Rangeley Region Lake Cruises, like the Oquossoc Lady, a 1947 vintage wooden launch on Rangeley Lake, where the captain shares an intimate glimpse of the lake and its history from a unique perspective.

Whether you canoe, kayak, or SUP, paddling is an exceptional way to explore our waterways. Regardless of your skill level, there are various ways to grow your passion for paddling, from flat-water kayaking to multi-day canoe trips to highly technical paddling in pulse-quickening rapids. And you can camp along the way when you paddle waterways like the Saco River, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, or the Androscoggin River, easily transforming a few days away into lasting memories.

More than anything, paddling allows you to become part of the landscape. The quiet splash and glide along secluded waterways, amidst vast miles of pristine wilderness, transforms the trip from mere looking to experiencing. As an added benefit, paddle outfitters, rentals, shuttle services, instruction, and guided trips are all available.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Maine Huts & Trails | <u>MaineHuts.org</u> Northern Forest Canoe Trail | <u>NorthernForestCanoeTrail.org</u> Source to Sea Canoe Trail | <u>Bit.ly/MLMSourcetoSea</u>





## let the road unfold as you TAKE IN THE SCENERY

A drive through Maine's Lakes and Mountains offers up unrivaled sights of the towering Mahoosuc Mountains, waterways, and breathtaking long-range vistas. Flagstaff reveals its unspoiled cathedral pine stands and the more remote roads pass through prime wildlife viewing spots. The covered bridges of the region stand as rustic and rough-hewn reminders of the craftsmanship, engineering, ingenuity, and thrift that are the defining characteristics of a "New England Yankee."

#### NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

#### **RANGELEY LAKES SCENIC BYWAY**

Start: Route 117, Rumford End: Route 4, Madrid

Length: 52 miles Travel Time: 2.5 hours (without stops)

Crystal-clear lakes and rolling mountains set the backdrop for fantastic vistas, including the Height of Land with stunning views of Mooselookmeguntic Lake. This drive offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation such as golfing, boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife-watching, skiing, and snowmobiling.

#### STATE SCENIC BYWAYS

#### **GRAFTON NOTCH SCENIC BYWAY**

Start: Route 26, Newry End: Route 26, Upton

Length: 21 miles Travel Time: 3 hours

Once a route marked by swift-moving rivers flowing through the mountain valley, this drive travels along Route 26 to Grafton Notch State Park and Lake Umbagog, following along the Bear River for much of the trip. Pack a picnic lunch for a stop in Grafton Notch State Park or hike to Screw Auger Falls or Mother Walker Falls.

#### MAINE HIGH PEAKS SCENIC BYWAY

Start: Route 27, Kingfield End: Route 27, Coburn Gore/Canadian Border Length: 47 miles Travel Time: 1.5 hours

Well-traveled by winter sports enthusiasts who flock to the region for skiing and snowmobiling, the byway winds along the Carrabassett River, revealing views of Mount Abraham and the Bigelow Range, including Sugarloaf USA, along the way. North of Stratton, the route passes Flagstaff Lake and goes through Cathedral Pines, the largest stand of old-growth forest in the state, and continues northward through the Chain of Ponds and climbs up the Boundary Mountains to Coburn Gore and the Canadian border.

#### **PEQUAWKET TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY**

Start: Route 113/5, Standish End: Route 113, Gilead Length: 60 miles Travel Time: 2 hours (without stops)

This byway derives its name from the Sokokis Indian tribe that once inhabited the Saco River Valley. Visitors can discover the local work of artisans and craftsmen, experience sustainable working farms and historic villages, and view abundant wildlife in unbelievable habitats. The Saco River and the Mountain Division Rail meander parallel to the byway between Standish and Fryeburg, offering swimming, fishing, and kayaking, or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. The White Mountain National Forest offers scenic vistas and provides miles of world-class hiking and climbing for all levels of outdoor enthusiasts.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Explore Maine Scenic Byways | ExploreMaine.org/byways

See the map on pages 48-49 for more routes and locations.

#### COVERED BRDIGES

#### THE ARTISTS' BRIDGE

#### Newry | Built 1872

GPS: 44°29'31"N 70°50'36"W

Also referred to as the Sunday River Bridge, it is named The Artists' Bridge because of its reputation as being the most photographed and painted covered bridge in Maine.

#### **BABB'S BRIDGE**

South Windham/Gorham | Built 1843 GPS: 43°45′58″N 70°26′53″W

The bridge is a one-span queen post truss construction with a total length of 79 feet. Destroyed by fire in 1973, an exact replica of the original was completed in 1976.

#### **BENNETT BRIDGE**

Lincoln Plantation | Built 1901 GPS: 43°45′58″N 70°26′53″W The Paddleford truss bridge, with a total length of 93 feet, spans the Magalloway River near Wilson's Mill.

#### **HEMLOCK BRIDGE**

Fryeburg Center | Built 1857 GPS: 44°4′46″N 70°54′13″W Reinforced to carry local traffic in 1988, the 109-foot Paddleford truss bridge is strengthened with laminated wooden arches.

#### **LOVEJOY BRIDGE**

South Andover | Built 1868 GPS: 44°35′37″N 70°44′2″W The 70-foot bridge spans the Ellis River. Constructed of Paddleford trusses, it is Maine's shortest covered bridge.

#### PARSONSFIELD-PORTER BRIDGE

Porter | Built 1859 GPS: 43°47′30″N 70°56′18″W The bridge, built by the towns of Porter and Parsonsfield over the Ossipee River, is a 152-foot structure of Paddleford truss construction with laminated wooden arches.



# Immerse yourself. EAT AND SHOP LOCAL

Eating out when you are on vacation can sometimes seem like an impossible task, especially when you are in unfamiliar territory. So on the next page we've made some picks of locally run places from throughout the region that regularly get good reviews and are popular with locals. But don't simply trust the reviewers: Go with your gut and you just might discover your new favorite place.

With roots dipping way back into the history of our great nation, there are some really nice antiques to be found here in Maine's Lakes and Mountains. A quick trip up Route 302 on your way to **Bridgton** will bring you past many, many shops open and looking to make their old stuff your new stuff. You can also while away a few hours on Route 25 in **Cornish** or take an entire day browsing the malls, barns, and shops along Route 26 from **Gray** to **Norway**.

Keep in mind that in an area as spread out as this you might just find the best items "along the way." So keep your eyes peeled for those OPEN flags.

If you go out on a weekend morning, you will spot the welcoming "Farmers Market Today" signs everywhere from Lisbon up through Rumford and into Bethel or Kingfield. Fresh veggies, corn, and tomatoes in midsummer to squash, pumpkins, and apples in the fall. Artisanal goat cheese and tasty baked goods. Hearty soups and breads made from Maine heritage grains. Just-cut wildflowers for the table, and prime cuts of pork and locally raised, grass-fed beef. New potatoes, braids of garlic, or jars of sour and snappy dilly beans. Apple pies, blueberry pies, chicken pies, or even "secret recipe" whoopie pies. Time to fill that basket. Sure, the lobsters have been brought in from the coast, but you can be guaranteed that everything else you find, even the yarn, will be from within 30 minutes. And as they say, "It's all good." So whether it's just a couple of tables or a grand affair with dozens of vendors, take the time to stop in and pick up something tasty for lunch or dinner.

There's a bit of distance between the towns of Maine's Lakes and Mountains region and the bigger shopping destinations in the state. Most of the time, we wouldn't have it any other way. But one solution that works well is to visit unique to Maine places like Renys (originated in Bridgton), Paris Farmers Union, and Marden's.

These are real Maine general stores with a little bit of everything. Whether it be birdseed or a pair of boots, a snow sled or a couple of jars of jam, you are likely to find it in any of these places and other local stores just like them. And if they can't get it for you, you probably didn't need it anyway.

#### VISITOR RESOURCE

To learn more about local restaurants and shopping visit the Chamber of Commerce websites listed on page 46.

## A SAMPLING OF RESTAURANTS

#### BETHEL AREA 22 BROAD STREET AT GIDEON HASTINGS HOUSE

22 Broad St., Bethel 207-824-3496 | Fine Cuisine

CHO SUN 141 Main St., Bethel 207-824-7370 | Korean and Sushi

#### THE JOLLY DRAYMAN AT The briar lea inn

150 Mayville Rd., Bethel 207-824-4717 | English Pub and Indian Cuisine

#### **ROOSTER'S ROADHOUSE**

159 Mayville Rd., Bethel 207-824-0309 | Casual American and Seafood

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

#### CALZOLAIO

284 Main St., Wilton 207-645-9500 | Italian, Casual, Pub

#### **DUTCH TREAT**

291 U.S. Rt. 2 East, Wilton 207-645-2145 | Ice Cream, Burgers, Fries, etc.

#### HOMESTEAD

186 Broadway, Farmington 207-778-6162 | Casual Pub, Bakery

#### THAI SMILE & SUSHI

168 Front St., Farmington 207-778-0790 | Thai, Sushi, Curry

#### FRYEBURG AREA

#### 302 WEST SMOKEHOUSE & TAVERN

636 Main St., Fryeburg 207-935-3021 | BBQ (traditional southern style smokehouse)

#### **EBENEZER'S PUB**

44 Allen Rd., Lovell 207-925-3200 | Pub Fare, Full Entrées

#### **OXFORD HOUSE INN**

548 Main St., Fryeburg 207-935-3442 | Fine Dining

#### GREATER BRIDGTON

#### **CAMPFIRE GRILLE**

518 Portland Rd., Bridgton 207-803-2255 | American Cuisine, Creative Comfort Food

#### **GARY'S OLDE TOWNE TAVERN**

678 Roosevelt Trail, Naples 207-693-6806 | Casual Pub

#### **MACK'S PLACE**

224 Portland Rd., Bridgton 207-647-4611 | Seafood, Pizza, Burgers, Lobsters

#### **MERCED'S**

770 Roosevelt Trail, Naples 207-693-5332 | Fine Family Dining

#### JAY, LIVERMORE, LIVERMORE FALLS

LA FLEURS

224 Main St., Jay 207-897-2117 | Casual, Pub, & Local Joints

#### MY DAD'S PLACE

458 Old Jay Hill Rd., Jay 207-645-9800 | Breakfast, Pizza, Sandwiches

#### **CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT**

2 Depot St., Livermore Falls 207-897-4031 | Family Dining, Casual

#### LEWISTON AUBURN METRO AREA

#### **DAVINICI'S EATERY**

150 Mill St., Lewiston 207-782-2088 | Pizza & Pasta

#### **FISH BONES AMERICAN GRILL**

70 Lincoln St., Lewiston 207-333-3663 | Fine Cuisine

#### **MAC'S GRILL**

1052 Minot Ave., Auburn 207-783-6885 | Steakhouse

RAILS 103 Lincoln St., Lewiston 207-330-3070 | Franco Comfort Food

#### MAINE'S HIGH PEAKS

#### THE COPLIN DINNER HOUSE

8252 Carrabassett Rd., Stratton 207-246-0016 | Fine Family Dining

#### **HUGS ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

3001 Town Line Rd., Carrabassett Valley 207-237-2392 | Italian Cuisine

#### LONGFELLOW'S RESTAURANT

247 Main St., Kingfield 207-265-4394 | Fine Family Dining

#### **TEA POND LODGE & RESTAURANT**

468 Tea Pond Rd., Eustis 207-670-3009 | Maine Food, Pub, Sunday Brunch

#### OXFORD HILLS

#### CAFÉ NOMAD

450 Main St., Norway 207-739-2249 | Fresh, Local Food

#### **MAURICE RESTAURANT**

109 Main St., South Paris 207-743-2532 | Fine French Cuisine

#### **OLDE MILL TAVERN**

56 Main St., Harrison 207-583-9077 | Casual, Vegan/Vegetarian, Gluten-Free Options

#### **OXFORD GRILL & BAR**

777 Casino Way, Oxford 207-539-6700 | Casual

#### RANGELEY

#### FORKS IN THE AIR

2485 Main St., Rangeley 207-864-2883 | Bistro

#### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE RESTAURANT**

55 Carry Rd., Oquossoc 207-864-3602 | Casual Neighborhood Cafe and Fine Dining

#### LOON LODGE INN & RESTAURANT

16 Pickford Rd., Rangeley 207-864-5666 | Casual, New American

#### **THE RANGELEY INN & TAVERN**

2443 Main St., Rangeley 207-864-3341 | Casual, Sophisticated, Rustic Cuisine

#### **RIVER VALLEY**

#### HOTEL RUMFORD SPORTS PUB AND BAR

65 Canal St., Rumford 207-364-3621 | Casual, Pub

#### **GATCH'S FOOD & SPIRITS**

137 Rumford Ave., Rumford 207-364-2050 | Casual Pub

#### THE LURE

971 Prospect Ave., Rumford 207-507-4655 | Thai and American

#### **SURRY SEAFOOD COMPANY**

60 Weld St., Dixfield 207-562-9900 | Seafood, Casual

#### SEBAGO

#### **BOMB DIGGITY CAFÉ & BAKERY**

781 Roosevelt Trail, Windham 207- 893-8855 | Breakfast, Lunch, Locally Sourced

#### **BUCK'S NAKED BBQ**

4 Turning Leaf Dr., Windham 207-893-0600 | Casual, Steakhouse

#### FRANCO'S BISTRO

907 Roosevelt Trail, Windham 207-892-3700 | Italian Cuisine

# Make time for CULTURAL PURSUITS

This region's rugged beauty and vast collection of outdoor pursuits are perfectly counterbalanced by a treasury of arts and cultural activities. From eclectic museums and historic sites to exciting festivals that take place throughout the year, each elevates the history and heritage of the people who call Maine's Lakes & Mountains home.

## ART MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

#### ATRIUM ART GALLERY

51 Westminster Street, Lewiston 207-753-6500 | USM.Maine.edu/AtriumGallery

#### BATES COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

Olin Arts Center, Lewiston 207-786-6158 | Bates.edu/museum

#### EDGE OF MAINE FRAME AND GALLERY

182 Main Street, Brownfield 207-935-2817 | EdgeOfMaine.com

#### **ELEMENTS ART GALLEY & STORE**

162 Main Street, Bethel 207-824-0557 | ElementsArtGalleryMaine.com

#### FROST FARM GALLERY

272 Pikes Hill, Norway 207-743-8041 | FrostFarmGallery.com

#### **GALLERY 302**

112 Main Street, Bridgton 207-647-2787 | Gallery302.com

#### HIGH PEAKS ARTISAN GUILD GALLERY

245 Main Street, Kingfield 207-446-4316 | HighPeaksArtisanGuild.com

#### **SUGARWOOD GALLERY**

248 Broadway, Farmington 207-778-9105 | SugarwoodGallery.com

#### WESTERN MAINE ART GROUP

480 Main Street, Norway 207-739-6161 | WesternMaineArtGroup.org

#### FESTIVALS

#### BATES DANCE FESTIVAL

305 College Street, Lewiston (June-August) 207-786-6381 | BatesDanceFestival.org

#### EMERGE FILM FESTIVAL

Lewiston (April) | EmergeFilmFestival.org

#### **MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS**

Gould Academy, Church St., Bethel (July) 207-824-7700 | MusicWOBorders.com

#### **OSSIPEE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

91 South Hiram Road, South Hiram (July) 207-625-8656 | OssipeeValley.com

#### SEBAGO-LONG LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL

156 Deertrees Road, Harrison (July–August) 207-583-6747 | SLLMF.org

#### MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES

#### **BETHEL'S NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Broad & Church Street, Bethel 800-824-2910

#### **MAINE FORESTRY MUSEUM**

221 Stratton Road (Rt. 16), Rangeley 207-864-3939 | MaineForestryMuseum.org

#### **MAINE MINERAL & GEM MUSEUM**

Main Street, Bethel 207-824-3030 | MaineMineralMuseum.org

#### MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN & HOMESTEAD

97 Main Street, South Paris 207-743-8820 | MclaughlinGarden.org

#### **MUSEUM L-A**

35 Canal Street, Bates Mill Complex, Lewiston 207-333-3881 | MuseumLA.org

#### MUSEUMS OF THE BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

10 Broad Street, Bethel 207-824-2908 | BethelHistorical.org

#### **NOWETAH'S AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM**

2 Colegrove Road (Rt. 27), New Portland 207-246-2271

#### **OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE MUSEUM**

Corner of Rt. 4 and Rt. 16, Oquossoc 207-864-3091 | RangeleyOutdoorMuseum.org

#### POLAND SPRING PRESERVATION PARK

37 Preservation Way, Poland Spring 207-998-4142 | PolandSpringPS.org

#### **RUFUS PORTER MUSEUM**

67 North High Street, Bridgton 207-647-2828 | RufusPorterMuseum.org

#### SABBATHDAY LAKE SHAKER VILLAGE

707 Shaker Road (Rt. 26), New Gloucester 207-926-4597 | Shaker.lib.me.us.

#### SANDY RIVER & RANGELEY LAKES RAILROAD MUSEUM

128 Bridge Street, Phillips Operates Seasonally | SRRL-RR.org

#### **SKI MUSEUM OF MAINE**

265 Main Street, Kingfield 207-246-2271 | SkiMuseumofMaine.org

#### SONGO LOCKS

Route 302/The Causeway, Naples

#### STANLEY MUSEUM

40 School Street, Kingfield 207-265-2729 | StanleyMuseum.org

#### WASHBURN NORLANDS LIVING HISTORY CENTER

290 Norlands Road, Livermore 207-897-4366 | Norlands.org

#### MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE VENUES

#### **49 FRANKLIN-MYSTIC THEATER**

49 Franklin Street, Rumford 207-369-0129 | 49Franklin.com

#### BRICK CHURCH FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

502 Christian Hill Road, Lovell 207-925-1500 | LovellBrickChurch.org

#### **CELEBRATION BARN THEATER**

190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris 207-743-8452 | CelebrationBarn.com

#### DEERTREES THEATRE & CULTURAL CENTRE

156 Deertrees Road, Harrison 207-583-6747 | Deertrees-Theatre.org

#### **DENMARK ARTS CENTER**

50 West Main Street, Denmark 207-452-2412 | DenmarkArts.org

#### **GENDRON FRANCO CENTER**

46 Cedar Street, Lewiston 207-689-2000 | FrancoCenter.org

#### LEURA HILL EASTMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg 207-935-9232 | FryeburgAcademy.org

MAINE MUSIC SOCIETY

221 Lisbon Street, Lewiston 207-333-3386 | MaineMusicSociety.org

#### **RANGELEY FRIENDS OF THE ARTS**

2493 Main Street, Rangeley 207-864-5000 | RangeleyArts.org

#### **STONE MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER**

695 Dugway Road, Brownfield 866-227-6523 | StoneMountainArtsCenter.com

THE PUBLIC THEATRE

31 Maple Street, Lewiston 207-782-3200 | ThePublicTheatre.org

#### **VISITOR RESOURCE**

Maine Historical Society MaineHistory.org

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

Many of our towns maintain active historical societies with museums worth visiting, some open to visitors for limited times each month or by appointment only.

For a list of historical societies in the region visit our website.

Sabbathaday Lake Shaker Village



#### JANUARY

5 KINGFIELD WINTER ARTWALK Kingfield | 207-939-6518 | 6

6 NATIONAL WINTER TRAILS DAY Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel CartersXCSki.com

MOUNTAIN DEW VERTICAL CHALLENGE Mt. Abram | *MtAbram.com* 

8-12 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL WEEK Sunday River | *SundayRiver.com* 

18 CHILI/CHOWDER COOK-OFF Rangeley | 207-864-5571

(2) RANGELEY SNOWMOBILE SNODEO Rangeley | 207-864-5571

22-26 GO50 WEEK Sunday River | *SundayRiver.com* 

20-29 VETERANS NO BOUNDARIES Sunday River | MaineAdaptive.org

8 WOOD SKI DAY Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel CartersXCSki.com

(28) FAT BIKE LOPPET Rangeley | 800-864-5571

28 - 30 SPECIAL OLYMPICS MAINE WINTER GAMES Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

#### FEBRUARY

2-4 N.E. POND HOCKEY FESTIVAL Rangeley | *NewEnglandPondHockey.com* 

**2** KINGFIELD WINTER ART WALK Kingfield | 207-939-6518 | **•** 

**3** NEW ENGLAND TELEMARK Mt. Abram Ski Area | *MtAbram.com* 

8-10 ANNUAL POLAR BLAST Eustis/Stratton | *MaineHighPeaks.com* 

10-11 FAT TIRE FESTIVAL Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

(B - (D) RANGELEY WORLD RECORD SNOWMOBILE RIDE Bald Mountain Camps | 207-671-7275

MAINE LAKES WINTER CARNIVAL Bridgton | 207-647-3472

SUNDAY RIVER RESORT
 ME/MASS FAMILY ACTIVITIES
 Newry | SundayRiver.com

(B) ANNUAL WINTERPALOOZAH Haley Pond | 207-864-2771

23 3D SAM ADAMS AIR & APRÈS SHOW Sunday River Resort (Barker Lodge) SundayRiver.com

29 CABIN FEVER RELIEVER LIVING HISTORY DAY

Livermore | *Norlands.org* 

23 ANNUAL WINTER FLY-IN Bald Mountain Camps | 207-864-3671 29-25 ICE FISHING DERBY
 Norway Lake | 207-739-6070
 29-25 SEBAGO LAKE ICE FISHING DERBY
 Casco | IceFishingDerby.com

#### MARCH

2 KINGFIELD WINTER ART WALK Kingfield | 207-939-6518 | 🚱

**3** RANGELEY LAKES LOPPET Rangeley Lakes Trail Center | 207-864-4309

10-11 ANNUAL BANKED SLALOM Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

1 MOOSE DASH SNOWSHOE RACE Rangeley Lakes Trail Center | 207-864-4309

10 SPRING APRÈS CONCERT KICK-OFF WITH ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION Sunday River Resort | SundayRiver.com

17 WESTERN MAINE FLY FISHING EXPO Bethel Inn | BethelInn.com

MAINE ADAPTIVE SKI-A-THON
 Sunday River Resort | MaineAdaptive.org

WORLDS SNOWBLADE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SPRING APRÈS CONCERT #2 Sunday River Resort | SundayRiver.com

25 CHILI COOK-OFF AND MASTER OF THE HOSE RACE

Sunday River Resort | SundayRiver.com

OLD-TIME MAPLE SUGARING AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST Livermore | Norlands.org

(25) MAINE MAPLE SUNDAY Participating Sugar Shacks | GetRealMaine.com

#### APRIL

6-8 30TH ANNUAL REGGAE FESTIVAL Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

6-7 SPRING FEST-2ND SESSION MAINE BREW FEST

Sunday River Resort | SundayRiver.com POND SKIMMING, SPRING APRÈS CONCERT #3 AND BLOODY MARY BRAWL

Sunday River Resort | Sunday River.com

(2) EAST COAST POND SKIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

(2) THE GREAT TAILGATE Sunday River (White Cap Parking Lots) SundayRiver.com

8 EMERGE FILM FESTIVAL Lewiston Auburn | EmergeFilmFestival.org

88 FAT TIRE RACE AND FESTIVAL Sunday River Resort | SundayRiver.com

#### MAY

1 - 3 WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL– MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN & HOMESTEAD South Paris | *MclaughlinGarden.org* 

20 SUGARLOAF MARATHON AND 15K Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com (25 - (28) ANNUAL LILAC FESTIVAL-MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN & HOMESTEAD South Paris | *MclaughlinGarden.org* 

#### JUNE

**15-17** MAINE BLUES FEST Naples | 207-647-3472

22 KINGFIELD POPS ARTWALK Kingfield | 207-939-6518 | 6

22-August 5 BATES COLLEGE DANCE FESTIVAL

Lewiston | BatesDanceFestival.org

(23) WINDHAM SUMMERFEST Windham | WindhamSummerFest.com

**23** GREAT FALLS BREWFEST Lewiston | *GreatFallsBrewFest.com* 

(3) LUPINE FESTIVAL ART AND ANTIQUE SHOW Oquossoc | 207-864-3373

8 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT NORLANDS Livermore | Norlands.org

29-July 1 FAMILY FUN DAYS Stratton | EustisMaine.com

(1) KINGFIELD POPS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AND CONCERT Kingfield | KingfieldPops.com

#### JULY

6 -August 5 SOURCE TO THE SEA Umbagog to Brunswick AndroscogginWatershed.org

**BETHEL ART FAIR** Bethel | BethelArtFair.com

**7** NORWAY ARTS FESTIVAL Norway | *NorwayArtsFestival.org* 

12 OQUOSSOC STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL Oquossoc Park | 207-864-2651

12-15 KINGFIELD FESTIVAL DAYS Kingfield | 1

13-15 MOXIE FESTIVAL Lisbon | *MoxieFestival.com* 

GARDEN ILLUMINATED-MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN & HOMESTEAD South Paris | MclaughlinGarden.org

20-22 WATERFORD WORLD'S FAIR Waterford | WaterfordWorldsFair.org

2 FARMINGTON SUMMER FEST Farmington | ●

(1) FOUNDER'S DAY Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris 207-743-2980

(2) MOLLYOCKETT DAYS FESTIVAL AND ROAD RACES Bethel | MollyockettDay.com

22 TUBING AND TREASURE SCAVENGER HUNT Bethel | BethelOutdoorAdventure.com **26 - 28** CASCO DAYS Casco | *CascoDays.com* 

27-28 MAINE FOREST MUSEUM LOGGING FESTIVAL

Bradley | MaineForestandLoggingMuseum.org

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 Motorcycle Rally
 Newry | NewEnglandForestRally.com

#### AUGUST

**3**-**4** ANNUAL WILTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL Wilton | *WiltonBBF.com* 

**4** CARRABASSETT SUMMER FESTIVAL Carrabassett Valley | *KCsKreativityCenter.com* 

4-5 ANDOVER OLDE HOME DAYS Andover | 207-392-3761

6 MAINE STATE TRIATHLON, DUATHLON AND AQUABIKE

Bethel | MaineStateTriathlon.com

1 OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE DAY Oquossoc | 207-864-5748

(6) RANGELEY LAKES BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL Rangeley | 800-685-2537

10-19 ANNUAL TRAPPERS' WEEKEND Bethel | 207-875-5765

(7)-(19) GREAT FALLS BALLOON FESTIVAL Lewiston | GreatFallsBalloonFestival.org

(18) 43RD ANNUAL ARTS AND ARTISANS FAIR (JURIED)

New Suncook School, Lovell | HobbsLibrary.org

(B) OQUOSSOC DAY FESTIVAL ART AND ANTIQUE SHOW

Oquossoc | 207-864-3373

(19) DIXFIELD OUTDOOR MARKET Dixfield

29-28 THE OXFORD 250 Oxford Plains Speedway | Oxford Plains.com

#### SEPTEMBER

2 MAINE COMEDY FESTIVAL Bethel | Bethellnn.com

7-8 GREEK FESTIVAL Lewiston | 207-783-2249

2-15 OXFORD COUNTY FAIR Oxford | OxfordCountyFair.com

**(b** BETHEL HARVESTFEST AND CHOWDAH COOK-OFF Bethel | *BethelHarvestFest.com* 

(6-22 FARMINGTON AGRICULTURAL FAIR Farmington Fairgrounds | 207-778-6083

22 THE AMAZING CHASE Standish | AmazingChaseSebago.com

(2) ANNUAL APPLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Livermore Falls | Jay-Livermore-LF.org

### **2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(29) MAINE LAKES BREWFEST Casco | 207-647-3472

29-30 DEMPSEY CHALLENGE
Lewiston | *DempseyChallenge.org*30 BLACK & WHITE 2 PEAK CHALLENGE
Black Mountain, Rumford | *SkiBlackMountain.org*

**10**-October **7** FRYEBURG FAIR Fryeburg | *FryeburgFair.org* 

#### OCTOBER

4-6 MAINE MOUNTAINS
 JEEP JAMBOREE
 Bethel | Jeep JamboreeUSA.com

6 OKTOBERFEST Mt. Abram | *MtAbram.com* 

6-7 FALL FESTIVAL AND NORTH AMERICAN WIFE CARRYING CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday River | *SundayRiver.com* 

6-7 SUGARLOAF HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Sugarloaf | Sugarloaf.com

13 PUMPKIN FEST Rumford | EnvisionRumford.org

(9-20) JACK-O-LANTERN SPECTACULAR-MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN & HOMESTEAD South Paris | *MclaughlinGarden.org* 

#### NOVEMBER

**23-25** FESTIVAL OF TREES Paris | *OxfordHillsMaine.com* 

ANNUAL OXFORD HILLS CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARADE Norway | OxfordHillsMaine.com

29-December 23 COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN BETHEL

Weekends, Bethel | BethelMaine.com

#### DECEMBER

() CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY PARADE AND JURIED CRAFT FAIR Rumford | 207-364-3241

1 CHESTER GREENWOOD DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION Farmington | 207-778-4215

1 CHRISTMAS AT MASON HOUSE Bethel | BethelHistorical.org

**2** FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Bridgton | 207-647-3116

**WINGFIELD WINTER ARTWALK** Kingfield | 207-939-6518 | **G** 

8 FESTIVAL OF TREES Rumford | 207-364-4576

(3) 19TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS AT NORLANDS Livermore | Norlands.org

14-16 WINTERFEST Sunday River | SundayRiver.com



# Jumps in for FAMILY FUN

To have fun like (and with) a kid you sometimes need to get on their wavelength–change your mindset. What makes you laugh? How to embrace digital downtime? Tough questions, but we also know that once a family bonds with a place like Maine's Lakes and Mountains, the connection is nearly impossible to break.

In the summer, rent some canoes and paddle up the Songo River, keeping an eye out for loons and blue herons. Spend a wild autumn day at the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. Snowy days call for snowboard lessons or a dog-sledding adventure for the whole pack.

Maine's Lakes and Mountains overflows with freshwater beaches. Enjoy the easy refreshment of a cool dip in crystalline lakes set like jewels amid lush green forests. With so many it would be crazy to limit yourself to just one. (See list below.)

It doesn't have to set you back too much to have a good time. Take a hike up Streaked Mountain in South Paris for an endless view of the region–look SW to spot the Presidential Range in the White Mountains. Fishing from shore, a boat, or on the ice is a simple way for families to connect with nature and each other, especially on Maine Free Fishing Days held annually in February and June. The campfire is tough competition. It's warm and nostalgic, a therapeutic end to a full day with the added bonus of guilt-free marshmallows. We have just the right nighttime activities to square off against the allure of the fire. Hit the **Bridgton Drive-in** or **Celebration Barn** in South Paris for some side-splitting fun.

Sometimes timing is everything, so pay attention. One of the ways Maine's Lakes and Mountains shines is with its annual events. These are just a few family-friendly choices: ice fishing derbies (February), Maine Maple Sunday (March), Stratton Family Fun Days (June), Moxie Festival in Lisbon Falls (July), Great Falls Balloon Festival (August), Fryeburg Fair (October), Chester Greenwood Day (December).

Once you get the hang of it, spending time as a family and finding things to do here make for an excellent way to build lasting, happy memories. Now get going.

#### STATE PARK BEACHES

#### **MT. BLUE STATE PARK**

299 Center Hill Rd., Weld 207-585-2347 (In-season) Maine.gov/MountBlue

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#### **RANGE POND STATE PARK**

26 State Park Rd., Poland 207-998-4104 (In-season) Maine.gov/RangePonds

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#### **RANGELEY LAKE STATE PARK**

South Shore Rd., Rangeley 207-864-3858 (In-season) Maine.gov/RangeleyLake

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#### **SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK**

11 Park Access Rd., Casco 207-693-6613 (In-season) Maine.gov/SebagoLake

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#### **VISITOR RESOURCE**

Maine State Park Information Bit.ly/MEParks

#### LOCAL BEACHES ANASAGUNTICOOK LAKE

1 Mile off Route 108, Canton

#### **CATHEDRAL PINES CAMPGROUND**

#### DUNDEE PARK

79 Presumpscot Rd, Windham 207-893-2415 | Bit.ly/DundeePark ☎ 冊 ᢒ

#### **KINEOWATHA PARK**

Off Route 2, Wilson Lake, Wilton 207-645-4961 | Bit.ly/Kineowatha

#### KIWANIS BEACH, WATCHIC LAKE

Route 25, Standish 207-642-3071 | Bit.ly/KiwanisBeach <mark>थ 🔂 (S)</mark>

#### LAKESIDE PARK

Main Street (Route 4), Rangeley 207-864-3326 | Bit.ly/LakesidePark

#### **LIMINGTON RAPIDS REST AREA**

11 Ossipee Trail W., Limington 207-637-2171

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#### **NORWAY TOWN BEACH**

#### **PEQUAWKET BEACH**

#### TASSEL TOP BEACH

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### CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF Awe-inspiring

Our region is filled with courses dotting a landscape boasts sweeping mountain vistas and peaceful lakeside settings. You might find yourself spending as much time taking it all in as you do concentrating on your game.

#### BETHEL INN RESORT 🔞

Bethel | 800-654-0125 | 207-824-2175 | BethelInn.com This 6,663-yard championship course, designed by Geoffrey Cornish, set amidst a rolling forest terrain, takes advantage of the mountain vistas.

#### BRIDGTON HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB 🕕

Bridgton | 207-647-3491 | BridgtonHighlands.com One of Maine's finest courses with a variety of challenges and skill tests. Hole #1 is one of the most demanding in the state, running 445 yards.

#### EVERGREEN GOLF CLUB 🧐

Rangeley | 207-864-9055 | EverGreenGolfRangeley.net This championship-quality course features 5 sets of tees on each hole to match any golfer's ability, practice greens, and a driving range.

#### FOX RIDGE GOLF CLUB 🕕

Auburn | 207-777-4653 | FoxRidgeGolfClub.com This championship course features gentle rolling hills that advantage of the natural lay of the land, and will demand every shot in your bag.

#### LAKE KEZAR COUNTRY CLUB 🕕

Lovell | 207-925-2462 | LakeKezarGolf.com Set in the foothills of the White Mountains, this par 72 gem combines a 1924 Donald Ross design with a spectacular and breathtaking back nine.

#### MAPLE LANE GOLF COURSE (9)

Livermore | 207-897-3770 | MapleLane.me Maple Lane Golf Course is a par 35 regulation, 9-hole course. There are several sets of tees to "change up" your rounds of golf.

#### MARTINDALE COUNTRY CLUB 🕕

Auburn | 207-782-1107 | MartindaleCC.com Set in a secluded spot just off 195 Exit 75, this championship course boasts the area's best greens and four sets of tees for all ability levels.

#### MINGO SPRINGS GOLF COURSE 🕕

Rangeley | 207-864-5021 | MingoSprings.com Situated in the beautiful Rangeley Lakes area, this course offers 18 holes of scenic golf, an enjoyable challenge for novice and scratch players alike.

#### NAPLES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB 1

Naples | 207-693-6424 | NaplesGolfCourse.com Established in 1921, Maine's premier 18-hole golf course set in the heart of the Sebago Lake region features beautiful lake views.

#### NORWAY COUNTRY CLUB 🥹

Norway | 207-743-9840 | NorwayCountryClub.com Maine's most scenic 9-hole course has something for every golfer, from the 1st tee with a view of the White Mountains to signature hole #5.

#### VISITOR RESOURCE

Maine Golf Trail | GolfME.com

#### OAKDALE COUNTRY CLUB 🤨

Mexico | 207-364-3951 | OakdaleCC.net

A very challenging and beautiful par 36 course that spans 3,183 yards. Oakdale is considered one of the finest 9-hole courses in the state.

#### PARIS HILL COUNTRY CLUB 🧐

Paris | 207-743-2371 | ParisHillCC.com Established in 1899, this is one of the oldest golf courses in the state of Maine. This 9-hole course is short, tight, and challenging.

#### POINT SEBAGO GOLF RESORT 🕕

Casco | 1-800-655-1232 | 207-655-3821 | PointSebago.com This 18-hole championship golf course offers one of the best layouts in the state and is part of the 775-acre resort on Sebago Lake.

#### POLAND SPRING COUNTRY CLUB 🕕

Poland Spring | 207-998-6002 | PolandSpringInns.com The first golf course built at a resort in America, it includes views of the White Mountains, fast velvet bent greens, beautiful fairways, and tees for all levels.

#### PROSPECT HILL GOLF COURSE 🕕

Auburn | 207-241-7205 | ProspectHillGolf.com

This picturesque course is just under 5,800 yards par 71 with a slope rating of 110. Although shorter than some, it has plenty of challenges.

#### SPRING MEADOWS GOLF CLUB 🕕

At Cole Farms | Gray | 207-657-2586 | SpringMeadowsGolf.com Featuring a versatile design that caters to both the avid golfer and the beginner, the aesthetic charm of this impeccable course is sure to leave a lasting impression.

#### SPRINGBROOK GOLF CLUB 🔞

Leeds | 207-946-5900 | SpringBrookGolfClub.com This challenging and very well-maintained championship course boasts a meandering brook, seasonal wildflowers, and indigenous bird life.

#### SUGARLOAF GOLF CLUB 🕕

Carrabassett Valley | 1-800-843-5623 | Sugarloaf.com/summer Named a top Golf Course in Maine by Golf Digest, the club's guests will find the 18 holes demanding and the views awe-inspiring.

#### SUNDAY RIVER COUNTRY CLUB 🕕

#### Newry | 207-824-4653 | SundayRiverCountryClub.com

Robert Trent Jones Jr. calls this course, "One of the most outstanding we had the opportunity to develop." This is one of the longest and most playable courses in Maine.

#### TURNER HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE 🔞

Turner | 207-224-7060 | TurnerHighlands.com Set atop rolling hills with scenic views, the club's pub-style dining and banquet facility, Fore Seasons Restaurant, is always open to the public.

18 EIGHTEEN HOLE COURSE



## Settle in to the perfect PLACE TO STAY

Looking for options? From backwoods sporting camps, classic campgrounds, and wilderness lodges to historic inns, housekeeping cottages, modest motels, in-town hotels, mountain resorts, or even the DIY solution of renting a residence for a couple days or even a couple of weeks. Having these kinds of choices is simply "the best."

#### COTTAGE RENTAL

Housekeeping cottages are a perfect solution for families and groups. This situation offers fully equipped kitchens, living areas, bathrooms and bedrooms for all. Sited for easy access to your outdoor getaway, they're great when you want to cook for yourself and gather with family and friends. Some are "modern cabin" style, with fireplaces, open porches, and Adirondack chairs. Others provide a daily meal-plan so you don't have to worry about feeding the troops while you are on vacation.

#### VACATION RENTALS

With some similarities to cottages, this is a home-awayfrom-home experience. You'll have the run of the house, condo, or cabin, in any setting you'd like, from in-town to wilderness. Many local Realtors or online services handle the reservation and fees, while you handle the fun.

#### MOTELS AND HOTELS

We have in-town accommodations like motels and hotels to fit every budget, ranging from chain to family-owned. Some hark back more than a hundred years, featuring original furnishings, but modern amenities. While motels are convenient as single-room stops, hotels offer a range of options that might include a bar and restaurant, fitness center, spa services, and indoor swimming pools.

#### INNS AND B&Bs

Those looking for a charming, New England experience in their accommodation will find that and more here. Many tend to be grand former private homes, many historic. For breakfast, enjoy anything from a grab-and-go bagel and coffee to a gourmet meal. Owners help guests to make the most of their visit. You'll likely arrive back at night to a crackling fireplace and a plate of cookies!

#### CAMPING

Whether you pitch your tent or arrive in an RV, camping offers outdoor experiences for every age. You'll find campgrounds on lakes, at wilderness sites, or in wellkept state parks; some even offer winter camping. Most are family-owned, offering service with a smile. Some even offer cabin tents and on-site cottages, with lanterns, cooking equipment, and furnishings: just bring your sleeping bag and food! Many waterside campgrounds can help you get your boat in the water or rent one for the day.

#### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE RESORTS

These well-informed organizations are like an adventure concierge, helping you plan your days-connecting you with outfitters and guides, setting up trips, guiding you to trails, even teaching you how to do things like fly fish or paddle a kayak-while keeping you comfortable at night.

#### SPORTING CAMPS

Like adventure resorts, our top-notch sporting camps come from a long tradition here in Maine, offering scaled-down do-it-yourself facilities to full-service experiences. Built to help guests get the most out of their experience here, they know the surrounding woods and waterways intimately, with many staffers being registered Maine guides.

#### SKI RESORTS

Unique to this region of Maine, you'll find world-class resorts at ski areas, where amenities include access to winter sports, entertainment, fine dining, and additional nonwinter recreation like tennis and golf.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Maine Innkeepers Association | <u>Bit.ly/MEInnsMLM</u> CampMaine | <u>CampMaine.com</u>

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Sometimes the most fun you can have only requires some fresh fallen snow, a cozy pair of gloves, and a bunch of friends or family.

# Get outside for some WINTERTIME FUN

With a spectacular snowfall surpassing 6 to 7 feet each year, nothing beats Maine's Lakes and Mountains for winter wonder. Think about how delightful it is to pull on your warm woollies and head out into drifts of pure white snow.

Our namesake mountains make it pretty clear that we've got unparalleled skiing, and an amazing trail system that stretches out in every direction making this a fantastic destination for snowmobiling. But when the snow comes, and it comes, there's so much more fun to be had. Grab a pair of skates and practice your twirls or find a pickup game of pond hockey. Get a sled and find a hill, build a snowman, or indulge in a good old snowball fight. Bring along a thermos of cocoa–and you'll be all set for winter!

Dotted with smaller community mountains and classic ski hills-perfect for learners-we suggest taking a day off from the sticks and snowboards and catching up with some locals while trying some fat-biking or even a couple hours of snow-tubing. Then you can head over to one of our world-class ski resorts to hit a terrain park or take on some jaw-dropping verticals. Make sure you look up once in a while too: The view from the top of these mountains is really something special.

Snowshoeing enthusiasts have options, too. With 250plus miles of groomed trails across the region (that's over a month of shoeing at 6 to 7 miles per day), we offer a perfect opportunity to let this place sink in and take hold of you. Maybe a week of hut-to-hut snowshoeing is on tap-pine-scented air, the dappled wintery sun on your back and a hot tasty meal with new friends at the end of each day. Look no further than the 45 miles of groomed trails at Maine Huts & Trails.

Winter camping? Yep, it's a thing. We have year-round campgrounds that cater to die-hard winter enthusiasts, and even offer transportation to trails and ski resorts.

Then there is dog-sledding. Yes. You don't need to be a winter-hardened trail-junkie to partake in this classic adventure sport. Like other outdoor activities, running sled dogs spans the spectrum from enjoyable to invigorating. It's a popular winter activity here with providers offering full vacations or just a couple hours of fun. You'll love the beautiful dogs that make up the teams.

Or perhaps you'd like to try a hybrid of dog-sledding and cross-country skiing, called "skijoring." This interactive sport fuses the best of both worlds, plus it's great for exploring winter's trails with man's best friend.

For the truly adventurous, ice-climbing is a thrilling activity on stunningly beautiful features of the winter landscape, thanks to the rugged nature of the region's mountains. **Grafton Notch State Park** is a popular destination, providing a backcountry climbing atmosphere steeped in impressive geologic features (including some great caves to explore in the summertime), not far from **Sunday River**. Bag some climbs, then hit the slopes afterward.

Push yourself one step further and give ice-caving a try. Mahoosuc Ice Cave and the Greenwood Ice Cave on Uncle Tom Mountain, or have yourself a frosty sit-down in the Devil's Den in Andover.

If you miss summer biking, there's always winter fat biking. These are well-suited for snowy trails and increasingly popular in our region. Similar to mountain bikes, their huge tires make them easy to ride, fun, and perfect for when the trails are too slushy for skiing. Look for the Fat Tire Festival at Sugarloaf.

Hanker for time on the lake? Try ice-fishing: Even though the temperature is cold the fish are still there. Make a family affair of it at any of the several cash prize fishing derbies held every winter.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Carrabasset Mountain Biking Association CarrabassettNEMBA.org

Maine Trail Finder | MaineTrailFinder.com

# The perfect place to FIND YOUR WINTER BLISS

With smaller mountains to inspire and some of the best ski resorts in the east, Maine's Lakes and Mountains is wicked fun once the snow flies. Our endless slopes, terrain parks, and awesome verticals will keep you on the trails all winter. Or simply spend an afternoon with the family snow-tubing. Nordic skiers and snowshoeing enthusiasts aren't left out in the cold here either, with numerous touring centers, hut-to-hut skiing and 250+ miles of groomed trails across the region.

#### BETHEL VILLAGE TRAILS AT THE BETHEL INN RESORT (1) (3) (3) (3) (3)

Bethel | 207-824-6276 | MahoosucPathways.org/Bethel-Village Bethel Village Trails provides visitors and members with cross-country ski, fat bike, and snowshoe trails, as well as rentals and lessons. Events include free ski programs for local schools, adult ski clinics, Bill Koch League for kids, NENSA programs, and annual events.

#### BLACK MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT 🙆 🛈 🕄 🕄

Rumford | 207-364-8977 | SkiBlackMountain.org With skiing and snowboarding terrain on Maine's third tallest operating mountain at 1380', Black Mountain offers top to bottom night skiing with 70% snowmaking coverage. Two chair lifts and a T-bar connect skiers to over 45 trails and glades. The mountain also features 17 kilometers of world-class Nordic trails and the Edge Tubing Park.

#### CARTER'S XC SKI CENTER 🕔 🕲 🕩

Bethel & Oxford | 207-824-3880 | CartersXCSki.com Carter's two locations offer a combined total of 80 kilometers of trails, including skating, classic, back-county, fat biking, and snowshoeing. Rentals available at both locations.

#### FIVE FIELDS FARM 🕔 🏵

Bridgton | 207-647-2425 | FiveFieldsSki.com

The trail system totals 27 kilometers> Looping around the orchards, it connects with the logging roads, and links with lands owned by abutters, including the Loon Echo Land Trust on Bald Pate Mountain. Trails are largely one way, with bi-directional skiing only where absolutely necessary. Guidance and terrain is available to start the inexperienced; and the trail system is designed such that new skiers will rapidly be able to access all portions. Rental equipment in all sizes, including snowshoes, is available.

#### LOST VALLEY 🕗 🕒 🕕

Auburn | 207-784-1561 | LostValleySki.com

Lost Valley in Auburn is Maine's Multi-Generational Mountain of Fun. Located 30 minutes from Portland, Augusta, or Brunswick, Lost Valley features day and night skiing/riding, lessons, rentals, snow-tubing in their Maine Family Snow Tube Park, and the Lost Valley Brewing Co. Brew Pub.

#### LOST VALLEY TOURING CENTER 🕔 🕲

Auburn | 207-784-1561 | AuburnNordic.org The Auburn Nordic Ski Association, a community-based club, is committed to the creation and maintenance of approximately 10 kilometers of cross-country ski trails at Lost Valley.




#### MAINE HUTS & TRAILS 🕔 🕲 🕒

#### Kingfield | 207-265-2400 | MaineHuts.org

With more than 45 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, they offer one of the most unforgettable Nordic and backcountry skiing experiences in the Northeast. In fact, the original founder's vision was based on skiing hut to hut. The huts are the perfect destination for a day trip, or for an ambitious multi-hut expedition. While the trails are groomed regularly, you should be prepared for true backcountry conditions.

#### MT. ABRAM SKI RESORT 🚺 🕔 🕲 📵

Locke Mills & Greenwood | 207- 875-5000 | MtAbram.com Mt. Abram offers a 1,150-ft. vertical and 85% snowmaking. Ski school, ski shop, rentals, half-day tickets, and lodging are available. Nordic skiers and snowshoers will find several beginner alpine trails with connecting traverses for easier climbing to the top of the old T-Bar. Many of the connecting trails follow old skidder roads through the mixed evergreen and deciduous forest, offering endless possibilities to create your own loop trips of varying length.

#### PINELAND FARMS XC 🕦 🏵

New Gloucester | 207-688-4539 | PinelandFarms.org Pineland has over 5,000 acres of beautiful woodlands and fields that are open to the public for various outdoor activities, including approximately 30 kilometers of professionally designed, well-kept trails for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing.

#### RANGELEY LAKES TRAILS CENTER 🕔 🏵

#### Rangeley | 207-864-4309 | XCSkiRangeley.com

The center, set on lower Saddleback Mountain, offers 55 kilometers of immaculately groomed loop trails, a minimum of 14 feet wide, providing skating lanes and classic tracks on all sections. A 30-foot-round yurt serves as the ski lodge where ski rentals, wax, waxing benches, clothing, hot drinks, and tempting snacks are available.

#### SHAWNEE PEAK 🖪 🛽

#### Bridgton | 207-647-8444 | ShawneePeak.com

Shawnee Peak offers a 1,300-foot vertical, 40 trails, 7 glades, 3 terrain parks, 98% snowmaking and New England's largest night-skiing facility. Ski school, ski shop, rentals, snowboarding, lounge/restaurant, outside deck, and day care are also available.

#### SPRUCE MOUNTAIN \Lambda 🛈

#### Jay | 207-879-4090 | SpruceMountain.org

This unique, community-owned mountain in central Maine features eleven trails with snowmaking covering 50% of them. Experience a blast from the past as you rise 300 vertical feet to the summit of the mountain via three different rope tow lifts. Enjoy a night of skiing under the lights, or take a jaunt around the cross-country ski trails.

#### SUGARLOAF/USA & SUGARLOAF OUTDOOR CENTER 🙆 🛽 🏵 🔒

Carrabassett Valley | 800-THE-LOAF | Sugarloaf.com Sugarloaf Mountain, a 4,265-foot elevation, a 2,820-ft. vertical and 94% snowmaking, features boundary-to-boundary skiing, ski school and shops, alpine park, half-pipe, health club with indoor pool, alpine village with shops and restaurants, on-mountain lodging, child care, and above-treeline snowfields. The Outdoor Center offers cross-country skiing on 90 km of the best-groomed trails in the East, offering a warm, comfortable lodge with magnificent views, skating rink, snowshoeing, and more.

#### SUNDAY RIVER 🚺 🏵 🚯 🕕

#### Bethel | 207-824-3000 | SundayRiver.com

The Sunday River resort covers eight mountain peaks, with a vertical of 2,340 ft. and 92% snowmaking. Other features include boundaryto-boundary skiing, glade skiing, snowboard park, snow-tubing, ski school, ski shops, rentals, three base lodges, one summit lodge, restaurants, day care, and slopeside lodging.

#### TITCOMB MOUNTAIN 🔕 🛈 🕲 🔒

West Farmington | 207-778-9031 | TitcombMountain.com This 750-foot slope features 16 alpine trails for all skill levels, from beginner to expert, including a terrain park for skiers and riders. Snowmaking covers 70% of our alpine trails. Over 16 km of beautifully groomed cross-country trails are suited to all levels from beginner to expert.



#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Ski Maine | SkiMaine.com

Maine Adaptive Sports | MaineAdaptive.org



# Spectacular ways to HIT THE TRAIL

Be it back-country hiking, hoofing it up Streaked Mountain or just a walk in the woods, we've got a trail for you. Seasoned hikers will easily find tougher trails to their liking, Novice hikers can find a good selection, too.

#### REGIONAL THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL (AT)

#### AMCMaine.org

Commonly referred to simply as the AT, the trail includes 281 miles throughout the state of Maine. Arguably, the most intense section of the trail encompasses the western portion of the state with the "Toughest Mile" in the nearby Mahoosuc Range.

Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge

Difficulty: - | - | - | - Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No

#### MAINE HUTS & TRAILS

#### MaineHuts.org

A nonprofit organization that manages a system of four backcountry eco-lodges and trails in western Maine, Maine Huts & Trails offers "off the grid," hut-to-hut adventures coupled with comfortable and friendly accommodations.

Length: nearly 80 miles Difficulty: = | = Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### THE EAST COAST GREENWAY

#### Greenway.org.

A developing trail system, the greenway consists of 3,000 miles of networked trails linking Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida. Maine's Lakes and Mountains is home to two designated portions of the East Coast Greenway system:

The Lewiston Riverside Greenway Length: 4.8 miles Lisbon Trail System Length: 3.5 miles

#### BETHEL AREA BUCK'S AND LAPHAM LEDGES

Route 26, Woodstock Length: 2.1 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: Hike Time: 1.25 hours Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### MAGGIE'S NATURE PARK

Greenwood Rd., Greenwood Length: 3.2 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: I Hike Time: 90 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **MOOSE CAVE GORGE**

Grafton Notch State Park, Grafton Twp Length: 0.4 mile Loop Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: Hike Time: 15 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No

#### **MOTHER WALKER FALLS GORGE**

Grafton Notch State Park, Grafton Twp Length: 0.2 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: Hike Time: 15 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No ROUND MOUNTAIN

Hunt's Corner Rd., Albany Township Length: 1.9 miles, Round-trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge, Grass Difficulty: Hike Time: 60 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

# FRANKLIN COUNTY

Wheeler Hill Rd., Phillips Length: 0.6 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: Hike Time: 20 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No

#### FLINT WOODS AND VILLAGE WOODS

Anson St./Titcomb Hill Rd., Farmington Length: 4.5 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge, Wood chips Difficulty: I Hike Time: 90 minutes Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **KINEOWATHA PARK**

High St., Wilton Length: 1.8 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Grass, Sand Difficulty: – Hike Time: 45 minutes Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

# GREATER BRIDGTON

Route 302, Bridgton/Naples Length: 5.3 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor Difficulty: I Contemporal Provided High Time: 2 hours Shared-Use: No Dogs: No Year-round: Yes

#### **JOCKEY CAP**

Off Route 302, Fryeburg Length: 0.8 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge, Grass Difficulty: Hike Time: 20 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **PONDICHERRY PARK**

Off Route 302, Bridgton Length: 2.3 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Wood chips Difficulty: Hike Time: 1 hour Shared-Use: No Dogs: No Year-round: Yes

#### JAY/LIVERMORE/LIVERMORE FALLS FOUNDRY TRAIL

Foundry Rd., Livermore Falls Length: 0.7 miles, One Way Surface: Pavement Difficulty: Hike Time: 15 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### FRENCH FALLS RIVER WALK

French Falls Dr., Jay Length: 1.2 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/ Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge, Wood chips, Grass Difficulty: Hike Time: 45 minutes Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### THE WHISTLE STOP RAIL TRAIL

Farmington, Jay, Wilton Length: 14.0 miles, One Way Surface: Gravel/Crushed Stone, Sand Difficulty: Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### LEWISTON AUBURN METRO AREA MOUNT APATITE PARK

Stevens Mills Rd., Auburn Length: 7.6 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor Difficulty: I Hike Time: 2 hours Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### THORNCRAG NATURE SANCTUARY

Highland Spring Rd., Lewiston Length: 4.4 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor Difficulty: Hike Time: 90 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: No Year-round: Yes

#### MAINE'S HIGH PEAKS BIGELOW PRESERVE

Firewarden's and Horn Pond Trails Loop Dead River and Wyman Townships Length: 12.4 miles, Loop Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No

#### CATHEDRAL PINES PATHWAYS

Off Route 27, Eustis Length: 2.0 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Groomed Snow Difficulty: Hike Time: 45 minutes Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes CROCKER CIROUE - AT

### Route 27, Carrabassett Valley

Length: 16 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: + Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: No

#### NARROW GAUGE PATHWAY

Off Route 27, Carrabassett Valley Length: 6.6 miles, One Way Surface: Crushed Stone, Groomed Snow Difficulty: Hike Time: 2 hours Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN - AT**

#### OXFORD HILLS MOUNT TIRE'M

#### **ROBERTS FARM PRESERVE**

Roberts Rd., Norway Length: 7.5 miles, Network Surface: Gravel/Crushed Stone, Groomed Snow, Dirt/Forest Floor, Grass Difficulty: ● | ● | ● Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **STREAKED MOUNTAIN**

#### **PACKARD TRAIL**

Sodom Rd., Buckfield Length: 2.2 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Grass Difficulty: Hike Time: 45 minutes Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### RANGELEY LAKES BALD MOUNTAIN TRAIL

#### CASCADE STREAM GORGE TRAIL

Off Route 4, Sandy River Plt.., Rangeley Length: 4.1 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: I Hike Time: 90 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **RANGELEY LAKES TRAILS CENTER**

524 Saddleback Mountain Rd., Rangeley Length: 25 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/ Crushed Stone, Groomed Snow Difficulty: Gel Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: Yes Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### **SADDLEBACK MOUNTAIN - AT**

Off Route 4, Sandy River Plt., Rangeley Length: 11.4 miles, Round Trip Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Rock/Ledge Difficulty: 🗧 + Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### RIVER VALLEY RUMFORD WHITECAP MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

#### **SWIFT RIVER WALKING TRAIL**

Intersection of Route 2/Route 120, Rumford Length: 0.5 miles, One Way Surface: Pavement Difficulty: -Hike Time: 30 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### SEBAGO LAKES REGION BALD PATE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Off Route 107, Bridgton/Sebago Length: 6.7 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Gravel/Crushed Stone, Rock/Ledge, Grass, Groomed Snow Difficulty: I Hike Time: Varies Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### DONNABETH LIPMAN PARK

Chaffin Pond Preserve Rd., Windham Length: 1.5 miles, Loop Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Groomed Snow Difficulty: I Hike Time: 30 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

#### DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN

Off Route 107, Sebago Length: 2.8 miles, Network Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor, Difficulty: I This Hike Time: 60 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: No Year-round: Yes

#### MAYBERRY HILL PRESERVE

385 Mayberry Hill Rd., Casco Length: 1 mile, Loop Surface: Dirt/Forest Floor Difficulty: Hike Time: 20 minutes Shared-Use: No Dogs: Yes Year-round: Yes

easy 🖨 moderate 🖨 difficult

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Maine Trail Finder | MaineTrailFinder.com

# Seek out and explore the PLACES IN BETWEEN

Maine's Lakes and Mountain's state parks and public reserved land areas offer visitors endless miles of off-the-grid hiking, snowmobile trails, and wooded campgrounds. Come to fish, hike, spot moose, bird-watch, or picnic by the water.

#### STATE PARKS

#### ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERLANDS STATE PARK

#### Center Bridge Road, Turner

A year-round 2,675-acre expanse that offers 23 miles of recreational and historic Shared-Use trails, space for wildlife observation and hunting, and river access for boating and fishing.

#### **GRAFTON NOTCH STATE PARK**

#### 1941 Bear River Road, Newry

Stretching across 3,000 acres, the Grafton Notch State Park covers a portion of scenic Route 26 and provides access to the Appalachian Trail, Moose Cave, Spruce Meadow, and Screw Auger Falls, offering picnicking, bird-watching, fishing, snowmobiling, and hunting.

#### **MT. BLUE STATE PARK**

#### 299 Center Hill Road, Weld

Mt. Blue State Park offers a gorgeous sandy beach with panoramic views of the spectacular Mt. Blue mountain range. The park hosts wilderness camping, swimming, boating, hiking and walking trails in the summer, and snowmobiling, skiing, and snowshoeing in the winter.

#### **RANGE POND STATE PARK**

#### 26 State Park Road, Poland

During your visit to the Lewiston Auburn area, stop by Range Pond State Park in Poland. The seasonal park offers a beautiful summer escape on the wide sandy beach for swimming, picnicking, and relaxing, while the smooth promenade offers hassle-free access parallel to the water.

#### **RANGELEY LAKE STATE PARK**

#### South Shore Road, Rangeley

The vast 869 acres of the park offer over 50 camp sites to choose from, swimming, boating, picnicking, and walking. In the winter, embark on a snowmobile adventure on the park's town-maintained trails that connect you to other local trails and ITS 89.

#### **SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK**

#### 11 Park Access Road, Casco

Enjoy the splendor of Sebago Lake from the shores of the Sebago Lake State Park's beach. Day use includes grills, boat ramps, lifeguards, and bathhouses. Those wishing to extend their stay have a variety of 250 campsites to pick from and 1,400 acres to explore via hiking or biking.

PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

#### **BALD MOUNTAIN PUBLIC RESERVED LAND**

Access via the Bald Mountain Road in Oquossoc A four-season destination for hunters, hikers, and explorers, the one-mile hike to the top of Bald Mountain produces incredible views of the Rangeley, Cupsuptic, and Mooselookmeguntic lakes, and wildlife watchers can spot up to 200 different species in the surrounding forests.

#### **BIGELOW PRESERVE PUBLIC RESERVED LAND**

Access over gravel roads off Rt. 27 in Carrabassett or via Long Falls Dam Road in North New Portland Beginning on the north at Flagstaff Lake, the Bigelow Preserve covers 36,000 acres and all seven summits of the entire Bigelow Mountain range, including one of the 10 highest peaks in the state, West Peak. Visitors here can bike, hike, swim, hunt, snowmobile, camp, and more.

#### **CHAIN OF PONDS PUBLIC RESERVED LAND**

#### Access north of Stratton on Rt. 27

Natanis, Long, Bag, and Lower Ponds, connected by intermediary waterways, make up the Chain of Ponds area. All ponds offer remote lakeside camping sites along with canoeing, kayaking, bird-watching, and fishing.

#### **DEAD RIVER PUBLIC RESERVED LAND**

Access gained via Long Falls Dam Road in North New Portland This reserved area includes several miles of the Dead River along with portions of the Flagstaff Lake shoreline. ATV-ing, lakeside camping, biking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling are among the many activities available.

#### FOUR PONDS PUBLIC RESERVED LAND

Access via Appalachian Trail on Rt. 17, Township D or Rt. 4, Sandy River Located to the east of Mooselookmeguntic Lake, the reserve encompasses 6,000 acres, including a considerable piece of the Appalachian Trail. Campers will find a lean-to at Sabbath Day Pond and a site at Little Swift River Pond. Other activities include fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing.

#### MAHOOSUC PUBLIC RESERVED LAND

Hiker access: Grafton Notch State Park, Rt. 26. Vehicle access: Sunday River Road, Bethel or East B Hill Road between Upton and Andover

Located along the New Hampshire border in Oxford County, the Mahoosuc area mingles with the Grafton Notch State Park to include glacier-sculpted streams, waterfalls, and 30,000 acres of mountainous topography. Hiking, picnicking, camping, and ATV riding are popular activities in the area.

#### **RICHARDSON PUBLIC RESERVED LAND**

### Boat access via the launch sites at Oquossoc in Rangeley and the South Arm in Township C

A full 22,000 acres comprise this reserve, set between Upper Richardson and Mooselookmeguntic Lakes. Remote mountainside campsites are abundant throughout the region, as are hardwood flats and softwood ridges bordering numerous small ponds and lakes.

#### WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

#### 71 White Mountain Drive, Compton, NH

Encompassing nearly 800,000 acres over portions of western Maine and New Hampshire, the forest offers 1,200 miles of hiking trails, 400 miles of snowmobile trails, 23 campgrounds, and 10 total alpine and touring ski areas. The forest boasts the highest peak east of the Mississippi, the largest alpine area south of Canada, and two National Register of Historic Places sites. The legendary Tuckerman's Ravine, the Presidential Range, and the Kancamagus Scenic Highway round out the forest's most famed features.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Maine's State Parks | Maine.gov/doc/parks

Official Guide to maine State Parks & Lands App <u>PocketRanger.com/apps/maine</u>

### **THE NORTHERN FOREST CANOE TRAIL**

As part of the 740-mile inland paddling trail across New York, Vermont, Québec, New Hampshire, and Maine, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail is the state's premier paddling resource and the nation's foremost water trail–offering unequaled canoe and kayak access to Flagstaff Lake.

Visit NorthernForestCanoeTrail.org to learn more.



# Play all day on our SHARED-USE TRAILS

Numerous trail systems are available for shared-use here, there, and everywhere–from those on our public reserved lands and state parks to local trails or those designated for just ATVs and snowmobiles. The only thing limiting the potential for fun on these trails is your imagination.

#### **KEEP IN MIND**

Day trippers can try the trails in Range Pond, Mt. Blue State Park, or the Androscoggin Riverlands. Those interested in remote adventures can include trips to either the Dead River or Richardson Public Reserved Lands.

Here are some picks from the list of State Parks and Public Reserved Lands:

- Bald Mountain, Rangeley
- Bigelow Preserve, Stratton
- Four Ponds, Rangeley
- Mahoosuc Reserve, Newry
- Pineland, Gray
- Range Pond State Park, Poland
- Richardson Reserve, Rangeley
- Sebago Lake State Park, Naples

#### Some top locally managed trails are:

- Bethel Recreational Trails, Bethel
- Foundry Road Path, Livermore Falls
- Papermill Trail, Lisbon

Do your own research to pick a trail. Try asking the manager of your campground or resort. Use the web to find a local club or pick up a map. Maine's trail systems are growing so fast it's hard to keep up. Shared-use trails are exactly that. They can be used for hiking, snowshoeing, horseback riding, ATV riding, Nordic skiing, off-road biking, and snowmobiling. However, not all the trails are for all uses. So know before you go and respect the rules for the safety and enjoyment of all. For motorized trail riders, our many trailside outfitters offer everything from helmets and equipment rentals to snacks and fuel.

#### SHARED-USE TRAIL NETWORKS

#### THE WHISTLE STOP TRAIL

*Trailheads: West Farmington and French Falls Park* Length: 14 miles Offering a converted rail line between Jay and Farmington, this shared-use trail (both motorized and non-motorized) includes wetland wilderness and beaver habitat. Travel past waterfalls and take in the scenic mountain views along the way.

#### **MOOSE LOOP TRAIL**

Connects Stratton-Eustis, Rangeley, Kingfield, Avon, Salem, Strong, Phillips, and Madrid. Length: 138 miles

This ATV loop trail circles the heart of Franklin County, connecting trail systems for seven clubs offering the widest variety of trails in the East. Test your technical skill on steep trails, rocky outcroppings, and mud holes or tour wooded trails enjoying the scenery.

#### **MT. BLUE STATE PARK**

Trailheads: Park Headquarters, Weld Length: 25 miles, Connect to ITS

ATV riders are welcome to experience 25 miles of challenging, shared-use trails in the largest state park in the region. During winter, the park's trails are open for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. In the summer months, the trails are open for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

#### ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERLANDS STATE PARK

Trailheads: Center Bridge Rd., Turner Length: 12 miles

Enjoy the park year-round. The shared-use trail is popular among ATV riders, snowmobilers, bicyclists, horseback riders, Nordic skiers, snowshoers, and hikers, while the Bradford Loop Trail requires advanced ATV and snowmobile riding skills.

#### THE RANGELEY LAKES REGION ATV TRAILS

Trailheads: Depot St., Main St., and Bemis Rd., Rangeley

This network of trails connects to towns such as Stratton, Eustis, Carrabassett, Kingfield, Andover, Madrid, and Phillips. The trails offer scenic views of the area including Quill Hill Overlook Trail, Onion Valley lookout, and Canyon Loop Mountain view.

#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

Maine Trail Finder | MaineTrailFinder.com

ATV-ing | ATVMAine.org Snowmobiling | MESnow.com

# Visit our land of **WATERFALLS**

Maine's western mountains are home to 15 waterfalls. Rumford Falls tumbles nearly 180 feet over solid granite. Also called Pennacook Falls, it is the highest cascade east of Niagara. Angel Falls is one of Maine's highest single-drop falls at 90 feet. Poplar Stream Falls and Swift River Falls have captured the hearts of photographers, artists, and waterfall enthusiasts alike.

#### **ANGEL FALLS**

Mountain Brook, Township D Type: Plunge Height: 90' Altitude Gain: -50', +150' Trail: 0.8 mile to falls - 1= Hike Time: 30 minutes

#### **BICKFORD SLIDES**

Bickford Brook, Stow Type: Cascades, Slides Height: Varies Altitude Gain: Lower slide, +300'; upper slide, +500' Trail: 0.7 mile to lower slide; 1.1 mile to upper slide, Hike Time: 35 minutes to the upper slide

#### **THE CATARACTS**

Frye Brook, Andover Type: Horsetails, Cascades Height: 60' Altitude Gain: +150' Trail: 0.5 mile Hike Time: 20 minutes

#### **DUNN FALLS**

West Branch Ellis River, Andover Type: Horsetails, Fans Height: Lower falls, 80'; upper falls, 50' Altitude Gain: +250', down 250' Trail: 2-mile loop ⊖ Hike Time: 90 minutes

#### **ELLIS FALLS**

Ellis Meadow Brook, Andover Type: Horsetails Height: 22' Trail: Roadside 😑

#### **KEZAR FALLS**

Kezar River, Lovell Type: Cascades Height: 20' Altitude Gain: down 25' Trail: less than 0.1 mile

#### **MAD RIVER FALLS**

Mad River, Batchelders Grant Type: Horsetails Height: 100' Altitude Gain: +300' Trail: 1.6 miles to falls Hike Time: 45 minutes

#### **POPLAR STREAM FALLS**

#### **RUMFORD FALLS**

Androscoggin River, Rumford Type: Cascades Height: 176' Altitude Gain: None Trail: Roadside Alt. Names: Pennacook Falls, New Pennacook Falls

#### **SCREW AUGER FALLS**

Bear River, Grafton Township Type: Plunges, Cascades Height: Plunge, 20' Altitude Gain: None Trail: Less than 0.1 mile

#### **SMALLS FALLS**

Sandy River in Township E Type: Horsetails, Cascades Height: 54' Altitude Gain: +50' Trail: 0.1 mile to top Hike Time: 5 minutes

#### **SNOW FALLS**

Little Androscoggin River, West Paris Type: Small Plunge, Cascades Height: 25' Trail: Roadside —

#### **STEEP FALLS**

Saco River, Limington, and Baldwin Type: Block Height: 6' Trail: 0.2 mile 😑 Hike Time: 5 minutes

#### **STEP FALLS**

Wight Brook, Newry Type: Horsetails, Cascades, Pools Height: Approx. 250' Altitude Gain: +300' Trail: 0.6 mile — Hike Time: 20 minutes

#### **SWIFT RIVER FALLS**

Swift River, Roxbury Type: Cascades Height: 6' Trail: Roadside —

😑 EASY 😑 MODERATE 🖨 DIFFICULT



# TOP MOOSE-WATCHING SPOTS

Route 4: Between Phillips and Rangeley

Route 16: Between Rangeley and Stratton

Route 16/27: Between Stratton and Carrabassett Valley

**Route 27**: Between Eustis and Chain of Ponds

# Take an adventure on the WILD SIDE

Maine's Lakes and Mountains offers a highly diverse habitat filled with all kinds of wildlife. Whether it is the determined (but cute) squirrel that finds its way into the bird feeder, endangered hawks and turtles, or the majestic moose, being this close to nature affords visitors nearly endless opportunities to experience its beauty than most people ever realize.

#### MOOSE AND WILDLIFE

Moose can be seen throughout the state of Maine, but their population is greatest in more secluded areas, including many parts of Maine's Lakes and Mountains. The best times to spot them are at dusk and dawn from mid-May through July and again in the fall during their breeding season, called the rut. Fall is also when the impressive antlers of the bull moose are fully formed. They will shed their antlers in November or December, and new, larger antlers will begin to grow in the spring.

Because of their massive size, moose find it easier to move about in open areas. They can often be spotted along logging roads, diving for dinner in wet boggy areas, hanging out in gravel pits and clip-clopping down hiking or snowmobile trails.

To improve your chances of seeing a moose, contact a guide who specializes in moose-watching tours, also known as moose safaris. You'll have the opportunity to safely and comfortably view these magnificent creatures as you learn about moose habits and habitat from a knowledgeable source. While rare, at the right time of year, tours in some areas have spotted as many as twenty moose in a single outing.

Just a few of the local residents you might spot during your visit include: White-tailed Deer, Moose, Black Bear, Ruffed Grouse, Wild Turkey, Canada Lynx, Bobcat, Bald Eagle, Red-Tailed Hawk, Coyote, Red Fox, Beaver, River Otter, Muskrat, Fisher, Marten, Mink, Raccoon, Skunk, and Porcupine, to name a few.

#### BIRDING

It's not an easy task for birders to explain the allure of seeking out and observing wild birds in their natural habitat. Our only advice is to give it a try. Maine's Lakes and Mountains is the ideal setting for experiencing the thrill of this popular hobby. Our forests, fields, and wetlands are worth the investment of your time and energy. We recommend Sebago Lake State Park and the Brownfield Bog or the highly prized boreal forests of Grafton Notch State Park and the mountains surrounding Rangeley.

#### **BIRDING TRAILS**

Bald Mountain *Oquossoc* 🚷 🔁 Numerous boreal species

Bigelow Preserve Stratton 🚷 Bicknell's Thrushes (above 3,000 feet)

Boy Scout Road *Oquossoc* 🚷 Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays, and other northern birds

Brownfield Bog Brownfield 🚯 Yellow-throated Vireos, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Least Bitterns, Wilson's Snipes, and Virginia Rails.

#### Grafton Notch State Park Newry 🚷 🔁

Philadelphia Vireos, Peregrine Falcons, Boreal Chickadees, Black-backed Woodpeckers, and Spruce Grouse.

The Greater Lovell Land Trust *Lovell* Common Warblers, Woodpeckers and Flycatchers

The Heald Pond Preserve *Lovell* 🚷 Common Warblers and Thrushes

Hunter Cove Rangeley 🚷 Boreal Chickadees, Cape May and Blackburnian Warblers

Mt. Blue State Park *Weld* 🚷 🔁 Hermit Thrushes, Winter Wrens, and Scarlet Tanagers

Rangeley Lake State Park *Rangeley 🚷* 🤁 A variety of Maine's common songbirds

Sabattus Pond Sabattus 🚷 🔁 Semipalmated, Least, White-rumped Sandpipers, Ruddy Ducks, Killdeer, and more

Saddleback Mountain Rangeley 🚷 Bicknell's Thrushes

Thorncrag Nature Preserve Lewiston 🚷 A variety of Maine's common songbirds

White Mountain National Forest *West Bethel* 🚯 🔁 Moose, birds, and waterfowl

🚯 HIKING TRAILS 🛛 📅 PICNIC AREA

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Maine Wildlife Information | <u>Maine.gov/ifw/wildlife</u> Maine Birding Trail | <u>MaineBirdingTrail.com</u> Maine Audubon Society | <u>MaineAudubon.org</u>



# A lasting tradition of FISHING AND HUNTING

The tradition of hunting and fishing go back centuries and, with some of the finest lakes and streams in Maine, as well as some unmatched hunting grounds, the pieces are all here. Add in a stay at a traditional sporting camp and the services of a guide, and you might have discovered your newest passion.

#### FISHING

The terrain in Western Maine creates an endless supply of cold swift-running streams and rivers and nearly every pond or lake offers up a thrilling challenge. Trout, bass, and salmon—so many of these beauties are waiting to be lured onto your hook. Summer or winter. From the shore, in waders, on a boat, or through a hole in the ice. Without question, fishing here is one of the most exciting adventures you can have—a long-standing hot spot in the history of fly-fishing and a place with no shortage of superior bass fishing either.

This region's countless waterways offer, perhaps, the finest fly-fishing in America. Places like Mooselookmeguntic and Rangeley Lakes and their flowing counterparts, the Rapid and Kennebago rivers, are a good place to start–remote, pristine, and very much filled with hefty trout. The Rapid River is even considered by some to be the top wild brook trout fishery in the U.S. The Upper Dam Pool is also famous for producing many trophy-size trout.

#### VISITOR RESOURCES

Official Maine Fishing Information | <u>Bit.ly/MEFish</u> Official Maine Hunting Information | <u>Bit.ly/MEHunting</u> Maine Professional Guide Association | <u>MaineGuides.org</u> Take the time (seriously) to visit the Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum in Oquossoc to put into context the importance and history of this sport for the region. Many of the most successful flies ever tied came out of this part of the state.

Landlocked salmon are another prized fish, and the Richardsons (Upper and Lower) can be reached from launches at Mill Brook. As a bonus, they also offer the only spot in the region where you can catch togue (lake trout). Sebago Lake is the place to be for early spring trout fishing. Its southerly position makes it very popular, once the ice is out, with thousands of anglers throughout the country ringing in the new season with excellent fly-fishing.

Fly-fishermen aren't the only ones having a great time on the water. Smallmouth and largemouth bass, as well as perch and sunfish, are also fun to catch in this region. Even the folks at *Bassmaster Magazine* have identified the crystal-clear waters of Kezar Lake as a prime spot for big bass. But we know that many, many waterbodies top the list of the Maine bass angler, including Androscoggin Lake and Androscoggin River. In Greenwood, head to Twitchell, Indian, and Round ponds, as well as Moose Pond in West Paris, for a great day of fishing.

Don't forget that when the weather turns cold the water under the ice is still filled with hungry fish. Folks drag shacks out onto their favorite pond and start setting up traps just as soon as the ice is thick enough to safely withstand it. Plus, the "Hardwater" culture in Maine has grown in popularity with families joining derbies that offer prizes. What an excellent way for kids to fall in love with this timeless sport.

#### HUNTING

After years of decline due to habitat loss and other concerns, the Maine deer herd is once again strong and plentiful. Few states match the quality of the Maine deer hunting season. Hunters of all skill levels have an excellent chance at tagging a trophy and are certain to enjoy our legendary scenery.

What deer offer in volume, the moose makes up for in popularity, from the annual moose permit lottery, which has now become quite an attraction of its own, to the excitement of the season's arrival. In Maine, we make a big deal out of the moose hunt, and with some tagged moose tipping the scale at over 1,000 pounds each year, you can see why.

The exciting 16-week-long Maine black bear hunting season runs from the last Monday in August to the final Saturday in November and offers the well-prepared hunter a comfortable timeframe in which to take up to two bears (one each by hunting and trapping).

With a spring (May) and fall (October) season to take wild turkey, bow and gun hunters have two chances each year to hunt this challenging prey. Work on your calls and your camouflage to really display your prowess. Be certain to be a good neighbor and get landowner permission before hunting somewhere new.

#### MAINE GUIDES AND SPORTING CAMPS

Beginning with our own Cornilia Thurza "Fly Rod" Crosby, Maine Guide No. 1, the title Registered Maine Guide has been earned with hard work and is a badge worn with honor. More than simply a "test," the Registered Maine Guide is a distinction issued only to those who have demonstrated a thorough knowledge of Maine's outdoors. A Registered Maine Guide is as much a part of Maine's outdoor sporting heritage as sporting camps and Bean boots.

If you are looking to be totally initiated into Maine sporting life, consider pairing a fully guided hunt with a stay at a traditional family-run Maine sporting camp or wilderness resort. From "dark thirty" breakfasts to sharing stories around the woodstove, every meal is memorable and each night you will climb exhausted into a snug bed piled high with warm blankets and quilts.



Hire a Registered Maine Guide; these talented individuals are worth the investment and will help ensure a safe and successful adventure.

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#### **VISITOR RESOURCES**

#### Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce 8 Station Place, Bethel

800-442-5826 | <u>BethelMaine.com</u>

#### Fryeburg Business Association P.O. Box 654, Fryeburg 207-440-8179 | FindltInFryeburg.com

#### Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

101 Portland Road, Bridgton 207-647-3472 | <u>MaineLakesChamber.com</u>

#### Maine's High Peaks

1216 Carrabassett Rd., Carrabassett Valley 207-235-6008 | <u>MainesHighPeaks.com</u>

## Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

\rm AB Wilton Road, Farmington 207-778-4215 | <u>FranklinCountyMaine.org</u>

#### Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 458, Livermore Falls 207-897-6755 | Jay-Livermore-LF.org

#### Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

A15 Lisbon Street, Lewiston 207-783-2249 | LAMetroChamber.com

#### Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce

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# Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

6 Park Road, Rangeley
1-800-MT-LAKES | RangeleyMaine.com

#### River Valley Chamber of Commerce

10 Bridge Street, Rumford 207-364-3241 | <u>RiverValleyChamber.com</u>

#### Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

🖰 747 Roosevelt Trail, Windham 207-892-8265 | <u>SebagoLakesChamber.com</u>

#### Official Maine Tourism Information Center 97 Main Street, US Rt. 302, Fryeburg

207-935-3639 | <u>MaineTourism.com</u>

#### Maine State Police

800-452-4664 (in Maine) 911 cellular, for emergencies only

#### US-Canada Border Crossing

204-983-3500 | 506-636-5064 <u>CBSA-ASFC.qc.ca</u>

#### Road Conditions/Traffic Information

866-282-7578 | 511 from any phone 511Maine.gov

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#### Airports

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Portland International Jetport (PWM) 207-874-8877 | PortlandJetport.org

Bangor International Airport (BGR) 207-947-0384 | <u>FlyBangor.com</u>

#### Car Rentals

Alamo: 888-826-6893 | Alamo.com (PWM & BGR)

Avis: 800-633-3469 | Avis.com (PWM & BGR)

Budget: 800-218-7992 | Budget.com (PWM & BGR)

Dollar: 866-434-2226 | Dollar.com (PWM)

Enterprise: 800-261-7331 | Enterprise.com (PWM & BGR)

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National: 877-222-9058 | NationalCar.com (PWM & BGR)

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