

A list of 200 favorite Maine places

Compiled by Frank Connors after a lifetime (almost) of wandering, exploring, and sneaking around our GREAT STATE of MAINE, finally written down to celebrate our state's 200th Birthday!

Abbagadassett River

Bowdoinham

This is "MY" river, but I'm happy to share. This is flat, tidal but FRESH water, plan your trip to make use of the tides. "Put in" at the "skinny" East Bowdoinham (Browne's Point) bridge, or half way upriver, where Route 24 crosses the stream. EASY PADDLE! Jane & I spent a day drifting on this river the morning after our first date...look what it did for US!

Abbe Museum

Bar Harbor

Wabanaki artifacts, art, and historical exhibits fill this unique, well-organized museum, devoted to preservation of the cultural heritage of Maine's Wabanaki native Americans. "From stones to bones to baskets," they say. "Almost" downtown, in Bar Harbor. We found this delight during our first rainy day at Acadia Park, now we love to go back!

Phone:207-288-3519

26 Mount Desert St., Bar Harbor, Me. 04609

See: abbemuseum.org

Abbott's Antlers

Abbott Village

Located "near" where State Rt. 16) from Bingham joins the Moosehead Trail, an authentic and impressive set of Moose Antlers hangs off a post on the side of the road. Been there forever!?? Great place to stretch your legs, and a chance to see if this year, your kids are finally tall enough to reach the antlers!

Acadia National Park

Mount Desert Island

Maine's only National Park is absolutely a carved-in-stone masterpiece! This 30,000 acre paradise has it all, an ocean beach, fresh-water lake beaches, a Loop Road, automobile access to the summit of spectacular Cadillac Mountain, plus miles of hiking & biking trails, a 45-mile carriage road system, and uncountable unique views. Acadia was the first National park on America's East Coast, and is still the best!

Acres of Wildlife

Steep Falls

"Truly" the Maine camping area with "everything," if you don't believe me, ask Stacy or Jill, they've been "roughing it" at "The Acres" for years! Nestled on 300-private acres between Chub Pond and Rainbow Lake in Steep Falls there are great sandy beaches, boat, kayak, canoe and paddle board rentals, playgrounds and a mini-golf course. With 100 campsites, cabins, a common lodge, restaurant, pub and general store, it IS a "Camper's Delight." Phone:(207) 675-2267 60 Acres of Wildlife Rd., Steep Falls, Me., 04085 See: Acresofwildlife.com

Agamenticus Mountain

York

Maine's "first" mountain is pretty much tamed, with a paved road to its 700-foot summit, and communication equipment and towers littering the peak. There's a fire tower under repair (again), ample views, and Carol says this is "the perfect place" to spot migrating hawks in the fall.

Androscoggin Riverwalk

Brunswick/Topsham

This 1.25-mile "urban" walking loop connecting Brunswick and Topsham crosses the Androscoggin River TWICE, once over the historic Roebling pedestrian bridge off Brunswick's Mill Street, and again via the Frank Wood, or "green" bridge below Androscoggin Falls. Lots of rushing water, most of "trail" is easy to walk, with

street-side sidewalks.

Appalachian Trail

Through Maine

This 2,180 mile spine wandering through the eastern United States on its way to Mount Katahdin, has 280 of some of its “most spectacular” miles, right here in Maine. The “AT's toughest mile,” and the 100-Mile Wilderness are samples. The trail crosses a half-dozen roads in Maine: Route 26 at Grafton, Rt.17 at Rangeley, Rt. 4 at Sandy River, Rt.16 at Carrabasset Valley, Rt. 201 at Caratunk, and Rt. 15 at Monson. All these crossings allow trail access and opportunities for day trips.

Armistice Bridge

Belfast

Built in 1921 as a local-traffic bridge, and marked forever as a tribute to “the Sons of Waldo County” who died during the Great War...”O! Armistice” spans Belfast Bay where, “The Passy,” (Passagassawaukeag River,) meets the sea. The bridge was restored and rededicated in 2010 as an exceptional pedestrian walkway.

Asticou Azalea Gardens

Northeast Harbor

Stunning, formal plantings of Azalea, Rhododendrons, and Water Lilies. This beside-the-road garden spot will have you thinking you're in Japan! Don't be surprised if volunteers follow you out, sand-raking your tracks as you go. This is a must visit, each time we visit Acadia Park.

Baked Bean suppah!

Find YOUR favorite

Speckled around Maine, you'll still find a few Churches, clubs and non-profits “doin” bean suppers to balance their meager budgets! Roasters filled with Yellow Eyes, Soldier, Trout, Kidney, Navy or Pea beans, sides of homemade salads, a pot of hot dogs, or side of ham, topped off with a steaming coffee, and dessert by the best pie makers in Town, all for under \$10?? It's still one of the world's best meals!

Balance Rock

Lincolntonville

Fernald Neck Preserve juts into picturesque Megunticook Lake, offering lots of lake-side vistas and a series of trails, but the place you'll remember is Balance Rock. This Glacial Erratic has a crown some 25 ft. straight up, and really, looks like you might push it over with one good shove.

Balanced Boulder on South Bubble

Acadia Nat'l. Park

No doubt Maine's most stunning “glacial erratic,” (I love that term) this gigantic, marble-shaped mass of granite balances precariously on a shoulder of Acadia's South Bubble mountain. Who knows why it hasn't rolled away centuries ago? A “quick hike” off the park's Loop Road, Jane says it's “too steep for old people,” I rebut quickly saying, “but we're not old people YET,” then usually, we drive on...

Barnes' Leap

Topsham

A local legend has a guy named Barnes, followed in “hot pursuit!” by some incensed Indians who seemed determined to collect his scalp. Barnes reportedly saved the day, and his hair, by making this 20-ish foot leap across the tumbling Cathance River. Now in an area nicely protected by the Cathance River Education Alliance.

Bar to Bar Island

Bar Harbor

It's possible (according to my man, Steve) to travel the bar to Bar Island from Bar Harbor, you simply need to be aware of the tides, and keep a close watch with your watch. Miss it and you'll be spending 9-10 hours (+) on the island, not 2-3! You'll be scolded, NOT necessarily rescued, if you do get it wrong, get marooned, and decide to call the locals for help!

Baxter Peak

Baxter State Park

At 5,268 feet, Baxter Peak atop Mount Katahdin is indeed the “tip of the top of Maine!” The northern terminus of America's 2,180-mile Appalachian Trail, this is a climb every “real” Mainer should make (at least once in their life) just for the spiritual experience.

Baxter State Park

Millinocket (+-)

More than 200,000 acres of woods, mountains, lakes, streams and rivers, this area exemplifies outdoors in Maine! Mount Katahdin, Maine's Greatest Mountain, sits majestically at its center. Established in 1931 by Maine's Governor Percival Baxter, the park is uniquely organized and protected to stay "forever wild."

Bayside

Northport

Maine's "purest" collection of vintage summer cottages. Built in the late 1800's as a Methodist Church campground, some 48 of these little gingerbread trimmed, and gayly-colored Victorian cottages are clustered around a croquet common. Picture perfect, I'm told some are rentable if you have friends.

Beehive, The

Acadia Nat'l. Park

A modest, 500-foot mountain that rises dramatically, perhaps even suddenly, above Sand Beach and the Park Loop Road in Acadia National Park. Really NOT for people who are easily uneasy by precipitous heights. This is still one of the park's most popular, hour-plus hikes, be advised it gets crowded quickly in peak seasons, people tend to panic and jam up.

Bigelow Mountain

Flagstaff Township

When we were younger, here was the mountain that challenged Jane and me. Bigelow, with its several peaks, alpine pond, and ridge-running Col, is a dramatic, two-day hike with near constant exceptional views, challenging trails and lasting memories. "Oh, if I was twenty years younger, (or thirty...)"

Blaine House (Mansion)

Augusta

Former home of James G. Blaine, who was the Vice President of the United States under Abraham Lincoln, (first term only) and a Governor of Maine. This stately mansion was built in 1830 and today serves as the official home for Maine's seated Governor. Sections of the first floor are open to the public by appointment.

Blueberry Picking

Any special place

Maine still produces some 80% of the wild Blueberries harvested in America. Find a spot, make it YOURS, (a mountain ledge, lake shore, perhaps even a power line) and sit in the summer sun, picking till your bucket is full, and eating more than what's in your bucket. Resist the temptation of "sneak picking" a commercial "barren," it may look like a "blue Maine sea," but you'll be in trouble, ask someone who KNOWS!

Boothbay Railway Museum

Boothbay

A vintage, 2 ft. narrow-gauge railroad, pulled by a real steam locomotive, rolls through a miniature village with a cluster of restored buildings. You'll wait in the original Freeport town station, walk into the Boothbay Town Hall (1847), visit the Spruce Point Chapel (1932), shop in a general store, and see an old automobile garage and a doll museum. Watch for special holiday rides, like the Halloween Horror show and Polar Express.

Borestone Mountain

Elliotsville

Rugged "little?" mountain in a 1,700-acre sanctuary owned and managed by the Maine Audubon Society. This 1,980 ft. mountain has two distinct, alpine-like peaks, offering 360-degree views of Lake Onawa, of a large and long railroad trestle, and several smaller ponds. Classic Maine views! The Audubon maintains a small nature center en route to the summit, creating a great place for a break if you're hiking with grandkids.

Bowdoinham Night Walks

Bowdoinham

I call it MY perfect mile, best done in the middle of the night, and anyone can do it in a half hour. Park at the Community School or Puddledock, and walk the rectangle, up Main St., right on Center St., right on Cemetery Road, right on Ridge Road. Relax, you're done. I'm betting you'll find this walk therapeutic interesting and fun. Wander the Cemetery if you're brave, Watch out for the Sheriff deputies.

Bradbury Mountain

Pownal

Every kid's "perfect" first-mountain experience! A short (½ mile +/-) ascent through some mature pine "forests" leads you to a stone crest with good views. Look around till you find the overhanging rock. Trails are well defined, elevation gain is about 200 feet. This is a fee-based State Park, and worth every cent. Phone: 207-688-4712 528 Hallowell Rd., Pownal, Me. See: maine.gov/bradburymountain

Breakwater Light

Rockland

Getting "here" is more than half the fun! This nearly mile-long, arrow-straight, walkway of massive granite slabs provides a walk you won't soon forget, putting you up close and personal with sea gulls, lobster boats and the occasional "Windjammer." Square, eight-foot tower sits atop a fog-signal house, you might catch it open during a summer weekend. Wear appropriate footwear, carry your own water. Phone: 207-542-7575 End of Samoset Rd., Rockland, Me. See: lighthousefoundation.com

BrewBus, The Maine

Portland

"Thirsty Thursday,? Fermented Friday!?" If you are a lover of fine Maine crafted beers, (and Maine is a craft beer paradise) this ride could change your life. You stop and sample products at selected breweries, the list often changes, but should include Allagash brewing, Shipyard brewers, Fore River, Maine Brewing Co..., there IS some suspense involved. You don't worry about parking or driving, finish the tour with a wonderful meal. Phone: 207) 200-9111 Old Port Spirits, 79 Commercial St., Portland, Me. 04101 See: themainebrewbus.com

Buck's Curse

Bucksport

A stone at the center of Bucks' Cemetery graphically illustrates the results of a witch's curse. Legends say Bucksport founder Jonathan Buck (formerly of Massachusetts) once condemned a woman to hang as a witch, so she cursed him. Buck died in 1795, and was buried with distinction under a massive granite obelisk. You can't come off the Route 1, Verona Island bridge without seeing the stone, marked with the spooky outline of a woman's foot!

Bunyon, Paul, Statue

Bangor

Gigantic (31ft.) fiberglass look-alike of Maine's own woodsman super-hero, Paul Bunyon, who used to rule the Maine north woods with his huge axe, and Babe, the Blue ox. Paul still carries that axe on his shoulder. Do you suppose the axe was a Snow & Neally?

Cabot Mill Antiques

Brunswick

120-140 antique stalls in a clean, old, river-front mill. Wide variety of Maine collectibles. Open daily. If it's the weekend, go next door and enjoy the indoor flea market, it's not as clean but just as much fun!

Cadillac Mountain

Acadia Nat'l. Park

Drive to the summit of this highest (1,528 ft.) mountain on the east coast! Unequaled views of the rest of Acadia Park, Bar Harbor, the harbor islands and the Atlantic ocean. "First" moment of sunrise in America, "most" days of the year. Leave at least 30 minutes to prowl around on the paved pedestrian paths that crisscross the summit.

Canoeing

Bowdoinham/Topsham

I've owned a canoe for at least 60 years of my life, and now I'm telling the kids, just send me to sea when I pass, and leave me to drift away. I've used these "Indian boats" for years, drifting down some unknown rivers, across uncharted lakes or pushing through ocean surf (not so much of that anymore) always using the ride to see what's around the next corner. You're never too old to start canoeing.

Capt. Fish's Cruises

Boothbay Harbor

Here's a big ol' boat, loading right off the wharf in Boothbay Harbor. You can smell the seawater and lobsters, hear the sea gulls while you wait to board. From Puffins to Whales, Capt. Fish will get you out for a close, personal encounter. Also offers popular lighthouse, Kennebec River tours. For the "serious" fisherman, you'll even find a BAR onboard.

Casco Bay Lines Ferry

Portland

Year-round, commercial-commuter ferries, serving the “Calendar Isles” of Casco Bay. There's a daily mail boat, special trips to certain islands, scheduled stops to many bay islands. Private charters. My favorite is the 12-Noon ferry from Bailey Island, Harpswell. It has a great “nature” theme, and you don't have to face the traffic and parking in Portland!

Phone: (207) 774-7871

56 Commercial St., Portland, Me. 04101

see: cascobaylines.com

Cathance River, CREA Trails

Topsham

A unique partnership between local businesses, municipalities and private landowners has preserved land and added a series of connecting trails along five miles of the western shore of the Cathance River. Features include a Head of Tide park, The Cathance River Education Alliance education center, Barnes' Leap (see list) and leisurely walk through woods, maybe you'll see a beaver, a deer, a moose?

Cathance River (down stream)

Bowdoinham/Topsham

Such a sweet river, born right here in the wilds of Bowdoinham & Topsham. “Put-in” your boat, canoe or kayak at Topsham's Head of Tide Park, and ride the current to Merrymeeting Bay. Yup, it's fresh-water, tidal - OR put in at Cathance Landing (downtown Bowdoinham) - and go either way. Watch for snapping turtles, eagles, hawks, ducks, geese and mosquitoes.

Cathance River (up stream)

Topsham/Bowdoinham

OR, this end of the river is no longer tidal, it becomes a narrow and intimate stream, unless the cornfields are flooded. “Put-in” at the Route 201 bridge and head upstream. If you get past the beavers AND the bulls, you'll get (eventually) to Bradley Pond.

Celebration (250th) Park

Brunswick

At the Brunswick end of the Frank Wood bridge, visit this unique & interesting pocket park on the Androscoggin River. Developed to commemorate Brunswick's 250th anniversary, the elevation changes will startle you as you descend to the tiny, quiet cove on a rock-rimmed corner of the river. Look closely, sit quietly, you could see a perching Bald Eagle.

Chamberlain House, General Joshua

Brunswick

Home sweet home for the Civil War hero, Maine Governor and College president. Immaculately restored as a museum and tribute to his memory by the Pejepscot History Center. Notice the bronze statue across Maine Street, and go find his gravesite in the Pine Grove Cemetery, not a half mile away.

Chimney Pond

Baxter State Park

This quiet, near-alpine pond, mirroring the great granite walls of the Knife Edge and Katahdin, is simply one of the most spectacular places on Earth. Only a three-mile, “reasonable” hike from Roaring Brook campground. I hope when I'm too old to climb Katahdin, (any day now) that I retain the energy and good sense to make one more trip to Chimney Pond!

Christina's World

Cushing

The stark, old Olsen House is more than an icon to the work of the Wyeth family of painters. Sure, Andrew Wyeth would acknowledge some 300 of his prints, sketches and water colors were inspired here. Built in the late 1700's, this fine old farmhouse has comforted generations of Mainers, and stands as a monument, and sample, of the great frame houses that once dotted Maine.

Accessed only by reservations from the Farnsworth Museum, in Rockland, phone: (207) 596-6457

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

Boothbay

Exceptional public garden on 270 dramatic acres. Shorefront on Back River offers boat tours.

Nearly 100,000 plants of 1,500 species, and the emphasis is always on local, sustainable planting.

See the Kitchen, Children's, Sensory, Rose, Meditation and Rhododendron gardens and the little Fairy Village in your forests walks. At Christmas, do NOT miss the Garden's Aglow light shows.

Phone: 207-633-8000, 633-4333 132 Botanical Gardens Drive, Boothbay, Me., 04537 See: mainegardens.org

Confederate Stranger's grave

Gray

A grim day in Gray, (1862) became even more grim as a casket expected to carry the body of a local Union

son was opened and a Confederate Army veteran was found! The ladies of Gray responded, decided this boy needed a proper burial, whoever he was. This unknown Southern soldier was buried with “full” honors, and he lies there today, forever in Gray, a small Confederate flag covering his grave each Memorial Day!

Cooper Hill Spring

Paris

A constant pour of cold, clear water from a mountain vein, reminiscent of the many roadside springs that once dotted Maine, and made “the walk home,” more pleasurable. This one's off the old Buckfield Road, near Streaked Mountain. Remember to bring an empty water bottle.

Coos Canyon

Byron

Spectacular, natural gorge where the Swift River slices through smoothed granite ledges. Series of potholes, pools and sluices, nearly all closely accessible to the road. Dramatic views can be seen where the Route 17 bridge crosses the stream. Downtown Byron has a couple local shops offering stone souvenirs, equipment and instruction for panning gold. Nice spot to swim in the always cold, rushing water.

Cranberry Horn Cemetery

Cundy's Harbor

Interesting old cemetery, atop “Misery Hill,” now intersected by the main road to the Village of Cundy's Harbor. Made more special by the grave sites and exception slate stones of poet and author Robert P.T. Coffin and his wife, Peggy.

Connors Nubble

Acadia Nat'l. Park

Perhaps the smallest and least significant “peak” in that series of mountains forming “The Bubbles” behind Acadia's Jordan Pond. It remains the most notable to me, because a family tradition tells me this Nubble is named to honor a stone cutter in MY family who helped construct the Roosevelt Carriage Roads. Too bad they spelled the name “Connors” with an “E!”

Cribstone Bridge

Bailey/Orr's Island

Connecting Orr's and Bailey islands in Harpswell, this unique 1,150 ft. “engineering marvel” was constructed in 1928. Huge slabs of local granite are stacked one upon the other, forming an open framework that allows tides, winds and waves to harmlessly pass through. I still believe the sidewalk, added in 1951, (nearly a half mile over and back,) is one of the prettiest walks in Maine.

Daffodil Delight

Saco

You'll find Laurel Hill Cemetery awash in color (mostly yellow) as spring seizes the brown ground in this graveyard. Thousand & thousands of Daffodils bloom to welcome spring, many of them under or around Copper Beech or Tulip Trees, proving to every visitor that spring IS sprung! Leave your car at the gate and WALK!

Daggett Rock

Phillips

“Largest” glacial erratic stone in Maine, (Linda says) measuring some 80x30x25 feet. Located on a lightly-wooded ridge NE of downtown Phillips, it's just fun to scramble on and around. Look for the walkable split in this massive stone as a place to play hide & seek. A light 40-50 foot rope might be useful if you visit with your kids.

Danny's Hot Dogs

Brunswick

Some might belittle the lowly hotdog luncheon, BUT, if you are a connoisseur, Danny's Dogs on Brunswick's Mall is your golden standard. This funky little cart is a second generation operation, and I defy you to improve on MY order, “one-fried, red and yellow,” unless you're in a carefree mood and ask the boys to add bacon, chips, and a chocolate milk.

Deer Island Bridge

Sargentville/Little Deer Isld.

Great, (if narrow) suspension bridge, connecting the Deer Islands to the mainland. Chuck says one just like it built on the west coast fell over! The kids and I have walked this one, (at our own risk the signs say) but it's a great way to spot Mackerel schools in Eggemoggin Reach, and feel the marvelous sea breeze on your face.

Doubletop Mountain

Baxter State Park

Stumbled (pardon the pun) upon this mountain (elev. 3,488 ft.) one fall day when the weather was keeping us off Katahdin, but we soon figured out these twin peaks never need to be second bested. Approach from Baxter's "NESOWADNECHUNK" Gate. Don't you love these names? Speaking of names, the "moose's Bosom" ledges are worthy of a side trip.

Downtowns

Find YOUR favorite

Maine abounds in startling, independent, unique little villages, each with an identity that sets it apart. I'll list a few of my favorites: Bath, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Boothbay Harbor, Bowdoinham (you knew it) Camden, Farmington, Hallowell, Kennebunkport, Lubec, Monson, Rangeley and Skowhegan. You need to go out and find YOUR favorite!

Duck Tours, Maine

Portland

For a wild and wet, slightly "quacky" tour of Portland, climb aboard on a Maine Duck Tours amphibian. This is a fully-narrated, "air-conditioned" ride in comfort around Portland's Old Port, Eastern Promenade, "Wyland Whale Wall, Spring Point light and more. Your "splash" into Casco Bay will include a close encounter with Fort Gorges. Seasonal, privately-owned, fee charged.

177 Commercial St., Portland, Me. 04101

maineducktours.com

Dysart's Truck Stop

Herman

Maine's biggest Truck Stop, many see this restaurant as the "last oasis" before venturing into the great North woods. Until recently, Dysart's was open 24/7. You CAN stop with your car, but remember, in this lot the 18-wheelers have the right of way! Extensive menu features plentiful "trucker Food," such as one-pound hamburgers, baked beans, fresh baked bread, all served with a side of diesel!

Phone: (207) 942-4878 50 Coldbrook Rd., Herman, Me., See: dysarts.com

Eagle Island

Harpwell

Purchased by Arctic Explorer Robert Peary when he was a student at Bowdoin College, this 17-acre island, and the unique house he built here, is truly one of the "jewels" of Casco Bay. Now a State Historic Site, you need to hire a boat for the fun ride out. Remember to ask the boat guy to include the park fee with your ticket.

Eartha

Yarmouth

The Largest (41ft. Diameter) rotating, full-earth globe in the world! Rotates every 18 minutes. Yes, we found Bowdoinham on it! In the former DeLorme mapping building, it's a little harder to get your look these days (open only weekdays, 9-5) but it's worth the stop, even when you're looking in from the parking lot.

Eastern Cemetery

Portland

Portland's oldest cemetery, more than 4,000 mid-16th Century to early 19th Century headstones on a six-acre, in-town site. Guided tours available, I like just wandering and looking. Grave sites of captains Blyth and Burroughs of the ships Boxer and Enterprise from War of 1812, forever resting "side by each." Gates close at sunset, nice place to ponder life and its complications.

244 Congress St., Portland, Me., 04101

see:spiritalive.org

Elephant Mountain

Greenville (+ -)

Actually looking like an elephant's head, (minus any tusks), this 2,636 foot mountain would be one of a thousand hills typical to Maine if it didn't still hold the wreckage of an Air Force B-52 bomber lost on a mountain ridge in 1963. A slate marker rests near the grim remains of the doomed plane's cabin.

Seven of nine crew members died in the crash.

Fair, Fryeburg

Fryeburg

Maine's "blue-ribbon Classic," always the first week of October. Always the biggest, purest, funnest fair in The Pine Tree State, and located on the outskirts of one of Maine's classic lakefront communities. A long drive from almost anywhere, but worth every foliage-filled mile. Plan to give it a long, full, fun-filled day.

Fair, Topsham

Topsham

Our "local" fair, the Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society fair is across the river in Topsham. Now a mid-summer exhibition, expect lots of farm animals, horse racing, a midway, race-car competitions, food and fireworks.

Farmer's Market

Brunswick

The owner IS in the store! Get to your favorite farmer's market, meet your grower, get your produce fresh. Each Tuesday & Friday, (in season) dozens of local farmers offer their goods on Brunswick's exceptional Mall. On Saturdays, they do it again at the local Land Trust's Crystal Spring Farm. Many Maine Town & Cities offer these amazing markets, discover YOURS and support it!

Farnsworth Art Museum/Wyeth Center

Rockland

Downtown Rockland, three-acre campus includes museum, shops, Church gallery and a 19th-century homestead. "Celebrating Maine's role in American Art." Collections and exhibits always seem to take a Maine turn, from artists like Andrew, N.C., and Jamie Wyeth to Rockwell Kent, Neil Welliver, and photographers like Elliot Porter and Kostis Ruchomaa. Open all year, 10 am-5pm. Closed Mon. & Tues. in Winter
Phone: 207-596-6457 16 Museum St., Rockland, Me., 04841 See: farnsworthmuseum.org

Fat Boy Drive-in

Brunswick

A tasty, seasonal flashback to the 1960's. Exceptional frappes, BLT & onion ring combos that are "known coast to coast," plus burgers, chicken fingers, fish sandwiches, etc.. Great menu served to you at your car by friendly and fearless "car hops!" The '60's music from the jukebox is free!

Ferry Rides

Penobscot Bay

Maine State Ferries leave Lincolnville Beach and/or Rockland for the unique, offshore islands of Islesboro, Vinalhaven and North Haven on regular, year-round, open to the public schedules, space-available. Bring your car, your sneakers, or your bicycle. My favorite ferry still has to be the Lincolnville Beach boat to Islesboro, with ice cream on the island, then another short, over-water ride to Warren Island State Park.

Fiddleheading

Find YOUR favorite place

Come spring and diminishing spring run-off waters, it's time to harvest (and eat) FIDDLEHEADS! It's just NOT really spring until we've had our first "batch!" Thing is, if you're my age and still don't have your special brook-shore to harvest them, chances are pretty good no one will ever show you THEIR special place.

Fire towers

Find YOUR favorite

Since a "watchtower" was built on Moosehead's Big Squaw Mnt. In 1910, the Maine Fire Service has used no less than 150 mountain-top lookouts to track and report forest fires. Too many have been lost to weather, neglect or vandalism, and the Forest Service now spots fires with airplanes. Several dozen of these creaking old towers remain, (mine's on Mount Kineo) when you find yours, treasure it and tell your friends.

Fish Ladder

Damariscotta Mills

Each spring, countless hoards of silvery, bony Alewives can be seen climbing from Salt Bay to spawning grounds in Damariscotta Lake. The "ladder" is actually a series of pools, rising some 40 feet in less than a quarter-mile. Watch just a minute, you'll see the fish rolling or jump! It's been said that Damariscotta" is an Algonquin name for "meeting place of fishes." Always be respectful of private property.

Flagstaff Lake

Stratton/Eustis

Long, lanky and shallow, Flagstaff has to be the largest “man-made” lake in Maine. It's shores are still marked by graying stumps left behind when the lake area, including two small villages, was flooded in 1949-50. Ideal for canoeing and kayaking, Flagstaff runs in the shadow of the Bigelow Mountain range for nearly 27 miles. There's something different around each corner, and Flagstaff has lots of corners.

Footbridge, The

Boothbay Harbor

1000 ft. pedestrian bridge crossing the Boothbay harbor head, connecting “Downtown” with the East Side since 1901. Great way to catch your breath after a hectic hour (or two) of shopping. Nice chance to see how the tides change the harbor bottom and the shore around you.

Fort Edgecomb

Davis Island/Edgecomb

Octagon, wooden blockhouse, dates from 1808, was intended to protect the shipping interests rising (and falling) along the Sheepscot River to Wiscasset during the War of 1812. Fee-based State historic site, maybe a mile off Route One, and my pick as the best of Maine's five surviving blockhouses.

Fort Gorges

Portland

Gorges, NOT Gorgeous! We stumbled on this gem years ago, bobbing around in Grant's boat, now we seize any, EVERY chance to return. Standing on Hog Island Ledge, boldly defending Portland Harbor, construction on this granite/brick masterpiece commenced in 1858, but it was out-dated before it could be finished. Worth swimming to (almost) City owned, free, private boats only.

Fort Knox

Prospect

Classic, elaborate granite fortification with extensive earthworks is Maine's largest fort. Started in 1844 during the Northeast Boundary Dispute with England, modified and garrisoned in the Civil War to protect Bangor and the Penobscot River. Fort still has some of its original, nine-inch guns. Phone: 207-469-6553, 469-7719 740 Fort Knox Rd., Prospect, Me. See: maine.gov/fortknox

Fort Popham

Phippsburg

A half, semi-circular granite and brick fortification, commenced in 1861 to protect the Kennebec River region in the Civil War. Never finished, river-front walls are 30 feet high. State owned, near Popham Beach. You have to go in, just to see the several circular granite and brick stairwells. Phone: 207-389-1335 10 Perkins Farm Rd, Phippsburg, Me. See:

Fort Western

Augusta

Oldest surviving wooden fort in New England (dating from the 1750's) the fort retains an old barracks, trading post, blockhouse and stockade. Authentically costumed docents answer questions and show off their 19th Century skills. You need to see the tiny rope beds! Open summer only, fee charged. Located where the Kennebec River first meets tidewater.

Fort William Henry

Pemaquid

Impressive replica of a round, stone fort, at the mouth of the Damariscotta River. First fort was erected on this site in 1692! State-owned, fee charged. My grandboy Silas stood on the parapet of this fortification and said, “this must be the prettiest place on Earth!”

Fox family store (Potato Chips)

Mapleton

“BEST” potato chips “EVER,” hand-cooked in a kitchen off Main Street in Mapleton, and not a 100 feet from the nearby potato fields. Here is the town where my grandfather raised potatoes, and here is the place to wander between rows of Maine-raised, Aroostook County potatoes, when the plants are in bloom.

Fox Island

Phippsburg

Granite-crowned, barren island In the Kennebec River off Popham Beach State Park, accessed barefooted ONLY when tides are right. Do NOT stay too late, cross currents ripping over the

connecting sandbars are something to see, NOT try to swim through.

Giant's Staircase

Bailey Island, Harpswell

Near the center of a spectacular, half-mile long, dramatic and unforgettable cliff walk, you'll find this surprising set of "giant's stairs." Unusual at any tide, most exciting near high tide, when the waves really get going. Great place to explore rock formations, can you find the Cairns? Park on Washington Ave., at or near the little Church.

Gold Panning

Byron

Tumbling swiftly from Maine's western mountains, the Swift River carries with it untold quantities of GOLD! I've dabbled and dubbed in that icy water with George and the grandboys, got COLD, not GOLD, looking for that first little nugget. My brother Grant, the family's "professional" panner, has actually found a gold grain or two, but we're all still waiting to strike it rich.

Golden Road

Maine's North Woods

Originally built for the massive trucks carrying logs and pulp to Maine's paper mills, The "Golden Road" is still unpaved in sections of it's 100 (plus or minus) mile length. It's a sneaky way to connect to woodland centers like Greenville and Millinocket. If you see one of those mammoth "log-haulers" in your rear view mirror, just get out of his way!

Grafton Notch State Park

Grafton

Some 3,000 acres of wicked big, tangled rocks. Includes several miles of the Georgia to Katahdin Appalachian Trail, including one section called, "the AT's worst mile!" Also Old Speck Mountain, Table Rock, the Baldpates and "Eyebrow." Northern edge and Maine's section of the White Mountains, an area to take seriously when you explore.

Harbor Trail

Rockland

Begin at the Samoset Hotel (actually in Rockport) and walk the huge granite blocks of the Rockland Breakwater to the lighthouse. Automated light, seldom open. Great place for salt air, sea gulls and sailing vessels. Place your feet carefully, be aware of the weather.

Harpswell Meetinghouse

Harpswell Center

Harpswell Center will catch you off guard, as you ride towards the sea on Route 123. You see the white-steepled Elisha Kellogg Church first, then you quickly notice the old (1757) meetinghouse. Only if you've slowed to gawk will you see the Common Cemetery, with grave stones dating from 1750 to the 1900's. Great place to wander after a lunch at the Dolphin, Erika's or Estes'.

Helen's Restaurant

Machias

Downeast Maine's "newest" restaurant with an unmatched, half-century reputation. Located beside the fishing piers on Main St., Machias, I might call this Washington County's "most famous eatery!" Opened in 1950, reopened in 2015 after a devastating fire. Helen's is known the world over for her fish chowder, fried clams and blueberry pie.

Height of Land

Oquossoc/Rangeley

Route 16 out of Rangeley gets you to Oquossoc, and just beyond, to the Height of Land. Exceptional views of Rangeley, Mooselookmeguntic and Cupsuptic lakes. NO prettier vista anywhere of Maine mountains, lakes and forests.

Ice Cream outing

pick your favorite

There is a rumor that Maine people eat MORE ice cream, per capita, than residents of any other state in America! I see no reason not to believe that's true, since Maine has given us Gifford's, Round Top, and Last Cow Ice Creams, AND Gelato Fiasco! Personally, I'd rather eat good ice cream than poor steak. There is now a website: Maineicecream.com, that will point you to nearly 350 places to buy your next treat. Try it, you'll like it.

Indian Hill Trading Post

Greenville

One of the State's most interesting stores. "Everything for any type experience" the sign says right over the door, don't that pretty much cover it?? From Native American trinkets to fast food, really, and remember, if you're headed "deeper" into the Maine woods, this could be your last chance to get stuff you didn't know you needed. Fuel island open, 24-7.

"International" sign

Lynchville

Maine's most photographed roadside sign marks the intersection of routes 5 and 35, in Lynchburg, Maine, "maybe five miles from nowhere!" Sign directs you (sort of) to Maine's Norway, Paris, Denmark, Naples, Sweden, Poland, Mexico, Peru and China. This venerable placard is worth the detour, the stop, and the photograph.

Jockey Cap

Fryeburg

A quick climb through the woods to this open summit rewards you with great water and mountain views. Nice look at Mount Washington. Look for the cave of Indian maiden Mollycckett, and, on the 600 ft. summit, find the bronze tablet honoring pioneering Polar explorer Robert Peary. Round trip is less than an hour, unless you sit and allow yourself to be captivated by the views.

Jordan Pond Pop-Over Party

Acadia Nat'l. Park

Go ahead, be extravagant, feel Victorian. A crystal lake, two beautiful mountain "bubbles," a lush, umbrella-shaded lawn... 500 of your closest new friends, all eating home-baked pop-overs, smothered in strawberry jam. A sweet and unforgettable part of your Acadia experience.

Katahdin

Baxter State Park

At 5,268 ft., Mount Katahdin is Maine's highest mountain, and the center-piece of Baxter State Park. Rising abruptly from surrounding wild lands, the Mountain was "sacred ground" to Maine's first people. The massive mountain has six major peaks: Baxter (or Monument) South Peak, The Chimney, Pamola, Hamlin and Howe, all interconnected by the spectacular and unique alpine Tableland.

Kayak Paddle

Any place with water

Kayaks are not just "speed bumps" for lobster boats anymore! Own your own or rent from a hundred places here and there. Rates are reasonable. Kayaks are easily portable, easy to maneuver, forgiving if YOU hit a ledge or a lobster boat! Fun on salt or fresh waters, get out and try YOUR luck!

Kenduskeag River Canoe Race

Kenduskeag

Don't mind being wet? Don't mind being COLD? Then this race is the canoe trip for you! Mid-April always, water temp at 40, maybe, it's 16 miles you'll never forget! (Miles & I did it once, Grant & company, three times) Don't want the wet OR the risk? Get to the Route 15 bridge over the Kenduskeag, and watch all those "fools" dump at Six-Mile Falls! You'll love it!

Kennebec Outlets

Moosehead Lake

Nope, these are NOT discount stores! The mighty Kennebec River leaves its headwater at Moosehead Lake via TWO outlets, the East and West outlets. If you're a fisherman, these places are special, if you simply want to wade, go easy, the rocks are slippery, the water is always cold. These two outlets join downstream to form Indian Pond, from which the river runs in a single stream to the Atlantic.

Kennebec River Rail trail

Augusta/Gardiner

Follow the old Maine Central Railroad roadbed from Augusta's Capitol Park some five miles to the old train depot at Gardiner. Pass through Hallowell, then Farmingdale, on a very civilized, paved trail, usually close enough to the majestic, scenic Kennebec River so you could throw a rock! (Please don't)

Knife Edge

Baxter State Park

NOT for the faint hearted, this mile of torturous, sharp-edged "Arete" connects Kathadin's Baxter Peak to

Pamola Peak and is probably the most amazing trail I'll ever walk. It's spiritual, just to LOOK at it from Chimney Pond. Be certain of the weather BEFORE you venture across.

Land's End

Bailey Island/Harpswell

At the very end of Maine Route 24 in Harpswell, find this picturesque, Rock-rimmed cove. Current here is gentle, waves lap at your feet (unless it's January) as you search for Hermit crabs among the periwinkles, beach rocks and sea glass. Offshore to your right, notice the red beam of Halfway Rock light, be sure to visit the gift shop on the ridge beside you, and find the lobsterman's statue before you go!

Langlais Sculpture Preserve

Cushing

A 90-acre center honoring the life and works of Maine sculptor Bernard Langlais. Remember the Skowhegan Indian? Those gigantic black bears in the Portland Jetport? Those are his creations. I can tell you the preserve is the only place in Cushing with a 13ft. tall wooden horse, and dozens of other pieces. Langlais (1921-1977) produced more than 3,500 pieces, using scrap wood, logs and paint.

L.C. Bates Museum

Hinckley

“The” gem of the old, Goodwill-Hinckley School, this “old-Fashioned” museum has some surprising items. The emphasis is on local, natural history, lots of stuffed animals, dioramas, and native American (Wabanaki) pieces. The kids and I used to lay on the grass and peek in the windows if the place was closed. (still open limited hours) Always worth the second look, not a bad idea to call before you go.

Phone: (207) 238-4250 14 Easler Rd., Hinckley, Me., 04944 See: gwh.org/lcbates

Liberty Ship Park

South Portland

A representative hull marks the location of a once-teeming, shipyard where Liberty Ships were mass-produced during World War II. Good graphics, photographs. South Portland's Spring Point Lighthouse and “Bug light” are both in easy walking distance. Also a great place to see the huge ships that still make Portland a busy Atlantic port. Free Admission.

Lincolnton Beach

Lincolnton

NOT your average Route One “tourist trap” on the coast of Maine, this one has all the authentic pieces! There are several nice shops, a place to buy that perfect shore-front lobster roll, a section of stone-ground, sandy beach loaded with more than its fair share of sea glass. Oh, almost forgot the busy ferry terminal that kids love to watch. Great place to waste a mid-summer afternoon!

Little Wilson Falls

Elliotsville

Gorgeous, 58 ft. waterfall through a deep, slate canyon. The trail crosses the Appalachian Trail on the way in. Trail to the top of the falls (about a mile) is worth the climb.

LL Bean

Freeport

Flagship store of Maine's own world-renowned retail outdoor outfitter. Open 24-7, 365 days each year, I'm told they don't even have a lock on their doors! Only the very BEST outdoor gear, clothing, and SO much more! I like to visit/shop in the middle of the night, help the clerks stay awake!

phone: 877-775-2326 Main St., Freeport, Me., see: llbean.com/freeport

Lobster Bakes

443 Gurnet Road, Brunswick

My father-in-law Norman Marriner didn't originate the lobster bake, (he'd have told you the Indians did) Norman just perfected them! He told me “his” process started at Larrabee's Woods, West Bath, but the 50-60 years he did bakes in his yard at Gurnet, made him pretty good at it. Lobster, clams, corn on the cob, all baked on sea weed, garnished with hot dogs and hard-boiled eggs on a hot, July day! Who can improve on that?

Lobster Shack, The

Cape Elizabeth

Located on the tip-end of the cape at Cape Elizabeth for nearly 100 years, the view's worth the trip, and the stand-in-line wait for your lobster roll, fried clams, chowders or shrimp doesn't matter, this place is THAT pretty! Two-light State Park is one neighbor, and the broad, beautiful Atlantic is the other. EVERY table,

inside or out, has that million-dollar water view! “Like NO Other Place!”
phone: (207) 799-1677 225 Two Lights Rd., Cape Elizabeth, Me.

Loop Road

Acadia Nat'l. Park

An unforgettable, 28-mile, magical road that encircles Acadia National Park. It passes and offers access to Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, Jordan Pond, and the road to Cadillac Mountain, and most other park highlights. Traffic is one-way most of the way, overflow parking often allowed on roadway. Closes during most winter months.

Mackworth Island Trail

Falmouth

Scenic, wooded, nearly level and easy to reach, this fine trail circumnavigates it's 100-acre namesake. Many great views of Portland, of Casco Bay and Fort Gorges. Several seldom-used “pocket beaches” can be a benefit of your walk. Managed by the State of Maine, which maintains the Baxter School for the Deaf on the island. The School is NOT open to public access.

Maiden's Cliff

Camden

Stunning views of Megunticook Lake, Camden's Hills and the Atlantic Ocean are your reward for this short, steep hike. There's a large wooden cross where Eleanor French is reported to have tripped and fell to her death in 1864.

Main Street, Appalachian Trail

Monson

Main Street in little old Monson, Maine, is the only place on the Appalachian Trail – Georgia to Katahdin, where this fabled trail runs down a town's paved Main Street. Monson is also gateway to the trail's tough 100-Mile Wilderness, and home to large concentrations of clear, smooth Maine Slate.

Maine Aquarium

West Boothbay

Get your up-close and personal peek at lobster and other fishes of Maine, from crabs to sharks. Operated by Maine's Dept. of Marine Fisheries, you or your grandkids will love the tide pool study, the chance to touch a live SHARK, and much more!

Maine Maritime Museum

Bath

Exceptional museum/resource center, recounting the proud and exciting maritime history of Maine. The museum is always interesting, you can tour the Schooner Mary E, an operational fishing vessel built in 1906, tour the Kennebec with the museum's own boats, or walk through the last known wooden vessel shipyard in America. Located just downriver from the Bath Iron works.
Phone: (207) 443-1316 243 Washington St., Bath, Me., 04530 See: MaineMaritimeMuseum.org

Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad

Portland

Maine was once tracked by “little trains that could,” narrow gauged (two-footers) steam engines, moving local freight and passengers, all across the Pine Tree State . The Maine Narrow Gauge Museum collect artifacts from those days and runs a historic train along the Portland waterfront. Operates the popular “Polar Express” each winter.
Phone: (207) 828-0814 58 Fore St., Portland, Me., 04101 see: mainenarrowgauge.org

Maine State Building

Poland Spring

Ornate, octagon wood-framed on a granite first floor, this building was created for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, then dismantled, shipped to Maine on a train and re-erected as an “attraction” not far from the 500-room Poland Spring House. There's a nearby stone chapel and the original Poland Spring site nearby, creating a unique, all-Maine museum.

Maine State House (Capitol)

Augusta

Magnificent building of Hallowell granite, original designed by Charles Bulfinch and completed in

1832, intended to replicate our National Capitol. Best visited when the Legislature (House of Representatives or Senate) is in session. Lots of portraits of famous Maine people and the history rich Hall of Flags. Get to the second floor “porch” to view Capitol Park and the Kennebec River.

Maine State Library

Augusta

The keeper of books for the State of Maine. Jill's place. All Maine people may borrow books free. Interesting “old book” collection, Maine authors featured. (of course you'll find *Speaking Frankly* there.) Located in the basement level of the Maine State museum building.

Maine State Museum

Augusta

Three-fantastic floors, dedicated to the glory of Maine. Artifacts, static displays and dioramas bring the history of our state forward in a very interesting light. The interactive display of Maine's “part” in the American Civil War is worth the trip. Grandkids won't believe it!

Maine State Music Theater

Brunswick

Broadway-calibre musical theater productions tucked away on the campus of Bowdoin College. Four shows each summer, several special productions to extend your enjoyment and the season. People Plus members get a special deal. A real summer fixture in Maine.

Phone: (207) 725-8769 Pickard Theater, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., 04011 see: msmt.org

Maine Wildlife Park

Gray

The “game farm” established as a Rehab Center for the Maine Inland Fisheries and Game, it's now a perfect place to see representative wildlife of Maine, from Chickadee to Moose, all in their wild habitat. Great place to wander with kids, you're never quite sure what you might see.

Phone: (207) 657-4977 56 Game Farm Rd., Gray, Me., 04039 see: mainewildlifepark.com

Margaret Chase Smith Home/Library

Skowhegan

The “river-front home of “the Lady from Maine.” Mrs. Smith was a four-term US Senator. House/library is filled with her official (and unofficial) correspondence, plus documents, photographs and curiosities. Free, open year-round. You can see a bed where President Harry S. Truman slept while an overnight guest of the senator.

Marginal Way

Ogunquit

Paved, seaside walk with constant and exceptional ocean views. Spend an hour or spend the afternoon, you'll find lots of benches, overlooking ledge and beaches.

Mars Hill

Mars Hill

Located in the middle of a vast, fairly level section of Aroostook County, this Little (1,750 ft.) peak is one of the “busiest” in Maine. Mars Hill is home to the first, large-scale wind farm (28 turbines) in Maine, is crossed by the IAT (International Appalachian Trail,) has a ski area, and yes, there is a road to its summit.

Marshall Point Lighthouse

Port Clyde/St. George

A classic Maine lighthouse, in a near perfect, Maine fishing-village setting. If you close your eyes, you may even imagine Forrest Gump running past. (yup, this lighthouse was in that movie!) Established in 1832, the granite and brick tower was rebuilt in 1858 to a height of 31 ft. It guards the entrance to Port Clyde and Muscongus Bay.

Phone: 207-372-6450 Marshall Point Rd., Port Clyde, Me. See: marshallpoint.org

Merrymeeting boat tour

Bath

The *S.S. Merrymeeting*, “flagship” of Bath's Maine Maritime Museum, offers several memorable, on-the-water tours. My favorite goes up the Kennebec River, through the Chops and into Merrymeeting Bay, usually going upriver to the “toe” of Swan Island, sometimes to the Richmond bridge. It's a rare tour that doesn't feature flying or perched Bald Eagles, deer on Swan Island and a jumping Sturgeon or two.

Monhegan Island

Monhegan

Storied, delightful island, 11 miles off the coast of Maine. One of Maine's iconic places. Busy artist's colony for over 100 years, the 1850 lighthouse keeper's home doubles as a gallery and museum. Extensive island trail system features Burnt head, White Head, Cathedral woods, and Pulpit Rock...stunning views everywhere. Reach this island by boat from Port Clyde, Boothbay Harbor or New Harbor.

Moody's Diner

Waldoboro

In season you'll probably find local smelts or Fiddleheads on the menu, and every season, you'll find baked beans to blueberry pie on a menu that's a "keeper!" This place has been a Route One landmark for 75 years, sit in one of their booths and find out why. Of course there's a gift shop filled with priceless Maine heirlooms on the backside of the parking lot.

Phone: 207-832-7785 1885 Atlantic Highway (Route 1) Waldoboro, Me. See: MoodySDiner.com

Moose on the loose

Many woodsy places

When I was a kid, (before the annual moose hunts started) it was possible to spot a moose, shadow him a few miles till it was "used" to you, and then feed it an apple or two, right out of your hand! Today most of them are more skittish than that, (that happens when you're shot at) but it's still pretty easy, and completely unforgettable, to find one in the wild and get up close and personal. Baxter Park's Sandy Stream pond is a place, Greenville's hinterlands is another.

Morse Mountain

Phippsburg

Mile-ish, easy walk over dirt roads to access what I say is no doubt Maine's most dramatic beach. Morse Mountain-Bates Conservation area is a unique blend of public-private ownerships, over 600 acres of sea coast, beaches, rivers and marshes. Seawall Beach is separated from popular Popham Beach by the Morse River, the differences are stunning, AND always worth the walk.

Mosquito Mountain

The Forks

Who wouldn't take on a mountain with a name like this? Great hike to combine with a trip to Moxie Falls. The 2,200 ft. summit offers great views of Mount Katahdin, Mount Kineo and the Kennebec river basin. Mosquitoes are really no worse here than in the rest of Maine.

Mount Battie Auto Road

Camden Hills State Park

In Camden Hills State Park, entrance not a hundred yards off Route One. Quick, easy, lazy access to one of the prettiest views in Maine. Camden Harbor is right below you, this is a blueberry haven in season. Be sure to climb the stone tower, it's the most exercise you'll get from this trip. Fee charged, free if you can prove you're old and a resident of Maine.

Mount Kineo

Moosehead Lake

A huge slab of exposed Rhyolite, (a flint-like, volcanic rock) rising abruptly some 765 ft. from the eastern shore of Moosehead Lake. Most easily reached by riding a fun and inexpensive, open-boat shuttle based in Rockwood. An old fire tower platform offers great views of the lake. Use the old Indian Trail for your best, sometimes dizzying and direct climb to the top.

Phone: (207) 534-9012 "THE dock" at Rockwood, Me. See: mooseheadlakegolf.com

Moxie Falls

Lake Moxie Township

At 90 feet, Moxie is the longest (tallest?) falls in Maine, maybe even New England! There is a series of deep, frigid pools and water sluices leading to the dramatic falls, and you come in at the "top" not the bottom of this dramatic water fall that (sort of) connects Lake Moxie to the Kennebec River.

Nubble Lighthouse

York

Located off Cape Neddick on a prominent ledge, this iconic lighthouse is certainly one of Maine's most photographed. Some 200 yards from the mainland, the tower is 88 feet above mean high water, and was built in 1879.

Ogunquit Playhouse

Ogunquit

"America's foremost Summer Theater," has been a Route One landmark outside of Ogunquit Village since 1933.

Five shows each season, open from May to Oct. The list of world-class actors & actresses who have played here is MORE than impressive. “We just like coming to Maine,” many of them respond when asked what they are doing in coastal Ogunquit.

Phone: (207) 646-5511 10 Main St., (US Route 1) Ogunquit, Me., see: ogunquitplayhouse.org

Old Orchard Beach

Old Orchard

I was a teenaged-bean picker when I first visited Old Orchard Beach, and I've gone back many times since. “New Englands' ONLY beachfront-amusement Park.” Six miles of perfectly sanded beach, a fun-fill amusement pier, a waterslide, amusement rides that include a traditional carousel, ferris wheel and roller coasters. Weekly (Thursday night) Summer fireworks shows. Remember, now you can get there on the Amtrak Downeaster!

Phone: (207) 934-2500 1 Old Orchard St., Old Orchard beach, Me. see:oldorchardbeachmaine.com, palaceplayland.com

Old Point

Norridgewock

Where the Sandy River meets the Kennebec River. Site of a very early Native American village. There's a cemetery, and a larger than life granite monument commemorating the spot where French Jesuit priest Sebastian Rasle was killed during a raid by English troops in 1724.

Old Port

Portland

Walkable, urban shopping area in Downtown Portland. Lots of shops and restaurants with cobblestoned streets and brick sidewalks. Maybe a block from the Portland waterfront. Exciting place to look in windows, purchase unique gifts.

Owl's Head Lighthouse

Owl's Head

Built on a ledge outcropping in 1826 to mark and protect Rockland harbor, the granite tower stands 80 ft. above sea level, at the end of a long, impressive series of steps.

Phone: 207-941-4014 Lighthouse Rd., Owls Head, Me. See: maine.gov/owlshead

Owl's Head Transportation Museum

Owl's Head

Huge, unique collection of vintage planes, trains, automobiles. Adjacent to the Owl's Head airport, you can watch WW I, WWII fighter planes launch, land, and fly, see classic Cadillacs and Fords as they “chug” around the grounds. Museum claims “everything” in collection can be made to work! Admission charged, aged under 18 are free.

Phone: (207) 594-4418 117 Museum St., Owls Head, Maine see: owlshead.org

Paris Hill village

South Paris

Created in 1805 to become the fashionable “Shire Town” of the recently organized Oxford County, It was the village's fate, (and good luck) to be bypassed and today, appear as a time-warp to another age. Great white structures surrounding a green common – a church, a courthouse, the Jail – and expansive elaborate homes for the rich and powerful (Hannibal Hamlin lived here) I can think of NO place in Maine with more exceptional traditional architecture in so small a village.

Pemaquid Lighthouse

Bristol

Light established in 1827 on a “unique rock promontory,” the 38 ft. tower is 78 ft. above sea level. Stunning coastal views, Monhegan Island, and seaglass beach located “to windward.” Probably the most photographed lighthouse in Maine. Owned by the Town of Bristol, the tower is sometimes open for visitors, the light keeper's house is now a museum of local history.

Phone: 207-677-2494 3115 Bristol Rd., Pemaquid, Me, See:bristolmaine.org/parks-recreation

Pemaquid “Digs”

Pemaquid

Located just behind old Fort William Henry, years of professional and amateur archeology has exposed hints and proof of what could be “Maine's lost city.” Old cellar holes have been exposed, and the State of Maine maintains an artifact-filled museum on the site, which proves a fishing hub existed on Maine's coast BEFORE the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth.

“Penny” Bridge**Waterville**

A 400 ft. pedestrian, wire-cable suspension bridge across the Kennebec River, constructed in 1901 to carry Waterville workers to jobs in Winslow. Also called the Ticonic Footbridge. Bridge was damaged by high waters in 1903, repaired and a toll of one cent imposed. Toll later became two cents. Recently repaired, passage is now FREE, but the toll booth remains, just in case.....

Penobscot Marine Museum**Searsport**

Maine's “other” maritime museum has a 13-building campus at the heart of beautiful downtown Searsport, eight of these structures are listed on America's National Register of Historic Places. The museum has an extensive collection of small “work” boats, a Sea Captain's mansion and an exceptional research library of all things related to maritime Maine.

Penobscot Narrows Bridge/Tower**Prospect**

Ride an elevator 500ft. (42 stories) to the observation deck of the Prospect side tower of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. NOT for those afraid of heights. Walk the enclosed catwalk to get 40-mile, bird's-eye views of the area. Cost is only \$5 if you're from Maine, \$7 for the rest of you. Tours of the impressive granite-worked Fort Knox (circa 1845-60) are included. Sorry, NO gold at this Fort Knox.

Petroglyph ledge**Emden**

This nondescript ledge jutting into the Kennebec River could be overlooked until you notice the Native American markings on its face. Trail not well marked, you may see a sign telling you to stay away. This spot is worth the search, I still well remember the day my kids and I sought the site out, and splashed river water onto the stone to more clearly define these ancient, almost mystical hand-carved characters.

Piazza Rock**Sandy River Plantation**

Along another, sometimes wet section of the Appalachian Trail, AND not much more than a mile from where the trail intersects with Maine Route 4, you'll find this huge, over-hanging ledge with its accompanying boulder caves. Be wary of Porcupine quills if you get poking around, you might see a real Porcupine if you're lucky (or not.)

Pine Grove Cemetery**Brunswick**

A classic Maine graveyard, filled with interesting stones, interesting, bygone people. Three Maine Governors are buried here, including Civil War hero Joshua Chamberlain, plus a gaggle of Bowdoin College professors, and enough 19th century sea captains to launch a new navy. Shade trees galore, perhaps a mile of grass covered lanes make this a leisurely, level walk in a safe, nearly urban setting.

Pleasant Mountain**Bridgeton**

2,000 ft. mountain with a ski area on its north slope. Arises abruptly from its surrounding, seemingly flat countryside. Several trails lead to main summit where there is an unused fire tower. Pretty “civilized” mountain, once had a hotel, with carriage road access, on its summit. Great views, area has burned more than once so the blueberry crop, in season, is excellent.

Popham Beach State Park**Phippsburg**

Probably one of Maine's most favorite parks. Lots of angry, turbulent water where the Kennebec River meets the sea. Several miles of sand, a civil war era fort if you need shade and want to hear your echo. Get there early if you're visiting on a warm day in July or August, I like it best when the place is foggy, wintery, or deserted!

Porter Covered Bridge**Porter**

Maine has 8-10 covered bridges remaining from a total of over 100, built in the 19th Century, but my favorite is in Porter. This beauty, (88 ft, plus or minus) was built in 1876 and today remains as Maine's most original. The bridge spans Ossippi River, which has a foot-pleasing, wadable-sandy bottom,

waiting right under the bridge.

Portland Museum of Art

Portland

Maine's largest art museum, with an exceptional collection of work by American artists. (Winslow Homer, N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth, Edward Hooper, Rockwell Kent and more) Save time to visit the pristine, Federal McLellan home next door (they're attached) and plan some extra hours for a trip to Prout's Neck and the original studio of Winslow Homer. Admission charged, free on Friday nights.

Phone: (207) 775-6148 7 Congress Square, Portland, Me., 04101 see: portlandmuseum.org

Portland Observatory

Portland

Perched atop Portland's Munjoy Hill, this 86 ft., octagon wooden structure is the last surviving, 19th Century maritime signal tower in America. 103 well-worn steps carry you to the top "cabin" where the views of Portland are unforgettable. Built in 1807, this unique structure is well-maintained by Greater Portland Landmarks.

Phone: (207) 774-5561 138 Congress St., Portland, Me. 04101 See: Portlandlandmarks.org

Potts Point Preserve

South Harpswell

That very pointed finger at the tip end of South Harpswell. A short (half mile) walk through a picturesque summer colony leads you to the prettiest place in Harpswell. Stand there and enjoy unforgettable looks at Bailey, Haskells, and Eagle Islands, (plus a few more I don't know). Tide pools are a specialty! This is the jewel of the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. Parking is limited, read and heed all the directional signs. Do NOT try to drive to the point.

Pownalborough Court House

Dresden

Built in 1761, this is the only pre-Revolutionary War court house remaining in Maine. This remarkable, three-story, wood-framed structure aside the Kennebec River, once received such notable visitors, (and jurists) as John Adams and Benedict Arnold. Originally part of a much larger compound, the building and its accompanying graveyard now stand in an interesting, 18-acre secluded woodland setting, with a network of trails. A project of the Lincoln County Historical Association.

Phone: 207-737-2504 or 882-6817 – 23 Court House Rd., Dresden, Me. 04340 – See: Lincolncountyhistory.org

Prison Store

Thomaston

Hand-crafted items created and manufactured by inmates of the Maine State Prison. Located beside the old state prison, which isn't there anymore. A specialty shop if ever there was one. It's filled with practical, wonderful, whimsical items that you didn't know you needed until you picked them up.

"Quaggy Joe" Mountain

Presque Isle

Located lake-side in Maine's FIRST State Park, (Aroostook State Park, but I'm sure you knew that) this 1,212 ft. peak with it's granite ledge will always be special to ME! On several of my earliest trips to "The County" with my grandparents, we'd always try for time to "DO Quaggy Joe!"

Phone: 207-768-8341 US Route1, South of Presque Isle, Me. See: maine.gov/aroostook

Quill Hill

Rangeley

Named for a former resident (Porcupine) this 2,848 Ft., vehicle-accessible summit claims the "best 360-degree view in Maine! This one's from Carol, who says the "sunsets are amazing!" Privately owned, by-car admission charged (\$10 last year) great place for picnics, hikes. Located off Moose Alley, halfway between Bigelow and Saddleback mountains.

Quoddy Head Lighthouse (West)

Lubec

Easternmost lighthouse on the easternmost point in America, this distinctively painted tower, erected in 1808, has unique red and white stripes.

Rafting

The Forks

A tiny, tree-bound village called The Forks is ground zero in Maine for several outfitters who will carry you through a white-water experience on the upper Kennebec or Penobscot rivers designed to bring terror to your heart! Typical rides feature 12-person rubber rafts – your guide will TRY to stay aboard - tumbling through mountains of white river rapids.

Raye's Mustard mill

Eastport

Opened in 1900 to serve Maine's booming sardine canning industry, Raye's today is the last remaining stone-ground mustard mill in America. You will be shocked at some of the flavors.

Reid State Park

Georgetown

Some of midcoast Maine's most expansive beaches, dominated by the ledges of Griffith Head. Certain tides allow swimming in a “naturally heated” lagoon, an elaborate sand dune system provides extensive nesting areas for birds like Plovers and Least Terns. I don't go during the two-week Green-headed fly season, sorry.

Reny's Department stores

Statewide

Pick YOUR favorite from 17 of these “great little box stores” in Maine. That logo, “A Maine Adventure” is more than someone's advertising fluff. Stores located in Bath, Belfast, Bridgton, Camden, Damariscotta, Dexter, Ellsworth, Farmington, Gardiner, Madison, Pittsfield, Portland, Saco, Topsham, Wells and Windham, are a wonderful mix of “quaint Maine” to modern. Each loaded with stuff you didn't know you needed.

Ricker Hill Orchards

Turner

This hilltop orchard has to be one of Maine's prettiest. Pick a clear, fall day, you can see all the way to the White Mountains. Ample selection of apples, pick you own by the pound or by the bag. Corn maze, cider mill, fresh donuts, apples “packed to ship.” Grapes on the vine, cider, hard cider and wine sampling.

Sand Beach

Acadia Nat'l. Park

A gorgeous, 300-yard wide oasis of crystal sand in a Park known for its ledges, mountains and rocks, Sand Beach and it's lapping waves are a departure from crashing surf in other parts of the park, but don't be lulled, and the water is always cold! Beach fills fast in the summer months, get there early.

“Sands” of Merymeeting Bay

East Bowdoinham

Nearer to the center of Merymeeting Bay than not, a vast, football-field sized Delta of sand is exposed with each out-going tide. NOT on any map, locals find this a grand place to picnic, party and play. Visitors to this spot have some 6-8 hours on this spot, before the incoming tide takes away this unique, sun-bleached beach! Definitely a carry-in, carry-out site.

Sandy Stream Pond

Baxter State Park

Delightful, alpine pond in the shadow of Mount Katahdin and “almost certainly” the place to see your first “Baxter moose!” Less than a mile from your car parked at Roaring Brook campsite, the hike in is easy, might get crowded.

Screw Auger Falls & Gorge

Grafton

On an edge of Grafton Notch State Park, you'll find rushing waters of the Bear River making dramatic drops into frigid pools. First glacial potholes and ledges are an easy walk from the parking lot, most dramatic in May/June, when you'll see (and hear) some ice and spring water runoff. If you have time, go find 45-ft. Moose Cave

SeaDogs baseball

Portland

“Big League” baseball, Maine style. This AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox offers an inexpensive, memorable, “Nine-inning Vacation” at Hadlock Field in Downtown Portland. Who knows, “Slugger,” the bat dog may try to steal your french fries and surely will pose for a picture with your grandchild.
Phone: 1-800-936-DOGS 271 Park Avenue, Portland, Me., 04101 see: seadogs.com

Seawall Beach

Acadia Nat'l. Park

Unique barrier beach of tossed stones and pebbles. Hard to walk on, impossible to forget. Located on the "quiet side" of Mount Desert Island, maybe a mile and a half from Southwest Harbor, just east of Manset on State route 102A. Forms eastern edge of Seawall Campground in Acadia, stunning view of Great Cranberry Island. Endless beach of rock, don't even think about taking a sample home

Seguin Island lighthouse

Georgetown

The third oldest lighthouse in America, Seguin Island light guards the turbulent entrance of the Kennebec River into the Atlantic. Built in 1796, rebuilt several times, the beam is 186 ft. above water, the highest in Maine. Fully automated, Seguin can only be reached by boat. Owned and managed by the Friends of Seguin Island.

Shaker Museum

Sabbathday Lake

Last "active" Shaker community in America, this pristine 19th century hill-side village includes a working farm, orchards, assorted buildings of stunning "colonial" period, and a museum that features the Shakers simple, clean-lined pine and cherry furniture, wooden boxes and other artifacts. Store has an assortment of unique, hand-made gifts, native teas, and blended spices.

Phone: (207) 926-4597 707 Shaker Rd., New Gloucester. Me., 04260

See: Maineshakers.com

Shell heaps (Middens)

Damariscotta

For a thousand years, native Americans "summered" at Damariscotta and feasted on the tasty oysters, tossing the used shells in great piles along the shore. A sluice ride down the Damariscotta River will show you these great middens, and if you don't have a canoe, walk the trails in the State Historic site on the Eastern shore of the river.

Sherman's Books & Stationary

Coast wide

"Maine's Oldest bookstores with six locations on Maine's coast. Perfect for a memorable hour or two ANY day, a "day saver" when it's raining. Specialists in Maine books, marine books, children's books. Unique selection of cards, gifts and treasures. Stores in Bar Harbor, Boothbay Harbor, Camden, Damariscotta, Freeport and Portland. See: Shermans.com

Skiing

Winter in Maine

From massive and unforgettable Sugarloaf USA to tiny Titcomb Mountain ski area, Maine has skiing to fit anyone's fancy (and ability!) Downhill or cross-country, Skiing WILL change your attitude toward Winter in Maine. Too bad downhill skiing has become so expensive, too bad they keep pushing the "seniors ski free" age upward. I'll promise you this, when Saddleback reopens next year, I and my grandboys will make that early spring pilgrimage.

Skowhegan's "Indian"

Skowhegan

Standing almost dejectedly on the edge of a downtown Skowhegan parking lot, this 62 ft., wooden statue has been called, "the world's largest, sculptured-wooden Indian." Created by Maine sculptor Bernard Langlais in 1969, it's still considered one of his best pieces.

Small Point Beach

Phippsburg

Private, crescent beach, just around the point from Seawall & Popham beaches. Used to go there lots as a kid, there is almost never a crashing surf, no under-toe, and seldom does it get crowded. Next time you're sitting in a car, waiting to get into Popham, you might want to quit the rat race, and go down the road to Small Point.

Smelt Fishing

Bowdoinham

Maybe it's 10 degrees outside, wind's howling from the North, but you're in your tee shirt, sitting two feet from a blazing woodstove, tending eight or ten fishing lines. Those little silver smelts are easy

to catch, to clean, and to cook. Just sit there, warm, no need to move a muscle, just pull them in. Rent a camp, go fishing. Who said anything about Beer? you'll become a fan.

Snow Shoeing

Your special place

Give me a cold, clear mid-winter day, a field filled with snow (six inches or six feet!) and you'll find me tempted to go snowshoeing. It's a fun-filled, unique way to get the weather working for you, to keep your winter flying. Shoes come in many forms, pick a style that suits you. Be sure to use a balance pole.

Songo River Queen

Naples

A replica of the stern-wheeled, steam-powered river vessels that once plied the Mississippi and other rivers, "The Queen" with its open bar and cafe, offers a one-hour cruise around Long Lake. Board in "downtown" Naples. Moonlight and charter cruises are available.

South Solon Meetinghouse

Solon

Take a classic, 1842 meetinghouse replete with white clapboards and 20-over 20 sash in its windows, drop it at a rural crossroad south of Solon. Add a dozen or more painters from a Skowhegan art school, and add murals, floor to ceiling. Regularly open in the summer, if you miss the door, peek in a window.

South Turner Mountain

Baxter State Park

Great, easy enough climb to a 3,110 ft. summit with exceptional views of Katahdin. A three mile trip from Roaring Brook campsite. I always use it as a day-before warmup when I'm prepping for climbing Katahdin, the BIG mountain.

S. S. Katahdin

Greenville

Vintage, 1914 steamboat, (built at BIW) offers an unforgettable, three-hour cruise on Moosehead lake. Board in downtown Greenville, glide past Kineo, Rockwood, point north and east. This stable, 115 ft. vessel once hauled boomed logs and pulp, calls back to the days when Moosehead and the north woods was a summer destination.

Strawberry fields

Bowdoinham

My favorite place to pick these seasonal delights is Fairwind Farms on the Kennebec River shore in East Bowdoinham. Wherever you find your pick-your-own operation, get out on a warm June/July afternoon, pick a quart or three, and expect to eat more than you pick!

Streaked Mountain

Buckfield/South Paris

A woods-lined trail with exposed ledges, this ¾ mile trail opens to a summit cluttered with antenna array, power lines and towers, but the trip's still worth the walk because it's short, fun and pretty easy. On his first trip "up Streaked" all those years ago, my son Miles found a two-pound chunk of tourmaline we still keep as a door stop.

Swan Island

Richmond

Rising like a ship, midstream in the Kennebec at the north end of Merrymeeting Bay, Swan Island is four miles long, sometime a mile wide, now a state game preserve and was once the Town of Perkins. Home to deer, Bald Eagles, woodchucks and many species of duck and geese, the place has a rich heritage as a center for cutting ice, and home to some of the area's native Americans. Camping, hiking by reservation.

Swinging Bridge/River Walk

Brunswick/Topsham

This historic 330 ft. span across the Androscoggin River may have more bounce than swing! Built in 1890 for mill workers living in Topsham and working in Brunswick, this little pedestrian bridge, some 20-25 feet over the swift flowing Androscoggin, was designed and constructed by the John Roebling & Company firm that built the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City.

Thompson's Ice House

South Bristol

Cutting ice the way it was done 100 years ago in Maine. Tools of old come out of storage for a weekend-long demo of traditional ice cutting and the "putting away." Almost always the weekend before Washington's Birthday. July 4th there is more fun when the ice is uncovered, and volunteers have an old fashioned Ice Cream Sociable, again the traditional way.

Toboggan Championships, World

Camden

Want to scare the bajebbies out of yourself? Get to the Camden Snowbowl for the world Champion downhill Toboggan Races. Teams come from all over America to compete, I'm still remembering the MY team from The Highlands won "special honors" for "Oldest Team!" Four brave souls, blasting down an ice-filled chute, rocketing toward an ice-sheathed lake. Weren't Those the days!

Togus National Cemetery

Togus

The solemn side of the Veteran Administration Health Center for Maine, this yard is the burial site of nearly 3,500 "mostly" Maine veterans from the Civil war to Vietnam. Now inactive but well-maintained, The precisely located stones are a sobering sight to see, especially at Christmas or Memorial Day.

Tumbledown Mountain

Weld

At just over 3,000 feet, I'm calling Tumbledown Mountain Maine's SECOND best climb. Sporting an open, alpine crest, large-ledged area AND a mountain pond, Tumbledown has lots of the features of Katahdin, without the "Greatest Mountain's" open brutality.

Vesper Hill Chapel

Rockport

Rustic, open-air chapel, built on the site of an old coast-side hotel. Marvelous perennial gardens blended atop sections of the old foundation. Be sure to check out the herd of Belted-Galloway cattle down at the main road. Jane and I were married here, just 50 years ago THIS fall!

Walker's Point

Kennebunkport

Summer vacation compound of the Bush family, made famous by former President George H.W. Bush, It's still fun to drive to the neighborhood and see what state flags are flying. Texas? (Don't expect to get REAL close!) Look for signs to Ocean Ave., where you CAN get "up close and personal" to some spectacular seacoast ledge formations, including Spouting Rock and Blowing Cave.

Warren Island State Park

Islesboro

Only coastal island in Maine's state park system, just a stone's throw from Islesboro. A boat is your only hope, sometimes available off Islesboro and the Maine State Ferry at Lincolnville Beach, but do NOT count on it. You can sea kayak from several launches off the mainland. Great, QUIET campground near the middle of everything.

W.W. & F. Railroad

Alna

The Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad, (also recalled as the Wait, Wonder & Freeze) was a narrow gauge (two foot) railroad started in the Wiscasset area in the last days of the 1900's. It never made it over the Kennebec. Today at Alna, a group of dedicated, passionate volunteers are laying track, restoring equipment, planning to bring at least a little of the little line back. Go see them, help them along. Expect a unique, unforgettable ride.

Phone: 207-882-4193 97 Cross Road, Alna, Me. See: wwfry.org

Whaleboat Island

South Harpswell

A long and narrow island off the coast of South Harpswell, Whaleboat is a small island with a great history. Finally protected, this gem with thick trees marking both ends, will be available for campers for years to come.

Windjammers

Camden/Rockland

Maine has a magnificent fleet of these tall-masted, wooden sailing schooners from another era. You can't

see one under sail off a Maine Island without wanting to get aboard and sail away. This unique Maine fleet offers hourly, daily, and weekly tours. My favorites? I sailed aboard the *Adventure* 50 years ago, the *American Eagle* 10 years ago. Don't wait for me to choose.

Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park

Exceptional coastal wildwood oasis, not five miles from the commercial hubbub that is Freeport. Ospreys await you, summer nature programs, walks, wildflowers and nature trails abound. Great views of Casco Bay, the nearby Harraseeket River, forests, marshes and rock-shrouded coast.

Phone: (207) 865-4465 426 Wolf Neck Rd., Freeport, Me., see:maine.gov/wolfesneckwoods

Woodsman's Memorial

At the south end of Chesuncook Lake, find this delightful museum if you can. Your hint will be a 20-something foot, squared timber stuck in the ground, laden with lumbermen's tools and topped by a huge bean pot. It'll be a nice scenic break whenever you find yourself driving near the Golden Road.

Cushing's Landing

Woodward Point

My newest, favorite place. 85-acres of old pine forest and open fields, two-miles of salt-water, river-front coastline, and I get to look at it every morning, across a cove from my kitchen window! The most recent (and most spectacular) acquisition of the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, this wonderful space is explorable in any season. Soon enough, it WILL be your favorite spot, too!

Brunswick

Wire Bridge

Not near nothing, this unique bridge, of spooled wire and wooden towers was/is STILL an engineering marvel. Built in 1864-65, the 128 ft., wooden-plank deck crosses the boulder-strewn Carrabassett River, you WILL feel it move under your feet.

New Portland

Wreaths Across America

For years at Christmas time, the Worcester Wreath Company in downtown Columbia Falls has led an effort to decorate millions of Veteran's graves in cemeteries across America. God bless them for this! They maintain a small, year-round museum beside Route One, telling their story, and the story of the Maine Christmas wreath. It IS worth the stop, and a great place to drop a dollar in the basket!

Columbia Falls

Wyman Dam

Maine's largest hydro-powered dam was built about 1930 to service the State's growing need for electricity. Damming the Kennebec River, the usual backwater creates 10-mile long Wyman lake. You'll have lots of scenic lookouts along Route 201 while you head toward The Forks.

Moscow

other resources

Islandport Guide to Lighthouses in Maine, The

Islandport Press, PO Box 10, Yarmouth, Me. 04096

Lincoln County Historical Association

PO Box 61, Wiscasset, Me., 04578 phone:207-882-6817 www.lincolncountyhistory.org

Maine Atlas & Gazetteer (originally published by the DeLorme Mapping Co.)

Nearly 100 pages of detailed sheet maps for the entire state, plus detailed city maps, lists of hiking trails, unique natural areas, canoe trips, historic sites, wildlife areas, sand beaches, mileage chart, parks and preserves, and more. Mine is a fourteenth edition, this book is worth the search.

Maine State Parks PASSPORT

Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry, Augusta, Me., phone: 207-624-6080 See: visitmaine.com