

MAINE CURATED



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The best insider local spots!

This guide has all my favorite
restaurants, shops and activities,
plus bonus pages to find lobster shacks,
antique barns, picnic spots and more.

Grab a friend and start exploring!

-Megan

BOOTHBAY HARBOR

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Farm 23 (pastries, coffees, breakfast sandwiches)

Red Cup (coffee + great breakfast sandwiches!)

Brisetto's Second Cup (coffee, smoothies, green juice)

Woodsong Market (coffee, teas, smoothies, sandwiches)

Mama D's Cafe (breakfast - local favorite!)

Blanchards Creamery (coffee, pastries, smoothies - easy stop leaving town)

Harbor Treats (pastries, coffee)

LUNCH

Bet's Fish Fry (legendary - massive so consider sharing)

Robinson's Wharf Restaurant (outside waterfront seating + live music often)

East Boothbay General Store (best sandwiches - short drive to Ocean Point)

Boothbay Lobster Wharf (outdoor waterfront deck / casual seafood)

Dunton's Doghouse (locals place! sit at picnic tables or to go)

Brady's (outdoor waterfront deck / seafood restaurant)

Linekin Bay Resort (beautiful outdoor waterfront seating + fun drive)

Harbor Treats (sandwiches, hot dogs + harbor view picnic tables)

Cozy's Dockside (one of the best waterfront seats + excellent burgers)

DINNER

Thistle Inn (local favorite!)

Ports Pizzeria (year-round good thin crust pizza. small patio with harbor view)

Harborside 1901 (water views. nice modern remodel)

Coastal Prime (fine dining on harbor - sit on deck - fun for getting dressed up)

Robinson's Wharf Restaurant (outside waterfront seating + live music)

Boothbay Lobster Wharf (outdoor waterfront deck / casual seafood)

Brady's (outdoor waterfront deck / seafood restaurant)

Carriage House Restaurant (sit upstairs or patio)

Boothbay Craft Brewery (local brews, full bar, pizza, garden patio)

TREATS

Harbor Treats (ice cream, hot dogs, bakery treats, coffee)

Ice Cream Hut at Dolphin Mini Golf (30 flavors of soft serve!)

Downeast Ice Cream Factory (scoops/sundaes + to sit on the wharf)

Blanchards Creamery (they make their own ice cream)

Farm 23 (pastries, cookies, cakes)

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BOOTHBAY HARBOR

DRINKS

Tugboat Rooftop Deck (drinks and bites)
Coastal Prime (sit on deck - yacht/harbor views on deck + sushi)
Boothbay Craft Brewery (beer, wine, full bar)

DO/SEE

Botanical Gardens + Cafe (for kids and adults + fun kid zone - plan 1-3+ hours)
Boothbay Aquarium (reopens 2024)
Railway Village (fun for kids and adults + car museum + many historical items)
Windjammer Sunset Sail
Cabbage Island Clam Bake (aim for 2nd seating if possible for sunset)
Thursday Farmer's Market (at roudabout / May-October / Thursdays 9-Noon)
Boothbay Harbor Maritime History Tour
Ovens Mouth Preserve (waterfront hiking)
Carousel Musical Theater
Tidal Kayak Tours & Rentals
Dolphin Mini Golf (snack shack + really interesting free seashell museum)
Harbor Trolley (June-Labor Day. Daily 10-5. Free. Hop on off. Catch in town.)
Opera House (indoor music events)
Barrett's Park (great swim beach + picnic spot)
Cap'n Fish's Cruises (my favorites are the BB Lighthouse Island + Harbor Cruise)
Clifford Playground (for the kids + on Back River Rd)
Pedego Electric Bikes (rentals + suggested bike routes)

SHOP

Park and walk around...
Archive (luxury resale)
Sherman's (gifts, souvenirs, excellent book shop)
Sea Bags (the best bag!)
Farm 23 (although a bakery, they have an excellent gift shop)
Botanical Gardens (requires ticket to enter, but exceptional gift shop)
Southport General Store (big barn gift shop)
AE Home (as you're leaving the Harbor - worth the stop!)

WISCASSET

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Treats (coffee, pastries, quiche)

LUNCH

Spragues (lobster rolls and varied menu + wharf picnic tables)

Red's Eats (monster lobster rolls - warning very long wait)

Bath Ale Works (beer garden in the back)

Treats (very delightful premade sandwiches and wraps)

DINNER

Water Street Kitchen (water view + drinks in lounge very fun too)

Montsweag Restaurant (love the bar vibe)

Barnhouse Grill & Pub

TREATS

Ice Creamed (next to Red's Eats)

Treats (literally their name)

Monkey C Monkey Do (ice cream shack)

DRINKS

Water Street Kitchen (bar or lounge)

In a Silent Way Wine Bar & Shop

Bath Ale Works (beer garden in the back)

Sasanoa Brewing

DO/SEE

Castle Tucker

Westport Island Pottery (one of my favorite potters + very creative creations)

Wiscasset Speedway

Montsweag Flea Mrkt (M, Sa, Su - good junk - next to Montsweag Restaurant)

SHOP

Park and walk... but a few favorites...

Village Handcraft (52 Water St)

In the Clover

Rock Paper Scissors

Birch

D A M A R I S C O T T A

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Barn Door Cafe (coffee, breakfast sandwiches and goodies to go)

Barn Door Breakfast (couple doors up from Cafe - full breakfast)

Butter Up Cakes (gluten free bakery with vegan options too)

LUNCH

King Eiders Pub (small front patio)

Shuck Station (oysters + great menu - all outdoors)

Fernalds (sandwiches to go)

Metcalfs (sandwiches to go)

Schooner Landing (sit on the dock - might have live music)

Glidden Point Oysters (oysters + drinks + occasional pop up food truck)

Newcastle Publick House (small streetside patio)

Rising Tide Co-Op (grocery store with many grab and go options)

Salt & Pepper (vegan/vegetarian to go items+ patio seating)

DINNER

The River House (lovely! date night dinner kind of place - river views)

Oysterhead Pizza (pizza/skillet sides - also has small deck with some river view)

King Eiders Pub (cozy)

Newcastle Publick House (small streetside patio)

Best Thai Food (dine in or take out)

Shuck Station (oysters + great menu - all outdoors)

Savory Maine

Bred in the Bone

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D A M A R I S C O T T A

TREATS

Wicked Scoops (in town)

Round Top Ice Cream (make their own)

Butter Up Cakes (gluten free bakery with vegan options too)

DRINKS

King Eiders Pub

Newcastle Publick House

Split Rock Distilling (vodka, gin, whiskey to go + also ships)

DO/SEE

Damariscotta Farmer's Market (Friday 9-noon / May - October)

Damariscotta River Cruises

Midcoast Kayak

Sandpiper Excursions

Dodge Point Preserve (hiking trails in woods and along river - wear swimsuit under clothes to swim at beaches mid hike)

SHOP

Beach Plum (amazing - worth the short walk across the bridge)

Wildings

The Kingfisher and The Queen

Mainely Pawn (great junk/antiques)

Miles Thrift (really good with 3 floors - fun 50% deals)

PEMAQUID PENINSULA

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

The Cupboard Cafe

Grab in Damariscotta before heading out...

Barn Door Cafe

Butter Up Cakes (gluten free bakery with vegan options too)

LUNCH

The Contented Sole (open Memorial Day-Labor Day - temp location this year)

Pemaquid Seafood (perched above bay with outdoor deck)

Harborside Grill (small grocery + diner)

Coveside Restaurant (nice waterside deck)

The Cupboard Cafe

Broad Arrow Farm (market and butcher + some picnic tables)

DINNER

The Contented Sole (sit on pier!! open Memorial Day-Labor Day - inside nice too)

Pemaquid Seafood (perched above bay with outdoor deck)

Coveside Restaurant (nice waterside deck)

South Bristol Co-op (get seafood to go and cook at home)

DO/SEE

Pemaquid Beach (white sand + excellent snack shack + beach rentals)

Pemaquid Lighthouse (great picnic spot + small history museum)

Maine Kayak Rentals at Colonial Pemaquid

Fort William Henry (next to Contented Sole - fun for kids to run around)

Hardy Boat Cruises / Monhegan Island (for the day or overnight)

SHOP

Walpole Barn (cheese, wine, gifts - so good!!)

The Good Supply (beautiful artisan finds)

Pemaquid Mercantile (no signs of life but hope it comes back!)

F R E E P O R T

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Coffee by Design

1912 Cafe (inside LL Bean)

Isabella's Cafe & Bakery

Wolf's Neck Farms Cafe (some vegan options)

LUNCH

When Pigs Fly

Lobster Cooker & Pub

Broad Arrow Tavern

Brickyard Hollow

Tuscan Brick Oven Bistro

Petrillo's

Wolf's Neck Farms Cafe (some vegan options)

DINNER

Brickyard Hollow

Petrillo's

Lobster Cooker & Pub

Tuscan Brick Oven Bistro

TREATS

Ben & Jerry's

DRINKS

Maine Beer Co. (excellent local brewery + fun tasting room)

DO/SEE

Wolf's Neck Woods State Park

SHOP

Park and walk around

L.L. Bean (the Maine mothership - multiple buildings)

BATH + AREA

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Cafe Creme (coffee, pastries, more)

Winnegance Restaurant and Bakery (dine in or take out)

LUNCH

Winnegance Restaurant and Bakery (good place if getting food to go for beach)

Five Islands Lobster (fun and hopping! large deck waterside with picnic tables)

Vessel & Vine in Brunswick (a very special wine and specialty shop - it's lovely)

DINNER

Bruno's Pizza (great vibe inside + small back patio)

Bath Brewing Company (also good vibe + sometimes live acoustic music upstairs)

The Osprey (great waterside dining + inside has water views too)

The Cabin (dark and cozy Italian/pizza)

Maine Street Steak and Oyster, Brunswick (a nice downtown restaurant)

TREATS

Frosty's Donuts

DO/SEE

Waterfront Park (on Commercial Street)

Maine Maritime Museum (fascinating! allow a few hours)

Squirrel Point Light

Popham Beach State Park (huge wonderful white sand beach)

The Bath Golf Club

Fort Popham (picnic tables + small beach + let kids run)

Reid State Park (large white sand beach + lots of nice riverside picnic tables too)

Maggie's Antiques

SHOP

Park on Front Street and walk...

CAMDEN + LINCOLNVILLE

Camden is one of the best harbor towns in Maine and worth a visit! We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Zoot Coffee

The Smoothie Shack (seasonal)

LUNCH

Whales Tooth Pub (moody inside + waterfront dining)

Long Grain

Cafe Louis

DINNER

Long Grain

Cafe Louis

Salt Wharf

TREATS

DRINKS

16 Bay View Hotel (rooftop bar)

Blue Barren Distillery

Lucky Betty's

Salt Wharf (rooftop bar)

DO/SEE

Lincolnvillle Beach

Camden State Park (Drive, picnic or hike Mt. Battie)

Children's Chapel (pretty little park perfect for a picnic)

SHOP

Vivien and Coco

Windsor Chairmakers in Lincolnvillle (see website for showroom info)

Don't miss walking down Bay View Street

BELFAST + SEARSPORT

A beautiful part of Maine with lots to offer! We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Bell the Cat

Coastal Cafe & Bakery

Chase's Daily

LUNCH

The Hoot (one of the best brunch/lunches! inside or outside is wonderful)

The Front Street Pub

Deluinos (great vibe)

Coastal Cafe & Bakery

Chase's Daily

Bell the Cat

DINNER

The Hoot (amazing farm to table menu)

Deluinos (great vibe)

Hey Sailor

TREATS

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Harbor Walk

Waterfall Arts (art classes, exhibits, community events)

Penobscot Marine Museum

Moose Point State Park

Sears Island (park and walk or bike over footbridge)

Bluejacket Shipcrafters

Belfast Historical Society and Museum

Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad

SHOP

Lupine Cottage (maine made artisans)

Lots of good antique/junk shops in Searsport!

ROCKLAND + ROCKPORT

Rockland is a great town to park and walk around with lots to offer! We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Main Street Markets (coffee, pastries and small grocery)

Seafolk Coffee (little balcony overlooking the harbor)

Bleecker & Greer (such a favorite!! do not miss)

LUNCH

Main Street Markets (excellent lunch items for there or to go)

Bleecker & Greer (wonderful grab and go items)

DINNER

Me Lon Togo

Suzuki Sushi

Nina June

18 Central Oyster Bar & Grill

TREATS

Ruckus Donuts

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Vinalhaven Island (trip advisor has a lot of tips for this amazing excursion)

Farnsworth Museum

Center for Maine Contemporary Art

Maine Lighthouse Museum

SHOP

Rockland has some of my favorite shops in all of Maine!

Curator Consignment (a very fun consign shop!)

FourTwelve

Winnifred & Evalyn (home goods and gifts)

Daughters

Black Parrot

Arctic Tern Books (books + curated gifts)

THOMASTON + ST GEORGE PENINSULA

Some of the best places are off the beaten path. We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Ancho Honey (epic grilled cheese + burgers! eat there or get to go and eat at Marshall Point Lighthouse)
Station 118 (BBQ)

DINNER

Station 118 (BBQ)

TREATS

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Marshall Point Lighthouse (famous lighthouse in Forrest Gump + picnic tables)
Spruce Tree Studio (wonderful Maine artist)

SHOP

Flaura (wine and floral shop)
Maine State Prison Showroom (great hand crafted items + amazing program)

ALNA + WALDOBORO + UNION

We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Alna General Store
Sterlingtown Bakehouse

LUNCH

Odd Alewives (pizza and drinks + outdoor fire pits)
Sheepscot General Store (sandwiches + grocery + gifts + live music nights)
Morse's Sauerkraut (locally famous market and deli)
Sterlingtown Bakehouse (premade to go options)
Washington General Store (north of Waldoboro - great bakery, sandwiches, grocery and was a fun find!)

DINNER

Sterlingtown Public House (fab food + outdoor patio + live music events)
Odd Alewives (pizza and drinks + outdoor fire pits)
Alna General Store (finer fare + beautiful wines)

TREATS

Sterlingtown Bakehouse

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Tops'l Farm (offers amazing food and fun events - see their site)
Narrow Gauge Railroad (check website for fun seasonal events)
Seven Tree Pond, Hwy 235 (waterfront picnic tables + small boat ramp)

SHOP

Elmer's Barn (year round 3 story junk barn - fan favorite!)
Beth's Farm Market (wonderful farm, baked goods)

GARDINER + RICHMOND

We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Bintliff's (coffee + pastries)

LUNCH

Bateau Brewing (river view patio + food truck food)

The Blind Pig Tavern (nice shady street-side patio)

DINNER

The Blind Pig Tavern (nice shady street-side patio)

Bateau Brewing (river view patio + food truck food)

TREATS

The Ice Cream Shop (nice river seating and views)

DRINKS

Table Bar

DO/SEE

Kennebec River Trail (trailhead in Gardiner - walk or bike)

SHOP

YARMOUTH

We are still exploring this area and will be adding more to the list in coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Brickyard Hollow (V, GF options)

DINNER

The Garrison (exceptional and special)

Owl & Elm

Brickyard Hollow

TREATS

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Yarmouth Farmer's Market (Thursdays 3-6pm / May-October / food trucks + art + live music)

SHOP

Gingham

PORTLAND

My first trip to Maine was a long weekend in January and that's when I began to fall in love with Maine, and it was only winter! I'll never be able to cover all of Portland because it's the grand-daddy of them all, but here are some starters for you.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

Forage
City Farmhouse Kitchen & Bar
Tandem Coffee (both locations great)
Bard Coffee
Little Woodfords
Portland Pottery Cafe (omelets and bakery)

LUNCH

Eventide (packed with people - very fun and yummy)
Luke's Lobster (good for families - great water views)
Bird & Co
Portland Pottery Cafe (excellent sandwiches - beautiful pottery for sale too)
BenRuebens Knishery
Taco Escobarr
El Rayo Taqueria (love their window bar seating)
The Honey Paw (delicious noodle bowls)
Great Sushi Wave (check IG for his food truck location @greatsushiwave)

DINNER

Mami (Japanese street food - love! - great small ambiance inside or out)
Central Provisions
Fore Street (a top favorite!)
Wayside Tavern (neighborhood gem)
Bao Bao Dumpling House
Local 188
Woodford Food & Beverage
Pai Men Miyake (great indoor vibe)
City Farmhouse Kitchen & Bar
Via Vecchia (beautiful patio)
Broken Arrow
Street & Co

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PORTLAND

TREATS

The Holy Donut
Sticky Sweet
Hifi's Donuts

DRINKS

Local 188
Blyth & Burrows
Maine & Loire (wine shop to go - so special!)
Rising Tide Brewing Company (abundant outdoor seating)

DO/SEE

www.visitportland.com has a great event calendar
All of Washington Street District (for eateries and shops)
Peaks Island (take ferry + can bike around island)
Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad
Portland Headlight
Portland Sea Dogs Baseball
Children's Museum and Theatre
State Theatre (indoor music)
Thompon's Point (outdoor music)
Portland Museum of Art

SHOP

Park and walk around the Old Port area, but here are some favorites...
Fitz & Bennett (favorite!)
The Post Supply
Portland Trading Co
Corey & Co / Fiachre (two shops next to each other - worth the short drive)
Blanche & Mimi (favorite!)
Sea Bags (one of the best souvenirs you could get yourself)
Folly 101
Kurier
The Merchant Company
Ember (Campfire Pottery + Mulxiplay + favorite!)
Thrift/Treasures:
Portland Architectural Salvage
Haberdashery Resale Clothing
Flea For All
Mardens

KENNEBUNK + OGUNQUIT + YORK

Southern Maine is an incredible area and different than midcoast Maine. There's so much to share... and hopefully soon!

BAR HARBOR + ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

A stunning, fun, active region! I'll share more just as soon as I can.

LEWISTON + AUGUSTA + BANGOR

We are still exploring this area and will be adding more in the coming months.

COFFEE/BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Lisa's Legit Burritos, Augusta
Davinci's Eatery, Lewiston
Cushnoc Brewing Co, Augusta
The Whiskey Kitchen, Augusta

DINNER

The Oak Table & Bar, Augusta
Davinci's Eatery, Lewiston
Cushnoc Brewing Co, Augusta
Otto's on the River, Augusta

TREATS

DRINKS

DO/SEE

Old Fort Western, Augusta (1754 historical fort/museum)

ADVENTUROUS THEMES

**Because sometimes you have a
hankering and it's worth a little
drive to try something new!**

LOBSTER SHACKS

Just about every Maine restaurant has a lobster roll on their menu, but these shacks are on the water for a more adventurous experience. The list is a work in progress. Please let me know if you find the perfect lobster roll!

Five Island Lobster Co, Georgetown* (fabulous drive, great wharf seating)

Spragues, Wiscasset* (outdoor wharf / waterfront picnic tables)

Red's Eats, Wiscasset (2 pound lobster roll / waterfront picnic tables)

Muscongus Bay Lobster, Round Pond* (fab deck and outside bar / gorgeous drive)

Shannon's Unshelled Food Truck, Boothbay Harbor Roundabout

McLoons Lobster Shack, South Thomaston

McLaughlin's Lobster Shack, Lincolnville

Bite Into Maine food truck, Cape Elizabeth

Erica's Seafood, Harpswell

Thurston's Lobster Pound, Bernard

*personal favorites!

ROADSIDE FARM STANDS

Sunset Hill Farm, Edgecomb
(outside of Boothbay - food, treats, gifts, beautiful drive)
Instagram: @_sunsethillfarm

Beth's Farm Market, Warren
(large farm store - quite fun)
Instagram: @beths_farm_market

Spear Spring Farm, Warren
Instagram: @spearspringfarm

Sealyon Farm, Alna
Instagram: @sealyonfarm

No Name Farmstand, Alna
(small and sweet)
Alna Rd/Route 218, near Alna Cemetery

Hit those quiet country roads with some cash on hand and keep your eyes open for cute little wooden roadside shacks. Maine has abundant homegrown stands with flowers, foods and homemade wares and it's one of my favorite parts of Maine!

This list is always growing and I included Instagram handles to help you see hours and locations.

HAVE A PICNIC!

PEMAQUID LIGHTHOUSE

Order a sandwich in Damariscotta at Fernalds or Metcalfs and drive out to the very end of Pemaquid Point. Small fee to enter. Many picnic tables, rocky outcroppings and lawn. Soak up the impressive ocean views.

EAST BOOTHBAY / OCEAN POINT

The East Boothbay General Store has our favorite sandwiches. Get all your goodies and drive out to Ocean Point. No picnic tables but plenty of spots along the road to park and enjoy.

PEMAQUID RIVER

Stop at The Cupboard Cafe to order your sandwich or burger. They also offer a big kid's menu and a fun picnic package option! Drive one mile to Old Fort Rd and picnic at Fort William Henry or Colonial Pemaquid Historic Site. Both sites have picnic tables.

WISCASSET

Pick up sandwiches at Treats and go the short drive to Fort Edgecomb. It's a small historical site on a beautiful coastal road. Picnic tables and water views.

GEORGETOWN

Reid State Park has some of the most beautiful picnic table settings on a quiet river, away from the beach. Stop at Georgetown Country Store to get all your snacks and drinks.

BATH

Stop at Winnegance Restaurant & Bakery and then drive out to Fort Popham Historic Site. Picnic tables and a small sandy beach.

ST GEORGE

Call in your order early for incredible grilled cheese or burgers at Ancho Honey and then drive the 10 minutes or so to Marshall Point Lighthouse "aka the Forrest Gump lighthouse" seen in the movie. Many picnic tables and rocky shore for good exploring.

UNION

Grab some to-go lunch at Sterlington Bakehouse and take the short drive back down Hwy 235 to Seven Tree Pond. You'll spot a public boat ramp and picnic tables along the water.

DATE NIGHT DINNER

Coastal Prime, Boothbay Harbor

Water Street Kitchen, Wiscasset

Fore Street, Portland

The Garrison, Yarmouth

The River House, Damariscotta

The Well at Jordan's Farm, Cape Elizabeth

Thistle Inn, Boothbay Harbor

The list is a work in progress. Please let me know if you dine at a very special place and think it should be on the list.

DARK & MOODY

On a cold, rainy, foggy day there's nothing better than cozy booths, dark wood paneling, old brick and hopefully a stone fireplace. Here are some of my favorite dark & moody places.

Boothbay Craft Brewery, Boothbay (cozy booths, stone fireplace)

The Cabin, Bath (old school pizza and Italian with abundant booths)

The Garrison, Yarmouth (perfect for a special night)

Carriage House, East Boothbay (sit upstairs in bar area)

King Eiders Pub, Damariscotta (downstairs is coziest)

Delvinos, Belfast

Odd Alewives, Waldoboro

Fore Street, Portland

Via Vecchia, Portland

Thistle Inn, Boothbay Harbor

MAINE MAKERS

Maine Made (a huge, fabulous resource!)

www.mainemade.com

Some personal favorites:

Bean Camp Coffee, beancampcoffee.com

(my husband Mike's coffee beans!)

Campfire Pottery, campfirepottery.com

Village Handcraft, www.villagehandcraft.com

Spruce Tree Studio, www.sprucetreestudio.com

Maine Wooden Buoys, mainewoodenbuoys.com

Seawicks, www.seawicks.com

Scout + Bean, scoutandbean.com

Mung Bean, Boothbay Harbor showroom, mungbeanmaine.com

Find at local bookstores or online:

[Remodelista in Maine](#)

[The Maine House](#)

[Handcrafted Maine](#)

[Maine The Way](#)

Definitely a list that keeps growing, so let me know if you have a favorite Maine maker.

MONHEGAN ISLAND

Monhegan Island is a magical place and it lived up to its reputation!

My thoughts and notes:

You can do a day trip or overnight. For the day it's best to catch the 9am Hardy Boat ferry out of New Harbor and then catch the last ferry back at 3pm. The other option is overnight and there were several house rentals and small hotels.

A backpack is key and good walking shoes! I wore tennies and packed flip flops in my bag just in case I wanted some beach time. If you like to swim or take a quick dip, I'd recommend wearing your swimsuit under your clothes as well.

I brought my own snacks but the food looked exceptional!

The boat ride out and back is an hour each way from New Harbor. It can be quite rough so I planned my trip on a calm day. I wore my Scopolomine patch which saved me but I still arrived feeling only 50% but slowly perked up as I walked about. I'm also quite sensitive and it seemed like most boat goers were not phased - bless them, they are so fortunate.

I was there June 28 and every flower was exploding - even the lupines still had blooms! The fragrance just walking along the roads was spectacular!

If you love nature, old homes, local art, history, hiking or just want to escape life with a good book, it's excellent for all those things! It really is a special place like no other.

Thank you Hardy Boat Cruises for such an experience! Highly recommend!

View a snippet of my day here:

<https://www.meganclose.com/monhegan-island>

THRIFT / ANTIQUE / BARN

This list starts in Portland and each stop is numbered in order as you drive up the coast.

I cannot possibly share all shops, so these are my top recommendations so far. Some places have limited hours so check each business.

PORTLAND

1. Flea For All
2. Portland Architectural Salvage
3. Foreside Antiques

Tip: Have late lunch at The Dockside Grill after shopping.

BRUNSWICK

1. Cabot Mill Antiques
2. Recycling Retro (lots of mid-century)
3. Ed's Stuff (mostly junk but quite the experience)

Tip: Fuel up with Bay Bowls before you begin.

WISCASSET

1. Montsweag Flea Market (Wed/Sat/Sun - good!)
2. Nonny's Nook
3. Wiscasset Antiques Mall
4. Antique Salon
5. Wiscasset Cottage Antiques (turn at Middle St light - near Treats)

Tip: Stop into Treats after for excellent premade sandwiches.

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THRIFT / ANTIQUES / BARN

BOOTHBAY REGION

1. Edgecomb Community Church (Tuesday 9-2 / Saturday 9-1)
2. Iron Horse Antiques & General Store
3. St. Andrews Thrift Shop
4. Rotary Barn (Saturday 8:30-11am)
5. Creature Comforts Thrift
6. Boothbay Harbor Used Book Shop (packed with goodness, organized well)
7. Etc. Antiques and Collectibles (a local favorite!)

Tip: After shopping, get sandwiches at Eventide or Red Cup (near each other) and sit at picnic tables in marina.

DAMARISCOTTA

1. Second Hand Etc. (good! on Hwy 1 - between Wiscasset and Damariscotta)
2. Chickadee Flea
3. Miles Thrift Store (3 floors - huge rotating daily sales - limited hours)
4. Mainely Pawn (good!)
5. Young'uns

Tip: Treat yourself to a midday ice cream at Round Top Ice Cream. (near M.Pawn)

NEWCASTLE/ALNA/WHITEFIELD (take route 218)

1. Indian Trail Antiques (excellent)
2. Wizard of Odds Antiques (1 mile detour and then back on road again)
3. Stop for lunch at Sheepscot General Store - you'll be glad you did!
4. Elmer's Barn (3 floors - very good)

Tip: The drive is beautiful and as you make your way to Elmer's you'll pass through an Amish community. Watch for possible roadside stands and Noah Yoder's furniture for sale - we purchased our Adirondack chairs from him. Also, please be very mindful and respectful with photography.

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THRIFT / ANTIQUES / BARN

DAMARISCOTTA to SEARSPORT via HWY 1

- There are MANY antique/junk shops along Hwy 1 between these two towns.
- Treasures and Trash Barn (pretty epic - worth the drive)

Tip: Do whatever you can to eat at The Hoot! It's 15 minutes before T & T Barn.

OTHER

1. Feckle Salvage Co. / The Vault, Winthrop (see their FB page for updates)

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