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Midcoast Maine is known for its thousands of miles of rocky coast, majestic lighthouses, charming villages, fresh caught seafood, stunning sunrises and sunsets over the ocean, and adventures on water and land. There's no end to the beautiful memories you will create here.

The Damariscotta Region is a rich history book that includes all the chapters you'd expect – the stories of boatbuilding, military history and maritime culture (see our article on Damariscotta's History, page 6).

History buffs will feel right at home in the area and have plenty of sites to explore. **Colonial Pemaquid** is the site of 17th-century Fort William Henry. It is replete with archaeological digs and museums displaying the history and artifacts of the 17th and 18th centuries. In Damariscotta, the Whaleback midden

once contained a massive shell heap, or midden, formed over 1,000 years by Native Americans. (Read more in "Your Weekend Getaway," page 7). Visit **Castle Tucker and Nickels-Sortwell** house in Wiscasset: historic mansions with tours hosted by Historic New England (see our ad, page 30) to learn more about the life in the early shipping industry. Check out **Thompson Ice House Museum** in South Bristol to appreciate the 200 year-old tradition of ice cutting and storage. **Maine Maritime Museum** in Bath is a short 20-minute drive from Damariscotta and not to be missed.

While the region is rich with historical sites, there is plenty for non-history buffs as well. Our majestic lighthouses (see article, page 26) and rocky coastlines are perfect for painting and photographing. There are art galleries gal-

lore, as well as unique shopping experiences. There is no shortage of hikes (see our article, page 18) – over 20,000 acres of land is preserved by **Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust** and Midcoast Conservancy for visitors to enjoy. Kayaking in the Bristol peninsula or the Damariscotta River is a must for adventurers (see our article, page 19). Sightseeing charters are available for those who'd rather sit back and let someone else do the driving. Seafood dishes, in particular oysters (see our article, page 21) and lobster are fresh off the dock and are the highlight of any menu.

The Damariscotta Region offers a wonderful visit for anyone interested in enjoying the rocky coast, dense pine forests, incredible beaches, seafood dishes and unique shopping. Come "sea" us – you won't be disappointed!

– Anne

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Mark Rowe lives in Jefferson. He is a retired portrait photographer but has always enjoyed landscape photography. He loves the coast of Maine, particularly the Midcoast. He travels the area quite frequently looking for photos.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, and thank you for reading the 2025 Visitors Guide to the Damariscotta Region. When you peruse our guide before or during your visit, you'll see the wonders that the region has to offer. Not only are our history, scenic paintable rocky landscape, beautiful ocean and quaint villages the setting for a memorable stay, but we hope you will obtain a sense of our community. The Damariscotta Region was recognized by several publications as one of the most desirable places to retire, and several of our towns have been named as "Certified Business-Friendly Communities" by the State of Maine. The articles in this guide will tell you about the efforts to preserve our vibrant ecosystem and the ongoing educational programming involved in teaching our future generations to further this preservation.

Stop by the newly renovated Damariscotta Chamber of Commerce and Information Bureau at 276 Main St., Damariscotta – we will send you on your way with a full itinerary!

-Anne Rundle

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HISTORY OF THE DAMARISCOTTA REGION

A Journey Through Time in Midcoast Maine

The Damariscotta Region of Maine tells a story that spans thousands of years, from its earliest Native American inhabitants to its current status as a vibrant coastal community. The name “Damariscotta” is thought to come from the Abenaki language, meaning “place of abundance of fish.” Referring to the fish that once filled its rivers, this name reflects the area’s rich natural resources that have sustained communities for generations. Nearby Pemaquid, another name of Native American origin, is thought to from the Abenaki word “pemaquid” or “pemcuit,” meaning “situated far out” or “long point,” describing the peninsula’s geography. The Pemaquid Peninsula has been a significant location throughout Maine’s history, serving as an important meeting point between Native Americans and European settlers.

The European settlement of the region began in the early 17th century. Pemaquid Point area saw one of the earliest English settlements in New England, with the establishment of the Pemaquid Patent in 1631. Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site now preserves this history, featuring the reconstructed Fort William Henry and archaeological remains of early settlement streets and foundations from the 17th and 18th centuries.

During the American Revolution, the Damariscotta Region played a crucial role in coastal defense and maritime activities. Local shipyards built vessels that challenged British naval superiority, while coastal communities organized militia units to protect against British raids. The area’s deep harbors and hidden coves provided safe havens for



Whaleback Shell Midden State Historic Site

American vessels and served as gathering points for revolutionary activities.

The War of 1812 brought renewed maritime conflict to the region. Local militia set up watch posts along the peninsula, and several skirmishes occurred between American defenders and British raiding parties. The war’s impact on maritime trade led many local merchants to focus on shipbuilding and fishing rather than long-distance commerce.

In 1820, the region underwent a significant political transformation when Maine separated from Massachusetts to become its own state. The Damariscotta Region’s representatives played active roles in the statehood convention, advocating for local interests in the new state government. The separation reflected the region’s distinct identity and its residents’ desire for greater political autonomy. The Damariscotta Region’s shipbuilding industry flourished throughout the 19th century, with multiple shipyards operating along the river’s banks. The availability of quality timber from inland forests, combined with deep-water ac-

cess, made the area ideal for shipbuilding. Notable shipyards in the region produced hundreds of vessels, contributing significantly to Maine’s maritime economy.

Chapman-Hall House (see our ad below), built in 1754, stands as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the region. This historic house, now a museum, offers visitors a glimpse into colonial life in Damariscotta. Today, the region’s historical sites are carefully preserved and interpreted for visitors. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission maintains several significant locations, while local historical societies work to document and share the area’s rich history.

The legacy of both Native American and European settlements remains visible throughout the region, from location names to preserved buildings and archaeological sites. This rich historical tapestry continues to influence the character of Damariscotta and its neighboring communities, making it a fascinating destination for historical enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

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YOUR WEEKEND GETAWAY

Saturday: Art, History and Coastal Beauty

Your day might begin with a gourmet breakfast at your B&B. A few options are the historic **Tipsy Butler** or the charming **Newcastle Inn** in Newcastle, or the **Christmas Cove Inn** in South Bristol. Alternatively, head into town to the Barn Door Cafe or Rue 77 for breakfast. Before leaving town, head to **Rising Tide Co-op** (see our ad, back cover), where you can choose from a vast assortment of fresh, local, and organic options to create a delicious picnic or snacks for the road. Or grab sandwiches from **Koko's Sandwich Bar**, **Main Street Grocery** (see our ad, page 13), Fernald's or Metcalf's. From there, it is off to **Kefauver Studio and Gallery**. The gallery features a collection of paintings and prints by landscape artist Will Kefauver. There are several art galleries in town such as **Kathleen Horst Gallery**, **Hannah Ineson Pottery**, **Irene Plummer Art**, **Jan Kilburn**, and the **Peace Gallery**. Gifts at 136 or River Arts to enjoy, and each one is unique. You just may find the perfect piece of art to remind you of your stay in the area. After visiting the art galleries, continue south on the Pemaquid Peninsula.

If you haven't had breakfast in town, try Deb's Bristol Diner in Bristol, and while you're at it, check out the Alewife fish ladder across the street where the

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Pemaquid River meets the Mills. The Alewives migrate up the Pemaquid River to spawn in upstream lakes like Biscay Pond and Pemaquid Lake. They typically enter the river in late April and arrive at the Bristol Mills fish ladder in early May. The ladder was recently rebuilt, a feat of engineering that gives the alewives the best chance of success. Another fantastic breakfast option is the **Starboard Café** in New Harbor on your way to Colonial Pemaquid.

For history buffs, take some time to explore the **Old Bristol Historical Society Museum** and Colonial Pemaquid, which consists of seventeenth-century Fort William Henry and Eighteenth-century Fort Frederick. Certain weekends in the summer you might see reenactments and demonstrations about the early settler life at the Fort. While at Colonial Pemaquid, take a stroll on the secluded beach by the boat landing, walk through the cemetery or rent a kayak from an experienced **Maine Kayak** guide and paddle up the Pemaquid River to see ospreys, eagles, blue heron and the occasional seal.

No visit to the region is complete without seeing the Maine-made crafts and art. **The Pemaquid Craft Coop** in New Harbor is home to a variety of displays from over 60 local crafters in 12 rooms. A short distance down the road is

LaVerna Preserve (Photo courtesy Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust)

Saltwater Artists Gallery, which showcases up to 25 artists exhibiting paintings, pastels, prints, photography, sculpture, glass, pottery, wood-turning and jewelry (see our ad, page 32). They host Plein-Air classes for artists who wish to capture the beauty of the region. Continuing South following the sounds of the ocean, the **Pemaquid Lighthouse** will be right in front of you. The park charges a fee to enter, and it is worthwhile to see the stunning views. Be sure to visit the recently renovated Bell house, climb to the top of the Lighthouse and explore the museum (see our article on lighthouses, page 26; and the 2024 storm damage, page 28). Spread out at a picnic table to enjoy your lunch next to the mighty Atlantic Ocean or explore the dramatic rock formations in the shadow of the famous Lighthouse. An alternative to your picnic would be to visit the **Seagull Shop** for lunch (excellent fish tacos and lobster rolls with a view).

While at the Lighthouse Park be sure to visit **Pemaquid Art Gallery**, which has original artwork from local artisans in a variety of mediums that capture the natural beauty of the region.

After lunch, head to **La Verna Preserve** for a 2.5 mile coastal hike along well-maintained trails offering spectacular ocean vistas. The preserve's varied terrain ranges from peaceful woodland to dramatic clifftop paths. Dogs are allowed on leash (see more detail in the article on hiking, page 18).

Continue North on Rte. 32 for stunning views of the ocean, stopping in the quintessential village of Round Pond.

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Round Pond sits on the harbor in Muscongus Bay – no pond here, rather a stunning, quintessential working harbor. In this village, you could spend the morning or an afternoon; something for everyone, all within walking distance! In early June, find and photograph the Lupine field on Back Shore Road. Then start at one of the region's finest antique shops, **The Art of Antiquing**, a French and European-sourced fine art and antiques store with a nearby warehouse. Stroll through both buildings and discover incredible finds spanning the centuries. Best news: they ship all over the United States (see our ad, page 40)!

Granite Hall Store is a must. It is a family-owned, 150-year-old general store with “penny” candy, toys and gifts that will delight kids of all ages. There is an ice cream window overlooking a lovely lawn, where you can stretch out before your next stop. Or take your ice cream on a stroll down to the harbor and look for snowy egrets!

For a pick-me-up, grab coffee and sit on the porch at **Round Pond Coffee**, another family-owned shop that quick-changes into a wine bar at night. Or grab a drink with the locals at the **King Ro Market and Pub** – there's free popcorn, awesome sliders and baked goods. Other options for dinner include the **Anchor**, for upscale dining and a fabulous view of the harbor. For more casual dining, enjoy lobster “in the rough” on the dock at **Muscongus Bay Lobster** and watch the boats come in.

If you choose to head to Damariscotta to enjoy dinner, try one of the area's celebrated restaurants: award-winning **Bred in the Bone**, known for its innovative farm-to-table cuisine; Damariscotta River Grill, featuring fresh seafood; **Newcastle Publick House** or King Eider's Pub offering classic New England fare are all excellent choices. **Best Thai**, a Damariscotta institution offers fabulous authentic Thai Food. **The Oysterhead Lounge** above the Publick House is a great place to listen to live music to cap off the night.

Sunday: Maritime Culture and Local Flavor

After breakfast, join **Midcoast Kayak** for their signature three-hour oyster ecology tour. You'll paddle the pristine Damariscotta River while learning about Maine's renowned oyster industry. The tour concludes with an oyster-shucking demonstration and tasting, a perfect introduction to the region's famous delicacy. Did you know that Damariscotta is



Granite Hall Store (Photo courtesy Granite Hall Store)

called the “Napa Valley of Oysters?” Our oysters are considered some of the best in the world. Eighty percent of Maine's oysters come from right here on the Damariscotta River. (See our articles on kayaking, page 19; and Oysters, page 21). Continue your oyster appreciation at Schooner Landing, King Eider's Pub or Shuck Station, where you can compare different local varieties while enjoying a craft beer in a casual atmosphere. If you want to rent a kayak for a shorter duration, all kayak companies in the region rent by the hour. Check out **Maine Kayak** on Pemaquid River or **Sarah's Kayak Rentals** on the Damariscotta River in Nobleboro.

If kayaking isn't your thing, consider a chartered boat cruise with **Blue Claw Boat Tours**, **Sandpiper Maine Excursions**, or the River Tripper. For a day-long adventure, catch a ferry from New Harbor or Boothbay to Monhegan Island. Recognized as one of “America's Most Beautiful Island Escapes” by Condé Nast Traveler, Monhegan is an hour-long boat trip (from New Harbor or Boothbay) that offers possible views of seals, whales and porpoises on the way. Monhegan's 1-mile island boasts hiking trails, trails, art galleries and picturesque views of the Atlantic that ignited the artistry of the Wyeths and Winslow Homer.

If being on the water isn't for you, perhaps a morning of pampered self-care is in order. Head to **Waterstruck**, a community Nordic spa located in a beautiful, wooded setting in Newcastle, or go to **Tipsy Butler B&B** for their sauna experience. If you're in need of a massage, contact **Change of Pace Massage** or **Right Here Wellness** (see

ads in member listings, page 32). For a yoga class, there are many options. Try **Maine Outdoor Yoga** on Pemaquid Beach, **Live from Love Center** in Bremen, **The Peace Gallery** or the **CLC YMCA** in Damariscotta for classes.

After lunch, stroll through town and enjoy some shopping at unique stores, including **Aboca Beads**, Barco, Beal House, **Beach Plum Company**, **Coastal Consignment**, Citizen Maine, Kingfisher and the Queen, **Mexicali Blues**, the Puffin's Nest, **Sarah Lyn Richards Gallery**, Sheepscot River Pottery, **Wildings**, and **Women of Substance** to name a few. No shopping adventure would be complete without a stop at **Renys**, which got its start right here in Damariscotta (see our article, page 45). You can take a tour at **Glidden Point Oyster Farm**, or head up Rte. 1 to Waldoboro, to the new home of the iconic **North Country Wind Bells** and vintage shop **Pinky LaRue**, then continue to Moody's Diner for pie!

To continue your stroll through history, check out the **Whaleback Shell Midden State Historic Site**, an 11-acre property in Damariscotta owned by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands and operated cooperatively with **Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust**. The site once contained a massive oyster shell heap, or midden, formed over 1,000 years by Native Americans. The shells were processed for chicken feed in the late 1800's, leaving behind just a fraction of the original mounds. Interpretive storyboards relate the history of the middens, their accumulation and destruction, along the upper Damariscotta River. Be sure to stop at **Round Top Ice Cream** afterwards, for the best ice cream in town!

Your Weekend Getaway – with Kids!

In the Damariscotta Region, there is plenty for kids to do!

There are numerous kid-friendly hikes (see our article about hiking, page 18). Make sure to stop by **Coastal Rivers Conservation** or the **Damariscotta Chamber** office for trail maps and expert advice. La Verna Preserve is known for its wild rocky coastline, Dodge Point for the brickyard remains (many buildings downtown were built using bricks made on the shore of Damariscotta River), or Salt Bay Farm is a good option if you're short on time but still want a beautiful view of the bay.

Head to New Harbor to take a **Puffin Tour** with Hardy Boat Tours and get a view of the coastline from the water! Daily 1.5 hour tours run from Memorial Day to mid-August. You might get lucky and see puffins, porpoises and whales! Be sure to reserve spots in advance. Note that parking is not allowed at the ferry terminal, which is also Shaw's restaurant. Park in the ball field approximately ¼ mile away. (see our article on puffins and Eastern Egg rock, page 12)

Also in New Harbor, **Pemaquid Beach Park** is a must for kids. It is a beautiful, long white sand beach with plenty of parking, chair and umbrella rentals, and a great seasonal to-go lunch spot with picnic tables. Bathrooms and sprinklers for sand removal are available in-season. Dogs are not allowed anywhere on beach property except in the winter. If you're staying a while, beach passes are offered at the Bristol Parks office in Bristol Mills on Rte. 130.

Just up Rte. 32 in New Harbor is the Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve—another National Historic Landmark— which provides endless hours of exploring at low tide. Water shoes are recommended, to avoid slips or cuts. Afterwards, be sure to continue on Rte. 32 north along the winding roads to **Round Pond**, where there are adventures for kids and grownups. There are great options for breakfast, lunch or dinner here, with plenty of options for kids.

In Newcastle, visit the **Frances Perkins Homestead** (see our article, page 10), named a National Monument in 2024. Open June 19-September 28, one can tour her beautiful home and learn about the first woman to serve on a presidential cabinet. There are special



Pemaquid Beach Park (Photo courtesy Shelley Galagher)

activities for kids, such as coloring pages and scavenger hunts.

For readers, check out **Sherman's Maine Coast Books** on Main Street, or **Skidompha Secondhand Bookshop** behind the Elm Street Plaza. Tucked out of the way, this used book shop provides for hours of reading and wonderful views of the river. Another hidden gem is the free kids' book section at **Stepping Stone Thrift Shop**.

Family-friendly dining can easily be found in the Region. In Damariscotta, check out the **Penalty Box**, a sports-themed restaurant with pizza and sandwiches. Oysterhead has great pizza and music for dancing. **Lucky Fortune** has

excellent authentic Chinese food, and a full bar for grownups! Worth the drive to Jefferson is the **Jefferson Market and General Store** (open for breakfast or lunch), which is a great "made from scratch" place to eat after spending the day at the beach at Damariscotta Lake or visiting **207 Longarm Quilt Shop** or **Darrowby Farm Animal Sanctuary**. In New Harbor, after a day at the beach, take the kids to the **Contented Sole** where they can run on the harborside lawn while you sip a beverage. There are kid- and adult-friendly options in Round Pond as mentioned above.



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FRANCES PERKINS NATIONAL MONUMENT:

A Tribute to an American Trailblazer

Nestled in the picturesque town of Newcastle, the Frances Perkins National Monument is a must-see destination. The monument encompasses the family homestead of Frances Perkins, the first woman to serve as a U.S. presidential cabinet member. The grounds, including a garden and an idyllic walking trail to the Damariscotta River, are open to the public year-round, sunrise to sunset. The Frances Perkins Center invites visitors to walk in the footsteps of a trailblazer who transformed American life for the better.

The Frances Perkins Center, previously located in Damariscotta, purchased The Homestead, including the 1837 Brick House and accompanying 57 acres, in 2020. On December 16th, 2024, former President Biden signed a proclamation to establish the Frances Perkins National Monument. The National Park Service now owns 2.3 acres of the Homestead, including the Brick House, which will help secure staffing and funding for the site in perpetuity.

History books have mostly overlooked Frances Perkins' impressive legacy. She served as the Secretary of Labor under Franklin Delano Roosevelt for his entire presidency from 1933 to 1945. Perkins established countless programs for the American people, including Social Security and unemployment insurance. She created the 40-hour work week, minimum wage, bans on child labor, and helped build the model for national fire safety codes.

Born in 1880, Frances Perkins grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts. She attended Mount Holyoke College, where she studied physics and chemistry. In the early 1900s, she began her career as a social worker, advocating for better living conditions for the poor and unemployed, particularly women and

children. In 1910, she completed her master's degree in sociology and economics at Columbia University and became the Executive Secretary for the New York City Consumer's League, focusing on fire safety and sanitary regulations.

On March 25, 1911, Perkins witnessed the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, a horrific tragedy that resulted in the deaths of 146 workers. The deaths occurred due to the exploitative practices of the factory owners, who did not implement proper fire safety precautions in the ten-story building, trapping the workers on the top floors. She would spend her entire career championing workers' rights and safety.

Although Frances Perkins was raised in Massachusetts and spent her career in New York and Washington, D.C., Maine was her home. The Perkins family inhabited the Homestead in Newcastle from the 1750s to 2020. They ran a brickyard on-site and built the home as a wedding present for Frances Perkins' grandparents in 1837. The family eventually turned to dairy farming. While her parents moved to Massachusetts for a different life, she returned during her childhood summers and frequently throughout her busy life for rest and rejuvenation. Perkins owned the Homestead from 1927 until she died in 1965. She is buried less than a mile down the road at Glidden Cemetery. Newcastle was not only a "true home" to Frances Perkins, but the home of a very important person to her: her grandmother, Cynthia Otis Perkins. Cynthia told her granddaughter that if a door of opportunity opened to her, it was her responsibility to walk through it. She was, according to Frances Perkins herself, the most influential person in her life.



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The Frances Perkins National Monument grounds are open for visitation year-round, from sunrise to sunset. Visitors can view the exterior of the Brick House, explore the adjacent stone wall and garden, and walk the same trails that Frances Perkins once did. A trail map provided by the Frances Perkins Center shows where to find 18-century building foundations, a 1740s garrison site, a clay pit, and bricks from the Perkins brickyard along the beautiful Damariscotta River.

Due to the recent monument designation, the Frances Perkins Center and National Park Service are currently determining additional visitation policies for the 2025 season. Please visit francesperkinscenter.org and subscribe to the FPC newsletter for the latest information and to plan your visit.

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How a Small Project Brought Back Maine's Most Iconic Bird

(Photo courtesy Jean Hall)

At the end of a quiet neck in Bremen lives the Todd Wildlife Sanctuary, home to the National Audubon Society's Seabird Institute. What began as an environmental education institution nearly 90 years ago has blossomed into a hub for global seabird conservation, research, and engagement. But how did this tiny town make a worldwide impact?

Audubon's first Nature Study Camp for teachers and adult students began on Hog Island in 1936. The camp's founding leadership believed that by helping campers develop a sustained interest in the natural world, they would go on to support wildlife and natural resource conservation. By focusing their educational efforts on teachers, this result could be multiplied and encourage a widespread conservation movement.

This philosophy remains the foundation of environmental education nationwide, and many recognize its origins at Hog Island. In the decades since, some of the most respected naturalists, ornithologists, and environmental educators have led programs on the island and inspired its visitors to become stewards of wildlife and wildland. No one was as inspired as a young dishwasher working on the island named Steve Kress.

While working at Hog Island Audubon Camp, a young Steve learned that Atlantic Puffins had been eliminated from all but one nesting island in Maine nearly 100 years prior, and Steve was determined to bring this now-iconic seabird back to its historic nesting site at Eastern Egg Rock, just six miles away from Hog Island.

In 1973, ten-day-old puffin chicks, called "pufflings," were translocated from Newfoundland, Canada, to Eastern Egg Rock, where they were reared by Audubon biologists in artificial sod burrows. Puffins prefer to nest together in large colonies, and at first the empty island of Egg Rock did not look appealing to them. Deploying bird decoys and mirror boxes across the island and playing bird calls, conservation techniques known as "Social Attraction," the Project Puffin team created the illusion of a bustling seabird colony. Slowly, more and more puffins were seen visiting the island. The project was a success! It is estimated that 150-200 pairs of puffins now nest on Eastern Egg Rock, along with other seabird species, including black guillemots, murrelets, petrels, and razorbills.



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Since puffins live miles offshore, they can sometimes be "out of sight and out of mind." The Project Puffin Visitor Center in Rockland has brought the story of puffins to the mainland. The center engages with thousands of visitors each

year through interactive exhibits, educational programs, live stream cameras, and more that are suitable for all ages.

Today, the Seabird Institute advances conservation action for seabirds through science and habitat stewardship, initiatives to engage and educate a community of advocates, and support of Audubon's coastal and marine conservation leadership. To learn more about the Seabird Institute and how to support our work or get involved, visit seabirdinstitute.audubon.org.

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Researchers monitor the growth of seabird chicks, like this puffling, throughout the season. This data is used to determine an estimate of how many chicks grew strong enough to have successfully fledged the island. Healthy forage fish populations are a vital factor a successful season. (Photo courtesy Jean Hall)





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Celebrating Tradition:

A Guide to the Region's Festivals

Throughout the year, Maine's picturesque Midcoast comes alive with festivals that celebrate its maritime heritage, agricultural bounty, and close-knit community spirit. From summer sailing spectacles to autumn harvest celebrations and winter light displays, these cherished events showcase the region's unique character and draw visitors from across New England and beyond.

Lobster Boat Races: Speed and Tradition on the Water



(Photo courtesy Sherrie Tucker)

Boothbay Harbor Races:
June 14, 2025

Pemaquid Races:
August 10, 2025

Throughout the summer months, the region's harbors host lobster boat races as part of the Maine Lobster Boat Racing circuit. These events, particularly in Boothbay Harbor and Pemaquid, combine serious competition with community celebration, offering a glimpse into an essential part of Maine's working waterfront. Working lobster boats vie against each other in various classes based on boat length and engine type. The races are intense, with boats reaching speeds of up to 60 mph as they sprint across measured courses. The racing events are more than just competitions; they're gatherings that strengthen the bonds within Maine's lobstering community. Spectators can watch and cheer from shore or from boats anchored along the racecourse, enjoying hilarious commentary over marine radio. Boothbay: races start at 10am – viewing is from Brown's Wharf. Boothbay races can be heard on VHF Channels 9 and 16. Pemaquid: Races start at 11 am – viewing from Colonial Pemaquid site. Pemaquid races can be heard on VHF Channel 10.

Windjammer Days: A Maritime Celebration

June 22-28, 2025
Boothbay Harbor

For over 60 years, Boothbay Harbor's Windjammer Days Festival has signaled

the arrival of summer. This celebration pays tribute to the region's rich maritime history and the magnificent windjammers (large, schooner rigged merchant ships) that once dominated these waters. The highlight is the arrival of Maine's historic windjammer fleet, their tall masts and billowing sails creating an awe-inspiring spectacle as they parade into the harbor. The festival's signature events include antique boat parades, waterfront concerts, and fireworks displays that illuminate the harbor. If you miss the Windjammers in June, check out the Windjammer festival August 29 and 30 in Camden, 40 minutes north of Damariscotta.

Damariscotta Chamber of Commerce Open Art Studio Tour



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The Damariscotta Region is home to at least 100 artists and their studios – many of which will open their doors during the Art Studio Tour weekend. Grab a map from the Chamber on Friday night and meet the artists. Saturday and Sunday's visits to local art studios (paintings, woodworking, pottery, and metal) will inspire art lovers. Head down the peninsula or around the region to meet the artists, see their work, and honor the artistic beauty of the region.

Union Fair



July 30 – August 1, 2025
Union

The Union Fair and Wild Blueberry Festival bills itself as Maine's premier Agricultural event. Two exhibition halls display an impressive array of native homegrown garden foods and decorated booths by local granges. Recent additions to the fair are the Maine Wine Pavilion and the 4-H Farm to Fair. The award-winning wine pavilion was added in 2010 to showcase the growing wine industry in Maine. Walking from one area of the fair to another, fairgoers can travel from present day highlights of midway excitement to bygone days when farming was a predominant way of life.

Bristol Days



(Photo courtesy Sherrie Tucker)

August 9 – 10
Pemaquid

The villages of Pemaquid and New Harbor come together to celebrate with a parade, vintage car shows, a craft fair, and activities for kids. Fireworks top off

the night to musical bands, live from the public beach. The lobster boat races on Sunday are a summer highlight, viewed from the Colonial Pemaquid site and the highlight of the summer.

Common Ground Fair

September 19-21
Unity

Common Ground Fair is the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association's (MOFGA) annual celebration of rural living. It features 1000-plus exhibitors and speakers, and emphasizes vibrant communities, sustainable living and local economies, while highlighting organic agriculture.

Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta

October 10-13
Damariscotta

Downtown Damariscotta and Newcastle (see article and ad page). The towns come alive during the weekend of Indigenous People's day, and welcome over 10,000 visitors for Pumpkinfest. (See our ad and article on pages 16 & 17.)

Village of Lights: Celebrate Holiday Magic


Downtown Boothbay Harbor:
November 22 – December 31
Downtown Damariscotta and
Newcastle: November 29

As winter approaches, the towns transform into a festive wonderland during the annual Village of Lights celebration. These events bathe the historic harbor towns in thousands of twinkling lights, creating a magical atmosphere akin to a

Hallmark movie that draws visitors from across New England. In Boothbay, the centerpiece of the Harbor Lights festival is the lighting display itself. The buildings are dressed in white lights reflecting off the harbor waters, creating a memorable holiday scene. In Damariscotta, brightly lit trees adorn Main Street, heralding carolers and lighting the way for Santa, who arrives midday at the Lincoln Theater. He will patiently listen to all requests from children who snack on cookies and hot cocoa. A free Christmas movie will also be shown, and then the parade of lights begins at sundown!

These festivals provide more than entertainment. They play a crucial role in preserving the region's cultural heritage and strengthening community bonds. Each event reflects a different aspect of the region's character: its maritime traditions, agricultural roots, artistic spirit, and strong sense of community. The festivals also provide significant economic benefits, drawing visitors during both peak and shoulder seasons and supporting local businesses. Many events incorporate fundraising elements that support community organizations and charitable causes, demonstrating how celebration and community service can work hand in hand. As the region continues to evolve, these festivals adapt while maintaining their essential character. They represent the best of Maine's coastal communities: a deep respect for tradition combined with a willingness to embrace new ideas and celebrations that bring people together in meaningful ways.





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The villages of Damariscotta and Newcastle come alive each October with vibrant colors, creativity, and an unmatched sense of community spirit as they host the annual Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta. 2025 promises to be no different, with an event line-up that features exciting activities, spectacular pumpkin displays, and delightful festivities for all ages.

The festival began as a local tradition in 2005, a friendly rivalry among local farmers to grow giant pumpkins big enough to float on the Damariscotta River. Over the years, Pumpkinfest has evolved into a grand celebration that attracts thousands of visitors from all over the country.

The week before the festival, both volunteer and professional growers line up to see if their pumpkins beat the

record (last year's was 2365.5 lbs). Donated giant pumpkins then get turned into boats and decorated pumpkins that decorate Main Street.

As many as 75 decorated pumpkins showcase the creativity and artistic talent of our community. From whimsical characters to intricate carvings, these pumpkins adorn streets, storefronts, and parks, turning the area into a colorful open-air gallery. The festival offers activities tailored for young visitors, too. The Pumpkinfest Parade marches up Main Street. The Pumpkin Drop is a highlight – pumpkins are dropped from 200 feet to crush a car or splash in a kiddie pool. Kids can outfit pumpkins with axles for the Pumpkin Derby, may compete in the pie eating contest or win prizes at KidsZone.

The Pumpkinboat Regatta is the draw for many weekend spectators – a unique and thrilling show where participants hollow out giant pumpkins to create makeshift boats. These boats are then raced on the Damariscotta River, with contestants paddling furiously to the finish line. Some boats, piloted by our most seasoned veteran racers, are even fitted with plywood decks and outboard motors!

For those planning to attend the Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta in 2025, book accommodations early, as the event attracts thousands a year. Ample parking and shuttle services throughout the festival weekend ensure convenient access to festival sites. The decorated pumpkins remain on display for a full week after the festival, too, for those who wish to visit at a more leisurely pace while also enjoying our many other Damariscotta-area restaurants, businesses, and attractions. Additional details and a full schedule of events may be found on the festival website, mainepumpkinfest.com.

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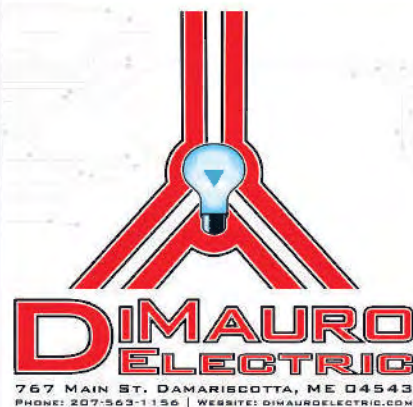
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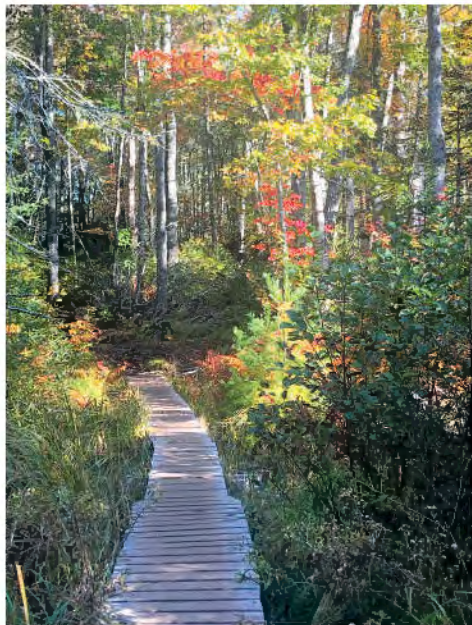
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Wherever you are in the Damariscotta-Pemaquid region, you are within a few miles of one of Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's hiking trails. The land trust maintains over 50 miles of trails that are free of charge and open to the public year-round. Featured here are several favorites. The Damariscotta Chamber Office (276 Main Street) and Coastal Rivers Conservation (Round Top Ln.,) have free trail maps available.

LA VERNA PRESERVE, BRISTOL:

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La Verna Preserve is enjoyed by many for its spectacular geology and panoramic views of outer Muscongus Bay. The Preserve offers two moderate to easy loop trails totaling about 2.4 miles. The main trail crosses Meadow Brook and passes through mature hardwood forest lined with stone walls. At the shore, layers of rock tilt up dramatically toward the sky. Go early to watch the sun rise or see the waves crash in after a storm!

SEAL COVE SHORE PRESERVE, SOUTH BRISTOL:

Magical spruce forests

The path to Seal Cove winds through magical, mossy spruce forests, crossing a primeval swamp over a long footbridge. This one-mile loop is moderate to easy, following the secluded shoreline along Seal Cove. The beauty and interest of this trail, along with its moderate length, make it a fun choice for school-age kids.

SALT BAY FARM, DAMARISCOTTA:

Open fields and wildlife viewing

On the shores of Great Salt Bay, broad groomed trails loop through the rolling hayfields of a historic saltwater farm. This 150-acre wildlife preserve includes both salt and freshwater marsh, as well as forest and hayfields, making it a regional birding hotspot in addition to a lovely place to go for a walk or a trail run. A network of about 2 miles of easy to moderate trails criss-cross the fields and hedgerows and wind along the shore.

ROUND TOP FARM (AND WHALEBACK SHELL MIDDEN STATE HISTORIC SITE), DAMARISCOTTA:

An accessible trail with ties to the past

A wide, gently graded trail with a firm stone-dust surface, ideal for walkers, strollers, wheelchairs, and bikes connects Round Top Farm and Whaleback Shell Midden State Historic Site. Just under half a mile long, the accessible trail passes across hayfields with views of the upper Damariscotta River. Broad mown paths split off from the main trail, hugging the hedgerows and dipping down to the shoreline where there are picnic tables and even a sturdy bench swing overlooking the river and the ancient Glidden shell midden. The trails offer an easy walking surface, though somewhat steep in areas, and add up to about one mile.

DODGE POINT PUBLIC LAND, NEWCASTLE:

Beauty in all seasons

This former tree farm is a popular destination for hiking, dog walking, and trail running. An extensive trail system of forest paths and former woods roads, about 5.5 miles in total, loops through oak and pine woods. The Shore Trail follows a mile of the Damariscotta River shoreline, including a couple gravel beaches and the sites of a historic brickyard and ice pond.

What about dogs?

Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome at the first four preserves and are permitted to be off leash at Dodge Point if under reliable voice command.

Visit coastalrivers.org for more information or for trail maps. Printed trail maps are also available free of charge at the Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce office at 276 Main Street or at Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's office at 12 Round Top Ln., Damariscotta. Coastal Rivers also invites visitors to stop in, call (207-563-1393), or email (info@coastalrivers.org) for more trail recommendations!

Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust is a non-profit, member-supported, nationally accredited land trust caring for the lands and waters of the Damariscotta-Pemaquid Region by conserving special places, protecting water quality, creating trails and public access, and deepening connections to nature through education programs.



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KAYAKING

the Damariscotta River



Kayaks on the Damariscotta River (Photo courtesy Scott B Smith)

The Damariscotta River offers incredible views from a kayak. The vibrant ecosystem, well kept by the Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, will not disappoint nature lovers.

Explorers may find themselves paddling among oyster farms, see fish jump, watch eagles and great blue heron soar and ospreys dive. There is also a good chance of spotting seals. In May, millions of alewives (a kind of herring) migrate up the river. While they make their way to the fish ladder in Damariscotta

Mills and up to the Damariscotta Lake, one can see eagles, ospreys and other birds of prey diving for their lunch. The alewives that make the trip then return to the ocean throughout the summer. In late Spring at the Damariscotta Landing, horseshoe crabs gather to mate and return to sea. As well as wildlife, there is a lot of aquaculture equipment floating on the river, which are oyster farms. They don't mind visitors (but don't touch them). Damariscotta is the oyster capital of Maine, and the oysters

are becoming both nationally and internationally recognized. (See our article about oyster farms on page 21.)

It's easy getting onto the river in town. Kayakers can put in at the town launch, which is at the corner of the municipal lot in Damariscotta. Midcoast Kayak, near the town launch, offers rentals of kayaks and equipment as well as experienced guides to answer all questions. They will suggest routes and make sure that the expedition is equipped to make it a comfortable trip! A nice two-hour paddle will go down the river to Hog Island, across to the Goose Ledges and back. To make one's excursion a half day, the paddle to Dodge Point Preserve is an excellent choice. And then for the more adventurous, a paddle all the way from town to Eugley Landing in South Bristol is a peaceful getaway from the world of cars.

Kayakers will want to pack water and sunscreen, even on cloudy days. A hat is also necessary as the sun is reflecting off the water and can be quite strong. Paddlers will want to pay attention to weather conditions, wind strength, and tides. Water strength, in particular the rapids between the town bridge and the Rte. 1 bridge, can be risky and may be best left for adventurers. Because boats may not see a kayak, it's best to stay closer to shore to avoid boat traffic.

So, grab your kayak, paddle, life vest, and water. Consult the experts at Midcoast Kayak and enjoy a few hours, or all day, on the Damariscotta River. It is a delight to the eyes and ears, and worth an outing. There's not much better than a day on the water.

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Based in Newcastle, Maine, LCTV is accessible via Spectrum/Tidewater channel 7 and offers streaming options through its website and On Demand services at LCTV.ORG, making it easier for viewers to stay connected with their local community. Whether you're tuning in for government meetings, local news, or sports events, LCTV ensures that viewers can access important and relevant content around the clock.

A Rich Tapestry of Local Programming

LCTV's mission goes beyond merely broadcasting content; it focuses on producing and sharing programming that highlights the people, places, and

events of interest in Lincoln County. The station's diverse programming includes local government meetings, interviews with local figures, documentaries, educational lectures, musical performances, theater productions, and school sports coverage. Additionally, community members are encouraged to get involved by submitting their own content and ideas giving LCTV a truly community-driven focus. These efforts ensure that viewers receive a variety of perspectives on local issues, ranging from history and health to social concerns.

A Nonprofit Organization That Relies on Community Support

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, LCTV is committed to providing free, publicly accessible media to the residents of Lincoln County. They receive no tax funding. The station's work is only made possible through the contin-

ued support of local municipal partners, business sponsors, and generous donations from community members. Contributions, including monthly pledges, annual donations, and sponsorships, are all tax-deductible and play a crucial role in sustaining the station's operations. LCTV is an essential resource for residents to stay informed and engaged with their community.

Get Involved and Stay Connected

If you're looking to support local media and stay connected with your community, consider becoming a member, donor or Volunteer of LCTV. Your support helps ensure that the station can continue its important work of bringing local programming to the airwaves, enriching the lives of those who live in and around Lincoln County. Visit LCTV.org for more information on how to contribute or to learn more about the programming offered by this beloved local station.





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The Damariscotta Region is known as the “Oyster Capital of Maine” for both its quantity of oyster farms and the quality of their product. These aquaculture farms are a significant driver of economic value and employment opportunities in the region. Many farms have become longstanding host sites for the statewide Aquaculture Pioneers program. This Pioneers program – training the next generation of oyster farmers – aims to support the growth of Maine’s aquaculture industry and continue to cultivate talent in this important sector, by attracting promising talent and training the industry’s current and future workforce.

The program is designed for both employers (local farms) and learners (current students, career-changers, or anyone in between). Employer partners serve as host sites for learners who want to gain more exposure to, and experience in, Maine’s aquaculture industry. Learners can apply for a summer position with up to five host sites through the program’s streamlined common application. Local learners as well as those from elsewhere in the state are encouraged to apply.



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Meanwhile, local farms can more easily market themselves to a larger talent pool through their affiliation with the program. Each participating farm that hosts a "Pioneer" is eligible to receive a wage reimbursement stipend, which helps allow them to take on someone new to the industry and focus on providing a high-quality training experience while maintaining and growing their business. Smaller to mid-size farms that do not have a lot of experience with expanding their workforce also receive personalized support through the program (such as creating an interview & hiring process and implementing payroll procedures).

The program's training experience kicks off with a short, but intense two-day, in-person "Bootcamp" held each May in Midcoast Maine. Bootcamp is designed to expose learners to highly sought-after industry knowledge and skills and connect them with industry leaders and peers. The "Pioneers," Bootcamp graduates, learn about topics pertaining to Maine's aquaculture industry: commonly used gear and gear maintenance, shellfish lifecycles and anatomy, farm ambassadorship and community relations, environmental stewardship, public health, and product distribution. Pioneers also receive half a day of knot-tying and on-the-water boat safety training. Employer partners greatly benefit when new hires come prepared on day one of the jobs with prior training in these skills.

Local farms have been very willing to support these training program. Pemaquid Oyster Company and Mook Sea Farm have both provided cohorts of Pioneers with in-depth and up-close farm tours, an invaluable opportunity for those who have never stepped foot on an aquaculture farm and who will be spending their summer working on one.



Bootcamp would not be possible without powerful partnerships between Educate Maine and local organizations like the Boothbay Sea and Science Center, Darling Marine Center, and the partnering aquaculture farms themselves, as well as statewide organizations including the Maine Aquaculture Association, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, and Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center.

Attendance at Bootcamp is just the first step in a learner's participation in the summer-long Aquaculture Pioneers program. Afterwards, each Pioneer receives a minimum of 10-12 weeks of paid, full-time on-the-job training at a partner farm or hatchery host site along Maine's coast. Pioneers also participate in a variety of personal and professional development events throughout the summer through Educate Maine's larger Maine Career Catalyst program, and end the summer by attending the culminating annual Symposium for the Advancement of Maine's Blue Economy.

Pioneers who are current students can receive internship credit through their college or high school, and all Pioneers are enrolled as pre-apprentices through the Maine Department of Labor to receive credit toward a potential future year-long apprenticeship. The program is directly connected to the nation's only Shellfish and Seaweed Aquaculture Technician registered apprenticeship program, sponsored by the Maine Aquaculture Association.

Supportive services funding is available to all participants to decrease barriers and increase access to this opportunity. Many Pioneers have used this funding to purchase protective clothing, shoes, and gear required for the job, while some have used it to help offset the high cost of seasonal rent on the coast. Pioneers say that the available resources make any potential challenges

of participating (relocating or entering a job with no experience) well worth it. Altogether, these opportunities create a well-rounded learning program that provides added capacity and resources to local aquaculture while training learners who are new to aquaculture.

The Damariscotta Region is fortunate to be home to an aquaculture industry that places such strong emphasis on collaboration, training, and opportunity for the members of the working waterfront of today and tomorrow.

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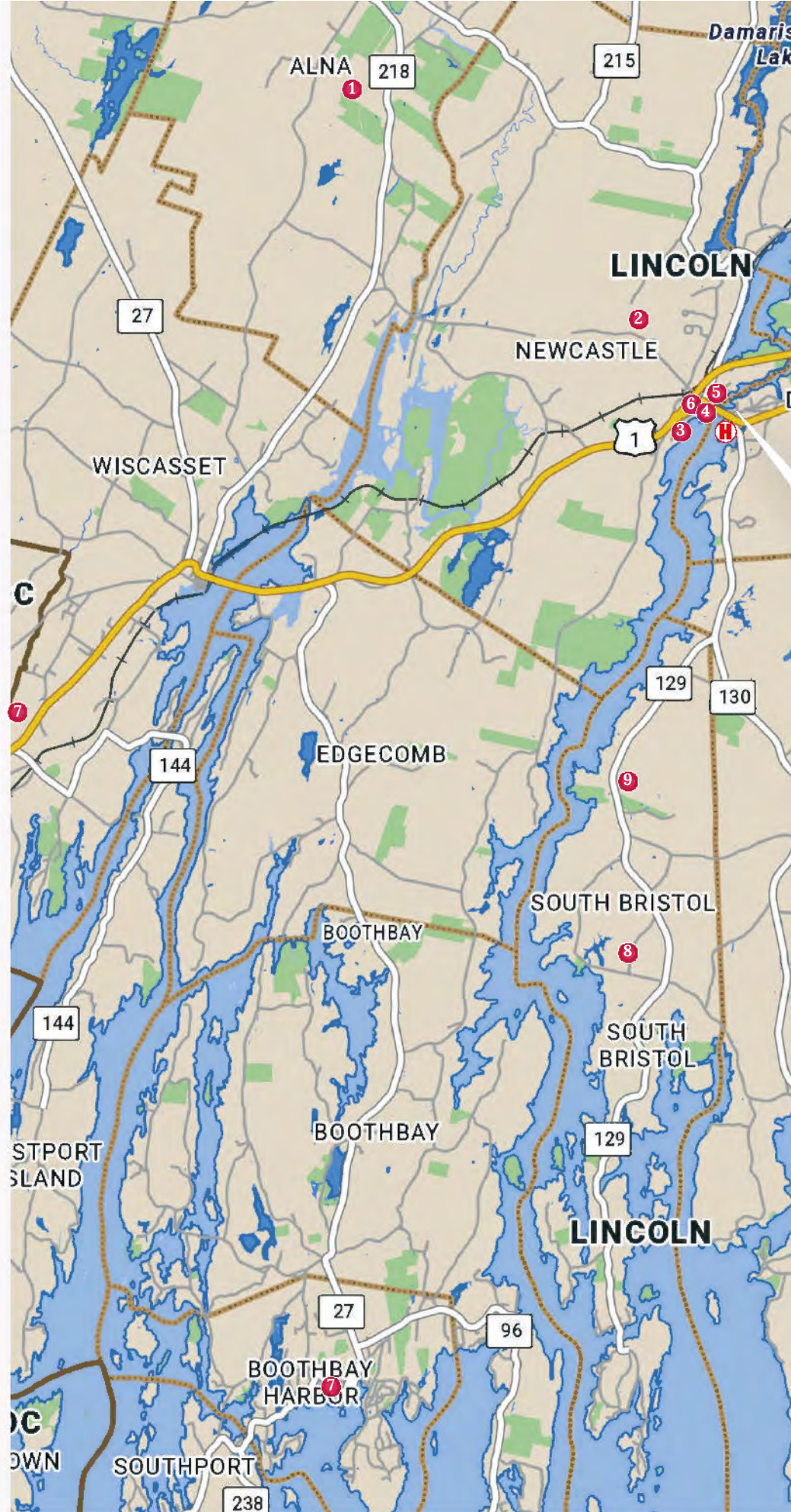
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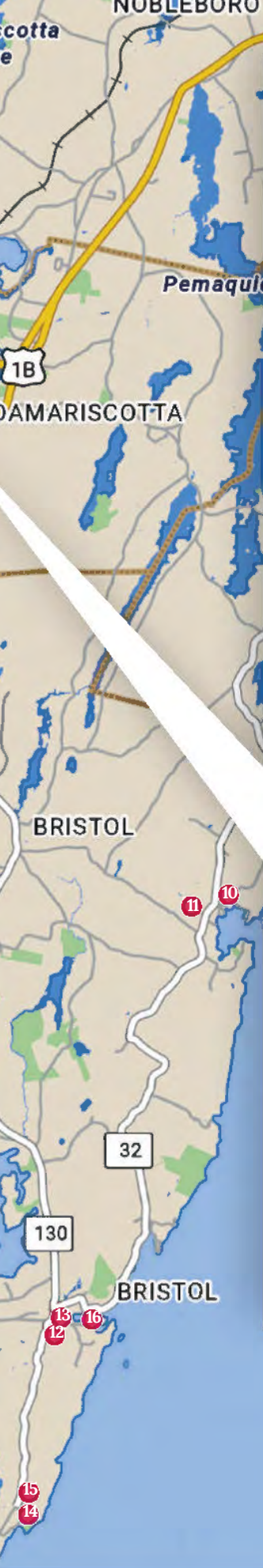
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Lighthouses

Lighting the Way for Centuries

Pemaquid Point Lighthouse
(Photo courtesy Mark Rowe)



There are more than 65 lighthouses in Maine, which have become icons of the coast, welcoming thousands of visitors to the state each year. The Midcoast area alone has 21 lighthouses on its beautiful coastline. Today, most Lighthouses serve more of an aesthetic purpose than a functional one; they draw visitors with stories of shipwrecks and life guarding the sea.

The Pemaquid Point Lighthouse was commissioned by John Quincy Adams in 1827. Located on the western side of Muscongus Bay, its tower stands 79 feet above sea level with a light that can be seen from

14 nautical miles. The Pemaquid Point Lighthouse was the first to be automated in 1934, relieving the need for a human keeper. Visitors can climb the spiral stairway to the top and visit the museum in the keeper's house; on its walls are stories of those left at sea. The bell house behind the lighthouse was severely damaged in the storms of January 2024 when waves and high tide all but washed it away (see our picture and story, page 28).

Maine Open Lighthouse Day September 13, 2025

This popular annual event, which is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism, and the American Lighthouse Foundation, attracts between 15,000 to 18,000 visitors each year and offers the public the rare opportunity to climb and learn about more than a dozen historic Maine lights (from lighthousefoundation.org).

Midcoast Lighthouses

Pond Island 1821 - 20-foot white cylindrical tower, summit of island West side of Kennebec River entrance, view from Popham Beach, Phippsburg.

Doubling Point 1898 - 14-ft white wooden octagonal tower on granite pier with footbridge to shore East bank, Arrowsic.

Squirrel Point 1898 - White wooden octagonal tower East bank Kennebec River, Georgetown, view from Parker Head Road, Phippsburg Center.

Perkins Island 1898 - White wooden octagonal tower West side of island, Kennebec River, view from Parker Head Road, Parker Head.

Sequin Island 1795/1887 - 53-foot white cylindrical tower, 2 miles south of Kennebec River mouth, Georgetown, view from Popham Beach.

Hendricks Head 1829/1875 - 39-foot white square tower, privately owned, Southport Island, Sheepscot River.

Burnt Island 1821 - 26-foot white conical tower West side, Boothbay Harbor entrance, Southport; view from Spruce Point, Boothbay Harbor.

Pemaquid Point - 32-foot white fieldstone conical tower, Pemaquid 1827/1857 Bristol, end of Route 130.

The Cuckolds 1892/1907 - 48-foot white wooden octagonal tower atop dwelling Off Cape Newagen, west side entrance to Boothbay Harbor, view from town dock, Newagen.

Ram Island 1883/1977 - 30-foot white cylindrical tower, northwest side of island, east side of Boothbay Harbor entrance, view from Ocean Point, Route 96, East Boothbay.

Monhegan 1824/1850 - 47-foot gray granite conical tower, 10 miles offshore, Monhegan Island, via car ferry from Boothbay Harbor, New Harbor, Port Clyde.

Franklin Island 1805/1857 - 37-foot white cylindrical tower, northwest side of island, Muscongus Bay, Friendship.

Marshall Point 1832/1858 - 25-foot white granite tower with footbridge Southern tip of Marshall Point, east side southern entrance to Port Clyde Harbor entrance, view Lighthouse Road off Route 131 St George.

Tenants Harbor 1857 - 26-foot white cylindrical tower, privately owned East side of Southern Island, view from the village.

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Whitehead Island 1807/1852 - 34-foot gray granite tower, west side, southern entrance to Muscle Ridge Channel Off Tenant's Harbor, St George.

Rockland Breakwater 1888/1902 - 18-foot white square tower atop fog signal house North side, Rockland Harbor entrance, Rockland.

Owl's Head Lighthouse 1825 - 20-ft white brick conical tower, south entrance to Rockland Harbor, view from Lighthouse Road off Route 73.

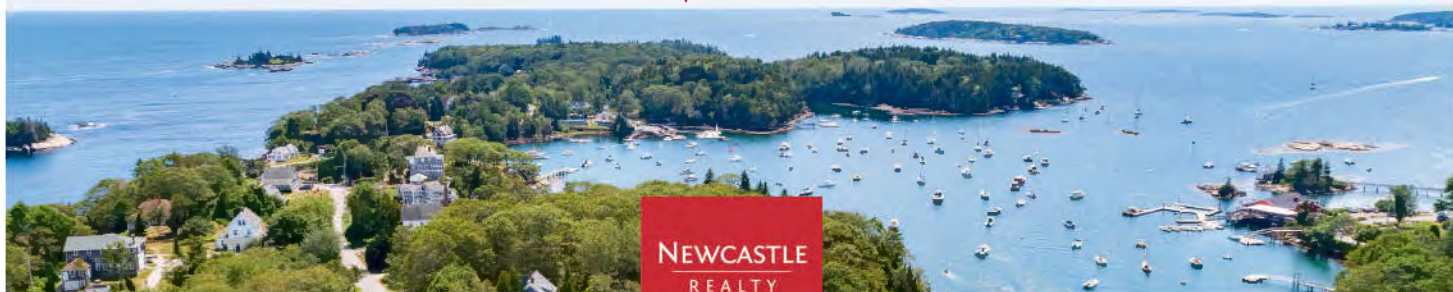
Indian Island 1850/1874 - 31-ft white square tower, privately owned, no longer active East side off Rockport entrance, view from Rockport Marine Park.

Curtis Island 1836/1896 - 26-foot white cylindrical tower Camden Harbor entrance, view from Bay View Street, Camden.

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Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta exemplifies the essential role theaters play in their community. Built in 1875 as a meeting hall, it originally hosted events such as town gatherings and conventions. Today, Lincoln Theater operates as a year-round entertainment venue, hosting approximately 500 events and welcoming over 20,000 visitors annually. Its offerings include first-run films, HD opera and theater broadcasts, in-house productions, educational programs, and more. Serving as a creative hub, the theater brings together local talent and audiences, fostering community connection and celebrating the performing arts. Through partnerships with schools, libraries, and arts organizations, Lincoln Theater extends its reach, creating a network of support and shared resources that benefit



Lincoln Theater, 1941 (Photo courtesy Lincoln Theater and Newcastle Historical Society)

performers and audiences alike. In a geographically dispersed region like Midcoast Maine, community theaters serve as essential social connectors. More than just venues, they are gathering places where stories are shared, creativity is celebrated, and

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Larry Sidelinger, Damariscotta Chamber of Commerce Board President, expressed at the time that "this community has done so much for the

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The generous support of locals and those "from away" was felt immediately. In real-time collaboration with local, state, and national agencies, the Chamber considered the needs of the community and voted to share donations to four local businesses severely impacted by the storms. In the following year and a half, the Chamber continues to sell tee shirts and decals to support Midcoast Strong.

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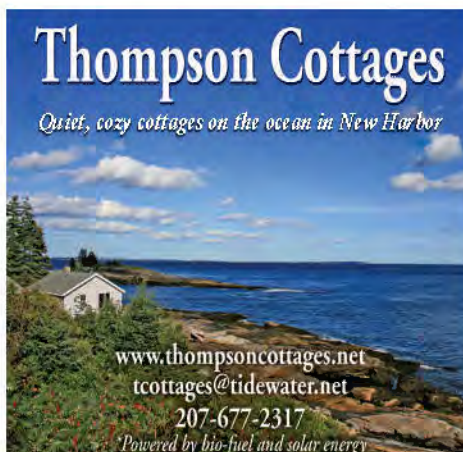
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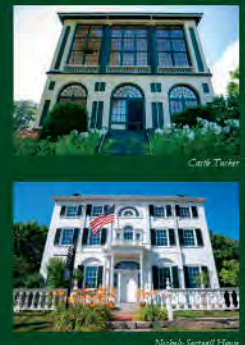


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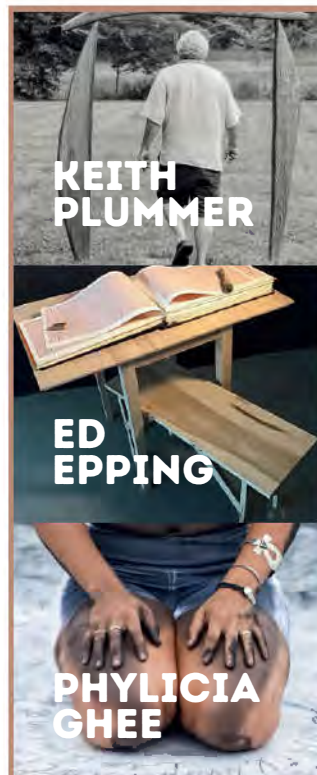
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ROTARY CLUB OF DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE

7:15 - 8:30am Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta \$10 Cash or Check
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MAY

22 (Thursday) - Gallery Sneak Peek - A B2B event open to Realtors, Interior Decorators, Home Furnishing Stores, Inns and B&Bs. Salt Water Artist Gallery, swagoffice@saltwaterartists.com, 3056 Bristol Rd., New Harbor.



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23 (Friday) - Lincoln Academy Student Art Show and Reception: 6-8pm - Show runs through June 27. Salt Water Artist Gallery, swagoffice@saltwaterartists.com, 3056 Bristol Rd., New Harbor.

24 (Saturday) - 26 (Monday) - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pre-Season Opening: 10am-5pm - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, 207-677-2752, info@pemaquidartgallery.com

30 (Friday) - SummerThing Concert: Cryin' Out Loud - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities. Concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event. Clark's Cove Farm, 207-563-8704, 107 Ridge Rd., Walpole, facebook.com/ClarksCoveFarmInn

30 (Friday) - Season Opening: 10am-5pm - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, 207-677-2752, info@pemaquidartgallery.com

31 (Saturday) - Rusty Hinges at Inn Along The Way: 3-4:30pm - The Rusty Hinges Perform their repertoire of folk, country, classic rock, Blues, oldies and Celtic tunes.

JUNE

01 (Sunday) - Grand Opening Reception, Public Welcome: 10am-6:30pm, Pemaquid Art Gallery, Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, (207) 677-2752, info@pemaquidartgallery.com.

03 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check

03 (Tuesday) - Watercolor Paint Evenings with Claire Loon Baldwin - Lupine Flowers: 4-7pm - Join Artist Claire Loon Baldwin for a guided watercolor painting class with snacks and sips from Wanderwood. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd., Nobleboro. Advanced registration is required, and tickets are on sale now at wanderwoodmaine.com.

06 (Friday) - The Rusty Hinges at Oxbow Brewing: 6-8pm: The Rusty Hinges Perform their repertoire of folk, country, classic rock, Blues, oldies and Celtic tunes. Find us on Facebook. Search for The Rusty Hinges

07 (Saturday) - Veggies To Table: Foraging on the Farm with Rachel Alexandrou: 10 am-12 pm - Veggies to Table, 27 Bailey Lane, Newcastle, ME, 04553. Join forager and wild food cook, Rachel Alexandrou for an educational walk on how to safely identify and cook with wild edible plants. The walk will last 2 hours and will end in a foraged tasting. Register: veggiestotable.org/listings/foragingclass-7-13-ejnj9

07 (Saturday) - Annual OPEN HOUSE-Castle Tucker, Nickels-Sortwell House, Bowman House: 11am-3pm - Free Castle Tucker, Nickels-Sortwell House and Bowman House will be open from 11am - 3pm. Last tours leave at 3pm. No ticket purchase required.

07 (Saturday) - Old Bristol Garden Club Plant Sale - Inn along the Way, 741 Main Street, Damariscotta, innalongtheway.org

10 (Tuesday) - Veggies to Table Farm Tours- Come visit the Veggies to Table farm where we are working to grow top-quality organic produce and flowers for locals who are experiencing hunger and needing joy. You'll walk the property with us, see what's growing in the fields, meet part of our team, learn about our history, and understand exactly what we're doing to help our community. If you'd like to attend a tour, please sign up at veggiestotable.org. View and register for all events here: veggiestotable.org

12 (Thursday) - Take Your Time Tour of Castle Tucker: 10am-12pm - Come take a leisurely tour of Castle Tucker designed to give you more time to experience each room. Stand or sit in these unique spaces with time to look around and ask questions while listening to the amazing stories of the Lees and the Tuckers. Advance ticket purchase is required. Space is limited. Admission is \$15 for members of Historic New England, \$25 for nonmembers. Purchase tickets at HistoricNewEngland.org or call 207-882-7169.

12 (Thursday) - Take Your Time Tour of 1762 Bowman House: 10am-12pm - Come take a leisurely tour of Bowman House designed to give you more time to experience each room. Stand or sit in these unique spaces with time to look around and ask questions while listening to the stories of the 18th century Bowmans, the enslaved people and indentured servants who kept their estate running and 20th century entrepreneur and collector Bill Waters, who meticulously preserved and restored the house over 50 years to recreate Bowman's world. Advance ticket purchase is required. Space is limited. Admission is \$15 for members of Historic New England, \$25 for nonmembers. Purchase tickets at HistoricNewEngland.org or call 207-882-7169.

14 (Saturday) - SummerThing Concert: Papa Tim and The Whiskey Throttle Band - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities All concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

14 (Saturday) - Hearty Roots Paddle for a Purpose: 9:30-10:30am Pre-paddle shuttle and logistics, 11:00 Paddle Starts, 12:30 After Party at Shuck Station. heartyroots.org

17 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

19 (Thursday) - Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust Trail Tamers - Trail Tamers Monthly Work Party occurs monthly on the 3rd Thursday through November and some Saturdays.

21 (Saturday) - SummerThing Concert: Misspent Youth - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities All concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

21 (Saturday) - Behind Closed Doors Tour of Castle Tucker: 10am-11:30am - There is something new to see whether you are a first-time or repeat visitor on this in-depth tour



including rooms and stories not included on the general tour. This unique mansion is filled with the original furnishings and decoration of the Tucker family who lived here for over 140 years. Advance ticket purchase is required. Space is limited. Admission is \$15 for members of Historic New England, \$25 for nonmembers. Purchase tickets at HistoricNewEngland.org or call 207-882-7169.

21 (Saturday) - Rummage Sale: 7am-1pm - Miles thrift drop off center, 3 Alewife Ln in Damariscotta
23 (Monday) - Watercolor Painting Flowers, Foliage, and Trees with Erica Qualey: 9am-2 pm - Join Bristol Artist Erica Qualey for a 2-day in-person watercolor workshop where you'll learn to paint flowers, foliage, and trees with a focus on creating natural, vibrant landscapes. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd. Advanced registration is required and available at ericaqualeyart.com

25 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555

27 (Friday) - 29 - Open Art Gallery Tour - Stop by the Chamber office on Friday night to pick up a map of all participating studios and galleries and meet the artists. damariscottaregion.com, 207-563-8340.

28 (Saturday) - July 18 - "All Gave Some, Some Gave All" - Salt Water Artist Gallery 3056 Bristol Rd, New Harbor. saltwaterartists.org

JULY

01 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

02 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555

04 (Friday) - Lincoln Home Fourth of July celebration - barbecue, music and fireworks over the harbor. \$5 per person, \$15 per family of four. lincoln-home.org. 207-563-3350

04 (Friday) - SummerThing Concert: Boneheads with George Massengill (Fireworks too!) - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities All concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

05 (Saturday) - Darrowby Farm Animal Sanctuary Tour: 12pm - Tour Darrowby Farm and meet the animals. darrowbyfarmsanctuary.org, amanda@darrowbyfarmsanctuary.org, (207) 248-2606.

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05 (Saturday) - 20th Annual Shortcake Shuffle 5k and Wellness Walk: 7:30am - 5k Run and Fitness Walk with prizes. All ages! Pre-register here: running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=125. healthykidsmaine.org

05 (Saturday) - Keith Plummer: Opening Reception: 4-6pm - Art, Music and Gallery Conversation. Studio B at Puddledock Village School, 275 Head Tide Road, Alna. puddledockfestival.org

06 (Sunday) - Repoussage Demonstration: 1-4pm - Metalwork in action with Keith Plummer. Studio B at Puddledock Village School, 275 Head Tide Road, Alna. puddledockfestival.org

08 (Tuesday) - Journeys End, Journeys Begin: 5-6:30pm - Performance & Conversation on trauma, addiction and grief. Studio B at the Peace Gallery, 112 Main St., Damariscotta. puddledockfestival.org

08 (Tuesday) - Watercolor Paint Evenings with Claire Loon Baldwin: Cherry Tomatoes: 4:30pm-7pm - Join Artist Claire Loon Baldwin for a guided watercolor painting class with snacks and sips from Wanderwood. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd. Advanced registration is required, and tickets are on sale now at wanderwoodmaine.com.

09 (Wednesday) - Thrive Together: How Creativity and Connection Build Youth Resilience 10-3pm - Performance, art and conversations on youth and resilience. Studio B at Alna Meetinghouse, 1789 Alna Rd, Alna, ME. puddledockfestival.org

09 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

11 (Friday) - Rusty Hinges at Sheepscot General Store, Whitefield: 6-8pm - The Rusty Hinges Perform their repertoire of folk, country, classic rock, Blues, oldies and Celtic tunes. Find us on Facebook. Search for The Rusty Hinges.

12 (Saturday) - Artists at the Point: Plein Air Painters: 10am-4 pm - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park. (207) 677-2752 info@pemaquidartgallery.com

13 (Sunday) - Art and Resilience: A Shared Experience: 3-5pm - Musical performance and readings by Laetia Brundage, Cody Mower, Keith Plummer, QueenEarth and Maya Williams followed by discussion on creativity and healing. Studio B at Alna Meetinghouse, 1789 Alna Rd, Alna, ME. info@puddledockfestival.org.

13 (Sunday) - Keith Plummer: Closing Reception: 5-7 pm - Music and Closing Celebration. Studio B at Alna Meetinghouse, 1789 Alna Rd, Alna. puddledockfestival.org.

15 (Tuesday) - Veggies to Table Farm Tour - Visit the Veggies to Table farm: we grow top-quality organic produce and flowers for locals who are experiencing hunger and needing joy. Walk the property with us, see what's growing in the fields, meet part of our team, learn about our history. veggiestotable.org

15 (Tuesday) - Movie Night with Colonial Pemaquid at the Learning Center - Movie: Song of the Drum-The Petrographs of Maine. Pemaquid Lighthouse Park Learning Center. maine.gov/dacf/parks/discover_history_explore_nature/activities/eventinfo

15 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main

Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

16 (Wednesday) - Bath Swing Band: 6:30-7:30pm - Bath Swing Band at Pemaquid Beach Park. bristolmaine.org/parks-recreation/pemaquid-beach-park

16 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

17 (Thursday) - Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust Trail Tamers: 1-3pm - Trail Tamers Monthly Work Party occurs monthly on the 3rd Thursday through November and some Saturdays. Help work on nature trails in the Midcoast Area!

17 (Thursday) - Ed Epping: Opening Reception: 4-6 pm - Art, Music and Gallery Conversation. Studio B at Puddledock Village School, 275 Head Tide Road, Alna, ME. puddledockfestival.org

19 (Saturday) - SWAG's Third Annual "Paint the Point" Plein Air Event (Rain Date is July 20) - Plein Air paint class at Pemaquid Point. saltwaterartists.com

19 (Saturday) - Pyrographic Drawing Demonstration: 1-4 pm- With Ed Epping, drawing technique demo. Studio B at Puddledock Village School, 275 Headtide Road Alna, ME. puddledockfestival.org

19 (Saturday) - Darrowby Farm Animal Sanctuary Tour: 12pm - Tour Darrowby Farm and meet the animals.

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20 (Sunday) - Art Without Walls: 3-5 pm - Artist talks and conversation on art and incarceration w/Ed Epping and others. Studio B at Alna Meetinghouse, 1789 Alna Rd, Alna, ME. puddledockfestival.org

20 (Sunday) - Aug 8 - Plein Air Wet Paint Sale/ Exhibit - Salt Water Artists. saltwaterartists.com

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23 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

24 (Thursday) - Reentry and Redemption: Voices from Experience: 3-5 pm - Poetry, music and stories of incarceration and reentry, featuring Lady Brion, Maryland's Poet Laureate. StudioB at Alna Meetinghouse 1789 Alna Rd, Alna, ME puddledockfestival.org

25 (Friday) - Join Cindy Wade, MaineHealth Lincoln: 10-11 am - Free and open public meetings with Cindy Wade, President of MaineHealth Lincoln Hospital. She will present hospital updates and have a Q&A session. Public Welcome. mainehealth.org/mainehospital-lincoln-hospital, 207-563-4085

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26 (Saturday) - Phylcia Ghee: Opening Reception: 4-6pm - Art, music & gallery conversation. Studio B at Puddle Dock Village School (275 Head Tide Rd, Alna). Free - info at puddledockfestival.org.

27 (Sunday) - Jim Doble Sound Bath: 3-4:30pm - Immersive sound healing experience. Studio B at Puddle Dock Village School (275 Head Tide Rd, Alna). Free - info at puddledockfestival.org.

29 (Tuesday) - Veggies to Table Farm Tours: Come visit the Veggies to Table farm where we are working to grow top-quality organic produce and flowers for locals who are experiencing hunger and needing joy. You'll walk the property with us, see what's growing in the fields, meet part of our team, learn about our history, and understand exactly what we're doing to help our community. If you'd like to attend a tour, please sign up at veggiestotable.org. View and register for all events here: veggiestotable.org.

July 30 (Wednesday) - Self Care Practice: A Conversation: 5:30-7pm - Screening of Phylcia Ghee's 8:46 & discussion on self-care & art w/ Jade Nelson, Gray Baldwin & Peter Bruun. Studio B at The Peace Gallery (112 Main St, Damariscotta). Free - info at puddledockfestival.org.

30 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30-6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

31 (Thursday) - Artists Reception: Plein Air Painters of Maine: 4-7pm - The Plein Air Painters of Maine display their summer exhibit in the original Nickels-Sortwell Barn, now a Visitor Center and Gallery. Enjoy the paintings and talk to the artists at this wine and cheese reception before enjoying Wiscasset's July Art Walk activities downtown. A portion of painting sales is donated to Historic New England for preservation of the site. Admission is free. 207-882-7169, historicnewengland.org.

31 (Thursday) - Need Advice? Let Your Body Be Your Guide: 5:30-7pm - An intro to social presencing & its transformative power w/ Annie Blair & Carol Zahner. Studio B at The Peace Gallery, 112 Main St, Damariscotta. Free - info at puddledockfestival.org.

AUGUST

1 (Friday) - LINACA Alumni Music Festival: 5pm - 4th Annual Linaca Festival. All are welcome to see our amazing alumni musicians perform at Schooner Landing. linacacademy.org

2 (Saturday) - A Day of Healing Arts: 2-6pm - Convening & showcase of wellness & healing arts practices. Studio B at Alna Meetinghouse (1789 Alna Rd, Alna). Free - info at puddledockfestival.org.

2 (Saturday) - Darrowby Farm Animal Sanctuary Tour: 12pm - Tour Darrowby Farm and meet the animals. darrowbyfarmsanctuary.org, amanda@darrowbyfarmsanctuary.org, (207) 248-2606

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3 (Sunday) - Closing Reception & Cacao Ritual: 5-8pm - Music, community & ritual w/ cacao ceremony at 7pm. Studio B at Puddle

Dock Village School (275 Head Tide Rd, Alna) - info & registration for cacao ceremony at puddledockfestival.org

5 (Tuesday) - Watercolor Paint Evenings with Claire Loon Baldwin: Local Organic Flowers + Take Home Bouquet: 4:30-7pm - Join Artist Claire Loon Baldwin for a guided watercolor painting class with snacks and sips from Wanderwood. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd. Advanced registration is required, and tickets are on sale now at wanderwoodmaine.com.

5 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

6 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30-6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

7 (Thursday) - Pemaquid Gallery Midsummer Reception: 5-6:30pm - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, Bristol, ME, (207) 677-2752. info@pemaquidartgallery.com

8 (Friday) - Midcoast Kayak 20th Year Celebration - Please join Midcoast Kayak in Damariscotta on August 8 to celebrate 20 years of operation in Midcoast Maine. Enjoy Free Kayak Rentals on the Damariscotta River and discounted guided Oyster Ecology Tours. We will be at the shop celebrating all day and walk-in rentals are welcome. Spaces for the Oyster Tours are limited so reserve in advance. Come by and "Get on the water!" midcoastkayak.com, (207) 563-5732

8 (Friday) - 10 (Sunday) - Maine Boat and Home Show: 10am-5pm on 9th; 10am-4pm on 10th - Rockland Harbor Park 1 Pleasant Street, Rockland, ME showinfo@maineboats.com

9 (Saturday) - Olde Bristol Days Weekend - Parade, vintage car show and flea market, bands at Pemaquid Beach Park and fireworks at sunset. bristolmaine.org

9 (Saturday) - 31 (Sunday) - "Color Me Crazy" Juried 10x10 show - Salt Water Artist Gallery, salwaterartists.org.

10 (Sunday) - Merritt-Brackett Lobsterboat Race: 10am - Lobster boat races from Colonial Pemaquid. bristolmaine.org

10 (Sunday) - Rusty Hinges at the Bremen Town House: 1-4pm - Chocolate Sunday The Rusty Hinges Perform their repertoire of folk, country, classic rock, Blues, oldies and Celtic tunes. Find us on Facebook. Search for The Rusty Hinges.

11 (Monday) - Watercolor Painting the Water and Waves of the Sea with Erica Qualey: 9am - 2pm - Artist Erica Qualey will lead a 2 day in-person watercolor workshop exploring the beauty and movement of water. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd. Advanced registration is required and available at ericaqualeyart.com.

12 (Tuesday) - Movie Night with Colonial Pemaquid at the Learning Center - Movie TBA. maine.gov/dacf/parks/discover_history_explore_nature/activities/eventinfo

13 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30-6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

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Blueberries, Hope, ME: 4-6pm - The Rusty Hinges Perform their repertoire of folk, country, classic rock, Blues, oldies and Celtic tunes. Find us on Facebook. Search for The Rusty Hinges

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20 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30-6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555

23 (Saturday) - SummerThing Concert: Misspent Youth - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities All concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

23 (Saturday) - East Boothbay General Store Flower Pop Ups - Veggies to Table #flowerjoy is popping up all over this summer... this time at the East Boothbay General Store! Get your breakfast sandwiches, burritos, and muffins, or lunch sandwiches, salads, pizza, and wine.... and pick up a bouquet of our freshly picked Flowers and Veggies to Table merch! All sales support Veggies to Table's mission to help end hunger in Maine.

24 (Sunday) - Pemaquid Triathlon - Swimming at Beach, biking on Rt. 32, running Pemaquid Trail. Pemaquid Beach Park, New Harbor. trisignup.com/race/events/ME/newharbor/pemaquidbeachspringtriathlon

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SEPTEMBER

1 (Monday) - Oct. 17 - Swag "Merry Mart" Holiday Shop - A holiday themed market featuring gifts and holiday decor. salwaterartists.org.

2 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

3 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

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Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

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10 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

10 (Wednesday) - Damariscotta Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at the Contented Sole, New Harbor. - Rusty Hinges performing. 5pm for tickets and more information info@damariscottaregion.com, 207-563-8340

13 (Saturday) - Maine Lighthouse Day - Bristol Parks and Recreation, Free admission.

13 (Saturday) - Pemaquid Gallery Lighthouse Day - Plein Art Artists, free parking. Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, Bristol, ME, (207) 677-2752. info@pemaquidartgallery.com.

13 (Saturday) - 14 (Sunday) - Wellness Fest at Right Here Wellness - Join us for a rejuvenating wellness festival where mind, body and music come together in a community celebration of holistic health. Experience a variety of workshops, movement sessions, wellness treatments, inspiring speakers and live music to help you thrive. Connect with like-minded individuals and discover new ways to nourish your well-being at this transformative event. mainewellnessfestival.com

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20 (Saturday) - Rummage Sale: 7am-1pm - Miles thrift drop off center, 3 Alewife Ln in Damariscotta. milesmemorialthriftshop.org

20 (Saturday) - SummerThing Concert: Poor Boyz - Concerts with proceeds donated to local charities All concerts start at 6:30 unless otherwise noted. Clark's Cove Farm. All Concerts are By Donation, Reservations are encouraged at the Event links on our Facebook page in advance of the event.

22 (Monday) - Watercolor Painting: Sharpening your Perspective with Erica Qualey: 9am-2pm - join Artist Erica Qualey for a 2-day watercolor class dedicated to mastering depth and perspective in your paintings. Whether you're working on interiors or exteriors, accurate perspective is essential for creating realistic, representational art. Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd. Advanced registration is required and available at ericaqualeyart.com

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28(Sunday) - 29 (Monday) - Pemaquid Oysterfest - Saturday VIP Dinner, Sunday oysters, live music, shucking contests and exhibits. Mine Oyster Raw Bar, 16 Wharf Street, Boothbay. pemaquidoysterfestival.com

30 (Tuesday) - Color me Crazy - Salt Water Artists Juried 10x10 show-Call to Artists to follow. saltwaterartists.com

OCTOBER

1 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

4 (Saturday) - 5 (Sunday) - Pumpkinfest Weigh-Offs - Louis Doe's Home Center, 92 Mills Road, Newcastle. mainepumpkinfest.com

4 (Saturday) - 5 (Sunday) - Salt Water Artists Maine Craft Weekend - saltwaterartists.com

7 (Tuesday) - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle: 7:15-8:30am - Twice monthly meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Central Lincoln County YMCA 525 Main Street in Damariscotta. \$10 Cash or Check.

8 (Wednesday) - Wanderwood Farm Stand: 3:30- 6pm - 79 Sidelinger Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

9 (Thursday) - Pumpkinfest Pumpkin Deployment: 5pm - Downtown Damariscotta. mainepumpkinfest.com

10 (Friday) - Celebrate Local: 5-7pm - Join us for a community meal under the tent. Meet Maine vendors and sample products. Beer and Wine tasting inside. FREE all are welcome. Rain or Shine. Rising Tide Co-op, 323 Main Street, Damariscotta. risingtide.coop

10 (Friday) - 11 (Saturday) - Pumpkinfest Artists at Work - Artists painting Pumpkins on Main St., Damariscotta.

11 (Saturday) - Pumpkinfest Parade: 2pm - On Main Street, Damariscotta. mainepumpkinfest.org

11 (Saturday) - Wanderwood Farm Dinner: 4-8 pm- Embark on a culinary adventure in this hands-on pasta making class with Chef Samuel and Chloe Chalakani of Crooked Spoon Co. Following the class, join us for a delicious dinner inspired by your creations! Located in Wanderwood's renovated event barn at 79 Sidelinger Rd., Nobleboro. Advanced registration is required, and tickets are on sale now at wanderwoodmaine.com.

12 (Sunday) - Pumpkinfest Regatta: 4pm - Damariscotta Harbor. mainepumpkinfest.org

13 (Monday) - Pumpkin Drop: 10am - Great Salt Bay School. mainepumpkinfest.org

14 (Tuesday) - Pemaquid Art Gallery Closing Day: 5pm - Pemaquid Art Gallery Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park, Bristol, ME, (207) 677-2752. info@pemaquidartgallery.com.

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19 (Sunday) - Annual Karl's Kids Fundraiser-Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary: 12-6pm - Helping local youth with sports related expenses. Play, Feast, Dance! Cornhole Tourney 12-3pm, N.C. Hunt Pigroast 3-6pm, Music by North County Band 3-6pm. dnmrotary.org

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DECEMBER

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5 (Friday) - 7 (Sunday) - Christmas at Nickels-Sortwell House: 10:30am - 3pm - Come see Nickels-Sortwell House in holiday splendor, including a stunning tree decorated with hundreds of vintage ornament and a solarium transformed into a fantasy space filled with wonders. Take a self-guided tour of the first floor, then have a warm drink and snack in the old kitchen before checking out the Holiday Shop in the Barn and other Wiscasset Holiday Marketfest activities. Admission is \$10 general admission, \$5 for Wiscasset residents and Historic New England members. Purchase tickets at HistoricNewEngland.org or call 207-882-7169.

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The Legacy of Renys



A young RH Reny stands on the sidewalk outside of his first storefront at 116 Main St Damariscotta is the only town in Maine to have two Renys stores Renys Underground is located across the street from the original at 163 Main St (Photo courtesy The Lincoln County News)

Outside of Maine, LL Bean is the best-known retail name in the state, with a 220,000-square-foot flagship store in Freeport and retail stores as far west as Colorado But in Maine, there's another name in retail that's earned the same love and loyalty, with stores as small as 2,000 square feet That name is Renys

Since its founding in 1949 by RH Reny, Renys has proved itself to be The Little Department Store That Could, carrying items from 99-cent panettone cakes to \$250 boots With 18 stores throughout Maine (a 19th will open in Waterville

next spring), the Renys footprint in Maine is wide and deep And the very first footprint was made in Damariscotta It's part of the Renys lore that RH loaded up his car with merchandise to sell door-to-door during the store's first winter Once the snow melted, those folks came to 116 Main Street for more They told their friends about the deals they got, and their friends spread the word By 1952, the store was successful enough that RH was able to open a second store in Bridgton, and before long the word was out – Renys bought it right and sold it right

Today, that store at 116 Main Street is still operating and thriving With its neighbors including a pottery shop, an art gallery, and a bigger Renys across the street, it fits the small-town spirit, even though it serves as a destination point for shoppers, both from Maine and beyond

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