



Children's Days

EDUCATIONAL/EXPLORING...

Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve (off Route 32)

New Harbor, ME

Free Admission

Stop at the Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve, just a few miles down the road from New Harbor - during low tide, the Preserve has a ¼ acre tidal pool covering the rocky shore, with a dramatic view out to sea. There are 40 acres of preserve lands w/ a variety of walking trails to choose from. Ask us at the front desk for a printout about tidal creatures so the kids can do a scavenger hunt in the tidal pool.

Monhegan Island

Monhegan, ME

See Below for Travel Rates...

Accessible only by boat, Monhegan Island is frequented by day-trippers who, upon arrival, will find a charming, rustic village with a population of only about 65. The island, though only about a square mile in area, is also graced by extensive woodlands, meadows, and impressive cliff views. There are several walking trails (over 17 miles worth) to pick from. On the boat ride over, (you can get there either from New Harbor, Rockland, or Boothbay Harbor) it is likely that you will glimpse harbor seals, puffins, or whales, so the kids are sure to be entertained. Following is a list of companies that provide cruises out to the island; ask us at the front desk for more information if you are interested!

Balmy Day Cruises out of Boothbay Harbor: \$32 adult, \$18 children under 11 - Call ahead for departures Hardy Boat Cruises out of New Harbor: \$30 adult \$18 children under 12 - Call ahead for departures

Motor Vehicle Monhegan out of Rockland: \$20 adults \$7 children under 12 - Call ahead for departures

Winters Gone Farm and Alpaca Store

Wiscasset, ME

207-882-9191

"The Softest Farm in Maine" is dedicated to providing visitors of all ages a memorable, informative and relaxing experience. Stroll the beautiful grounds, smell the flowers of the gardens, relax by the fountain in the farm pond, or explore the nature trails that circumvent the alpaca pastures. Enjoy a picnic at one of the picnic tables by the pond or along the trails.

Play & Learn Store

Freeport, ME

207-865-6434

Two huge floors (over 10,000 square feet!) of thousands of the best products from the most recognized names in educational materials and specialty toys.

Western Maine Mineral Adventures

Paris, ME

207-674-3440

Take a tour of a working gem mine... then grab a bucket and dig in to hunt for your own treasures. Lucky seekers have found specimens of tourmaline, crystal, aquamarine and morganite! *Call for rates & schedules.*

MUSEUMS...

Maine Maritime Museum

Bath, ME

207-443-1316

Admission - ask us at the front desk about tickets, we have some available.

Learn about Maine's rich maritime history. The museum houses fascinating artifacts, photographs, paintings and ship models. There are over 10 acres of galleries and exhibits, five 19th century shipyard buildings, a life size model of the *Wyoming* (largest wooden sailing vessel ever built), and seasonal hands on activities and river cruises.

Owl's Head Transportation Museum

Owl's Head, ME

207-594-4418

Admission - Ask us at the front desk about tickets; we have some available.

Owl's Head houses more than 100 historic aircraft, automobiles, bicycles/motorcycles and engines dating as far back as 1803.

Boothbay Railway Village Museum

Boothbay, ME

207-633-4727

Admission - ask us at the front desk about tickets; we have some available.

The Railway Village is a beloved local attraction (great for the kids) that displays antique autos and railway memorabilia, as well as an actual passenger steam train that runs around the 30-acre property

WW&F Railway Museum

Alna, ME

207-437-2565

Maine's Wiscasset, Waterville, and Farmington Railway was a two-foot gauge common carrier railroad that operated from 1894 until 1933. The line ran from Wiscasset in the south, to Albion and Winslow in the north, never making it to either Waterville or Farmington. Today, a museum is located at the site of the old Sheepscot station in Alna, with a reconstructed mainline track running north from Cross Road, on the original roadbed. Rides on the steamer are available.

Children's Discovery Museum

Augusta, ME

207-622-2209

\$4 Adult Admission, Children \$5

An excellent educational museum, the CDM in Augusta has several hands-on learning exhibits, where children can learn how things work "in the real world." They can play in the following life-like exhibits: bank, grocery store, theatre, jungle/rainforest, tree-house, engineering room and library.

Maine State Aquarium

Boothbay Harbor, ME

207-633-9559

\$5 Adult Admission, Children \$3

This educational facility was built in 1993 along with the state's new fisheries research station. The main gallery resembles the rocky coast of Maine. Interactive displays, including numerous touch tanks, encourage discovery learning. The aquarium features extraordinary lobsters of all sizes and colors. Fritz, the 23-pound lobster, likes to show off his mammoth claws. A special attraction is the 850 gallon tank filled with sharks and skates. Experience the thrill of petting a live shark and discover the roughness of a skate's skin. Another favorite is the 20 foot long touch tank that houses a multitude of invertebrates like starfish, sea urchins, sea cucumbers and scallops.

FAIRS/FESTIVALS...

Union Fair

August 16, 2008 - August 23, 2008

A large agricultural fair famous for the annual Blueberry Festival-large midway, crafts, animal pulling events, harness racing.

<http://www.unionfair.org>

Windsor Fair

August 24, 2008 - September 1, 2008

A large progressive fair with extensive agricultural , craft, art exhibits. Large midway, animal pulling events, harness racing, and mechanical pulling.

<http://www.windsorfair.com>

Pittston Fair

July 24, 2008 - July 27, 2008

Small, family oriented country fair with midway, animal pulling events, children's games, woodsman contest.

Topsham Fair

August 3, 2008 - August 9, 2008

Agricultural exhibits, animal pulling events, 4-H, crafts, midway, and harness racing.

<http://www.topshamfair.net>

Windjammer Days

June 24 & 25, 2008

Enjoy two days of family fun, including an antique boat parade, pancake breakfast, shipyard tours, tours of navy vessels and the Coast Guard Station, waterfront concerts, a craft fair, food, street parade, games and activities for kids, and fireworks.

Lobster Festival

Jul 30, 2008 - Aug 03, 2008

Rockland. The Maine Lobster Festival is one of New England's most popular summer events. Tons of steamed Maine lobsters, waterfront activities, maritime displays, Maine arts, naval vessels, harbor cruises, entertainment and a parade. FMI, call (207) 596-0376 or (800) LOB-CLAW.

Bath Heritage Days

July 3-6, 2008

Each year the City of Bath celebrates its heritage with a long weekend of fun-filled events. The highlight of the festival is the parade, one of the largest and longest in Maine featuring over 1,000 marchers and drawing 10,000+ onlookers each year. The festival has a little bit of everything, from arts and crafts vendors to a triathlon, live entertainment and a carnival for children. The event showcases the best that downtown Bath has to offer, and encourages residents and visitors to support local businesses and celebrate Bath's unique history. FMI, please go to www.visitbath.com.

BEACHES...

Reid State Park
Seguinland Rd (off Rte 127-S)
Georgetown, ME

\$3 Adult Admission, Children \$1

Here you will find an 800-acre park with over 1.5 miles of white sandy white beaches. The park is home to endangered terns & sandpipers, as well as many other nesting shorebirds, so please be considerate to them! There are picnic areas w/ charcoal grills, 2 summer snack-bars and bathhouses available to visitors. No dogs, please.

Pemaquid Beach
Huddle Rd (off Rte 130)
New Harbor, ME

\$2 Admission, Children under 12 are free

A popular area beach, Pemaquid has changing rooms, indoor restrooms (w/ heated showers), and a snack-bar available. The beach is a ¼ mile long, nestled between rocky coves & bays. No dogs, please.

Popham Beach
10 Perkins Farm Lane (off of Rte 209)
Phippsburg, ME

\$2 Adult Admission, Children are free

Known for its great rolling surf, Popham is a very popular white-sand beach. There are bath-houses and picnic areas for visitors. No dogs, please.

THEME PARKS...

Funtown/Splashtown
Saco, ME

207-284-5139

\$26 Adult Admission, \$18 Children

Northern New England's largest family themed amusement and water park. Features a variety of rides/roller-coasters, waterslides, pools, and midway-style eateries.

Aquaboggin
Saco, ME

207-282-3112

Maine's largest water park, offering a day of fun and excitement for all ages. From high speed water slides to relaxing on a tube in the wave pool to a round of mini golf, Aquaboggin has something for everyone.