



Maine Escape - Neighboring Towns

Gardiner-Hallowell

The two-block downtown district of Gardiner-Hallowell reflects the past prosperity of the area as a center for the lumber, paper and ice industries. Today, the Gardiner-Hallowell area merges a modern mix of retail with extensive regional history, making the area special to the state of Maine. Many interesting shops and galleries line the downtown area. If it is a nice day, you may want to walk the Kennebec River Rail Trail between the two towns. You can find the trail along the river front right next to the boat launch in Hallowell.

Wiscasset

Our neighbor across the bridge, Wiscasset is nicknamed “Maine’s Prettiest Village,” and as you stroll along Main Street, you will see why. The town sits directly beside Sheepscot Harbor - with such lovely views and graceful historic homes lining its streets, it’s easy to see where the town got its epithet. Be sure to stop into a few of the art galleries, there are several to pick from!

Bath

Bath, or “The City of Ships,” is a charming waterfront town with a very active Main Street featuring some unique stores and cafes. The town is best known for its gorgeous architecture and for being home to Bath Iron Works, a large active US Navy Shipyard.

Boothbay Harbor

If you travel down to the Boothbay Peninsula, you will find a colorful village on the harbor, which is always dotted with boats. Boothbay Harbor, often referred to as “The Boating Capital of New England,” is the largest boating harbor north of Boston and is thus the base for many ferries and fishing boats. There are also many distinctive shops and eateries to check out.

Rockland

Right at the heart of Midcoast Maine, Rockland has some of the best cruising waters for recreational boating, and offers a lively downtown area bustling with galleries, museums, restaurants and shopping.

Camden

Camden, just north of Rockland & Rockport, is an adorable little community nestled between the mountains and the sea. It is somewhat famous since the movies *Peyton Place*, *Carousel* and *In The Bedroom* were all filmed here! Camden was also the childhood home of poet Edna St. Vincent-Millay, and it is no secret that celebrities John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and the Onassis family all vacation at island retreats nearby; so... you never know, maybe you will catch a glimpse of one of them.

Brunswick

A community-centered college town, Brunswick has a lot to offer - a great variety of restaurants, galleries and boutiques, in addition to frequent entertainment venues. Bowdoin College is right next door, so take advantage of their campus museums.

New Harbor

At the tip of the beautiful Pemaquid Peninsula is New Harbor, a quaint little fishing town. There are some eclectic galleries and small shops that truly reflect the Maine way of life.