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Whether you are coming for a quick visit or an extended stay, you won't be disappointed with a trip to Belfast and Waldo County. Just a short distance from Acadia National Park, Bangor International Airport, and Maine's capital city, Augusta, you can come here, stay here, and spend time visiting the entire region with day trips!

On pages 12–17, we have day excursions to Liberty, Unity, Lincolnville, and Searsport. Stop by the chamber office and we can create a customized plan for your day! Get out on the water, go hiking, go shopping, explore the outdoors — and did we mention eating?

Taking a lot of pictures is an ideal way to capture your vacation and share it with your family and friends. We've listed some of the most photographed places in the area on pages 8–10.

We also have features on the cuisine, arts scene, recreation, and way of life locals enjoy. Some spots just lend themselves to more memorable experiences than others, and Maine, aka Vacationland, is one such place.

There are endless reasons to love Maine. And many interesting facts that make it unique. Did you know . . . ?

Forest covers 89 percent of Maine's land area and is the reason for its nickname: the Pine Tree State.

Approximately 40 million pounds of lobster are caught off the coast of Maine, accounting for nearly 90% of the country's supply.

Acadia National Park has beautiful sea views, hiking trails, and, of course plenty, of fresh seafood. A true bucket list destination!

Maine is the single largest producer of blueberries in the United States, with more than 40,000 acres of wild blueberries. The state exports 99% of the nation's blueberries!

There are about 43 people per square mile in Maine, or about half the national average. That means you can spend time alone if you'd like.

Maine is the only state in the country whose name is only one syllable. What else is there to say? Maine.

In Maine, we have a saying, "You can't get there from here" (spoken in a Maine accent), an observation of the impossibility of traveling a direct route between certain places. But don't worry, the Chamber of Commerce is happy to help you get where you're going. Stop by our Information Center, located at 14 Main Street, to pick up a map and say hello!



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The Mission of the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) is to champion a thriving business environment for its members through promotion, networking, advocacy, community partnerships and access to relevant information.

ON THE COVER

Greater Joy by Nicole Littrell of DoryWoman Rowing





This photo of Nicolle Littrell rowing her boat is to give perspective of just how large Greater Joy is! We hope to have Joy the Duck return to Belfast this year, but there is no guarantee. The cover photo of Greater Joy was captured by Nicolle Littrell of DoryWoman Rowing while out in her boat. This selfie photo was taken by Rachael Kelly while rowing with Nicolle.

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2022 ANNUAL

BUSINESS AWARDS

The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors presented annual awards voted by chamber members and the community on November 4, 2022. The awards celebration was held at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center in Belfast. The Celebration Sponsor was Nordic Aquafarms and the Reception Sponsor was Camden National Bank.



Citizen of the Year Award

Sue Dupler, Public Health Nurse

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THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE PRESENTED:

Business Growth

The Grasshopper Shop

Sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank

Health Care Partner

Belfast Soup Kitchen

Sponsored by Waldo County General Hospital / MaineHealth

New Business

Rio's

Sponsored by Stanley Chevrolet and the Maine Chevy Dealers

Hometown Heritage

Rollie's Bar & Grill

Sponsored by LCI Fiber Optic Network

Waldo County Business

Penobscot Marine Museum

Sponsored by First National Bank

Chamber Appreciation

Chamber Volunteer Team

Sponsored by Front Street Shipyard

RUNNER-UP WINNERS WERE RECOGNIZED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Business Growth – *The Scone Goddess*

New Business – *Stone Tree Farm & Cidery*

Waldo County Business – *Friends of Fort Knox*

Health Care Partner – *Waldo County YMCA*

Hometown Heritage – *Belfast Historical Society & Museum*

The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Brian Frus from Mainely Gallery & Studio for the one-of-a-kind glass-blown awards, Ned Lightner for putting together the Citizen of the Year video presentation, Rollie's Remote Catering for the drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and the Hutchinson Center staff for their technical assistance and for hosting the event.





TROPHY ART

While Rockland is the self-proclaimed art capital of Maine, in Belfast, art is made in countless ways. For the 2022 Annual Business Awards, local artist Brian Frus reached out to the chamber of commerce to float the idea of having a local artist create unique awards for the winners, in place of a more generic option from a trophy shop.

"I've always been interested in finding ways to bring more art into the everyday," Frus says. "My wife, Stephanie Natale, and I identified the chamber awards as a no-brainer opportunity to create unique, artful sculptures." Frus worked as a professor of art in Florida before relocating to Maine in September 2021. He proposed sculpting the new award out of glass, his preferred medium. The chamber team was immediately on board with Frus's idea, recognizing the value of an original work. "We were thrilled to take him up on the offer," says Scott Smith, the chamber's operations manager. "Those in attendance were deeply impressed. The awards are now prominently displayed in the respective businesses."

Frus says he hopes this will become an annual tradition and is excited to develop compelling designs for years ahead. The 2022 awards celebrate "The Fire of Our Community" with blue and green, the chamber's logo colors, radiating upward as a pair of sculpted bubbles dances into the pointed spire of each piece. People who attended the event and liked the sculpture-award concept have already reached out to Frus with inquiries. "I'm looking forward to more engagement with art every day as well as larger-scope art projects that shape our communities," he says.



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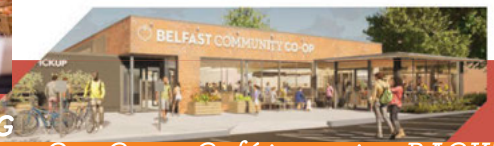
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EVENTS

2023 BELFAST: THE BAY AND BEYOND – CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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FORT KNOX HISTORIC SITE EVENTS

OPENS MAY 1

The Fort Knox Historic Site features one of the best-preserved examples of coastal defense fortifications constructed in the mid-1800s. It is America's first fort named after Major General Henry Knox. Free interpretive guided tours of the fort are provided by volunteers, when available, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. fortknoxmaine.com

KEEPING BELFAST MAINE BEAUTIFUL

MAY 13

Come join more than 700 of our caring community folks on the clean-up day. Since 2017, our enthusiastic teams have picked up 19.85 tons of roadside garbage and more than 125,000 cigarette butts from 59 miles of city roads. Keeping Belfast Maine Beautiful on Facebook.

ALL ROADS MUSIC FESTIVAL

MAY 19 & 20

All Roads is a celebration of local and indie music talent that brings some of Maine's finest emerging musicians under one banner in a city known for its passionate support of the arts and locally grown creative talent. allroadsmusicfest.org

PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM EVENTS

OPEN MAY 25–OCTOBER 15, 2023

Penobscot Marine Museum holds daily activities for all ages throughout their open season. Find out more about these activities and other events at penobscotmarinemuseum.org

BELFAST GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

MAY 27

The annual plant sale will be held at Steamboat Landing Park/Belfast Boathouse. Come early and enjoy this popular gardening-lovers event. belfastgardenclub.org

BELFAST GARDEN CLUB OPEN GARDEN DAYS

SATURDAYS, JUNE 24–LATE AUGUST

Enjoy Waldo County's private gardens. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Rain or shine. \$5 admission at four locations, which can be found at belfastgardenclub.org or email belfastgardenclub@gmail.com. Proceeds from this fundraiser support Belfast Garden Club programs and activities, including the maintenance of 12 public gardens in Belfast and scholarships for Waldo County students studying horticulture and related subjects.

ARTS IN THE PARK

JUNE 24 & 25

One of the most scenic waterfront events in midcoast Maine. With so many fine artists displaying their beautiful talents, there is something for everyone. Browse and buy unique, locally made gifts for family, friends, or yourself! Enjoy delicious food, desserts, and free entertainment with live local music. Admission is free, rain or shine, and parking is available on some adjacent streets and nearby public parking areas. Steamboat Landing Park, Commercial St., Belfast. 207-338-5900. belfastmaine.org/arts-in-the-park

BELFAST SUMMER NIGHTS

THURSDAY NIGHTS, LATE JUNE–EARLY SEPTEMBER

Summer music series outdoors at Steamboat Landing beginning at 5:30 p.m. Free — however, donations are gratefully accepted. Check the Facebook page for details about performances. [facebook.com/belfastsummernights](https://www.facebook.com/belfastsummernights)

MAKERS GUILD OF MAINE PRESENTS ART & MUSIC

JUNE–SEPTEMBER 2023

Join Summer Shorts weekend art retreats, Monday night traditional fiddling in the garden with Sea Strings Community Orchestra, and Wednesday night music jams hosted by Searsport Shores Oceanfront Campground, 216 West Main St., Searsport. Pandemic guidelines will be followed. 207-548-6059. makersguildmaine.org. [maineoceancamping.com/artists-in-residence](https://www.maineoceancamping.com/artists-in-residence)

NORTH ATLANTIC BLUES FESTIVAL

JULY 15 & 16

An annual two-day blues music festival featuring some of the top national blues performers and considered one of the most prestigious on the East Coast. Held at the public landing in Rockland, overlooking the picturesque harbor. In addition to all-day live entertainment, there are vendors selling a wide array of food, drinks, and crafts. 207-596-6055. northatlanticbluesfestival.com

MAINE CELTIC CELEBRATION

JULY 21–23

A family-oriented celebration of the rich Celtic heritage, culture, and hospitality found along the coast of Maine. Traditional Celtic music and dancing is offered in scenic bayside park, and you can watch fireworks over Belfast Bay. With food and craft vendors as well, there is truly something for everyone! Admission by donation. Steamboat Landing Park, Commercial St. Belfast.

mainecelticcelebration.com

UNION FAIR & MAINE WILD BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

JULY 26–30

There will be contests, live music, harness racing, the Wine Pavilion, fireworks, the Maine Wild Blueberry Queen Coronation, two demolition derbies, exhibits, food, demonstrations and shows, the midway, 4-H, lots of food, the Matthews Museum, the pulling, lawnmower drag racing, and more!

unionfair.org

HOLY MACKEREL FISHING TOURNAMENT

JULY 29 & 30

Cash prizes for the biggest mackerel! Daily weigh-in at Front Street Pub. All proceeds from this fun family event supports Operation Reboot for veterans! Check Holy Mackerel Tournament on Facebook for details.

MAINE LOBSTER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 2–6

The Maine Lobster Festival is five days of fun and feasting on the fabulous coast of Maine! This annual seafood festival takes place during the first weekend of August, from Wednesday through Sunday. Fun for the whole family, with the Big Parade, Maine Sea Goddess Coronation, the Great International Lobster Crate Race, road race, arts and crafts, entertainment, and more! 800-576-7512. mainelobsterfestival.com

14TH ANNUAL BELFAST STREET PARTY

AUGUST 7 (or the next sunny day)

The Belfast Summer Street Party is back! Two bands, vendors, food, games, all free. 5–9:30 p.m. High St., Belfast. Check Belfast Summer Street Party on Facebook for more information.

MAINE BOAT & HOME SHOW

AUGUST 11–13

There is always so much to see and do at the Maine Boat & Home Show in Rockland. In addition to a fleet of great boats in the water and on land, plus tents filled with booth exhibits, there'll be wonderful live music, a variety of events, and fabulous food. maineboats.com

16TH ANNUAL BELFAST HARBOR FEST

AUGUST 18–20

A full weekend of boat building, races, great food, music, and more! See Page 18 for full event details. belfastharborfest.com

MAINE AUTHORS BOOK FESTIVAL

AUGUST 26

The annual Maine Authors Book Festival will include book signings by local authors, a children's area, food and refreshments, presentations, raffles, and live music. Free admission. mainebookfestival.com

FIBER COLLEGE FALL CLASSES & RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 2–10

Connections through the fiber arts. Always the week after Labor Day at Searsport Shores Oceanfront Campground, 216 West Main St., Searsport. Pandemic guidelines will be followed. 207-548-6059.

makersguildmaine.org/fibercollege

"PASSY PETE" PREDICTION

SEPTEMBER 4

Come join us at the Belfast waterfront at 10 a.m. on Labor Day as the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belfast Barons present Passy Pete, the Clairvoyant Crustacean. Will Passy predict an early winter or six more weeks of summer? Join us and see what Passy has to say! belfastmaine.org/events

10TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 8

The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the return of the annual Chamber Cup Golf Tournament. This great competitive networking event has helped the Chamber to fund and provide our business members and the community with developmental resources they need to grow and succeed. 207-338-5900.

belfastmaine.org/events

MAINE WIENERFEST

SEPTEMBER 10

The annual Maine Wienerfest is a celebration of all things dachshund and the people who love them! In addition to a picnic social, organized events include a Grand Parade of Dachshunds, canine costume contest, Doxie Derby, and raffles! This event is brought to you by PAWS Animal Adoption Center and Friends of Belfast Parks. Steamboat Landing Park.

mainewienerfest.com

STRUNG TOGETHER OLD-TIME/BLUEGRASS MUSIC CAMPOUT & BASKET MAKING

SEPTEMBER 15–17

A three-day event of playing, learning, sharing, and listening with some of the best old-time players around. All are welcome to attend. Pre-registration encouraged. The Strung

Together Campout is held at one of the most beautiful outdoor jam spaces on the planet! Searsport Shores Ocean Campground.

makersguildmaine.org/strungtogether

COMMON GROUND COUNTRY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 22–24

The fairgrounds are open Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MOFGA's annual celebration of rural living features more than 1,000 exhibitors and speakers, and emphasizes vibrant communities, sustainable living, and local economies while highlighting organic agriculture.

mofga.org/the-fair

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WALDO COUNTY: ART WORKS FOR HUMANITY II

SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 1

Plein Air: Stroll the city streets and explore Belfast's beautiful parks Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to watch some of the artists in action as they create the works that will be auctioned off. Then on Sunday afternoon, enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, and live music while having an opportunity to bid on the newly created art. waldocountyhabitat.com

ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS GALA

NOVEMBER 3

Come celebrate Chamber members being awarded for their milestone accomplishments by the community! The evening event will be held at United Farmers Market, on Spring Street, where we will announce the Citizen of the Year! Don't miss this wonderful ticketed event! belfastmaine.org/annual-chamber-awards

HOLIDAY ON THE HARBOR

DECEMBER 9

Join the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and Belfast Parks & Recreation in kicking-off the holiday season! Get a chance to meet and take a photo with Santa and participate in different activities, such as ornament making, cookie decorating, and more! Enjoy live holiday music and horse-drawn wagon rides. And let's not forget the hot chocolate! 207-338-5900. belfastmaine.org/events

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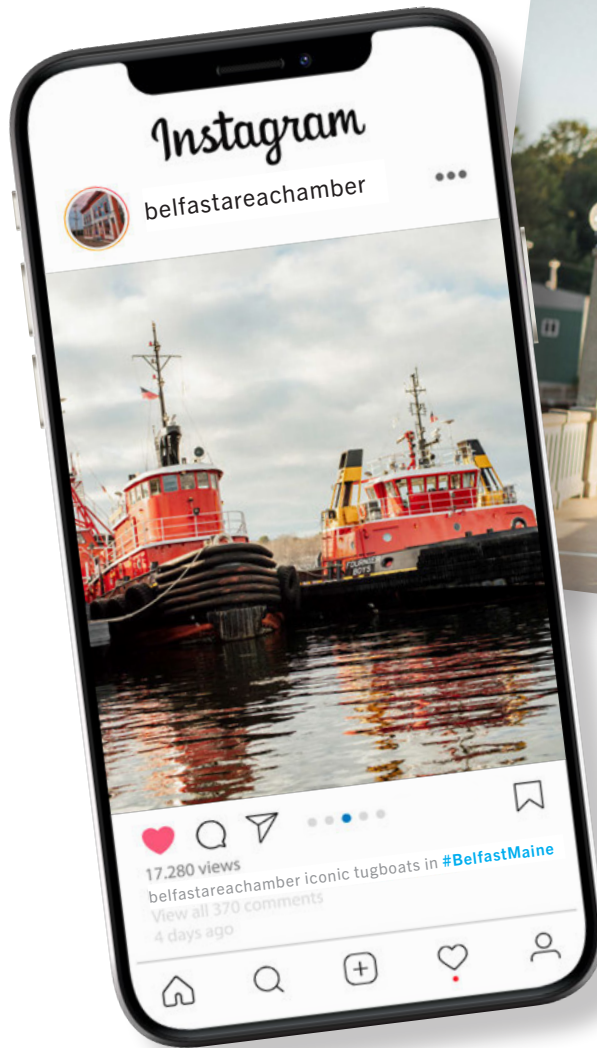
FEBRUARY 24–25

Join us in downtown Belfast for the weekend. A safe and fun way to get out of the house this winter and attend the State of Maine Ice Carving Championship. Come take a walk and visit the ice sculptures that will be located throughout downtown Belfast. Take a break and have a drink at one of the ice bars, including hot chocolate, or participate in one of the many outdoor activities Belfast has to offer throughout the winter. ourtownbelfast.org

LOOKING FOR LIKES IN

#BELFASTMAINE

FROM HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE TO OUTDOOR RECREATION TO SCENIC VISTAS, THESE ICONIC PHOTO SPOTS ARE WORTH SHARING — ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND BEYOND.





Belfast Armistice Footbridge

Dedicated in honor of Waldo County citizens who lost their lives in WWI, Belfast's Armistice Footbridge is a stone bridge spanning the Passagassawakeag River and was the original Route 1 crossing. Now limited to pedestrian traffic, the bridge has benches ideal for people watching and gateways through which visitors can capture a unique water view.

Tugboats in Belfast Harbor

The iconic red tugboats at the bottom of Main Street not only provide a striking contrast to the water and blue skies, they also serve as a visual representation of the hardworking spirit of Belfast and the greater state of Maine. Plus, they are available to photograph — and tow — on nights, weekends, and holidays in all four seasons.

Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad

The Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad, once majority owned by the city of Belfast, ran as a single-track connection to Burnham Junction from 1871 to 2007. Now operated by the Brooks Preservation Society, the train runs weekend round-trip excursions from Unity, with plenty of Instagram-worthy scenery and filter-proof patina.

Belfast's Gothic Building

The Gothic stands at the intersection of Main and Beaver Streets and serves as a reminder of the city's prosperous shipbuilding history. The building was erected in 1879 as home to Belfast National Bank. It features angled stone buttresses, a segmented arch, and decorative iron cresting, but you don't have to be an architecture buff to appreciate the building's powerful posture within its triangular plot.

Consumers Fuel Co. Building in Belfast

The Consumers Fuel Co. has been housed in the same building at 12 Main Street for over 100 years. And while the company has evolved over time, from providing coal, wood, hay, and fertilizer, to adding heating oil and propane, the building's painted-brick façade has remained a bright and cheerful tribute to the past. (Bonus: The Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce is housed in the same building. Pop in for up-to-date recs on additional places you may want to visit!)



Penobscot Narrows Bridge in Prospect

At 420 feet, the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory is the tallest public bridge observatory in the world (and stands taller even than the Statue of Liberty!). The impressive granite towers and cable stays provide a picture-perfect backdrop for family photos, or take the elevator up to the three-deck observatory for a 360-degree view that — under good conditions — extends 40 miles or more.

Fort Point Light, Cape Jellison in Stockton Springs

The Fort Point lighthouse's unusual square painted-brick tower makes it unique to lighthouse lovers and worth a drive to Stockton Springs. The grounds (though not the lighthouse) are open to the public, with space to picnic and spots to capture unique perspectives. A foghorn is now used in place of the original 1,200 pound cast-iron fog-signal bell, but the property's historic bell tower provides another point of interest.

Bayside Historic District in Northport

The 28-acre Bayside Historic District, now a secular summer community, was once home to a Methodist event known as the Northport



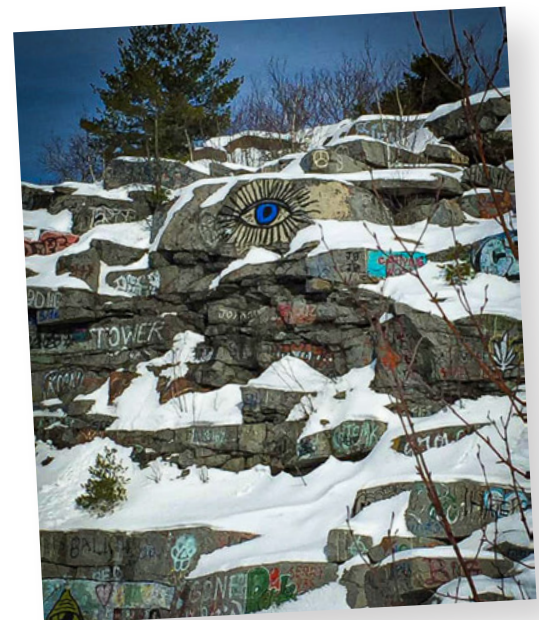
Camp Meeting. By 1878, more than 100 wood-frame Gothic Revival cottages were built in the district. The final camp meeting was held in 1935, but the playful paint schemes remain, and small lot sizes prevent modernized additions. The result is a charming bonus to your photo grid.

Monroe Falls in Monroe

Almost hidden off a dirt road on Route 139 is Monroe Falls, a set of waterfalls with a swimming hole at their base. Two access points offer two different views of the falls, or, for a look at the stream that feeds them, venture onto the bridge by the area's welcome sign. Capture dynamic shots of running water in warm weather or the beauty of the frozen falls in winter.

Mount Waldo Granite Quarry in Frankfort

Take a hike to the top of Mount Waldo on a clear day and you will be rewarded with stellar views of the Maine coast. But the picture that will make your followers stop scrolling is found a few hundred yards from the summit, at the abandoned Mount Waldo Quarry. Now spotted with colorful graffiti, the remaining granite provides a contemporary contrast to the surrounding nature, with both reflected in the swimmable waters.



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AND SEARSPORT HIGHLIGHT WHAT MAINE'S
MIDCOAST HAS TO OFFER.**



While Belfast is the Waldo County seat and a hub for eating, shopping, and outdoor recreation, don't miss out on everything the neighboring port towns and inland farming communities have to offer. With stylish boutiques, historical museums, and unexpected treats like authentic Italian spumoni and wine slushies, there's plenty to fill a jam-packed day trip. Make Belfast your home base with a stay at one of the city's bed-and-breakfasts, like the **Greek Revival Alden House Inn** (63 Church St., Belfast; 207-218-1110; thealdenhouse.com) or the **Victorian Jeweled Turret Inn** (40 Pearl St., Belfast; 207-338-2304; jeweledturret.com). Or find cool accommodations elsewhere in the county, from a harbormaster's quarters with an ocean view at Lincolnville's **Spouter Inn** (2506 Atlantic Hwy., Lincolnville Beach; 207-789-5171; spouterinnbnb.com) to a fully equipped yurt 10 minutes from downtown Searsport, at **Stockton Harbor Yurts** (56 Parsons Dr., Stockton Springs; 207-653-1428; stocktonharboryurts.com). No matter where you stay, you'll discover some of Waldo County's treasures off the beaten path.



UNITY

Home to the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Unity is known for hosting the organization's **Common Ground Country Fair** (294 Crosby Brook Rd., Unity; 207-568-4142; mofga.org/the-fair), which welcomes some 60,000 people each September. Billed as a celebration of rural living, the nearly 50-year-old fair is absolutely worth a day — or two — whether you work in agriculture or are just a lover of old-timey music, traditional-skills demos, and (organic) food. But a visit any other month of the year proves the fair's not the only thing Unity has to offer.

Alpacas Rule the Trails

With big eyes, long lashes, and super-soft fleece, alpacas are easy to love. **Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm** (141 Crosby Brook Rd., Unity; 207-356-2464; mainealpacaexperience.com) is an education center for people interested in raising alpacas, with free tours for visitors. Even if husbandry isn't in your plans, you can still meet the herd, which yields roughly 400 pounds of soft, durable, and hypoallergenic fiber annually. Alpaca photo ops abound, and for \$40 — and after a brief handling lesson — you can even take an animal out for a walk on the trails. In the market for new socks? The farm store's got 'em, along with hats, mittens, and woven blankets, all made from alpaca fiber.

Country Classics Make the Menu

For comfort food, locals love **Mammies Country Kitchen** (215 Depot St., Unity; 207-948-1515; facebook.com/mammiescountrykitchen), where the menu includes pot roast, liver and onions, and a hot turkey sandwich. Visit for lunch or dinner during the week, or get there early on the weekend — they open at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday — to enjoy a full breakfast plate. Owner Diane Jones's grandchildren call her Mammie, and she and husband Paul opened the restaurant with a goal to make customers feel like family through her home-cooked dishes.

Makers Find Inspiration Here

Potters Robert and Wendy Esposito opened **Unity Pond Pottery** (222 Bangor Rd., Unity; 207-948-2400; unitypondpottery.com), a working studio and retail showroom, in 1985, to let visitors see works in process, all handcrafted using techniques like wheel throwing and pressing. Take home a mixing bowl or mug as a souvenir, or choose from their more unique offerings, like a garlic storage jar, magnetic refrigerator pencil holder, or Japanese-inspired ikebana flower vase. Another worthwhile stop is **Holler Soap Co.** (212 Depot St., Unity; 207-233-7995; hollersoap.com), where (primarily vegan) soap is made in small batches using organic ingredients. Cute knitted goods and hand-carved spoons and walking sticks are also available.

Good Cheer Abounds

Grab a seat by a firepit with a glass of small-batch cider or fruit wine at **Stone Tree Farm and Cidery** (317 Albion Rd., Unity; 207-948-8082; stonetreecidery.com). The tasting room offers sips and flights, but the locals know the wine slushies (in flavors like peach bellini and red sangria, also available in flights) are the perfect accompaniment to the assortment of oversized lawn games (giant Connect Four, anyone?). Regularly scheduled events include live music, food trucks, and painting nights.

LIBERTY

With fewer than 1,000 year-round residents, Liberty is a close-knit community that appreciates its history. The former post office — the only octagonal post office in the U.S. — is now home to the **Liberty Historical Society** (*Main St., Liberty; 207-589-4730; libertymaine.us/historical-society*), and the nearby **Davistown Museum** (*58 Main St., Liberty; 207-589-4900; davistownmuseum.org*) explores Maine history and culture, including Native American stories, through its exhibits of hand tools. Folks around Liberty also care about their town's lakes and ponds, and organize to help keep them clean through water-quality testing and invasive-plant patrol. Visit to see how peaceful and pristine they are.

Main Street Is Full of Unique Finds

Two must-stop shops, located across the street from each other, are **Liberty Tool Company** (*57 Main St., Liberty; 207-589-4771; libertytoolco.com*) and the **Liberty Graphics Retail Outlet** (*58 Main St., Liberty; 207-589-4596; naturetshirts.com*). While Liberty Tool Company gets its name from its selection of used and antique tools, its most loyal customers are lovers of “stuff” who come to peruse furniture, books, and plenty of vintage kitsch. When you visit, plan time to explore the store's flea-market-like displays spanning four floors. Across the way, Liberty Graphics sells famously soft shirts (thanks to PVC-free water-based inks) in dozens of nature-inspired designs. Local artists started the business in the 1970s, and the tees and other goods are still silkscreened by hand.



Neighboring Montville Boasts Native Blooms

Just five minutes from Main Street is **Fernwood Nursery and Gardens** (*58 North Ridge Rd., Montville; 207-589-4726; fernwoodnursery.com*), specializing in shade-loving native plants, including hundreds of varieties of hostas, where you can ask advice on garden planning, or walk the grounds admiring beautiful beds. The nursery offers occasional classes on subjects such as pollinators, garden-tool sharpening, and herbal cocktails, and you can visit the small flock of Blue Face Leicester sheep and purchase hand-spun yarn made from their wool.

There Is Plenty of Freshwater Fun

Liberty is home to Cargill Pond, Colby Pond, and Trues Pond. Stevens Pond, the town's largest, at 339 acres, has a trailerable boat launch and healthy numbers of bass, trout, perch, and chain pickerel. On the northwest shore of its namesake, **Lake St. George State Park** (*278 Belfast Augusta Rd., Liberty; 207-589-4255*) rents canoes, paddleboards, and kayaks. Swimmers and sunbathers take to the sandy beach (with lifeguard), and anglers pull in plenty of landlocked salmon and brook trout.

The Best Sweets Come in Small Batches

John's Ice Cream Factory (*510 Belfast Augusta Rd., Liberty; 207-589-3700; johnsicecreamfactory.com*) is known for small batches of dense, low-air-content ice cream in sophisticated flavors like strawberry rhubarb, chocolate orange peel, and vanilla custard served up in hand-rolled waffle cones, and vanilla sundaes, and banana splits. The gelato spumoni, a nostalgic layered ice-cream dessert, is an homage to owner John Ascrizzi's Italian-American heritage — and each batch goes quick.



LINCOLNVILLE

Route 1 drivers know Lincolnville for its sandy beach, a rarity in Waldo County, with free parking and oceanfront eateries within walking distance, along with the ferry terminal for Islesboro, three miles off the coast. But Lincolnville offers more than just the waterfront, including hiking trails through the Camden Hills, a popular general store, and even a vineyard at **Cellardoor Winery** (367 Youngtown Rd., Lincolnville; 207-763-4478; mainewine.com), a fine place to unwind with a mountain view after a day of exploring.

It's Full of Outdoorsy Fun

Nearly four miles of trails at **Fernald's Neck Preserve** (Fernald's Neck Rd., Lincolnville) lead to picnic sites on Megunticook Lake and past Balance Rock, a huge glacial erratic with a seemingly precarious tilt. The small pebble beach at **Ducktrap River Park** (U.S. Rte. 1, Lincolnville), where the river flows into Penobscot Bay, is a great spot for swimming at high tide and tidepooling at low tide — also to launch a canoe or kayak.

Coffee Roasting Goes Green

For coffee with a cause, locals frequent **Green Tree Coffee and Tea** (2456 Atlantic Hwy., Lincolnville Beach; 207-706-7908; greentreecoffee.com), a roastery focused on environmental sustainability through support of the establishment of land trusts. Blends include Happy Dog and Harbor Dog, and each purchase benefits P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center. The small retail shop, a quarter-mile stroll from Lincolnville Beach, grinds beans to order for every pour-over coffee, and also offers espresso.

Tiny Lincolnville Center Is Thriving

After a six-year renovation on a mid-1800s building, Briar Lyons opened the **Lincolnville General Store** (269 Main St., Lincolnville; 207-763-4411; lincolnvillegeneral.com), in 2017, offering inventive wood-fired pizzas, groceries, and gifts, along with a great selection of wine and Maine beers. Nearby, **The Red Cottage** (258 Main St., Lincolnville; 207-631-1400) sells curated home and garden goods, and the town library's



Jackie Young Watts Open-Air Museum (208 Main St., Lincolnville; 207-706-3896; lincolnvillelibrary.org) shows off artifacts from the 19th-century days of ice cutting, limestone mining, and more. Five minutes down the road, the newly remodeled **Aster and Rose** (581 Youngtown Rd., Lincolnville; 207-763-4290; asterrosemaine.com) at the Youngtown Inn serves a French- and Italian-inspired dinner menu, with a heavy focus on locally sourced ingredients.

Fresh Seafood Reigns

Lincolnville restaurants are big on ocean fare — and ocean views. The menu at **Whale's Tooth Pub** (2531 Atlantic Hwy., U.S. Rte. 1, Lincolnville Beach; 207-789-5200; whalestoothpub.com) includes Marshall Cove Mussels (farmed in Penobscot Bay), haddock tacos, and lobster ravioli, alongside pub classics. **McLaughlin's Lobster Shack** (12 McKay Rd., Lincolnville; 207-789-5205; thelobshack.com), family owned for four generations, has counter-pickup-style ordering for their seafood dinners and gluten-free chowders (a rarity), and a full bar housed in the wheelhouse of an old sardine carrier. A short walk away, **The Lobster Pound** (2521 Atlantic Hwy., Lincolnville; 207-789-5550; lobsterpoundmaine.com) is a classic shack with fried-seafood baskets, lobster rolls, and the full shore dinner, with steamed lobster, steamer clams, clam chowder, corn on the cob, red potatoes, and blueberry pie. It doesn't get much more Maine than that.



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SEARSPORT

The grand sea-captains' mansions around Searsport are evidence of its maritime heyday in the 19th century, when it hosted 17 shipyards and a waterfront full of supporting businesses. Today, many of the historic buildings have found new purpose as shops and bed-and-breakfasts, but a "museum in the streets" walking tour explores the town's maritime heritage. A modern-day maritime industry, complete with cranes and container ships, continues at Mack Point Terminal, the receiving point of goods like heating oil, newsprint, and road salt.

Sears Island Is Uninhabited — and Easy to Reach

A trip to **Sears Island** (*Sears Island Rd., Searsport; friendsofsearsisland.org*), connected to the mainland by a causeway, delivers opportunities to hike, bike, or simply watch wildlife on several miles of managed trails on its 940 acres. Visitors can also walk the perimeter, a five-mile trek, but should be mindful of tides, which eat up portions of the shoreline, making them impassable. Generations ago, the island was farmed, and granite foundations remain from a farmhouse built by Revolutionary War hero General Henry Knox and a summer homestead belonging to the Sears family — hence the name.

There's Much Ado About Maritime

At the **Penobscot Marine Museum** (*40 East Main St., Searsport; 207-548-2529; penobscotmarinemuseum.org*), 12 historic buildings house a collection of more than 50 boats (including vintage lobsterboats and birchbark canoes), souvenirs from Searsport's globetrotting sea captains, and exhibits on industries from shipbuilding to stonecutting to tourism. Activities in the kid-friendly education center include knot tying, dress-up in 19th-century costumes, and spelling with signal flags, along with the "Yard in the Yard," where little ones take the helm of a ship and stow the sail.

Searsport Is a Shopping Destination

Trove (*36 East Main St., Searsport; 207-548-4073; trovemaine.com*) is an artisan boutique full of cute and contemporary handcrafted pieces, including woven baskets, ceramic tableware by local potters, and linens in bright, mod patterns. **The Aquarian Gift Shop** (*28 East Main St., Searsport; 207-548-4187; facebook.com/theaquariangiftshop*) is a fun mash-up of funky secondhand clothes and witchy gifts like tarot cards, rune stones, and crystals. Antique buffs should check out the conjoined shops of **Dennis Raleigh Antiques and Folk Art** and **Pumpkin Patch Antiques** (*15 West Main St., Searsport; 207-805-4564; dennisraleighantiques.com*), where the husband-and-wife owners have a combined 105 years in business and specialize in rare finds for their extensive client list. If you're looking for a gift or souvenir that's uniquely Searsport,

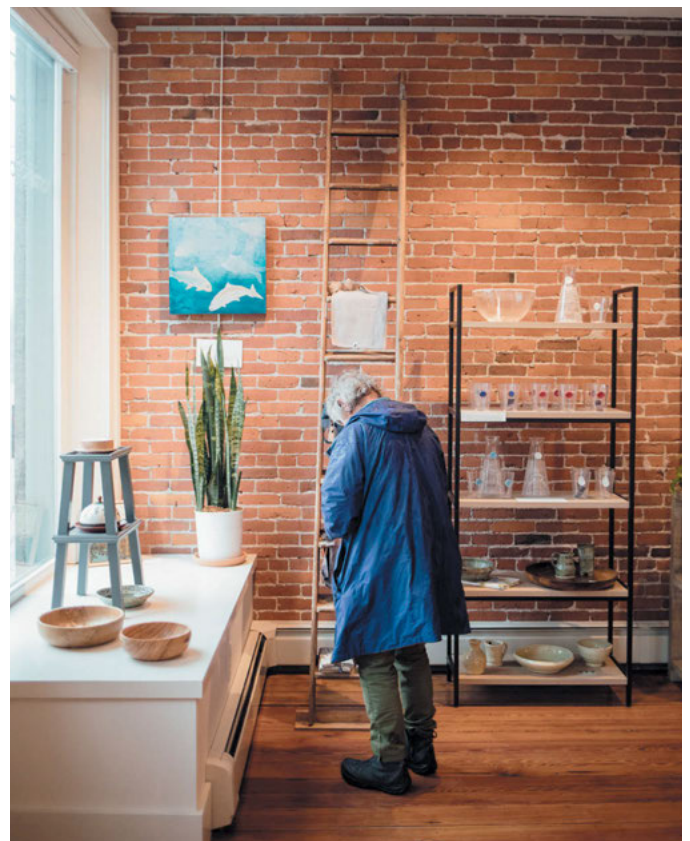
BlueJacket Ship Crafters (*160 East Main St., Searsport; 800-448-5567; bluejacketinc.com*) is the country's oldest model ship company, selling kits for more than 100 unique designs.

Three New Eateries Are Getting Buzz

Homeport Inn and Tavern (*121 East Main St., Searsport; 207-548-2259; homeporthistoricinn.com*) serves up Maine staples like PEI mussels and native, whole-belly clams in signature Southern-style cooking (think lots of cornmeal, buttermilk, and Old Bay). At **Hey Sailor!** (*25 East Main St., Searsport; 207-306-9132; tacosartbooze.com*), the funky décor is matched by adventurous takes on tacos and craft cocktails with plenty of rum. Or, try **Rio's** (*357 West Main St., Searsport; 207-548-4016; riosspikedcafe.com*) for classics with a creative twist, ranging from a French-onion-style soup made with lobster, to dark-chocolate mousse balanced with crispy basil.

It's Getting its First Brewery

Named for Searsport's first proposed name, **Maine Port Brewing** (*34 East Main St., Searsport*) is set to open this spring, including a taproom with IPAs, APAs, brown ales, and at least one Irish red poured on-site. Housed in Searsport's first brick building, the brewery will include nods to the site's history, such as exposed brick and original wood floors. The owners also plan to open an Airbnb upstairs from the spot (appropriately named Over the Tap and with its own private tap line), so if you plan to indulge, consider spending the night.



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Friday Night

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Saturday Morning

Start your day with our **Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** at **7:30am** then brace for the **5k 'Bug' Run** at **8:30am**.



Other Saturday Events

Exhibitors showing off Kayaks, Canoes, and SUPs, Come Boating! Regatta, Food trucks, Local vendors, Touch a Truck for the kids, Live Music, and Tours of Front Street Shipyard. Activities for children of all ages!

Sunday Morning

The Cardboard Boat Races

Judging at **10:00am**, race starts at **11:00am**. Build a boat and show off your stuff, or just come to cheer!

Sunday Noon

The **Lobster Gala**, benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

Join us for all the fun!



Saturday

The National Boat Building Challenge, 11:00am

Watch pairs of builders start with wood and finish by **3:00pm** with a boat. Judging is at **3:00pm** then watch them race through the harbor at **4:00pm**!

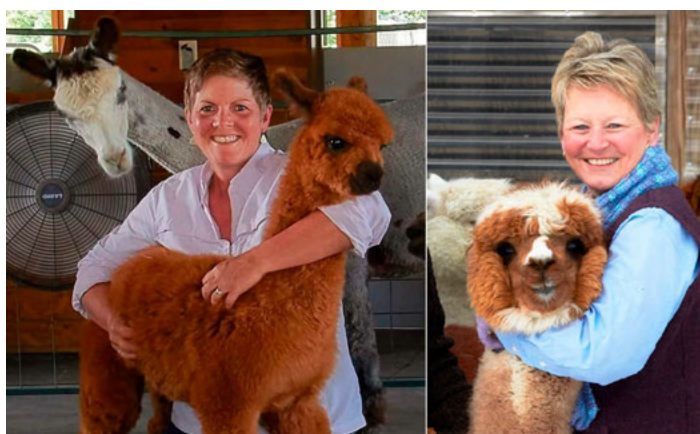


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Maine Alpaca Experience and Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm began nearly 20 years ago and has evolved into the thriving operation it is today - home to 40 magnificent alpacas, 2 successful retail locations, an education center and an online store with outstanding selections.

Robin and Corry Pratt are the proud owners of this exciting and rewarding business. Robin met alpacas as a child, and never forgot the amazing feeling of being in their presence. After more than 20 years each in corporate careers, they chose to redirect their business and human resources experience to raising alpacas, introducing people to the wonders of their fiber. After doing extensive research and acquiring lots of education, the dream began to materialize in 2004, when they built a large barn and purchased their first three alpacas. Within a month, the herd size increased with the birth of the first cria. They created a makeshift store in their garage. The first year they sold a thousand dollars' worth of alpaca socks. The business, as well as the herd, grew quickly. The need for a real store on the farm became evident. In 2009 they constructed a shop at the farm in Unity. Word was out and Alpaca apparel was in high demand!

They expanded again in 2015 when they purchased a large building on the Maine coast, on Route 1 in Northport. The property includes a large yard well-suited for alpacas to visit for occasional day trips in the summer months. Customers who may not make it to the farm still have the opportunity for an up close and personal look at the lovely creatures that are providing the fleece their purchases are made from. Both shops offer apparel, from socks to yarn – sweaters to blankets – hats, mittens, plush toys, tech wear and outerwear for all ages, assuring no one will go away empty handed.



The herd size has multiplied over the years, as has the fiber harvest. Shearing takes place in the Spring. The fiber is sorted and graded on the farm, then sent to a very reputable spinning mill, assuring superior yarn quality done locally. Each individual alpaca has their own line of yarn that is highly sought after by fiber artists. Working with fiber artisans, mills, co-ops and producers across the country and beyond, all of their inventory is widely varied, responsibly sourced, beautiful and lusciously soft, breathable, hypoallergenic, light weight, moisture wicking, warming and cooling!

Always looking to stay current, Robin and Corry continually develop new, exciting programs. Today, several of the alpacas on the farm are owned by individuals from across the country, participating in the farm's 'Buy and Board' program. Owners of the alpacas have the benefits of having their own alpaca, but don't need a farm or to do the 'work'. They offer Alpaca Walks, farm tours, Zoom tours, and much more. Spending time with the alpacas is a delight for any animal lover and a respite for a weary mind. In good weather, nothing's better than having a picnic at the farm in Unity, while enjoying the incredible surroundings and shopping at the gift shop. The impeccably clean facility demonstrates the wonderful care these spectacular creatures receive. One visit and you'll want to come back again and again.



The farm provides educational experiences for groups such as seniors, living centers, home, public and private school groups, scout troops – you name it! Robin and Corry offer classes for folks interested in learning more about raising alpacas, herd health, fiber sorting, and many other aspects of the business. Visit for yourself and see what the Maine Alpaca Experience is all about!

For more information including operating hours and online shopping, visit our website at MaineAlpacaExperience.com.



A DINING DESTINATION

WHETHER VISITING MAIN STREET IN BELFAST OR THE SURROUNDING AREAS, **WALDO COUNTY'S FOOD SCENE IS A VIBRANT REMINDER OF THE CREATIVE MINDS — AND PALATES — AT WORK HERE.**

Could you visit the Belfast area and never stray more than a block off Main Street for a meal? Absolutely. The downtown pretty much has it all, from heaping lobster rolls at **Must Be Nice Lobster** (2 Cross St., Belfast; mustbenicelobster.com) to artfully crafted sushi rolls at **Satori** (108 Main St., Belfast; 207-218-1563; satoribelfast.com), from no-frills burgers at **Darby's** (155 High St., Belfast; 207-338-2339; darbys-restaurant.com) to classic rib eyes at **Nautilus** (3 Main St., Belfast; 207-218-4218; nautilusseafoodanddrink.com), from velvety ice cream at **Wild Cow Creamery** (31B Front St., Belfast; 207-200-7047; wildcowcreamery.com) to gooey brioche cinnamon rolls at **Moonbat City Baking** (137 Main St., Belfast; 207-218-1039; moonbat-petite.square.site). You can also find gourmet wraps with a Mexican or Creole flair at **Bay Wrap** (20 Beaver St., Belfast; 207-338-9757) or American comfort foods at **Dockside Family Restaurant** (30 Main St., Belfast; 207-218-1675). Or, for a quick lunch, the deli at **Bell the Cat** (15 Belmont Ave., Belfast; 207-338-2084; bellthecatinc.com) or a drive through **Wasses Hot Dogs** (Renys Plaza Belfast, Belfast) can indulge a craving. Venerable standbys like **Delvino's** (52 Main St., Belfast; 207-338-4565; delvinos.com), known for its elegant, old-school Italian fare, **Rollie's** (37 Main St., Belfast; 207-338-4502; rolliesmaine.com) for classic family dining in sports-bar surrounds, and **Harborwalk Restaurant/Front Street Pub** (37 Front St., Belfast; 207-338-0488; frontstreetpub.com) for burgers, fried seafood, and beer with an old-school, coastal atmosphere, live alongside newcomers like **Fon's Kitchen** (132 High St., Belfast; 207-218-1007; fonskitchen.com), which serves Thai food from Bangkok native Sarunya Rock.

But should you visit the Belfast area

and never stray more than a block off Main Street? No way! The surrounding small rural and coastal towns are as vital to the local dining milieu as Belfast proper is. In Lincolnville, the waterfront **Whale's Tooth Pub** (2531 Atlantic Hwy., Lincolnville; 207-789-5200; whalestoothpub.com) leans into comfort foods — pastrami Reuben, fried-fish sandwich, shrimp risotto, shepherd's pie — and the setting couldn't get much cozier, with a huge fireplace anchoring the dining room. And in recent years, the food scene beyond downtown Belfast has only gotten more impressive. In Stockton Springs, **The Hichborn** (10 Church St., Stockton Springs; 207-306-9069; thehichborn.com) and **The Club Marina and Bar** (12 Cape Docks Rd., 207-567-3005; stocktonharbormaine.com/the-club) opened in 2018 and 2021 respectively. The former is fine dining — swordfish with tomato confit, fried capers, peperonata, scallion, and black garlic, for instance — in a stately old house near the tiny town center. The latter is casual fare — beef sliders, pulled-pork sandwiches, chowder — that comes with a lovely perch from a deck above a quiet nook of Penobscot Bay (and parking spaces for boats, if that's how you travel). Even if you aren't hungry, stop by for a cocktail and a sunset.

In Searsport last year, the owners of The Hichborn opened **Hey Sailor!** (25 East Main St., Searsport; 207-306-9132; heysailorhey.com), a self-described “gastrodivebar” selling tacos, drinks, and art. Nearby, the decidedly more traditional **Homeport Inn** (121 East Main St., Searsport; 207-548-2259; homeporthistoricinn.com) reopened its handsomely wood-lined tavern last year, under new ownership and after renovations, with a menu that's

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MAPLE MILIEU

WALDO COUNTY'S SUGAR SHACKS ARE STICKY SWEET.

Making maple syrup takes hard work, patience, and a deep understanding of nature — qualities shared by many Mainers. Exceptionally crafted maple products are a specialty of Waldo County's sugar shacks and syrup-making farms, both on Maine Maple Sunday, every March, and year-round. Here are seven of the county's finest maple makers that syrup aficionados will not want to miss.

Simmons and Daughters (Morrill)

The Simmons family shares their love of syrup on Thursday nights throughout the summer, when they sell maple pancakes, maple hot dogs, and maple ice cream on the farm grounds. 261 Weymouth Rd., Morrill. 207-342-2444. simmonsmaple.com

Kinney's Sugarhouse (Knox)

One of the largest commercial producers of soft maple-sugar candy in Maine, Lee and MaryAnne Kinney also make cinnamon maple sugar, maple jelly, and hot-pepper-infused maple syrup. 200 Abbott Rd., Knox. 207-568-7576. mapleconfections.com

Beaver Hill Plantation (Freedom)

A wood-fired evaporator allows Beaver Hill Plantation to produce maple syrup sustainably and efficiently — the farm recycles slab wood from its sawmill and waste wood from its firewood processor to boil maple sap. 38 Sibley Rd., Freedom. 207-382-6129. beaverhillplantation.com

Moosehead Maple Farm (Jackson)

Jacob and Brianna Charles make a whiskey-barrel-aged syrup by aging their syrup for five months in whiskey barrels from Etna's Mossy Ledge Spirits distillery. 1390 Moosehead Tr., Jackson. 785-410-0162. facebook.com/mooseheadmaplefarm

Sweet Freedom Maple Syrup (Freedom)

The Boudreau family's maple syrup is locally renowned, thanks in part to its inclusion on Magnolia Networks' The Lost Kitchen and the ability to purchase their grade A dark robust syrup in nearly a dozen Maine stores. North Palermo Rd., Freedom. 207-314-5123. facebook.com/sweetfreedommaple

Back Ridge Sugarhouse (Winterport)

Josh Knipping and Shelley Farris make maple popcorn, maple pecans, maple whoopie pies, and more. Last year, on Maine Maple Sunday, they raised more than \$1,700 for the Travis Mills Foundation. 107 Boston Rd., Winterport. 207-944-2575.

Pagett Farm (Palermo)

A 63-acre working organic farm, Pagett Farm includes a "tent and breakfast" where guests can stay overnight in a canvas platform tent, or yurt, and experience a full farm morning meal including homemade maple syrup. 2986 Rt. 3, Palermo. 207-993-2500. pagettfarm.com

equal parts hearty and cheffy — halibut with a citrus-corn ragout and fingerling potatoes, say, or house-smoked pork belly with grilled peaches and black-pepper candied pecans.

Rounding out Searsport's ever more impressive lineup of restaurants is another relative newbie, **Rio's Restaurant and Lounge** (357 West Main St., Searsport; 207-548-4016; riospikedcafe.com), where chef Gary Cooper has been running the kitchen since late 2021. Cooper had

been cooking at high-end restaurants in the Washington, DC, area before moving to the midcoast for the job at Rio's. Although the restaurant is only a five-minute drive from either downtown Belfast or downtown Searsport, the particular location on a sleepy stretch of Route 1 looked to Cooper like something of a no-man's-land. What he quickly learned, though, is that "Mainers don't seem to mind traveling for good food."

Cooper introduced a menu of small plates and entrées. Guests can order a whole bunch of small plates to share around the table, if so inclined. Maybe mix in an entrée. Or just get your own thing. It's a flexible, fun way to eat. And the small plates pack disproportionately big flavor. Shredded hunks of duck confit and a dollop of onion jam float on the surface of the earthy, silky apple-parsnip soup, while grilled shrimp are drizzled with a fennel crème and served atop freekeh tossed with miso vinaigrette. Even an order of bread for the table comes with plenty of nuance: house-made focaccia is accompanied by pea pistou, carrot-cardamom puree, and whipped chive butter. Entrées bring the same sophisticated play of flavors: a pork chop with charred radicchio, sweet-spicy scallion sauce, and white-bean ragout; a smoked half chicken with mushrooms, shallot confit, baby artichokes, and spiced chicken jus.

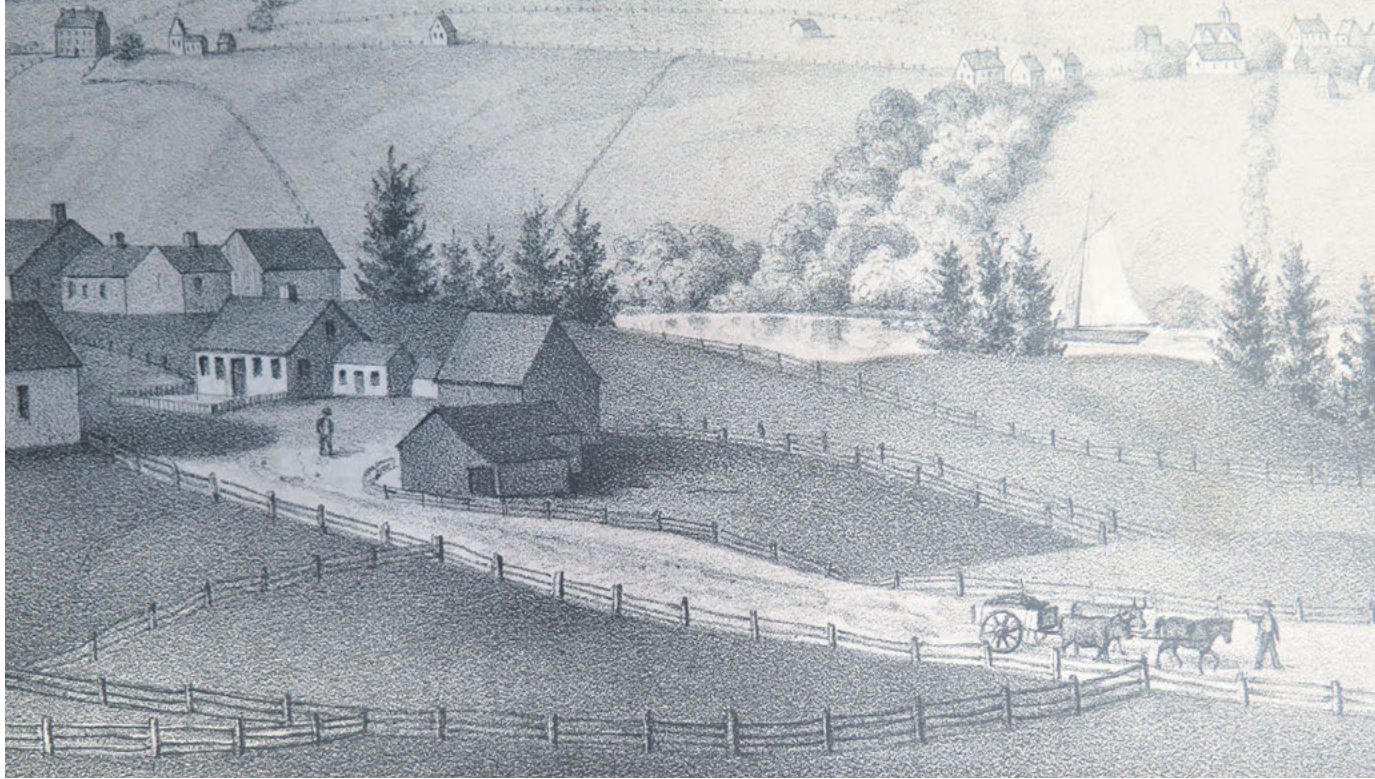
Like so many other restaurants in the area, Rio's taps into the midcoast's rich agricultural traditions. Cooper sources produce from places like the MOFGA-certified organic **Calyx Farm**, in nearby Morrill (133 North Main St.; 207-229-7020; calyxfarmmaine.com), and chicken and duck from **Mainly Poultry**, just down the coast, in Warren (1461 Atlantic Hwy.; 207-273-2809; facebook.com/mainlypoultrywarren). "That's one of the fun parts of being a chef," he says, "getting to know and hanging out with these producers."

Cooper also has fun by keeping things fresh in the kitchen. The menu changes with the seasons. Sunday nights are \$65 prix-fixe suppers for two, inclusive of a bottle of wine, that have in the past featured dishes ranging from lamb shank braised in red wine to salmon en croute to paella. And every Thursday he whips up a different, sometimes far-out burger for Burger & Brews Night, when all local beers are \$2 off — the "Bubba Gump" was a half-pound patty topped with Cajun-spiced shrimp, pickled jalapeños, and cheddar.

Cooper has been amazed by how readily people have taken to his cooking here. "I've never made regulars so fast," he says. "What I love about the dining scene on the midcoast is that it's very reflective of people who like to try new things — people who love good food, regardless of what type it is."

Rio's chef Gary Cooper creates a selection of small plates that Mainers don't mind traveling the extra mile to enjoy

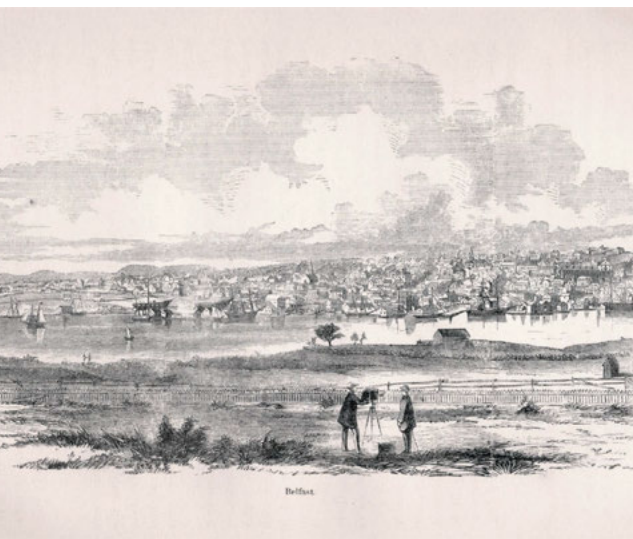




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BELFAST

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF BELFAST AS A TOWN.



Belfast was first settled in 1770, and after a few years it became necessary to adopt an organized system of town government.

A petition for incorporation was drawn up, signed, and delivered to the regular session of the General Court, held in Boston. The settlers wrote, “Your petitioners humbly pray your Excellency and Honors to Incorporate the Premises into a township by the name of Belfast.”

In the original act passed by the court on June 21, 1773, the name was left blank. After adoption, the name was added to the printed copy. Legend has it James Miller, one of the early settlers, suggested the name of his birthplace in Ireland, Belfast, while other proprietors preferred Londonderry. The dispute was settled by tossing a penny.

Eighty years later, in March 1853, the town was divided into five wards and reorganized under a city charter. The new city government was formally inaugurated on March 21, 1853, so 2023 marks the 170th year for the City of Belfast.



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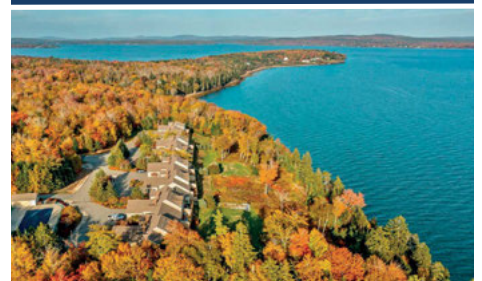
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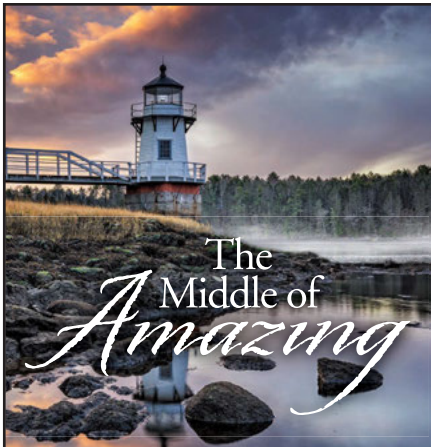
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WHETHER THEY'RE ON THE TRAIL, ON THE ICE, IN THE STUDIO, OR ON THE WATER, **WALDO COUNTY DENIZENS AREN'T MUCH FOR SITTING STILL.**

Deborah Keene recognized that Belfast and Waldo County had a special regard for health and wellness back in the mid-'80s, when she was teaching yoga as a fitness director at the **Waldo County YMCA**, well before “yoga” was a household word. The region’s embrace of mindful movement, outdoor recreation, and active lifestyles set it apart then as now, says Keene, who continues her more than 40-year practice at her **Ayurveda Yoga Center**, in Liberty. “It’s not like this everywhere,” she says. “What a gift, what a treasure we have, where there are so many modalities to health and wellness around here.” Below, a few favorite ways to partake in it.

On the Trail

The **Coastal Mountains Land Trust** stewards some of midcoast Maine’s loveliest conservation properties, including sites like the inland **Ducktrap River Preserve**, where hikers can spend an entire afternoon along the nearly 6-mile round-trip trail, tracing the wooded namesake stream (bring a fly rod in season), and Lincolnville’s petite, seaside **Murray Preserve**, with a short stretch of cobble beach and a haying field for strolling. Find maps and guides at coastalmountains.org. **Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition** offers guides and a map to dozens more Waldo County hikes at belfastbaywatershed.org.

Bikers, meanwhile, might ride the 2.3-mile **Belfast Rail Trail**, a crushed-stone former railroad bed along the Passagassawakeag (pronounced Puh-sag-gus-uh-WAH-keg) between Belfast’s picturesque stone footbridge and historic **City Point** railroad depot, while

mountain bikers take to beginner-friendly single track at the **El Depot Mountain Bike Park**. Just over a mile of flowy bench-cut trails switchback through the woods there, on the site of a former ski hill. Find the parking lot on **City Point Road**, a mile north of Route 1. In Monroe, off Route 139, a few miles of singletrack at the **Basin Pond Recreation Area** crisscross hills and eskers overlooking the pond. The adjacent **Basin Pond Outdoors** (730 West Main St., Monroe; 207-525-3065; touringkayaks.com) rents fat bikes.

In the Saddle

The bucolic 30-acre equestrian center **SeaHorse Stables** (324 Belmont Ave., Belfast; 207-218-1520; maineseahorsestables.com) offers lessons for all ages and levels of interest — those riding for leisure and those with competitive ambitions, since the stables’ experienced show horses know their way around a jumping course. SeaHorse specializes in the hunter/jumper discipline, which emphasizes “riding the horse in the most fluent way it can go without interference,” says founder Amy Miller. Dedicated young riders can check out multiweek camps, offered in summer and winter, with lessons on riding, handling, and caring for horses.

On the Ice

In winter, the nonprofit **Belfast Curling Club** (211 Belmont Ave., Belfast; belfastcurlingclub.org) offers “Learn to Curl” workshops for first-timers and friendly league play for kids and adults at the state’s only facility dedicated to the Scottish-originated, stone-sliding team sport. The club, which opened in 1959 and wrapped a major



INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Talk about working out of the office: Keelia Liptak-Jay has the enviable job of helping lead short hikes around Belfast and Waldo County as a program assistant for Pen Bay Medical Center's Community Health & Wellness initiative. The hikes are a cornerstone of the Journey to Health program, a suite of classes and excursions started more than a decade ago at Waldo County General Hospital that have kept evolving since the Belfast hospital joined with Rockport-based Pen Bay Medical Center in 2015 to form the Coastal Healthcare Alliance. The hikes, a partner

project with the Coastal Mountains Land Trust, help accomplish the program's dual goals of encouraging healthy communities and combating social isolation — a tandem mission especially important in the post-COVID era. "A lot more folks during the pandemic found the drive to explore and be outdoors," Liptak-Jay says.



"So there's a population of people who want to explore trails, but maybe not necessarily on their own, who want to meet new folks."

Journey to Health offerings run a wider gamut than just group hikes: there are cooking classes with tips on stretching grocery budgets in healthful ways, support and healing groups that can help address everything from grief to breastfeeding, guided meditation sessions over Zoom, and more. What they all have in common, Liptak-Jay says, are evidence-based health benefits. "It's about both exercise and healthy living — someone looking for exercise can start with the hiking, while someone who needs stress relief can start with the meditation," she says. "People can sign on to the programming they need, because everyone's journey to health is different." Find a list of free Journey to Health course offerings at journeytohealth.coursestorm.com



renovation in 2022, features three sheets of playable ice, along with a spectator gallery and bar, and curlers from across the U.S. and Canada regularly converge there for tournaments known as bonspiels. For \$320, you and seven friends can rent a sheet — along with stones, brooms, and two instructors — for a three-hour curling session.

In the Harness

Camden Hills State Park, which straddles the line between Waldo and Knox counties, is among Maine's most beloved playgrounds for rock climbers, and the experienced guides and instructors from Lincolnville's **Equinox Guiding Service** (207-619-3957; equinoxguidingservice.com) can lead anyone from novices to experienced climbers up some of the park's best and most scenic routes. Beginners start at Barrett's Cove Cliff, where an assortment of routes all pay off with views of glittering Megunticook Lake and Penobscot Bay. Equinox guides provide shoes, ropes, harnesses, helmets, and all the know-how and encouragement necessary for a fun and safe day on the crag. Check out the ice-climbing trips and tutorials in winter, too.

On the Water

Rowing a traditional wooden dory across the protected waters of Belfast Bay is one part workout, one part meditation, and Nicolle Littrell, of **DoryWoman Rowing** (207-323-3932; dorywomanrowing.com), has taught plenty of landlubbers the techniques to facilitate a day on the water. The Registered Maine Guide offers rowing lessons, guided trips, and special-event rows (including moonlit excursions) for singles, pairs, and trios in the beautiful 19-foot Swampscott dory she's named *Sorciera* (it's French for "witch"). Seal and osprey sightings aren't guaranteed, but they're sure not unlikely. More comfortable rowers looking to join a

group can turn to Come Boating!, a volunteer-run nonprofit that organizes daily community rows all summer on the harbor and in the Passagassawakeag River. Would-be rowers sign up at comeboating.org, then join a crew following a coxswain's commands in one of several handsome Cornish pilot gigs.

The islands and coves of Penobscot Bay beckon to paddlers, and **Castine Kayak Adventures** (17 Sea St., Castine; 207-866-3506; castinekayak.com) offers rental kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, lessons, and even has Bioluminescent Night Tours. Flat-water outings include leisurely half-day paddles around Monroe's Basin Pond or Swanville's 1,400-acre Swan Lake, with its healthy populations of brook trout and landlocked salmon. More adventurous ocean paddlers might book a multi-day excursion with **North Star Adventures** (491 Stevens Rd., Unity; 207-956-0045; northstaradventures.me). Or, take a self-guided tour to explore the tidal waters of Penobscot Narrows, admiring the cliffs and wildlife-rich marshes, or encircle Sears Island on Penobscot Bay. Kayak rentals are also available through **Searsport Shores Kayak Rentals** (216 West Main St., Searsport; 207-548-6059; maineoceancamping.com/kayak-rentals-at-searsport-shores) and **The Playground at Stockton Harbor** (50 Cape Docks Rd., Stockton Springs; 207-653-1428; stocktonharbormaine.com), and **Water Walker Kayak** (730 West Main St., Monroe; 207-513-0157; touringkayaks.com).

In the Studio

Opportunities to explore health through movement and mindfulness abound in and around Belfast, and the directory of services at **Destination Wellness Midcoast Maine** (destinationwellnessme.com) is a good place to go



looking for the right practice for you. Yoga studios include **Ananda Yoga and Wellness** (118 High St., Belfast; 207-218-7017; anadayogabelfastme.com) and **Keene's Ayurveda Yoga Center** (91 Stevens Pond Rd., Liberty; 207-589-4254; ayurvedayogacenter.com). Keene also leads weekly chair-yoga sessions over Zoom for the **Waldo County YMCA** (157 Lincolnville Ave., Belfast; 207-338-4598; waldocountyyymca.org) — just one of the Y's many fitness offerings, from tai chi to line dancing. **Penobscot Bay Coaching** (Belfast; 207-446-8944; penobscotbaycoaching.com) offers group fitness classes and personal training, with the added option of health coaching. The program focuses on long-term lifestyle changes to help prevent future health issues through a personalized and clear step-by-step plan. **The Healing Garden** (207-249-2261; thehealinggardenmaine.org) works to provide safe environments for healing, learning and sharing science-based holistic healing modalities. Yoga, Pilates, ballet, and belly dancing are among the offerings at the venerable **Belfast Dance Studio & Center for Embodiment** (109 High St., Belfast; 207-338-5380; belfastdancestudio.com). Founder Lisa Newcomb, who handed the studio off to a protégé last year, opened it in 1985 as “a space where everybody could find their joy of moving their body, whether it was through yoga, karate, any form of dance — anything related to movement.” Belfast has long attracted people who believe “you can do life differently, follow your passion, do what makes you happy,” she says — and this helps explain the area's deep commitment to fitness and wellness. “People explore what speaks to their body and spirit,” Newcomb says, “and once they start moving their body, the whole world starts to open up.”



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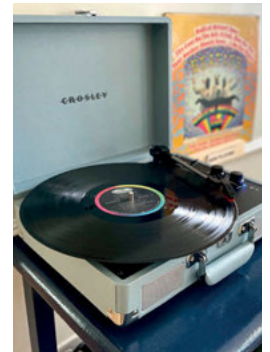
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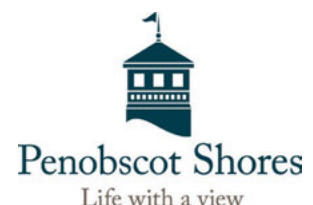
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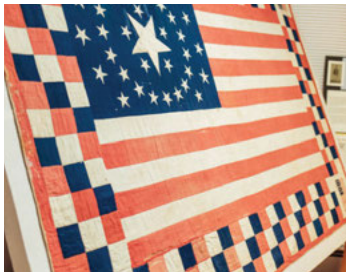
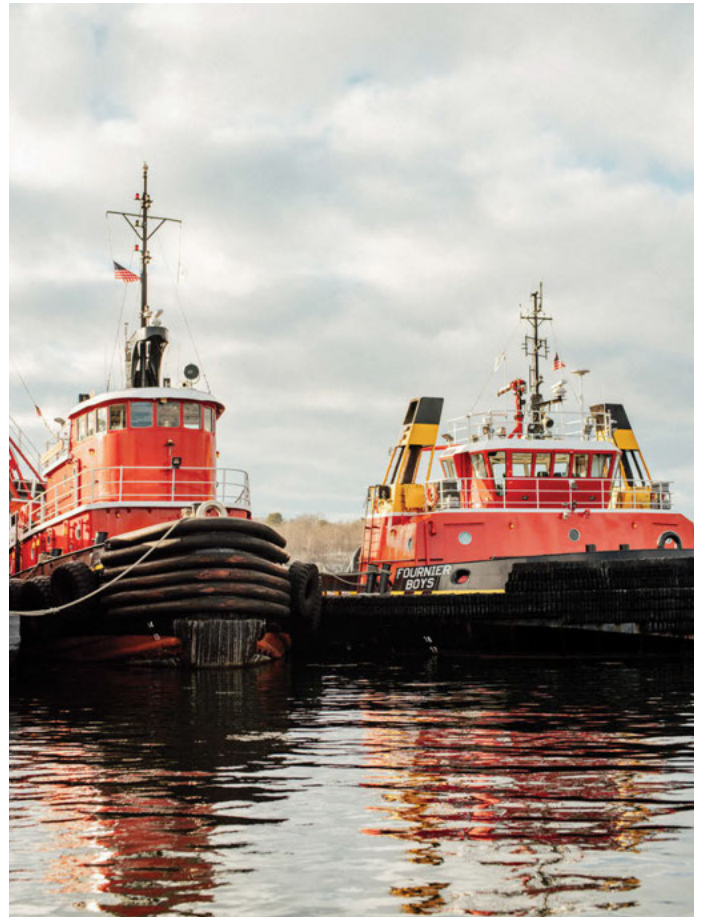
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It is inherently personal to buy something handmade. Margaret Masessa, owner of artist cooperative **Lupine Cottage** (7 Old Searsport Ave., Belfast; 207-338-4300; lupinecottage.net), believes the intimacy of handmade items is one of their main selling points. When someone buys one of Masessa's own wool knitted pieces — a hat, or mittens, or socks — she wants the piece to be insured. If something doesn't fit right or gets damaged, she'll fix it, or she will alter an item to fit the buyer perfectly. Most of the makers who sell art within Masessa's co-op feel the same way, she says. They strive to provide a personalized experience for shoppers by offering to take custom orders, or suggesting what someone should buy. "With the way the world is right now, people want something made right here in Maine," Masessa says. "If they see someone behind the counter sewing or knitting, they are intrigued and want to buy from them to support them."

Masessa's shop sells the work of more than 50 Maine artisans. But despite there being an estimated 3,000 products sold in the co-op, each maker's work is unique. Masessa and a jury of co-op members make sure the products sold in the shop are distinctive: Searsport's Sandi Cirillo sells hand-painted silk scarves and felted décor; Paula Cookson, of Belfast, makes colorful canvas paintings using acrylic paint-pouring techniques; Belfast's Matthew Edgerly crafts sea glass pendants

“With the way the world is right now, people want something made right here in Maine”

and earrings from glass found along the beaches of Penobscot Bay. The wide variety, Masessa says, ensures the products within the co-op will appeal to summer tourists, leaf peepers, Christmas shoppers, and locals alike. The diversity of the co-op is impressive, yet Masessa says it's been somewhat effortless to achieve. Makers from Maine, and particularly from the Belfast area, are especially inventive because of the resources available in Waldo County. "There are so many places in Belfast to learn about art," Masessa says. "When people want to learn certain skills, it's easy to find places here that teach them. We are a community that shares craft knowledge."

The Lupine Cottage YouTube channel is just one example of how craft knowledge flows freely in the area, with more than 100 videos of its featured artisans demonstrating their craft. Down the street from the co-op, classes in a variety of artforms are offered at **Mainely Gallery & Studio** (181 Searsport Ave., Belfast; 207-338-1828; mainelygallery.com), an art gallery owned by Brian Frus and Stephanie Natale, which features the works of two dozen Maine artists. Frus, a glassblower, teaches students how to use a glassblowing torch to make glass beads and pendants, and introduction to stained-glass making is taught by Searsport's Heather Burgess, who takes some of her stained-glass birds, lobsters, buoys, and more and makes them three-dimensional by attaching them to driftwood.

For workshops in weaving and yarn spinning, aspiring fiber artists can visit **Belfast Fiberarts LLC** (171 High St., Belfast; 207-323-5248; belfastfiberarts.com), with classes taught by owner Alice Seeger and Belfast weaver Amanda Lee Liverseidge. Besides teaching a variety of workshops and selling the works of nearly 30 Maine fiber artists who craft everything from baskets to wool mats to knitted bird sculptures, the shop also sells spinning wheels and weaving looms, essential tools for both the experienced and those with a budding interest.

In the same way Waldo County is inclusive of all art genres, each gallery, co-op, and shop is supportive of one another. Artists display and sell their work in multiple Waldo County galleries, like Cirillo, who not only showcases at Lupine Cottage Co-op, but also at **Local Color Gallery** (135 High St., Belfast; 207-218-1249; localcolorgallerymaine.org), an art gallery featuring the works of Maine printmakers, painters, and woodworking artists. **Mainely Gallery** advertises glassblowing

classes in partnership with **Waterfall Arts** (256 High St., Belfast; 207-338-2222; waterfallarts.org), an arts center with the only community-based glassblowing studio in Maine, which also offers drawing and printmaking workshops. Every art-related business recommends one another, Masessa says. **Patchwork Plus** (156 Belfast Augusta Rd., Searsmont; 207-342-5016; patchworkplusme.com) is another unique gift shop in Searsmont. And many local artisans showcase their talent at the region's **Arts in the Park festival** (34 Commercial St., Belfast; 207-338-5900; belfastmaine.org), put on by the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and Belfast Parks & Recreation Department each June, which is considered the kick off event for summer in Belfast. That's why it's so easy to access arts resources, learn new skills, and even outfit your home with locally crafted goods in Waldo County. "It's important to all of us to know the businesses around here so we can refer people to go there," Masessa says. "We all spread the word about the unique art that's hidden here."

ADDITIONAL AFFAIRS

Every Friday from June through September, Belfast's Waterfall Arts community art center hosts the Belfast Summer Art Market, where Maine vendors sling handmade jewelry, paintings, soaps, and more, in conjunction with Belfast's weekly farmers' markets. Free. 256 High St., Belfast. 207-338-2222. waterfallarts.org

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BEST OF THE FEST

Besides Waldo County's year-round artisan markets, annual festivals, particularly Belfast's esteemed **Arts in the Park**, celebrate the works of local artists and makers.



For nearly three decades, Belfast's waterfront has come alive with art for one summer weekend. Smells from diverse food-court vendors waft through the air, Maine musicians share their tunes, and booths featuring artwork and crafts from Maine makers are lined up under tents at Steamboat Landing Park. Over 100 Maine woodworkers, jewelers, photographers, potters, artists, and more are brought here each year by the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce and the Belfast Parks & Recreation Department. Backdropped

by the Passagassawakeag River, the caliber of the artisans combined with the park's beauty make Arts in the Park one of the most respected arts and fine crafts juried festivals in midcoast Maine. "Everyone feels the love and support that comes from the organizations and artists who participate," says Scott Smith, operations manager at Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce. "Belfast is a place to create, see, and experience art." Free. 34 Commercial St., Belfast. 207-338-5900. belfastmaine.org





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As America's oldest window manufacturer, Mathews Brothers has a reputation for quality craftsmanship, and is always looking for more people to work on their production floor. Employees have the chance to learn skills including assembling glass units, welding frames, cutting sash parts, and operating a computer-integrated fab center. The company is family-run



Viking Lumber

What started as a small, short-lumber mill in 1944 is now a full-service yard offering building materials, hardscaping supplies, and design services. The business is still family owned and operated, and today there are 10 locations. The company offers a competitive compensation package and frequently has opportunities for drivers, salespeople, and design specialists.



Waldo County General Hospital

Waldo County General Hospital

The local hospital is a division of MaineHealth, recognized by Forbes magazine in 2022 as one of America's Best Large Employers. Job opportunities are numerous, including positions for medical assistants, CNAs, and physicians, and the hospital system invests in workplace development, including health-care education and tools to support professional growth.

Q & A WITH MARJORIE CROWLEY

CoastWise Realty, Owner and Broker

How long have you been in real estate?

I've been selling real estate for 19 years and own CoastWise Realty, a full-service independent agency overlooking Belfast Harbor. We represent buyers and sellers of coastal properties — waterfront, water view, and coastal town/village homes, condos, and land.

Are you originally from Maine?

Yes, I was born and raised on Penobscot Bay. When I left for college, I swore I was never coming back for the rest of my life. After a career in publishing that required much business travel throughout the United States, I discovered that there was no place like midcoast Maine. I think I was lucky to learn that early on.

What do buyers like about Waldo County?

Because of the pandemic, lots of people from other states decided to move to Waldo County for the slower pace of life and the wide-open spaces. The city of Belfast was and continues to be a big attraction. A small city on a pretty harbor, it offers all kinds of shops and eateries, a wonderful library, the best natural-food co-op in the state, and much more. Also, Belfast, like much of the county, is less than an hour from Bangor International Airport and convenient to all the midcoast has to offer.

How do you describe the appeal of Maine to potential clients?

Maine offers a multitude of recreational activities because of its 3,000 miles of coastline, beautiful lakes, rivers, and ponds and its woods and mountains. The state also offers a relaxed, laid-back way of life, making it the ideal choice for those who are looking for more peace and less chaos.

What advice do you give clients moving to Maine from away?

If a buyer client plans to live in Maine year-round, I caution them that winters can be long. Although we don't get as much snow as we used to, the lack of daylight makes for gray days and a season that seems to stretch on forever. I like them to know that we offer few shopping malls or big-box stores (especially in midcoast Maine) of the type they may be accustomed to, coming from a large urban area. I also point out that, generally speaking, Mainers are a vibrant and hardworking people who cherish their independence but are deeply rooted to their land and communities. I tell them that Mainers help one another out and will have their back, too, as long as they're willing to put up with hard winters, endless mud seasons, and an annual invasion of blackflies.



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FOR THREE BELFAST-AREA RESIDENTS, THE DECISION TO SETTLE IN WALDO COUNTY EXTENDED BEYOND FAMILY, TO LEGACY.

When Alex Hawthorne, CFO of Belfast-based window manufacturer Mathews Brothers, moved back to his hometown, it meant more than just an opportunity to work with family, it was a chance to nurture his relationship with them. After graduating business school out of state, Alex got a job outside Washington, DC, working for the Department of Defense. But due to work demands, he could not return home when his niece was born. “I wasn’t able to visit until she was nearly nine months old. Something about that stuck with me,” he says. “My wife and I made the decision to move to Maine to have a better work-life balance.”

In 2011 Alex decided to join his brother Kyle, who had joined their father’s company five years prior and is now COO for Mathews Brothers. The Hawthornes are the third family to own the company in its 169-year history, with Alex and Kyle being the third generation at the helm. “You grow up around the business,” Alex says. “The sounds, the smells of freshly cut

wood, the unlit hallways on weekends when our dad had pressing timelines on projects. It becomes a shared history.”

With 220 employees, Mathews Brothers is a large business in a relatively small community, an aspect Alex appreciates about working in Waldo County because of how easy it is to make connections. “There is a sense of community I think is often lost in much larger regions,” he says. Colby Horne, the fifth-generation owner of Colburn Shoe Store, in downtown Belfast, shares a similar sentiment. Waldo County residents, he says, believe in buying local and have a shared interest in helping each other succeed. “We all work together and frequently gather as a group to create promotions and sales to benefit customers,” Horne says. “We want to create an experience that will keep people coming back to Belfast.”

Like Mathews Brothers (America’s oldest window manufacturer), Colburn Shoe Store (America’s oldest shoe store) was owned by a different family when it was founded, in 1832. But while the Colburns ran the store for 90 years, it has been in

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Horne's family for 101. "There is a great deal of pride following in the footsteps of my family," Horne says. "The real motivation in joining the business is to take what my family has done so well and keep making it better and more profitable. I can't imagine Belfast without Colburn Shoe."

Horne did not immediately join the family business, either. Instead, he got a degree in physical education, moved to Florida, and took a job working for Enterprise Rent-a-Car. "I never taught a day in my life," he says. Horne spent seven years in the Enterprise management program before he was laid off. "That was the best thing that could have happened to me," he says. "It was time to come home and be my own boss. I knew all along that this was my future. I inherited a solid foundation and was given the keys to a well-oiled machine."

Alden Robbins, vice president and sales manager of Robbins Lumber, in Searsmont, felt the same gratitude and draw. "There was a pull to come back to thank the past generation for the opportunities they provided us in life, and honor them by building on their success," he says. Alden is one of three Robbins siblings, members of the fifth generation of ownership, currently working full-time at the company. His brother Jim Robbins is company president, and his sister Catherine Robbins-Halsted is the business manager and president of Robbins Lumber East Baldwin. Additionally, the fourth generation of involved family members still sits on the board, and members of the family's sixth generation are already expressing interest in working part-time.

The Robbins siblings all spent time out of state, living in Arizona, Alaska, and



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Massachusetts, but their love of Maine brought them back, even with the firsthand knowledge that running a family business is not a 9-to-5 job. "It's late nights, Christmas mornings, and weekends," Alden says. "Despite that, it was an opportunity to work and live in a great place to bring up a family."

All three business owners agree the best part of running a generational business in a community as tight-knit as Waldo County is the feeling of family extending to all their workers. "Many employees are multiple generations themselves," Alden says. "We went to school with them. We were in scouts together." Horne says that while he and his father, Brian, are the only family members at Colburn Shoe Store, they are a tight group of six, where everyone is solid and tenured. And Kyle and the leadership team at Mathews Brothers like to tell each new employee that they are joining the Mathews Brothers family. "I guess that means we employ 220 family members," Kyle says.

The Robbins Family includes Catherine Robbins-Halsted, James L. Robbins, Alden Robbins, James A. Robbins, and Jenness Robbins (above) Colby Horne at Colburn Shoe (left)





CHOSEN FAMILY

DOCKSIDE FAMILY RESTAURANT OWNER LISA MOSHER'S RECENT HEALTH CRISIS CONFIRMED JUST HOW MUCH HER CUSTOMERS CARE.

Like many service-industry businesses, Belfast's Dockside Family Restaurant (30 Main St., Belfast; 207-218-1675) felt the pinch of the recent labor shortage. So much so that owner Lisa Mosher and her husband, Jeff, almost canceled their August 2022 physicals, unsure of who would cook in their absence. But a sore shoulder drove Lisa to keep her appointment, which led to her annual routine mammogram. The mammogram revealed a mass, and a biopsy confirmed cancer.

Mosher decided to share her diagnosis with her customers when treatments started affecting the restaurant's business hours. As the second-generation owner of Dockside, Lisa has supported the restaurant since her parents, Larry and Sandra Moses, first opened, in 1990, and has run the restaurant for 20 years. "We still have people who have been supporting us right from the first day we opened," she says. "It's an interesting business to be in because you see all the generations come up through. They become your family."

The support for Mosher was immediate and overwhelming. Community members offered to do dishes and help cook, customers made cash donations toward treatment costs, local group "Joy to Be Bald" chose Lisa as one of their 2022

beneficiaries, and restaurant manager and long-time employee Darlene Ginn did a 100-mile fundraising walk resulting in \$5,000 of pledges from area businesses. After posting a sign at the restaurant to alert disappointed patrons that hours would be unpredictable, Lisa received cards from out-of-state tourists, including some from breast-cancer survivors.

Now, through both surgery and radiation, Mosher is looking forward to hopefully reopening the restaurant this spring, and continuing to spread the word that early detection saves lives. "If I can help just one person catch their cancer early, then it was worth me sharing my story," she says. "The community has just been amazing through this whole thing. It's very humbling. I've spent a lot of time crying because I always knew that people cared. But I really found out just exactly how much."

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Dockside Family
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In the fall of 2005, Katherine Loblein and Tina DelSanto were trying to buy the Lookout Pub in Belfast, Maine. Every bank turned them down. One might have laughed. Being 23 & 25 year old women with no previous experience owning a restaurant and no money to be spoken of, banks wouldn't touch that idea. So, Katherine spoke to her Dad, Eldon "Ruffy" Loblein and after some debate, he agreed to co-sign the loan for both of the girls even though he didn't know Tina very well at all. He took a veer off the main road and that's where lives changed; and so did Belfast.

The idea worked, the Lookout Pub worked and served as a jumping board for what was to come. Katherine met her now partner John Gibbs at the Pub and Tina met her now partner Anthony Jacovino at the Pub.



Tina and Anthony opened the Belfast Bakeshop & Deli on Main Street for two years, closing it when their next venture proved to be very successful and time consuming. Tina met Bruce Thomas, a fellow Belfast Lover and the two were always coming up with ideas and "plans" for Belfast. Bruce knew of the couple's ideas and called them one day to say that he had bought the building they loved and if they "didn't put their restaurant there and buy the building back from him in one year" then he would give it away! Hahahaha.

Combining their last names, they came up with the name "Delvino" for their Italian Restaurant located at 52 Main Street. Delvino's Grill & Pasta House is a romantic experience featuring brick walls, large full sun windows and intriguing lighting. The menu features scratch items that are classic Italian while also offering local fare. Small family vineyards fill the wine list, Maine made beers & Maine liquors make the great cocktails. Delvino's offers lunch & dinner 7 days a week. Bruce's plan worked and the couple bought the building one year later.



Out of Delvino's came a food truck called "The Lobster Trap" that operated downtown for 2 years selling local lobster rolls and haddock chowder. In 2011 the couple opened La Vida in downtown Belfast. La Vida was a fun Mexican/Caribbean restaurant that was in Belfast for 5 years. Tina and Anthony formed a family while making the businesses work and making Delvino's a local staple. They now have two daughters, Quinn and Maren.



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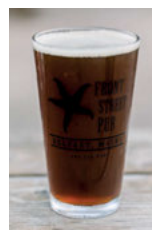
Katherine and John ventured into a different industry. The couple opened Katwalk in 2011. Katwalk is located at 70 Main Street.

Featuring Maine made items, on trend fashions for women and young ladies with accessories to match. The couple have made a name for Katwalk and it has become an area favorite. Big plans to expand in 2023. They did this while also building a family and now have two beautiful children Oliva and Sawyer.



Katherine & Tina, with the help of their life partners John, & Anthony, changed The Lookout Pub!

They bought the building, they re-opened as Front Street Pub and a few years later opened Harborwalk Restaurant. A year after that, the boys knocked a hole in the wall between the restaurants so now there is the lounge side being Front Street Pub and the more quiet diningroom being Harborwalk. Featuring 19 draft beers, local seafood and fresh made, home cooked items. Also adding creative, fresh ideas and fun. Jerk chicken is on the menu and the spices come straight from Port Antonio, Jamaica where Katherine was raised for parts of her life. There is history everywhere in the building located at 37 Front Street: the walls, the hand made woodworking, the bars and so much more.



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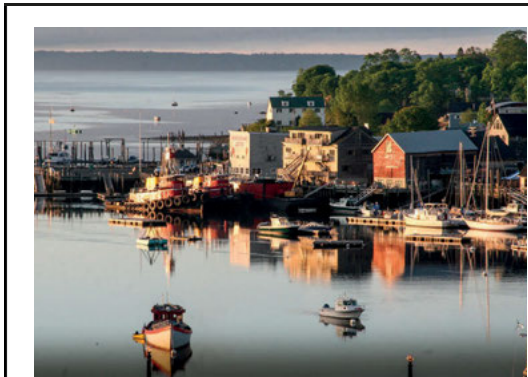


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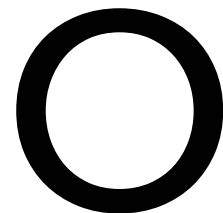
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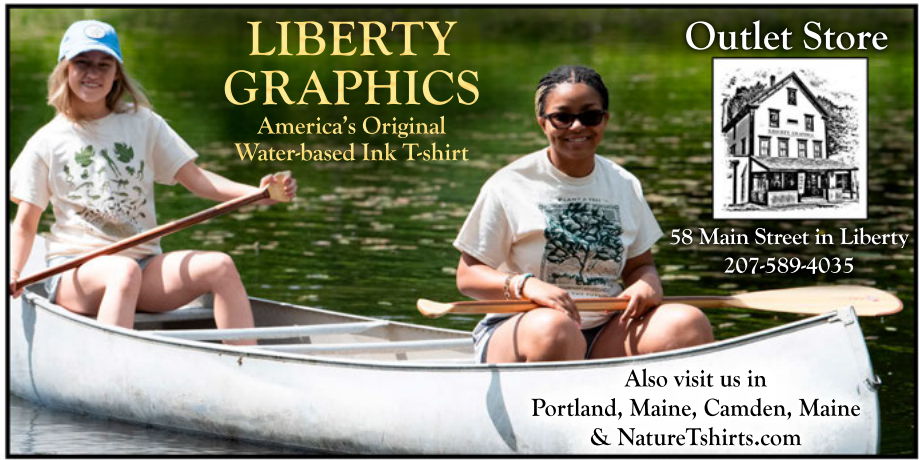



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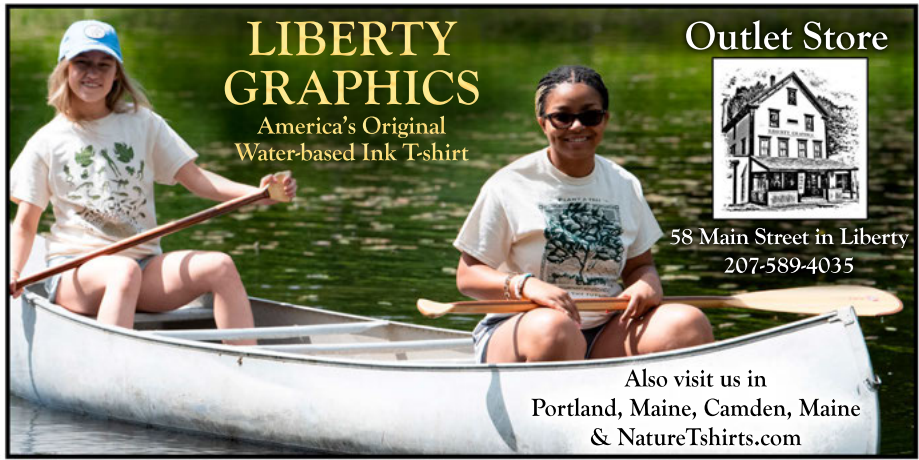



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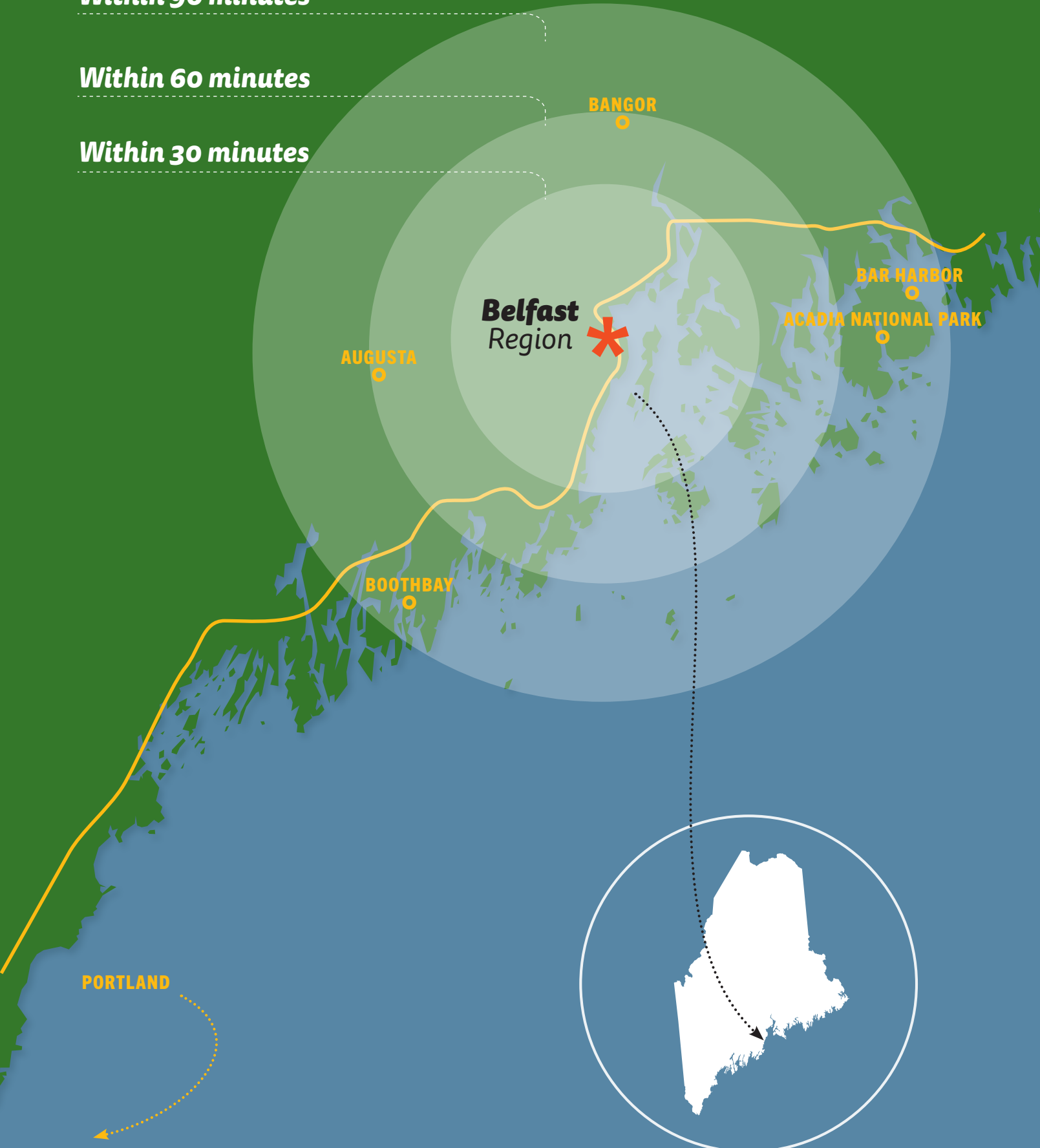
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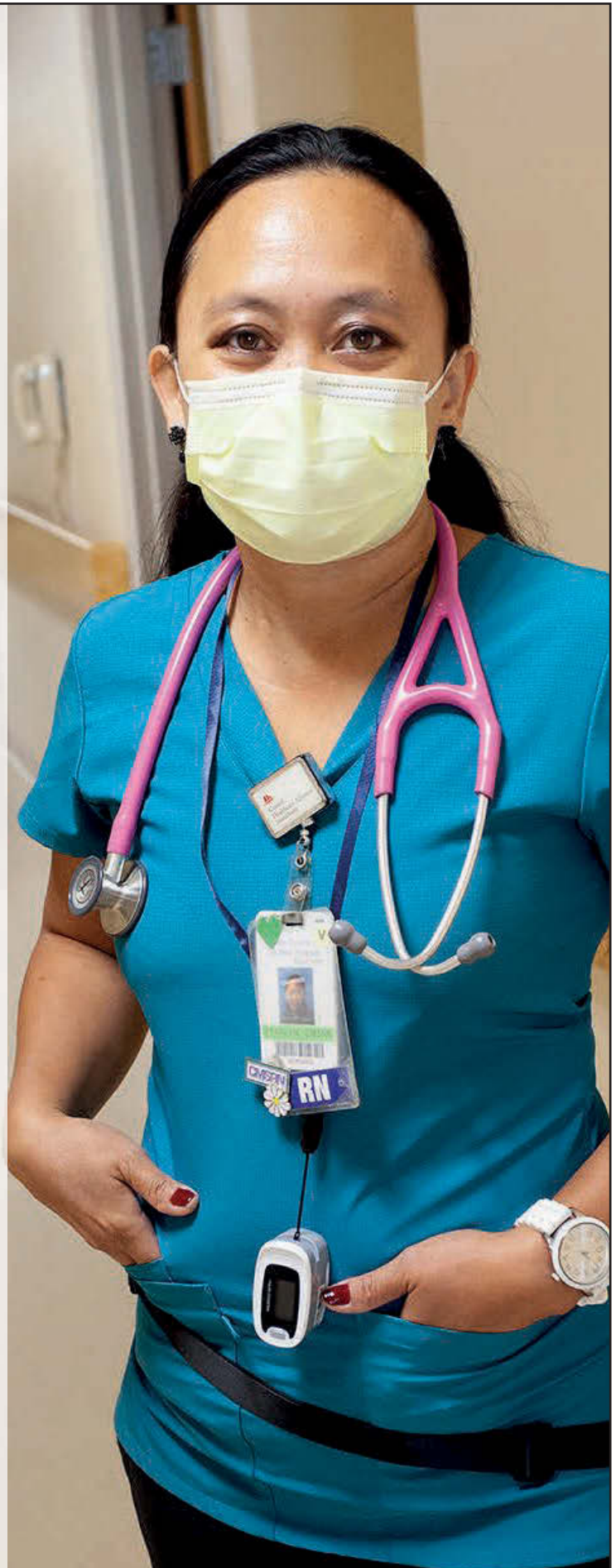
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