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Looking around, visitors to the Sebago Lakes Region will be awestruck by the sheer natural beauty associated with the abundant lakes, ponds and streams nearby, but those who venture beyond their campgrounds or summer cottages will discover what generations have known for ages, and that is the Sebago Lakes Region is also bustling with forested trails for hiking enthusiasts, tall majestic trees, scenic landscapes and flora that Maine is known for and it is just the perfect summer getaway for everyone to enjoy regardless of age.

This area showcases interesting shopping experiences, rustic neighborly charm, exquisite dining, exceptional outdoor activities, and special events unrivaled anywhere else in Maine. It's exactly the reason that the Sebago Lakes Region has remained a favorite and preferred site for many of the vacationers who return here each summer.

You are surrounded by sparkling blue water and may spot many other native species such as deer, beaver, fox, and various birds who are attracted to the lakes here too. Birdwatching enthusiasts will confirm that this area of the state is among the best locations to observe many types of birds not commonly found elsewhere, and they insist this is a prime location for birdwatching in every season.

Centuries ago, the earliest settlers of the region, the Abenaki Indians, first called the huge lake Sebago, meaning "large open water," but now it's the gateway to an imaginative summertime filled with memorable adventures and exploration. The Lakes Region offers challenging golf courses, historical museums, unique natural features, fantastic dining, and remains just about as close to heaven as any other place you might find here on earth.

For those interested in relocating and becoming permanent Lakes Region residents, there are many local real estate professionals familiar with the area who can help. Visitors will discover reputable companies to work with in this Summer Guide. They live and work here, as it's a place they love and are happy to help people find their dream property here.

To stay current with life in Windham and Raymond, follow local events and read about the many positive things happening in the community, or to support local businesses in the Sebago Lakes Region, pick up a free copy of The Windham Eagle newspaper which is available across the Lakes Region every Friday. You can also read the weekly paper or find this summer guide digitally at [www.thewindhameagle.com](http://www.thewindhameagle.com)

So many local advertisers have contributed to this summer guide to assist in providing information about the Sebago Lakes Region to visitors, and we encourage you to support them while you're here enjoying your vacation.

We welcome you to the best vacation you will ever experience. Have a memorable time here this season and we can't wait to see you back here again next summer. ✨ *Ed Pierce, Managing Editor, The Windham Eagle*

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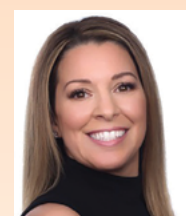
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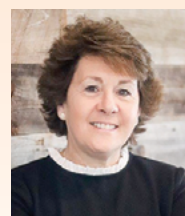
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The name “Sebago” comes from the Native American word meaning “great stretch of water,” a fitting tribute to Maine’s second-largest lake.

Sebago Lake spans eight miles in width and ten miles in length. Renowned for its pristine water quality, it serves as the primary drinking water source for Portland and many nearby towns.

Ask around and you’ll hear different takes on what defines the Sebago Lakes Region. For some, it’s the six towns bordering the lake: Sebago, Standish, Windham, Raymond, Casco, and Naples. For the SLRCC, the region includes the eight vibrant towns we proudly support: Casco, Gray, Naples, New Gloucester, Raymond, Seba-



**In 2024 Maine Audubon estimated a population of 3,146 adult Common Loons and 420 chicks for the southern half of Maine.** PHOTO BY PAM WARD

go, Standish, and Windham.

Whether you’re a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, we invite you to explore all the region has to offer. From outdoor recreation and historic landmarks to local eateries, charming shops, and scenic views, there’s something for everyone across our eight member towns.

Stop by our Chamber office at 909A Roosevelt Trail in Windham to pick up brochures, maps, and helpful tips to plan your stay. Be sure to grab our Regional Guide – your go-to source for hiking trails, beaches, lodging, dining, and more.

We hope the hardest decision you’ll face during your time here is simply deciding where to explore next.

–Amber Rankine, President/CEO, Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce

## FUN FACTS ABOUT SEBAGO LAKE:

- While it’s widely known that Sebago is one of the largest lakes in Maine (second to Moosehead Lake), not everyone knows it’s also the deepest, with depths reaching 316 feet.. deep enough to submerge a 30-story building!
- The lake features Frye Island, which sits on a glacial sandbar. This island is only accessible by ferry or boat and becomes a seasonal town, completely closing during winter.
- Sebago Lake supplies unfiltered drinking water to nearly one-sixth of Maine’s population, including all of Portland. It’s so clean that it’s one of only about 50 water sources in the U.S. that the EPA allows to be unfiltered.
- Hidden WWII Plane Crash Site: In May of 1944, a Navy training plane crashed into the lake during poor weather. The wreckage of the plane is still at the bottom of the lake and has been explored by divers.

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## *of towns in the Sebago Region*

**BRIDGTON** — is a family friendly town that welcomes visitors year-round for its sparkling lakes, a popular ski resort and shopping district. The town itself has a total area of 64.24 square miles, with 7.45 square miles consisting of water. Just to the east of Bridgton is Long Lake, which flows into Sebago Lake. Long Lake is partially fed by Stevens Brook. The source of Stevens Brook is Highland Lake, which is located just west of Bridgton's downtown area. In West Bridgton, visitors will find Pleasant Mountain, which includes the Shawnee Peak Ski Area. At the foot of Pleasant Mountain is Moose Pond, a man-made lake which spans portions of Bridgton, Denmark, and Sweden. The shopping scene in Bridgton is highly diverse and eclectic. [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org)

**CASCO** — is centrally located in the heart of the Sebago Lakes Region. Casco's 36 square miles contains eight lakes and ponds, which make up about 6 square miles of Casco's area. Opportunities abound in the town for recreation and business and many are associated with Casco's pristine clear lakes and ponds. Casco is also home to Hackers Hill Preserve and Sebago Lake State Park. The town is a surprising mix of rustic charm, healthy living and a warm and inviting ambiance that stands in contrast to the rapid pace of city life. [www.cascomaine.org](http://www.cascomaine.org)

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**GRAY** – is essentially a throwback to New England towns of old, filled with rich history and surrounded by scenic rolling and forested hillsides. Little Sebago Lake, Crystal Lake, and Forest Lake beckon to visitors and residents alike offering picturesque year-round homes and a number of seasonal summer camps. Gray is a genuine four-season destination and host to the Maine Wildlife Park, local shops and eateries, Libby Hill Forest Trails, ATV and snowmobile trails, and an array of vibrant park and recreation programs. State Routes 4, 26, 100, 115, 202 and I-95 exit 63 provide easy access into Gray and to nearby attractions. [www.graymaine.org](http://www.graymaine.org)

**NAPLES** – is best described as one of the most charming and picturesque small towns in all of Maine. If Windham can be labeled as the "Gateway to the Lakes Region," then Naples surely can be termed as the "Heart of the Lakes Region" with eight lakes and ponds surrounding its boundaries. Summer visitors are drawn to the causeway where they will discover many fun activities by day, then spectacular sunsets and bustling nightlife at restaurants and pubs. Nobody visiting Naples should pass on the opportunity to take a slow cruise on Long Lake or venture through the historic Songo Lock. [www.townofnaples.org](http://www.townofnaples.org)

**RAYMOND** – is a scenic rural community that prides itself on being not only a gorgeous place to live, but also a favorite of many campers and visitors to the Lakes Region. Raymond enjoys abundant natural resources, beaches, fantastic hiking trails and plentiful recreational amenities. The town is a small community with about 4,000 year-round residents, but it also offers a full array of services and businesses. Local businesses supply most of life's necessities, and act as host to many camps and lakeside activities. [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

**SEBAGO** – is the place to be if you're really into hiking and outdoor adventure, and is home to Douglas Mountain, a premier destination for trail enthusiasts. Sebago is a quiet, peaceful, and friendly town that is found on the western shore of Sebago Lake and features a rural beauty that is filled with mountains, lakes, and ponds. It's perfect for vacationers of all ages and yet a great place to live year-round and raise a family too. There are about 1,500 permanent Sebago residents who live within the 50 square miles that make up the town and visitors can easily find many camps, cottages, campgrounds and vacation homes to get away from it all. [www.townofsebago.org](http://www.townofsebago.org)

**STANDISH** – is located on the southern tip of Sebago Lake and is known as "left of the lake." The town offers scenic and spectacular lake views, and popular public beaches and campgrounds for locals and tourists alike. Standish has four distinct population centers; Steep Falls on the Saco River, Standish Village in the center of the town, Sebago Lake Village at the southern end of Sebago Lake, and the Whites Bridge area on the southeast shore, which is home to Saint Joseph's College. There are numerous sites in town to visit that are listed on the national Historic Preservation Register, as well as many challenging hiking trails and family friendly playgrounds and parks. [www.standish.org](http://www.standish.org)



Northern Lights on Moose Pond looking at Pleaseant Mountain. PHOTO BY PAM WARD

**WINDHAM** – is a diverse and bustling community commonly known as the gateway to the Sebago Lakes Region. The town offers a fabulous shopping district, and an interesting local history that can be found in the Gambo Powder Mills, the historical society, and Babb's Covered Bridge, which is one of only nine such structures existing in Maine. There are many hiking and biking trails and preserves, as well as a recreation area at Dundee Park. Shopping and restaurants are extensive and feature box stores as well as local family favorites and unique small boutique shops. [www.windhammaine.us](http://www.windhammaine.us) ☀



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**DOUGLAS MOUNTAIN** — is in Sebago and Standish and makes a great day hike that leads you to a stone observation tower with expansive views. Follow Route 107 north from East Baldwin or south from Bridgton. Watch for signs for Douglas Mountain. Take Douglas Mountain Road and follow the signs. The trailhead is well marked and there are two ways to the top. Dogs are welcome. A suggested \$3 donation per car is accepted.

**EAST WINDHAM CONSERVATION AREA** — is an 8-mile trail network featuring scenic mountain and water views, as well as fully accessible portions. It is also part of a larger 30-mile trail network in Falmouth and Windham. The trailhead is off Falmouth Road in Windham, just north of Highland Lake. Take US-202 south to Falmouth Road on the left, then go 1.4 miles south on Falmouth Road to the trailhead on the left.

**FRYE ISLAND** — is situated in Sebago Lake about 25 miles west of Portland. It became Maine's newest town in 1998. There is a nine-hole public golf course on the island. There are two ferries that provide transportation to and from the island on a regularly scheduled basis. The island is easy to find, just head toward Raymond on Route 302 and follow the signs. *For a virtual tour of the island and more details visit [www.fryeisland.com](http://www.fryeisland.com)*

Add'l resources: [www.mainetrailfinder.com](http://www.mainetrailfinder.com), [www.lelt.org](http://www.lelt.org), [www.maineelakes.org](http://www.maineelakes.org), [www.prlt.org](http://www.prlt.org), [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)

**GAMBO PRESERVE AND SHAW PARK** — is a beautiful historic destination that once was home to a gunpowder mill that sits along the Presumpscot River. It is a network of three trails in two towns, Windham and Gorham, and is owned by two different entities, the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) and the Town of Gorham. The trails offer a nice diversion from the Mountain Division Rail Trail including a short loop trail that will take you past the remnants of the old canal and mill. Whether it's a hike you are looking for or a great historic adventure, it is a perfect location for the whole family.

### HACKERS HILL

— is located on Quaker Ridge Road in Casco. It is a 27-acre oasis providing 360-degree views of the White Mountains and Lakes Region. This property is open to the public for scenic viewing and recreational opportunities, as well as for cultural, historical, and economic purposes.



Hacker's Hill is a host to summer concerts with a sunset view. PHOTO COURTESY OF LOON ECHO LAND TRUST  
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**HOLT POND PRESERVE** — has a trail head that leads north up and over Grist Mill Road to rocky formations on Byron's Hill. There are 5.3 miles of networked trails. To get there, take Route 302 east about a mile past Lake Region High School and turn right onto Perley Road. Go 1.5 miles on Perley Road to the intersection of Chaplin's Mill Road and Grist Mill Road. Continue straight on Grist Mill Road for 0.3 miles to the parking area, trail-head, and a kiosk on the left.

**MAINE WILDLIFE PARK** — is the place where you'll see more animals in a day than you could ever spot in the wild. It's at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray. The park serves as a permanent home for wildlife that cannot be returned to their natural habitats. All kinds of Maine wildlife are here for their protection, and for you to learn about and enjoy. A day spent there will be filled with discoveries for the whole family. The park offers special weekend programs that feature wildlife presentations and events for all ages from May through October. FMI, call 207-657-4977 ext. 0, visit [www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park). See story on page 64



Photo op at Maine Wildlife Park. PHOTO BY GLENN CARTER

**PONDICHERRY PARK** — includes 66 acres of woodlands and streams in the heart of Bridgton. The wood-chipped pathway leads hikers deep into the park where there are signs of beaver, deer, mink, pileated woodpeckers, and spotted salamanders. The 66-acre park is in the center of Bridgton's downtown and offers a 2.3-mile trail network. Trails follow the Stevens and Willet Brooks and overgrown pastures.

**RAYMOND-CASCO HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — located on Shadow Lane in Casco, Maine, just off Route 302, near the Naples-Casco town line. The museum is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Admission is free. Visitors can examine a wide range of historical artifacts detailing the history of the two towns and see demonstrations at a restored blacksmith shop. For more information visit, [www.raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.raymondcascohistoricalsociety.org)

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**SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK** — One of the five original state parks in Maine, Sebago Lake State Park at 11 Park Access Road in Casco, is open year-round, first opening to the public in 1938. Whether it is swimming, fishing, camping, or boating that you enjoy, this deeply wooded park offers 250 campsites in two campgrounds, each with beaches and boat ramps. The public recreation area encompasses 1,342 acres on the north shore of the lake and is a popular destination for families and provides lasting memories season after season. Call 207-693-6231 or visit [www.maine.gov/sebagolake](http://www.maine.gov/sebagolake) See story page 22.

**RUFUS PORTER MUSEUM** — this Bridgton landmark highlights the history of 19th century New Englander Rufus Porter, who is well-known in the folk-art community for his landscape murals and his miniature portraits. However, Porter was more than just a painter. He was the founding publisher and editor of the "Scientific American" magazine as well as an inventor, writer, teacher and more. The museum can be found at 121 Main St. in Bridgton. For hours and info visit [www.rufusportermuseum.org](http://www.rufusportermuseum.org) ☀

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☀ **Highland Lake Beach** – Located at the southern end of the lake, off Route 302, 253 Highland Road. A great place to swim from the beach, dock, or raft. Public charcoal grills, picnic tables and public restrooms. Swimming and parking are free.

☀ **Woods Pond Beach** – Located on the south end of Woods Pond off Rte. 117, at 676 S High Street, this pond offers a large, sandy beach, playground,

public parking, and a roped-off public swimming area with a dock and two rafts/diving platforms.

☀ **Salmon Point** – Situated within Bridgton's town-owned Salmon Point Campground on Long Lake, Salmon Point Beach offers public parking, restrooms, swimming access, and a sandy beach.

*Note: Hard public boat-launching facilities in Bridgton are available on Highland Lake, Long Lake, and Moose Pond. A carry-in launch can be found on Stevens Brook. See [bridgtonmaine.org/boating](http://bridgtonmaine.org/boating)*

## CASCO AND NAPLES –

☀ **Sebago Lake State Park** – A state-operated, public recreation area on the north shore of Sebago Lake at 11 Park Access Road, off Route 302 in Casco. Open 9 a.m. to sunset daily (unless otherwise posted at gate). A fee is collected at the gate. For rules and more info visit [www.maine.gov/sebagolake](http://www.maine.gov/sebagolake)

☀ **Naples Town Beach and the Naples Boat Launch at Kent's Landing** – Both are located adjacent to each other at 1 Kent's Landing and is open from dusk until dawn. Beach use is for residents only, boat launch for non-residents with fee. For fees and other rules visit: [townofnaples.org/marinesafety](http://townofnaples.org/marinesafety)

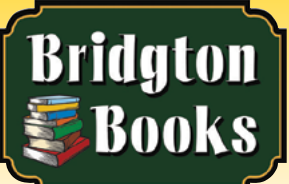
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# LAKE MAPS

## Art that benefits locals in need

By Ed Pierce

A map can tell you where you've been, where you are, and where you're going and for one local mapmaker, his maps also are making a difference in the community.

Sam Merriam of Naples comes from an artistic family and became interested in cartography, the art and science of representing a geographical area on a vintage-style map about 10 years ago. One of his brothers, Tom, is a wildlife artist and sculptor and another brother, Dan, is a watercolor artist.

"They have been an inspiration to me," Merriam said. "I've always enjoyed illustrations ever since I was a child, and art is a thing in my family."

While visiting Waterboro's Little Ossipee Lake in 2014, he decided to create a map through his work as President of Great Northern Docks and offer it to the public. He needed a place to distribute the map, and he found it at the Lakeside Market owned at the time by Sandy and Leo Binnette.

"I went to them and wanted to get the maps out there," he said. "But I felt there would be no perceived value for them if they were free. I told them they can sell them, and they agreed. We set a suggested price, and they said they would donate 100 percent of sales from the maps to the local food pantry. I thought it was generous and that set everything into motion."

Since then, Merriam has done the same thing for other local lakes and has produced maps for Long Lake, Brandy Pond, Sebago Lake and many others with proceeds from sales benefitting local food pantries.

"Every time I put a map out, I get requests for others I don't have," he said. "I'm up to 20 now and not ready to stop. It has given me such a sense of fulfillment and my aim is to create each map to have a positive impact."



**Cartographer Sam Merriam.** SUBMITTED PHOTO

Most of his maps are completed in the winter. Each drawing is done by Merriam freehand with India ink. He starts with paper and a pencil and then determines how his idea will lay out on the page. He does a composite to put it all together as an 11 x 17 in a vertical and portrait type of presentation. It usually takes him about two to three weeks to complete each map from start to finish.

"Sometimes the borders will be different and there will be different illustrations. I figure out to use the art comprehensively with each map," Merriam said.

The maps also include text for information such as the names of islands or coves, and sometimes local roads.

"The whole thing is a piece of art," he said. "When it's all finished it's a piece of art to be put on a wall."

Among favorite maps that he's worked on so far is the one he did of Moose Pond in Bridgton.

"I love the way the antlers came out on that one," Merriam said. "It's long jagged splash art that I'm happy with. I also enjoyed a map I created of Yarmouth as it has an interesting shoreline."

Some of his maps have illustrations buried in them that you need to search to find the illustrations because you won't see them anywhere else.

"I created one where the border depicts the story," Merriam said. "Another was a lakebed with arrowheads. I enjoy hiding imagery in these maps, it's the art of entertainment and perpetuates the message of giving subtlety. They turn out, for the most part, to be mainly the vision I started with," he said. "Another of my brothers Seth is a graphic artist, and he helps in the editing phase and the graphic design of making the maps."

Artistic lake maps of local lakes are available at local stores or by visiting [www.greatnortherndocks.com/maps](http://www.greatnortherndocks.com/maps) 🌟

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## BRIDGTON – [www.bridgtonmaine.org](http://www.bridgtonmaine.org)

- ☀ **Pondicherry Park** – See details under Sights of Interest, page 12.
- ☀ **Holt Pond Preserve** – See details under Sights of Interest, page 12.
- ☀ **Bald Pate Mountain Preserve** – this preserve consists of 486 acres of forest, meadows, granite-topped scenic vistas with 6.7-mile network of trails and offers an array of recreational opportunities and views. The parking area is off of Route 107.
- ☀ **Perley Mills Community Forest** – located in the towns of Bridgton, Sebago and Denmark, the property contains three miles of the Narrow Gauge Trail, a state ITS 89 snowmobile and regional ATV network, as well as Pickerel Pond and Willett Pond. Access on Hancock Pond Road in Sebago.
- ☀ **Pleasant Mountain Preserve** – is located in Bridgton and Denmark, and it's the highest mountain in Southern Maine. The trail network is perfect for hikers and birdwatchers. Parking is at 368 Mountain Road.
- ☀ **Sebago Headwaters Preserve** – is located in Bridgton and Naples. It encompasses lands between Bald Pate Mountain and Holt Pond Preserve. To access the trails of this preserve, enter using the entry points at Bald Pate Mountain or Holt Pond Preserve.

## CASCO – [www.cascomaine.org](http://www.cascomaine.org)

- ☀ **Hacker's Hill** – See details under Sights of Interest, page 10.
- ☀ **Mayberry Hill Preserve** – is a loop comprised of 160 acres of mixed woodlands, meadows, and streams. Stone benches are located at intervals along the

trail, and additional walking opportunities are available through the field and the log landing at 385 Mayberry Hill Road.

- ☀ **Rolfe Hill Forest** – Located on Quaker Ridge Road, Rolfe Hill is 400 acres of mixed woodlands, wetlands, and streams. Rolfe Hill has long been used for ATViing (club trails), hunting, and hiking. Public access to the property is now permanently secured, and LET plans on developing more trails and continuing to improve public access.

- ☀ **Sebago Lake State Park** – has a variety of trails which traverse sand beaches, woodlands ponds, bogs and rivers. The preserve is 1,342 acres and there are 11.3 miles of trails in the network. Trails are popular for hiking, mountain biking, fishing and birding. Access the park at 11 Park Access Road. See more details under the Sights of Interest on page 12.

## GRAY – [www.graymaine.org](http://www.graymaine.org)

- ☀ **Libby Hill Trails** – is known as a perfect spot to get away from it all, this is a trail system that consists of nine multiple loops and paths from .4 miles to 3.1 miles. It is located behind the Gray New Gloucester Middle School. From I-95 Exit 63 in Gray, turn west (left) onto US-202. Cross the I-95 overpass and turn right at the light to follow ME-26-A N. Go another 1.5 miles passing a gravel pit and a fire station on left and turn left at the light onto Libby Hill Road. Parking for the trailhead is on the right side of the road at the base of the hill where the pavement ends.

- ☀ **Pineland Public Reserved Land** – offers abundant wildlife and a pleasing landscape of forests over rolling hills. Hikers are invited to explore this hidden property. Located about four miles east of the town center on Depot Road, the Pineland Public Lands includes more than 600 acres in Gray, North Yarmouth, and New Gloucester.

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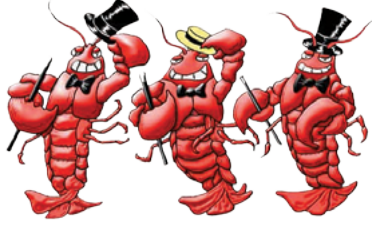
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# LOBSTERS

*Maine's fascinating crustacean*

By Ed Pierce

The lobster is truly synonymous with Maine. They are easily recognizable by their long insect-like bodies and large claws. Visitors and natives alike love lobsters for a mix of taste, texture, luxury, and summer tradition. The meat is considered sweet, briny, and rich, and is typically served simply with drawn butter or on a roll with mayo (known as a lobster roll).

There is a lot to the anatomy of a lobster that you probably didn't know. Here's an interesting list of some fascinating lobster facts that will help you appreciate these delicacies even more, the next time you take a bite.

**Strong front claws** – Lobsters can be left-'handed', right-'handed' or am-bidextrous, and have several receptors on their claws and their legs, which they use to locate and recognize any food that is around them. The claws of a lobster can exert up to 100 pounds per square inch of pressure. They are used to break up anything hard a lobster may encounter on the ocean floor such as crabs, clams, or mussels.

**Night hunting** – Lobsters usually move around and hunt for food at night. People used to think that lobsters were scavengers and ate primarily dead things. However, researchers have discovered that lobsters catch mainly fresh food (except for bait) which includes fish, crabs, clams, mussels, sea urchins, and sometimes even other lobsters.

**Habitat** – Small lobsters (less than 1½-inch in length) hide in and around sea weeds and rocky habitat that provide adequate food and shelter from predators. Adolescent lobsters (1½-inch to 3½-inch in length) dominate coastal

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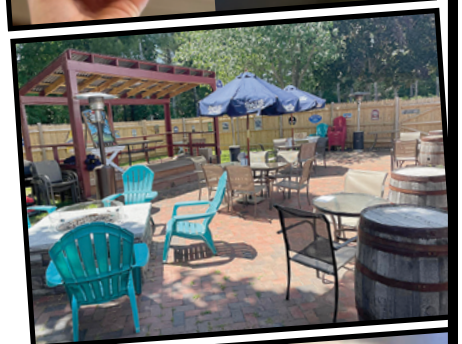
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habitats and offshore areas. They migrate very little. Larger, more mobile, adult lobsters may live in deeper waters and may return seasonally to shallow warmer waters.

**Growing up** – Lobster babies swim at water surface for 25 days. Only one percent make it to the bottom. These young lobsters shed their shells about 10 times in their first year. A near-shore lobster has a 90 percent chance of ending up on someone's dinner plate.

**Source of protein** – Lobster meat is a great source of protein, providing 28 grams of protein per cup. Just 3 ½ ounces of lobster meat amounts to about 96 calories and about two grams of fat.

**Colorful shells** – "Red as a lobster" is just a tale. Lobsters come in just about every color but red. They can be blue, light yellow, greenish-brown, grey, dusty orange, some calico, and some may have spots. However, they all turn red when they hit hot water. The hot water cuts the link between astaxanthin, a red substance contained in the lobster's shell, and protein which in cold water brings out the predominant coloring.

**Clear Blooded** – The lobster has clear blood, unlike other mammals and humans whose blood is red. When cooked, their blood oozes out of the lobster meat, producing a thick opaque white substance. You can see this jelly-like substance along the inside of a lobster shell when you crack it open.

**Teeth** – Lobster's teeth are found in their stomach. The stomach is located a very short distance from the mouth, and the food is actually chewed in the stomach between three grinding surfaces that look like molar surfaces, called the "gastric mill."

**Regeneration ability** – Should a lobster happen to lose an antenna, claw or a leg, it is able to quickly grow it back through regeneration. However, it does takes on average about five years for a lobster to regenerate a claw that is about the same size as the one that it lost. Lobsters who are missing a claw are referred to in the lobster industry as "cull." Cull can still be caught and con-

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sumed and are often marked down significantly in grocery stores.

**Growth through molting:** Molting is the process in which they struggle out of their old shells while absorbing water which expands their body size. This molting, occurs about 25 times in the first five to seven years of a lobster's life. Following this cycle, the lobster will weigh approximately one pound and reach minimum legal size at which time they then only molt once per year and increase about 15 percent in length and 40 percent in weight. No one has yet found a way to determine the exact age of a lobster.



**Sense of smell:** Lobsters can "smell" their food by using four small antennae on the front of their heads and tiny sensing hairs that cover their bodies. Their sense of smell is so fine that they can sniff out a single amino acid that tags their favorite food.

**Poor Vision:** As bottom dwellers in the ocean, lobsters don't really have much use for sharp vision. Their eyes are sensitive to light and dark for the most part, but lobsters do most of their sensing through taste and smell, at which they are experts.

**Swim backward:** The average lobster may be prone to commonly crawling forward, but they can also swim backward just as easily. Sometimes when a lobster feels threatened or is startled by a predator or another lobster, it will dart in a backward motion by curling and uncurling its tail.

**Never stop growing:** Lobsters may continue to grow throughout their entire lives. They continue the cycle of eating, growing and molting indefinitely until they die of natural causes or are caught or captured. The colder the water, the faster lobsters seem to grow. To date, the largest lobster ever recorded was captured in Nova Scotia in 1977, weighing in at more than 44 pounds and 3.5

feet in length. Since then, many Maine lobsters weighing 30 pounds or more have regularly been harvested from the Atlantic Ocean.

**Trio of antennae:** A lobster has three pairs of antennae. The largest ones are used for tactile sensing by feeling the ocean's bottom and surface, while the smaller pairs are chemosensory used to detect dissolved substances in the water sort of in a combined aspect of taste and smell in one function.

**Determining gender:** Under a lobster's tail, it has swimmerets, or small limbs that help them to navigate and get around on the ocean floor. Male lobsters have slender and course swimmerets, while female lobsters have more flattened and feathery swimmerets. The female lobsters also tend to have larger tails than their male counterparts because they carry eggs in their tails.

**Harvesting:** The Maine Lobster fishery employs several thousand independent lobstermen and harvests 80+ million pounds of lobster each year. New shell lobsters are sweeter and more tender than hard shell, and both are high in protein while low in fat. Be sure to enjoy one (or more) while in Maine. ☀

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## SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK

*By Dina Mendros*

When visiting Maine's Lakes Region this summer, Sebago Lake State Park should be a must-stop for one and all. Perfect for extended vacations or day trippers, families or singles, the state park provides access to one of Maine's largest lakes, making it a great place for all types of water-based activities, from swimming to kayaking, motor boating, jet skiing and so much more.

Founded in 1938, Sebago Lake State Park is one of the state's five original state parks covering 1,400 acres. Located in the towns of Casco and Naples, the park is situated along the northern shore of Sebago Lake. With a surface area of 45 square miles and a depth of 316 feet, not only is Sebago Lake Maine's second-largest lake but it's also its deepest. Located in the southwestern part of the state, the park is popular all four seasons. With its sandy beaches, wet-

lands, woodlands, hiking and biking trails, and 250 campsites, it continues to draw large crowds in the summer.

Set along the scenic foothills of the White Mountains, the state park is awash with an array of beautiful vistas from both water and land. The lake for which the park is named has been in the making for millions of years thanks to the Ice Age glaciers which helped form it. Visitors today can enjoy an array of activities such as swimming, sunbathing, motor boating, canoeing, kayaking, wakeboarding, jet skiing, waterskiing, foiling, fishing, hiking, camping and more on a site that features extensive woodlands, ponds, bogs, a river and diverse habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life.

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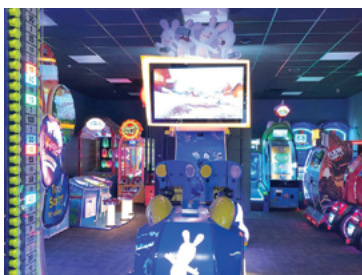
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☀ **Raymond Beach & Boat Ramp** – located off Route 302 at 1396 and 1234 Roosevelt Trail on Sebago Lake and is a relatively small beach. During the summer months, the beach can have between 75 and 80 visitors in a day, and the weekends can see an even higher number. Raymond Beach is free and open to the public dusk until dawn. [raymond.recdesk.com](http://raymond.recdesk.com)

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☀ **Nasons Beach** – Located at 771 Sebago Road with a public boat ramp and beach open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You must stop at the office and pay before you park. [nasonsbeach.com](http://nasonsbeach.com)

## STANDISH –

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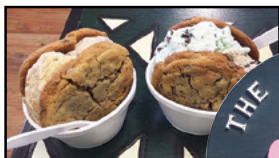
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Sebago Lake State Park is located off U.S. Route 302. The day-use entrance is located at 11 Park Access Road in Casco. The park is open year-round from 9 a.m. to sunset daily, unless otherwise posted at the gate. Fees are collected year-round for residents and non-residents. (\$8.00 non-resident, Seniors 65+ \$2.00, ages 5-11 \$1.00, and kids under 5 free)

The campground entrance is at 3 Campground Land in Naples. To contact the campground in-season call 207-693-6613, to reach the park headquarters, call 207-693-6231. To make a campground reservation, go to the website: [www.campwithme.com](http://www.campwithme.com). For more information you can also email: [campground.reservations@maine.gov](mailto:campground.reservations@maine.gov).

Some state rules and regulations to keep in mind when visiting the park include a ban against removing or damaging anything at the park. Feed-



The beautiful sandy beach is one of the many attractions drawing visitors to Sebago Lake State Park. FILE PHOTO

ing or touching wild animals found in the park is prohibited. Alcohol is not allowed in day use areas, or in the common public areas in campgrounds. Disorderly conduct is prohibited. Open fires are only allowed in grills or fireplaces provided by the state. All trash must be placed in designated containers. Pets are prohibited at the campground. For more details visit [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)

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## BIRD WATCHING

By Dina Mendros

When visiting Maine's Lakes Region, one of the simplest activities and something anyone can do is bird watching. Whether bird watching is your passion, or you are simply observing your surroundings, birds abound in the area and it's hard not to be impressed by the variety even the casual observer can spot locally.

According to Windham resident and bird enthusiast Michael Tucker, "For the Lakes Region, we are fortunate to have a variety of habitats to explore and find birds in. ... Fields and meadows, ponds and lakes, and the many hiking trails we have can offer a chance to see or hear hun-

dreds of different species.

"Sebago Lake State Park," he said, "is a great option for all types of birds as are the Libby Hill Forest Trails in Gray, Morgan Meadows Wildlife Management Area in Raymond, Intervale Preserve in New Gloucester, Steep Falls Village Preserve in Standish, and Donabeth Lippman Park in Windham," and the list goes on.

Cumberland County, where the Lakes Region is located, is home to more than 400 species of birds.

The most commonly noticed in summer include the ubiquitous American Goldfinch, Northern Cardinal, Blue Jay, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and of course our state

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**A Rose-breasted Grosbeak.**  
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# CALENDAR

*Events you won't want to miss!*

Please note that this calendar is accurate to the best of our knowledge at time of publication. Events may be subject to change. Many events require advance ticket purchases. Check venue websites for complete details.

## JUNE 1

★ **Little Lies concert 7:30 to 9 p.m.** Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org)

## JUNE 5

★ **Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Golf Open 8 a.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 37 Donald Ross Drive, Poland Spring. Proceeds benefit local scholarships for students. [www.sebagolakeschamber.com](http://www.sebagolakeschamber.com)

## JUNE 7

★ **Plant Sale 7 to 11 a.m.** Raymond Village Library, 3 Meadow Road, Raymond. Come and purchase from your favorite plant sale around. [www.raymondvillagelibrary.org](http://www.raymondvillagelibrary.org)

★ **Ellis Paul concert 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Ellis Paul sings about the human condition and details the hopes, loves and losses of those he observes. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## JUNE 12

★ **Community Walk at Pondicherry Park Noon to 1 p.m.** Join the Loon Echo Land Trust staff for a free casual walk in Pondicherry Park in Bridgton. Meet at the Bob Dunning Memorial Bridge entrance to the park on Depot Street in Bridgton. [www.lelt.org](http://www.lelt.org)

## JUNE 14

★ **Maine Ultimate Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Cumberland County Fairgrounds, 188 Blanchard Road. Find them on Facebook.

★ **Maine Whoopie Pie Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Since 2009, the Maine Whoopie Pie Festival has been gathering the best bakers from around New England to offer samples and compete for prizes and bragging rights. The festival is at the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds in Dover-Foxcroft. [www.mainewhoopiepiefestival.com](http://www.mainewhoopiepiefestival.com)

## JUNE 14

★ **Maine Blues Festival Noon to midnight.** An all-day event in Lisbon Falls featuring 28 different blues bands performing on seven different stages. Tickets available for purchase online at [www.mainebluesfestival.com](http://www.mainebluesfestival.com)

★ **Artist Reception 6:30 p.m.** This night of food and artistic beauty welcomes participants to engage with and honor exhibiting visual artists at Deertrees Theatre in Harrison. Live music entertainment features guitar player James Paruk with an evening of songs by John Denver, in Deertrees' cozy Salt Lick Art Gallery. [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

★ **Antje Duvekot concert 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** A master storyteller, Antje Duvekot has a gift for lyrical visualization, traveling between the tangible and abstract. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com/](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com/)

## JUNE 19, 20 & 21

★ **Strawberry Moon Celebration 4 to 7 p.m.** Gillespie Farms, 752 Mayall Road, New Gloucester. This one-of-a-kind party is taking place in the farm's pick your own strawberry fields. Food trucks, dessert, a cash bar, critters from the Pineland Family Farmyard and live music. \$7 pp. For more details call 207-657-2877.

## JUNE 20

★ **Peabody-Fitch Woods & Narramissic Farm History Walk 9 a.m. to noon.** Loon  
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3PM ON THE STAGE: Blue Magic Band - Rock • 3 PM COLORING CONTEST - Info Booth

5-8PM CAR SHOW - DJ Chris Bannon - Raffles & Prizes

5:30-7:30PM ON THE STAGE: TALENT SHOW - Registration 4:45 beside the stage  
Cash prizes for each age group: toddler, youth, teen & adult.

8PM ON THE STAGE: Backwoods Road Band - Bluegrass



### SATURDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

8AM LIONS CLUB YARD SALE • 8 AM BOOK & BAKE SALE - Spaulding Memorial Library

10AM GRAND PARADE - Read Books: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Spaulding Memorial Library

11AM Midway OPEN • 11AM COLORING CONTEST - Info Booth

11AM ON THE STAGE: Sacopee Valley Community Band • 12-2PM LBCA BINGO

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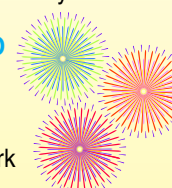
2PM ON THE STAGE: Pikes Mainly Grass Band

4PM SKILLET TOSS - Ball field by SYAA Booth. Signup 3:30 PM, ages 18 +

5-6:30PM SEBAGO LIONS CLUB CHICKEN & LOBSTER BBQ - at Veterans Park

5PM ON THE STAGE: White Mountain Ramblers Band - bluegrass

8PM ON THE STAGE: Hurricane Mountain Band - Country • 9:30PM FIREWORKS! (Rain date - 7/20)



### SUNDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM FAMILY FUN DAY!

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8:30AM: On the Stage Church of Nazarene Sunday Service

10AM Midway opens • 10AM ON THE STAGE: Nora - Solo singer

10AM-4PM Foxx Run Farm Petting Zoo • 10AM-1PM Touch A Truck

10AM COLORING CONTEST - Info Booth

12-2PM ON THE STAGE: Henry Lowery - Country

1PM KIDDIE PARADE - Read Books! 12:50 PM line up at the Info Booth.

2-4PM ON THE STAGE: Stardome Karaoke

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- ★ 6/7 DJ Royale (90's)
- ★ 6/11 99.9 The Wolf Nashville Newcomer
- ★ 6/13 Sweep the Leg ★ 6/14 Sugarbox
- ★ 6/20 Shawn Theriault ★ 6/21 Andrew McManus
- ★ 6/25 Viva Las Elvis: From Sun To Vegas 
- ★ 6/27 North County Band ★ 6/28 Stolen Mojo
- ★ 7/5 DJ Royale (Beach) ★ 7/9 Toby Keith Tribute 
- ★ 7/11 Whitney Doucet ★ 7/12 John D Neal
- ★ 7/16 Sugar Mojo Summer Bash 
- ★ 7/18 Dancing Madly Backwards
- ★ 7/19 Henry Lowery ★ 7/25 Bad Habit
- ★ 7/26 Gavin Marengi ★ 8/1 Sierra Harris Band
- ★ 8/2 DJ Royale (80's) ★ 8/3 Love and Theft 
- ★ 8/6 99.9 The Wolf Nashville Newcomer
- ★ 8/8 Vinny Bonina ★ 8/9 Not a Phase
- ★ 8/15 Sugarbox ★ 8/16 Bazinga!
- ★ 8/22 Larry Williams Band
- ★ 8/23 Peaked in High School
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## SCENIC BEAUTY

*Sebago Cove Forest backcountry*

By Kendra Raymond

Nestled along the shores of Sebago Cove in Naples lies a pristine sanctuary. The Sebago Cove Forest was recently protected through a conservation easement with the support of The Open Space Institute (OSI) and Loon Echo Land Trust in partnership with Sebago Clean waters, secured

with the landowner Oani-SC, LLC.

The LElt website says that the property includes 362 acres in Naples with more than 2,500 feet of shoreline on Sebago Cove. The natural resources on the property are protected by a permanent conservation easement held by Loon Echo Land Trust. "Sebago Cove Forest does not cur-

rently have any formal hiking trails or amenities and there is no off-street parking to access the property. It is our goal to develop trails and off-street parking. As is, the property is accessible to the public for hunting, fishing, and other low impact uses but there are no marked or signed trails," said Matt Markot, Executive Director of Loon Echo Land Trust.

Sebago Cove Forest is located near the 1,400-acre Tiger Hill Community Forest in the town of Seabago, also a LElt conserved property. The area is home to wildlife such as deer, moose, and otter. The area is open to backcountry hiking. There is a parking area, and maps are available.

The LElt website says that Tiger Hill Community Forest is home to hundreds of acres of rare wetlands, streams, and forest, and is owned by Loon Echo Land Trust on behalf of the community. It also provides access to the Northwest River via two hand-carry boat launches. The forest

connects to other conserved lands owned by the State of Maine at Cold Rain Pond. Old woods roads make for nice woods walks.

Perley Pond is located within the forest. This 29-acre pond contains warm water fish species and is a natural habitat for various birds.

"One of the best ways to enjoy Tiger Hill is via canoe or kayak on the northern section of the Northwest River," Markot said. "The hand-carry launch for that is on the map. Otherwise, users are welcome to enjoy a backcountry experience at Tiger Hill - there are plenty of old woods roads and trails to explore but they are not signed and only a few are mapped."

Visitors can park on the south side of Folly Road near the bridge over the Northwest River. There is a hand-carry boat launch just across the road.

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To prevent tick bites, wear long sleeves and pants, especially when walking in wooded or grassy areas. Tuck your pants into your socks and wear light-colored clothing to spot ticks more easily. Use an EPA-registered tick repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or permethrin (the latter for treating clothing). Avoid

tall grasses and stick to the center of trails whenever possible.

After spending time outdoors, perform a full-body tick check, paying special attention to areas like the scalp, behind the ears, underarms, and behind the knees. Showering soon after being outdoors can also help remove ticks before they attach.

If you find a tick embedded in your skin, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp it as close to the skin as possible and pull upward steadily without twisting. Clean the bite area with soap and water or antiseptic. Watch for symptoms such as a bull's-eye rash, fever, fatigue, or joint pain—these may indicate Lyme or another tick-borne illness. Contact a healthcare provider if symptoms occur or if the tick was attached for more than 24 hours. ☀



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# REAL ESTATE

*A look at home sales in the Lakes Region*

By Nicole Foster, Broker/REALTOR®

Maine currently leads the nation in median home price growth, with prices soaring more than 78 percent between 2019 and 2024. The Lakes Region real estate market made a robust performance from April 2024 through April 2025. Buyers – from first-time homeowners to vacation-property investors – flocked to communities lured by the rich blend of natural beauty and quality of living.

Across the region, homes sold in a wide price spectrum from entry-level to sprawling lakefront estates in the multimillion range.

- **Windham:** Led the region with 215 homes sold, ranging from \$175K to \$1.9 million. 47 of these sales owned some type of water frontage. Windham's mix of suburban access (close to Portland) and lakeside living helped drive this volume.

- **Bridgton:** Recorded 111 sales (from \$97.5K up to \$2.55 million). 30 sales included waterfront. Bridgton saw a 35 percent jump in annual

sales in 2024.

- **Standish:** Saw 94 sales (\$150K to \$1.6 million), with 20 waterfront homes. Standish benefits from easy Sebago Lake access and commuter links.

- **Raymond:** Had 77 sales in the \$355K–\$3.797 million range, 36 on the water. Its mix of rural charm and legendary views drew both modest buyers and luxury seekers.

- **Naples:** 76 homes sold (\$102K to \$1.6 million, 31 waterfront). Naples communities around Long Lake and Brandy Pond offered options for buyers starting below \$110K as well as premium lakefronts.

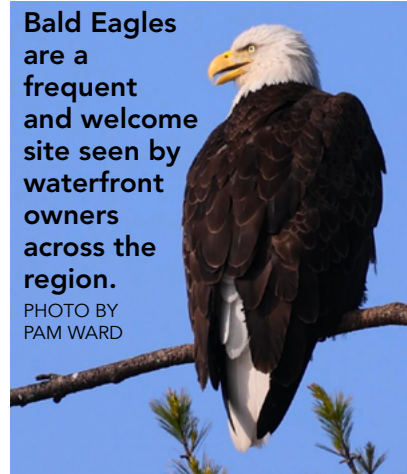
- **Casco:** 51 sales (\$166K to \$2.9 million, 19 waterfront), anchored by Sebago Lake and Pleasant Mountain resort offering year around appeal.

- **Harrison:** 40 sales (\$148K to \$1.75 million, 19 waterfront). The Harrison market saw nearly half of the transactions for waterfront.

- **Sebago:** 29 sales (\$99K to \$2.45 million, 12 waterfront) around Se-

**Bald Eagles are a frequent and welcome site seen by waterfront owners across the region.**

PHOTO BY PAM WARD



bago Lake's west shore.

- **Frye Island:** 8 sales on the Sebago Lake island ranging from \$310K to \$2.3 million with its limited inventory and unique summertime experience. (\*Single family, residential homes.)

These figures illustrate how some towns (Windham, Standish) saw the most activity by volume, while others (Raymond, Frye Island) had fewer but often high-end, waterfront-

heavy sales. Bridgton's strong year stemmed from its outdoor access and community appeal; a pattern seen across the Lakes Region.

Waterfront remained a key premium. In total, a significant share of regional sales featured owned lake frontage with nearly half of Harrison's sales (19 of 40) and Raymond's (36 of 77) had water access, reflecting how coveted lakeside lots are. Naples saw 31 of 76 sales (41 percent) on the water. Meanwhile, towns with more land (like Windham and Standish) had lower waterfront percentages (22 and 21 percent), simply because they are bigger markets. But even in those towns, waterfront homes fetch outsized attention.

Across the region, supply of true lakefront lots is scarce and owning lake frontage in the Lakes Region continues to be a major draw and price driver. Prices are forecasted to continue rising but at a more moderate pace than we have been experiencing more recently. 🌟

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## NAPLES – [www.townofnaples.org](http://www.townofnaples.org)

☀ **Jugtown Forest** – is a 5,000-acre working forest owned by Hancock Land Company and open for responsible public access. This is a working forest, and some areas may be closed. Logging equipment always has right-of-way. Trail Access is on Ellen Drive off Jugtown Plains Road.

☀ **Lake Region Middle and High School** – contains wide and easily followed trails connecting the middle and high schools providing opportunities for jogging and hiking for all ages in a natural setting. Located off Route 302 at 204 Kansas Road, the trailhead is behind the schools near the athletic field.

☀ **Nature Trail, Twin Brook Trail, and Lookout Trail Loop** – this 2.7-mile loop trail is generally considered an easy route. Begin on the Nature Trail which passes over a rocky outcropping and through a dense old forest. In the spring and summer months the woods have wildflowers in bloom. At 499 feet, the top of the hill is the high point in the state park. Access is on the west side of Sebago Lake State Park at 3 Campground Road.

## RAYMOND – [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)

☀ **Rattlesnake Mountain** – an approximately 2.6 mile moderately difficult, but family-friendly hike to reach a peak of 1,035 ft can be found off the left side of Route 85 (Webbs Mills Road) when heading north from Raymond. The small parking lot is open from sunrise to sunset.

☀ **Raymond Community Forest** – was purchased by Loon Echo Land Trust and is a wonderful trail to explore the Maine woods. The 356-acre preserve includes much of Pismire Mountain and its cliffs, from which you can view Rattlesnake Mountain, Crescent Lake, and the blue hills beyond. It is located on Conesca Road and is about .75-mile from the intersection with Raymond Hill Road.

☀ **Raymond Elementary School** – contains the trail known as the Frog Pond Trail. It is a perfect family trail of easy to moderate terrain centered around a scenic nature pond. It is located at the elementary school on Webb Mills Road (Route 85) off Route 302.

## SEBAGO – [www.townofsebago.org](http://www.townofsebago.org)

☀ **Chessey Property** – is 109-acre property that is privately owned and managed under conservation easement with the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. The easy 1 mile round trip trail provides access to Browns Pond through densely wooded mixed forest. The trail is easily accessible from Hancock Pond Road and is a short half-mile to the undeveloped shore of Browns Pond. This Preserve is in the homeland of the Wabanaki People.

☀ **Douglas Mountain** – is open for daytime use only. This network of trails offers a steep to moderate climbs and makes a great day hike that leads you to a stone observation tower with expansive views of the Sebago Lakes Region. Much of the trail is forested with openings in the higher elevations. The parking area is off Route 107, onto Dyke Mountain Road and then to Douglas Mountain Road. Follow the signs.

☀ **Sebago Elementary** – is a short network of looping trails that start on the  
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bank of a brook and descend to the loop along the edge of the brook. The entrance to the school is at the intersection of ME 11 and ME 114 in Sebago.

☀ **The Sebago to the Sea Trail** – is a continuous shared-use trail connecting Sebago Lake to Casco Bay. This section travels to the Sebago lakeshore through Portland Water District conserved land. Trailhead begins at Route 237 at Otter Ponds, follow Sebago to the Sea Trail signs. There are multiple sections to this trail.

## STANDISH – [www.standish.org](http://www.standish.org)

☀ **Gerry Spencer Trail** – offers easy walking on a packed earth surface through a wooded area behind the Standish Municipal Center located at 175 Northeast Road in Standish. Green wooden arrows and birdhouses line this trail.

☀ **Cross Country Trails at Saint Joseph's College of Maine** – includes approximately three miles on the beautiful 500-acre campus and meanders

along the mighty Sebago Lake. On a clear day, Mount Washington in New Hampshire is visible. The campus is located at 278 Whites Bridge Road.

☀ **Mountain Division Trail** – is a connecting trail located on Route 35 in Standish just before the ball fields by Otter Pond Day Camp, or at Gambo Road in Windham. The path is great for walking, running and riding bicycles.

## WINDHAM – [www.windhammaine.us](http://www.windhammaine.us)

☀ **The Black Brook Preserve** – is a 105-acre preserve with a trail network that has rolling hills, mature trees, and brooks along with a variety of wildlife and plant life. Access through a parking area on the south side of Black Brook and Route 202 on Windham Center Road.

☀ **East Windham Conservation Area** – is owned by the town and Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and has a conservation easement on 700 acres. The trail access corridor provides a 30-mile trail network. Parking is at 187 Falmouth Road.

☀ **Donnabeth Lippman Park** – is 123 acres of woodlands and wetlands with a loop around the 10 acre pond. It offers easy walking on packed earth. Follow the story book trail with young hikers. There is also a playground for children in the parking lot which is located at 18 Chaffin Pond Road, off Route 302.

☀ **Lowell Preserve** – is a 308-acre nature preserve with over 8 miles of trails, that contains a wooded trail system located behind the East Windham Fire Station on Falmouth Road. The main trails consist of two loops, marked by blue and red blazes. Each loop is about 1.5 miles, and has wide, easy to traverse surfaces. ATVs are allowed on portions of these trails. There are also two networks of "Technical Trail" in the northern part of the Preserve. These trails are more narrow and cover steeper, more difficult terrain. They are ideal for mountain biking and trail running, and are great for longer hikes as well.

☀ **Otter Brook Sanctuary** – has a .8 mile moderate trail that winds through tree plantations, woods, and marshy wetlands. The trailheads are accessed from Rocklin Road, off River Road.

☀ **Pringle Wildlife Preserve** – is 17 parcels of land with a viewing platform, perfect for both birdwatching and stargazing. Access is off Windham Center Road just beyond the junction with River Road. ☀

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bird, the Black-capped Chickadee," Tucker said. In addition, "a Golden Eagle may be spotted soaring overhead and an American Pipit – on the Maine Endangered species list – could be discovered during its migration."

Yellow warblers, northern water thrushes, and flashy red-winged blackbirds can be found on local waterways such as the Tenny River, which connects Crescent Lake and Panther Pond in Raymond.

Blue heron, patiently stalking fish in the tall reeds along the shore, may be approachable by canoe or kayak.

Maine Audubon field naturalist Stacia Brezinski recommends "staying in one place for a good 20 minutes or more to give birds time to return to their baseline behavior following your initial disturbance, although some birds are more accustomed to people and less cautious."

Binoculars are helpful. In many cases it's best to lay eyes on a bird before getting a closer look with binoculars, Brezinski says. However, "if you're looking for animals like ducks or loon nests along the shore, (never ever approach a loon nest; always



**The Black-capped Chickadee is  
Maine's state bird.** COURTESY PHOTO

look through binoculars), I recommend the opposite; scan the shoreline with the binoculars."

When it comes to loons, which can frequently be found on the Lakes Region waterways and beaches, Brezinski cautions "not to go too fast or too close to shore when boating, as wakes can flood nests and destroy the eggs." If a loon is stressed and makes sounds like a yodel or a laugh or acts dramatically, that's a sign that you're too close.

For those who don't have the time or inclination to hit the trails or the water, Tucker says, "even birding by car with the windows down and the engine turned off can be a surprisingly productive option." 🌟

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# SONGO LOCKS

*Key role in history of region's commerce*

*By Ernest H. Knight*

According to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society, a local territory that has been important through the years not only to Raymond and Casco but to all the towns around Sebago and Long Lakes is Songo Lock. A stone's throw from the original Raymondtown and present-day Casco, before land to the north of Crooked River was taken to help form Naples, Songo Lock is the key to travel by boat between Sebago and Long Lakes.

Originally a natural waterfall contained in a series of ponds and streams including Long Pond, Chute River, Brandy Pond, Songo River, and Sebago Pond (lake was not a term that was used in the early days of settlement), it was necessary to provide a lock for passage of craft larger than canoes.

This was Lock #28 in the route of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal from Portland to Harrison, con-

structed between 1827 and 1830, with the other 27 locks being in the dug portion of the route between the “Lower Guard Lock” at tidewater near the present Portland Bridge up through Stroudwater, Westbrook, Gorham and Standish to the “Upper Guard Lock” into the Sebago Basin below White’s Bridge.

To complete the intended route to Thomas Pond (now Lake Keoka) in Waterford more locks would have been required to climb from Harrison along Bear River to Bear Pond and Thomas Pond.

The original lock at Songo Falls was of the conventional construction as were most of the others, laid up stone with plank facing to provide smooth passageway of 10-foot width to pass the standard canal boat of the day. Before the abandonment of the dug portion of the canal route to Portland  
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in 1870, the Songo Lock had been enlarged to allow passage of the newer and more sophisticated side wheel steamboats that gave the first competition to the canal boats on the lakes.

These began with the era of the "Fawn" in 1847, or at about the same time with the "Monkeydena," depending on the history source you prefer.

Later came the larger steamboats, both freight and passenger with further enlargement until the Songo Lock was converted to cement construction in 1913 to accommodate the largest of the steamboats, the "Goodridge," which was built that year at Bath Iron Works and transported to Naples in pieces.

When the canal era created a booming commercial enterprise, the Songo Lock area almost became a canal junction with all the status that distinction would have provided. The Androscoggin Canal was proposed, which was to follow the Crooked River from Songo Lock up to Songo Pond and then on down to the Androscoggin River in Bethel.

This would have greatly expanded the inland country to be served by direct route for commerce to Portland.

But the advent and development of the railroad had spelled out the death knell of the canal and all expansion of the canal system ceased.

Though the dug portion of the canal with its 27 locks was closed in 1870, canal boats remained in operation on Sebago and Long Ponds, with the one lock at Songo left to salvage the pride in their traditions.

The Songo River itself did not, however, qualify as a canal as there was no tow path as on the rocky route to Portland for horses to draw the canal boats to the open water where their sails could be used for propulsion. Instead, it was necessary to use poles to push the awkward craft up the snaky stream with seldom a chance for a fair wind for their sails, an experience that would seem more frustrating to us now.

At present time, Songo Lock is operated from May through mid-October for the passage of pleasure boats. For a small fee charged for the lift or drop, once six cents for a canal boat that filled a lock, but now \$15 per boat per boat for as many as can be crowded in at once. For operational dates and hours [www.townofnaples.org/marinesafety](http://www.townofnaples.org/marinesafety). ☀

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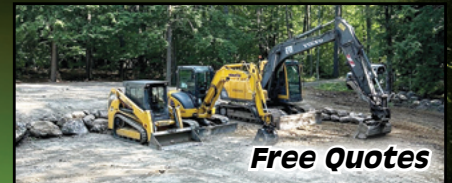
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**STEAMER FAWN***Sebago Lake's first operational steamboat**By Mike Davis*

The Steamer Fawn, the first steamboat ever to run on Sebago Lake, was built at North Bridgton in 1847.

That spring, the Fawn was built by the Sebago and Long Pond Steam Navigation Company. Since the 1830s there had been efforts considered to launch an inland steamer upon the Sebago Lakes route, running from Bridgton down Long Lake, Brandy Pond and the Songo River to Sebago Lake, but it was not until 1846 that a company of Bridgton and Harrison men organized and began selling stock to residents up and down the lakes as far as Standish.

The S&LPSN Co. sold some \$10,000 in stock at \$25 a share, raising funds sufficient enough to lay the keel in late March of 1847. They had hired the New York boatbuilding firm Lawrence & Sneden to build for them a sidewheel steamboat, 25 feet wide and 90 long – just narrow enough to pass within the

26-foot wide Songo Lock, and theoretically short enough to negotiate the Songo's many meandering gooseneck turns; twenty-seven turns in only six miles!

The Fawn was launched on June 5, 1847, under the command of Capt. C.C.W. Sampson of Harrison. She initially ran three trips per week from Harrison Village to Standish, stopping in North Bridgton, Plummer's Landing, and Naples. By 1849, the route became a daily service.

At Standish she docked at the wharf opposite Chadbourne's Lake House, which stood almost exactly at the terminus of what are now Routes 35 and 237 on Standish Neck, where the Portland Water District pumping station now stands. Here passengers were served by a line of stagecoaches running south to Portland, the southern half of the Portland to Waterford stage

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line which, from Harrison, took travelers off the boat up to Waterford and beyond.

The company had invested in this stage line, and it also bought out another running from Bridgton through Fryeburg to the White Mountains. This was the key to the Fawn's financial success, for in those days before railroads any tourist up from Boston looking to access the White Mountains, landing at the wharf in Portland, had to take a bumpy, uncomfortable stagecoach ride over several days all the way to Conway New Hampshire.

But with the steamer Fawn running upon the lakes, they could instead ride inland as far as Standish, zip up the picturesque lakes route to Bridgton in less than four hours, and then go by stage as far as Fryeburg by nightfall, to stay at the Pleasant Mountain House. From there they could strike off the next morning by stage and reach Conway faster, in far greater comfort and having enjoyed far better scenery than anything the old stage line up the Saco River Valley could provide.

The Fawn ran for almost a decade, until 1856, and during that time, she attracted the patronage of some of the

most famous tourists to come to Maine in this era. Among her many noteworthy passengers in this time were John Jacob Astor, the first American multimillionaire, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who surely needs no introduction here.

Initially the Fawn proved to be a success, but ultimately the same driving forces that led to her creation, those of technological innovation and the eager tourist market, are the same which led to her collapse. Eventually steam-power was turned to locomotion, and the coming of the railroads at once robbed the Fawn of her twin advantages of speed and comfort.

While still just as beautiful, the prospect of reaching the White Mountains in a matter of hours by rail from Portland cut out nearly all her tourist traffic by 1853 and struggling on until 1854, she was put up for auction in 1855 and eventually sold to George Pierce of Otisfield, Maine. He kept her going a few years more in a highly diminished capacity until 1856, but in 1857 she was torn to pieces at North Bridgton, with her boiler and engine works sold to steamboat builders in Greenville, Maine, and her wooden hull left to rot on the shore of the lake. ✨



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*By Michelle Cote*

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Staff and volunteers passionately pride themselves in providing top quality care for their animal residents and educating visitors about the species that call Maine home.

This special place– which welcomes more than 120,000 visitors annually– provides a one-of-a-kind experience for all and plenty of photo opportunities, and several new and returning events abound for this 2025 season.

“We offer Keeper Talks daily at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Education programs Tuesdays and Thursdays, with events sprinkled in throughout the season,” said Ben Barrett, Assistant Superintendent of Maine Wildlife Park.

“Other upcoming events include Wildlife Photography, Art in the Park, Animal Birthday Bash, MDIFW Biologist presentations, Fall Fun Days and more,” he continued.

Details are provided regularly via the Park's website and via Instagram.

The visitor center offers tactile, engaging activities for young adventurers, in the form of puzzles, lightboards and more. A sandbox allows them to create animal tracks and map out species native to various parts of this beautiful State.

The famed fish hatchery– located down a hill past the park's eagles and wetland trails– boasts a new interpretive building and trout pond, providing

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The wildlife ranges greatly from peacocks – residents here since the 1940s – to the famed moose.

Visitors can wander at their own pace and spy a variety of birds, including the bald eagle.

Residents also include a variation

of beavers, bears, deer, nocturnal creatures, bobcats, coyotes, foxes, and other furbearers.

Construction for a new office, gatehouse, and nature store is nearly complete, Barrett said.

"We are excited for visitors to experience this new look to the park sometime this summer, in addition to our new logo, branding and signage. "We are working with

our partner organization, Friends of Maine Wildlife Park, on planning upgrades to our bird enclosures along with other exciting projects focused on improving the animal and visitor experiences," Barrett said.

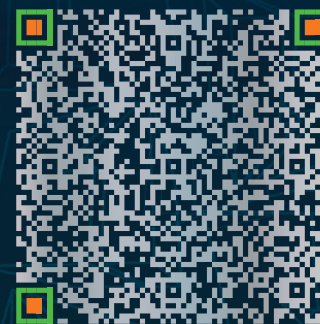
Whether you have a family in tow, enjoy capturing photos, or are enthusiastic about wildlife, there is much adventure to be had and plenty of opportunities to connect with nature and countless wild learning adventures. Maine Wildlife Park is open every day, including holidays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors entering before 4:30 p.m. can continue to enjoy the park until 6 p.m. ☀



**Maine black bear lounges at the park.** MAINE WILDLIFE PARK PHOTO

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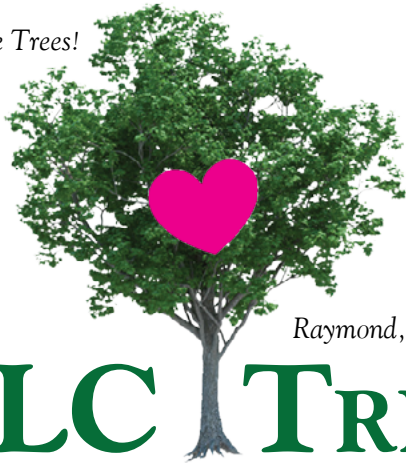
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- ☀ Maine State Capital: Augusta - Population approx: 18,876
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- ☀ Maine State Fish: Landlocked Salmon
- ☀ Maine State Cat: Wild Coon Cat

- ☀ Maine State Insect: Officially the Honeybee, (unofficially - the mosquito and the black fly)
- ☀ Maine State Bird: The Chickadee
- ☀ Maine State Nickname: Vacationland
- ☀ Maine's Highest Mountain: Mt. Katahdin at 5,268 ft. elevation
- ☀ Number of Maine Islands: 3,166
- ☀ Number of Maine Lighthouses: 67 (Quoddy Head Light is the easternmost point in the U.S.)
- ☀ Maine State Berry: The Wild Maine Blueberry
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Wildlife and have established rules regarding the sizes of fish that can be kept, which species are safe and which are protected, and even when people can fish.

Those who are new to fishing or to the Lakes Region must learn and follow the rules regarding fishing which is regulated by the Maine Warden Service. Fishing licenses are required for anyone 16 years of age and older. You can buy your license

online, through local guide services or at some of the area stores such as Jordan's Store in Sebago.

**\*For the most up-to-date information and complete laws about fishing in the Lakes Region, visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw)**

Here's a rundown of what types of fish can be found where in the Sebago Lakes Region and beyond:

### LAKE TROUT (TOGUE)

*Identification: Lake trout have a typical trout-shaped body covered with creamy white spots on a background of bronze, dark brown, or green. Their coloration can resemble brook trout but lack the colorful reds spots with blue halos of a brook trout.*

#### ☀ **Sebago Lake:**

##### **Naples, Standish, Raymond**

- Quality size lake trout, trophies taken yearly
- Wild population
- Trailered boat access: Route 302 MDIFW launch; Sebago Lake State Park (use fee); Route 35 Standish (use fee); Nason's Beach (use fee), Sebago Road and private marinas.

#### ☀ **Thompson Lake:**

##### **Casco, Oxford, Poland**

- Wild population
- Trailered boat access off Route 121; limited pullout and road shoulder parking; off Heath Road adjacent marina, limited off-road parking.

#### ☀ **Kezar Lake: Lovell**

- Stocked
- Trailered boat access off West Lovell Road and North Lovell Landing Road

#### ☀ **Middle Range Pond: Poland**

- Trailered boat access off Range Hill Road has an improved launch. Limited head clearance under the bridge.

### LANDLOCKED SALMON

*Identification: They have a silver-blue coloration on their back, transitioning to a silvery-white belly and have smaller less defined spots when compared to a brown trout. Look at the Vomerine teeth located at the roof of the mouth. Salmon have a single row of small teeth on the shaft with little to none on the vomerine head. Salmon will have a slightly forked caudal fin. The upper jaw will typically not extend much past the eye. When in doubt, release.*

#### ☀ **Crooked River:**

##### **Casco, North Waterford**

- Fly fishing only

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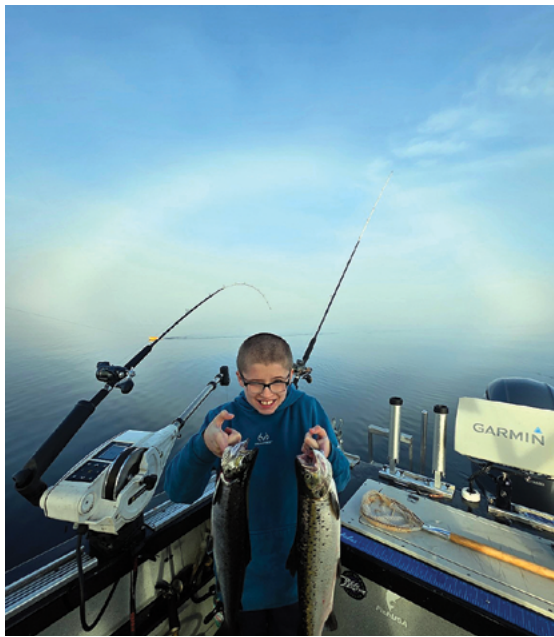
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Hunter Smith shows off his Sebago Lake salmon catch in front of a rare fogbow. A fogbow occurs when sunlight interacts with tiny water droplets in fog. PHOTO BY GLEN GISEL, SEBAGO SPORT FISHING GUIDE SERVICE

- Fall fishing for wild landlocked salmon
- Special section open to extended season fishing
- ☀ **Long Lake:** Naples, Harrison
- Stocked

- Trailered boat access to the west (Plummer Landing) and to the north, off Route 35 in the Village of Harrison

☀ **Moose Pond:**  
**Bridgton**

- Stocked
- Trailered boat access off Route 302

☀ **Peabody Pond:**  
**Sebago**

- Stocked
- Trailered boat access off Peabody Pond Rd at outlet with limited parking. Shallow gravel launch.

☀ **Pleasant Lake:**  
**Casco**

- Stocked
- Trailered boat access, off Mayberry Hill Road

☀ **Sebago Lake:**  
**Naples, Standish**

- Quality size landlocked

salmon, some trophies taken each year

- Indigenous/stocked fishery

☀ **Thompson Lake:**

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### Casco, Oxford

- Stocked
- Trailered boat access at south end, off the Heath Road, adjacent to Thompson Lake Marina
- ★ **Trickey Pond: Naples**
- Slower fishing for trophy-size salmon
- Stocked
- Trailered boat access at south end, off Route 114

### DRIVE TO BROOK TROUT PONDS

(Warm water fish also present in listed ponds)

*Identification: Brook trout can be distinguished from other members of the trout family by the dark, wavy, worm-like line on their back. The color transitions from olive to orange or red, with scattered red spots bordered by pale blue. Its lower fins are orange or red, each with a white streak and a black streak, and its underside is a milky white.*

### ★ Adams Pond: Bridgton

- Occasionally produces quality-size trout

- Hand carry boat access at the pond's outlet

### ★ Coffee Pond: Casco

- Occasionally produces quality-size trout
- Trailered boat access (unimproved) for small boats at Pond's Outlet (limited road shoulder parking)

### Cold Rain Pond: Naples

- Undeveloped pond
- Hand carry access off Tiger Hill Road (unimproved road)

### RIVERS AND STREAMS FOR BROOK TROUT & BROWN TROUT

*Brown Trout Identification: Usually coloration is light brown or tawny with pronounced black spots on the back, sides and head. Spots are often surrounded with reddish halo, along with reddish spots on the sides. The caudal tail fin is primarily squared with a slight fork.*

### ★ Muddy River: Naples

- Stocked and wild brook trout
- Fish upstream of Lake House Road
- ★ **Pleasant River, Windham**
- Stocked brown trout

### ★ Presumpscot River(section

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- Stocked brook trout
- Occasionally stocked with brown trout
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## FLY FISHING ONLY: SMALL BROOKS & STREAMS WILD BROOK TROUT

- ★ **Mile Brook: Casco**
  - Wild brook trout
- ★ **Big Ossipee River: Hiram, Oxford County**
  - Downstream of Kezar Falls Dam
  - Carry in/walk access
- ★ **Brandy Brook: New Gloucester**
  - Walk-in access
- ★ **Collyer Brook: Gray**
  - Walk-in access
- Little Androscoggin River: Oxford, below Route 26, Mechanic Falls
  - Carry-in/walk-in access with fishing below hydro projects
- ★ **North Branch of Little River and Tributaries: Gorham**
  - Walk-in access
- ★ **Pleasant River: Windham**
  - Carry-in/Walk-in access

### ★ Presumpscot River: Windham, Gorham

- Carry-in/walk-in access
- Fish trout/salmon below hydro dams, Windham (Route 35 bypass)
- Fish trout/salmon, Gorham below Mallison Dam and below Dundee Dam

## SPLAKE LAKES/ PONDS

Identification: Splake and brook trout have very similar coloration patterns, making it very difficult for the untrained eye to distinguish between the two species. Splake tend to have a slight fork in the tail, a trait passed down from its lake trout parent, while brook trout tend to have no fork or "square" tails.

### ★ Trickey Pond: Naples

- Trailered boat access off Route 114

## BROWN TROUT LAKES

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### ★ Hancock Pond: Denmark, Sebago

- Known for large brown trout, but slow fishing

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- Trailered boat access at north end, off Hancock Pond Road
- ★ **Little Sebago Lake:**  
**Windham, Gray**
- Trailered boat access near south-west shore, off Mount Hunger Road
- ★ **Long Lake: Naples, Harrison**
- Trailered boat access to the west (Plummer Landing) and to the north off Route 35 in the Villages of Harrison, Long Pond, and Parsonsfield
- Trailered boat access near Pond outlet off "Road Between the Ponds."

## BASS FISHING

*Identification: Largemouths are dark olive green on the back with light green sides shading to a white belly. A dark mottled band extends along the sides. The upper part of the mouth extends past the eye. Smallmouth bass are similar in appearance, but the upper jaw ends below the eye.*

- ★ **Hancock Pond:**  
**Denmark, Sebago**
- Largemouth present and smallmouths very abundant
- Trailered boat access at north end, off Hancock Pond Road
- ★ **Highland Lake: Bridgton**
- Largemouth and smallmouth bass

- Trailered boat access near lake outlet
- ★ **Little Sebago Lake:**  
**Windham, Gray**
- Largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Trailered boat access near south-west shore, off Mount Hunger Road
- ★ **Long Lake: Naples, Harrison**
- Largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Trailered boat access to the west (Plummer Landing) and to the north, off Route 35 in the Village of Harrison
- ★ **Moose Pond: Bridgton**
- Largemouth and smallmouth bass
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- Trailered boat access to the north, off Route 302
- ★ **Thomas Pond: Casco**
- Largemouth and Smallmouth bass
- Unimproved gravel launch provides trailered boat access for small boats off the south side of Route 302
- ★ **Thompson Lake:**  
**Casco, Oxford**
- Largemouth present, but better known for smallmouth bass
- Produced Maine's record 8 pound smallmouth bass
- Trailered boat access off Heath

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Road, adjacent to Thompson Lake Marina

- ★ **Lovewell Pond: Fryeburg**
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- Improved launch

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### ★ Otter Pond: Bridgton

- Hand carry boat access near outlet (privately owned). Limited road shoulder parking on an unimproved road

### ★ Otter Ponds (1,2,3 and 4): Standish

- Walk-in access across Portland Water District (PWD) lands to fish these four ponds. (PWD use permit needed – available permit kiosks on site)

- Otter Ponds 2 and 4 also provide catchable brook trout

### ★ Sticky River: (that portion flowing by Sebago Lake), Standish

- Shore access, off Route 114 picnic area and railroad trestle (PWD use permit needed – available permit kiosks on site)

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# BOATING

*Abide by regulations to ensure safety*

By Dina Mendros

Whether power boating on Sebago Lake, Maine's second largest and deepest lake, kayaking on Crystal Lake in Gray, canoeing on Raymond's Crescent Lake or sailing on Trickey Pond in Naples, following the state's rules and regulations is all important to making the most of having a safe and fun-filled adventure on Maine's waterways.

To ensure a safe boating experience, the state has enacted laws, rules and regulations that need to be followed when boating in all Maine lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and 3 nautical miles offshore. One measure to ensure safe boating that went into effect last year requires young boaters to take a boating safety class. In addition, a booklet on boating laws and responsibilities can be found online on the state website at: [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw) or scan the code above to bring you directly to the PDF of 'The Boaters Guide to Maine Boating Laws and Responsibilities'.



Here are some of the highlights.

- Avoiding drinking and making sure to wear a life jacket are key to safe boating. Not following those two rules are the leading causes of accidents and fatalities on the water.
- One life jacket per person on board is required on any type of watercraft from kayaks and paddleboards to larger motorboats. They should be worn; and for children under 10 and those on a personal watercraft, like a jet ski, wearing a life jacket is the law. "Recent year averages show that 90 percent of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket," according to Lt. Jason Luce of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.
- Wearing an engine cut off switch is also a good idea to ensure safety, Luce

said. This switch, which is tethered to the operator's wrist, is used to stop an engine if the watercraft operator goes overboard. For those operating a personal watercraft, using an engine cut off switch is required.

- Before heading out, make sure your watercraft is registered, fueled up, in good running order and that weather conditions are favorable. Follow the weight and number of people aboard capacities, make sure that your watercraft is clean and free from debris in order to protect Maine waters from invasive species and pollution, and provide a float plan to a relative or friend that includes the registration number and description of the watercraft, your route and planned departure and return times, as well the name and number with an emergency contact of those aboard.

To familiarize yourself with boating rules, people are encouraged to take a boater safety course. As of Jan. 1, 2024, the course became a requirement in Maine for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1999 who wants to operate a motorboat with a 25-horsepower engine or greater or is operating a personal watercraft. The course can be taken in person or online. To find out more, go to: [maine.gov/ifw](http://maine.gov/ifw) under the programs and resources > educational programs tab.

In addition to taking a boater safety course, a person born after Jan. 1, 1999, is also required to be at least 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft in the state or to supervise a person under 12 years of age who is operating a motorboat.

Aside from the rules and responsibilities, Lt. Luce emphasizes that "being courteous" to other boaters and property owners is of the utmost importance. "Unlike a paved road, there's no center line. There's no fog line. So, you've got to be courteous, and you've got to pay attention to everything going on around you and be respectful of property owners, shoreline owners and other boaters." ☀

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★ **Shrek the Musical 7 p.m.** A hilarious, heartwarming fairy tale where the unexpected shines. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

**JUNE 21**

★ **Windham Summerfest** This year's theme is "Summerfest Live in 2025." The annual Summerfest Parade starts at noon at the Windham Town Hall and activities and events follow at 1 p.m. behind Windham High School with food, crafts, business booths, demonstrations, live music, games, and inflatables. Fireworks close out the day at dusk. [www.windhamsummerfest.com](http://www.windhamsummerfest.com)

★ **Shrek the Musical 7 p.m.** A hilarious, heartwarming fairy tale. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [deertrees-theatre.org](http://deertrees-theatre.org)

★ **Heather Maloney with High Tea concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Heather Maloney is a singer-songwriter who has received numerous accolades for her signature brand of endearing, powerful folk songs. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

**JUNE 22**

★ **Shrek the Musical 4 p.m.** Shrek the Musical is a hilarious, heartwarming fairy tale where the unexpected shines. Curses are broken, monsters become heroes, donkeys and dragons fall in love, and princesses prove beauty comes in all forms. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [deertrees-theatre.org](http://deertrees-theatre.org)

**JUNE 26**

★ **Little Sebago Lake Annual Pirate Parade 9 a.m. to noon.** Boat parade on Little Sebago Lake in Windham and Gray.

★ **SRT Maine Roots Music Festival 7 p.m.** The Don Roy Trio and at 8:30 p.m. The Blueliners appearing in concert at a festival showcasing Maine musicians and bands playing traditional music

across a variety of genres. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org)

**JUNE 27**

★ **SRT Maine Roots Music Festival 7 p.m.** Casco Bay Tumblers and at 8:30 p.m. Duquette appearing in concert during a festival showcasing Maine musicians and bands playing traditional music across a variety of genres. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org)

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**JUNE 28**

★ **SRT Maine Roots Music Festival 7 p.m.** Haggard and Cash and at 8:30 p.m. Jennifer Porter appearing in concert during a festival showcasing Maine musicians and bands playing traditional music across a variety of genres. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org)

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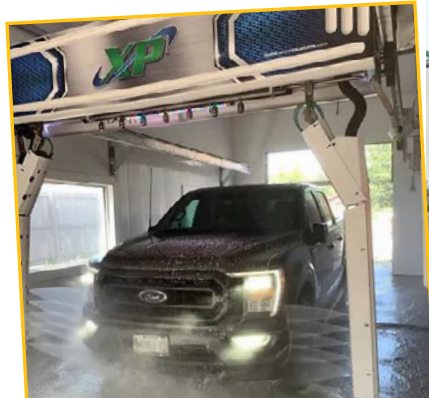
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★ **SRT Maine Roots Music Festival 7 p.m.** Denny Breau and 8:30 p.m. a Group Jam with festival musicians appearing in concert during a festival showcasing Maine musicians and bands playing traditional music across a variety of genres. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton. [www.sacrivertheatre.org](http://www.sacrivertheatre.org)

## JULY 1

★ **Tacos and Trivia 6 p.m.** Indulge in delicious tacos while testing your knowledge. Bring your appetite and your A-game for an evening filled with fun, food, and

friendly competition in the Salt Lick Café at Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [deertrees-theatre.org](http://deertrees-theatre.org)

## JULY 4

★ **Fourth of July Celebrations** July 4 fireworks, road races, strawberry festivals. Naples, Bridgton, and other local towns offer parades, races, dinners, and fireworks throughout the weekend.

## JULY 5

★ **The Clements Brothers concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** With roots in roots, rock, bluegrass, jazz, and classical influences, identical twins Charles and George Clements perform in a fusion of each other's musical journey. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## JULY 9

★ **Windham Summer Concert Series 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The Lynn Deeves Trio concert. The Lynn Deeves Trio performs original music and merges folk, blues, gospel influences. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. [www.windhamrecreation.com](http://www.windhamrecreation.com)

## JULY 12

★ **Nashville Review: A concert with Jonathan Sarty and the New Country Gentlemen 7 p.m.** An homage to American Country Music, the music which came from Nashville and the southern US between the 1930s and the 1970s. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [deertrees-theatre.org](http://deertrees-theatre.org)

★ **Sam Robbins concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Growing prowess on acoustic guitar through the years of touring has earned Sam Robbins a large fanbase of fingerstyle guitar fans. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## JULY 13

★ **19th Music Without Borders International Piano Festival 3 p.m.** Young pianists from the U.S., Canada, and Europe perform music they have learned while studying in Maine. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## JULY 14

★ **Camp Encore Coda's Faculty and Student Ensemble Concert**

**7 p.m.** The staff and students of Camp Encore Coda, a music-centered summer camp experience, present a 20-piece chamber orchestra concert. Performance benefits Lake Environmental Assoc., protecting the waters and watersheds in the region. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [deertrees-theatre.org](http://deertrees-theatre.org)

## JULY 15

★ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival 07 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [sebagomusicfestival.org](http://sebagomusicfestival.org)

## JULY 16

★ **Windham Summer Concert Series 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** North River concert. Plays classic and Southern rock covers, as well as original songs by guitarist/vocalist, Brian Lynch. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. [www.windhamrecreation.com](http://www.windhamrecreation.com)

## JULY 17

★ **Susie Pepper and Ali Butler**

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**Sing Movie Magic 11 a.m.** In a fabulous show for children, Susie Pepper and her amazing twin sister Ali Butler bring their voices and unmatched energy to this concert perfect for families and kids from 2 to 80 years old. Susie and Ali will have everyone singing and dancing to some catchy tunes from the movies you love. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

## JULY 18

★ **Yarmouth Clam Festival**

Opens at 10 a.m. with great food, music and tons of fun events for the whole family. clamfestival.com

★ **Sebago Days 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.** Food and vendor booths, amusement rides, raffles, and more. Car show 5 to 8 p.m. Located at the junction of Routes 114 and 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school in Sebago. For full schedule see ad on page 38 or visit [www.sebagodays.com](http://www.sebagodays.com) and find them on Facebook under sebagodays.

★ **Susie Pepper and Ali Butler Dynamic DUETS 7 p.m.** Susie

Pepper with twin sister Ali Butler and The Mixology band will perform a one-of-a-kind concert featuring soaring DUETS that showcase their harmonies. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

## JULY 19

★ **Yarmouth Clam Festival**

Festival begins with breakfast at 7 a.m. Enjoy great food, rides, amusements arts and crafts, live music and lots more. Fireworks at 9 p.m. clamfestival.com

★ **Sebago Days 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** Food, vendor booths, rides, raffles, and more. Yard sale, book/bake sale at 8 a.m. Grand parade at 10 a.m. Located at the junction of Routes 114 and 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school. For full schedule see ad on page 38, visit [www.sebagodays.com](http://www.sebagodays.com) and find them on Facebook under sebagodays.

★ **Christmas in July Boat Parade 8:45 p.m.** Boats decorated with Christmas lights. Participate on Long Lake or view from the causeway. [www.townofnaples.org](http://www.townofnaples.org)

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## JULY 20

★ **Yarmouth Clam Festival**

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★ **Sebago Days 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Food and vendor booths, amusement rides, bonus raffle drawings, 50/50 raffle and more. 5K run/walk beings at 8 a.m. Kiddie parade at 1 p.m. Located at the junction of Routes 114 and 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school in Sebago. For full schedule see ad on page 38, visit [www.sebagodays.com](http://www.sebagodays.com) and find them on Facebook under sebagodays.

★ **Mark Erelli concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** American singer-songwriter and guitarist Mark Erelli is known for his distinctive blend of rock, folk, and Americana music. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## JULY 22

★ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival 7 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental

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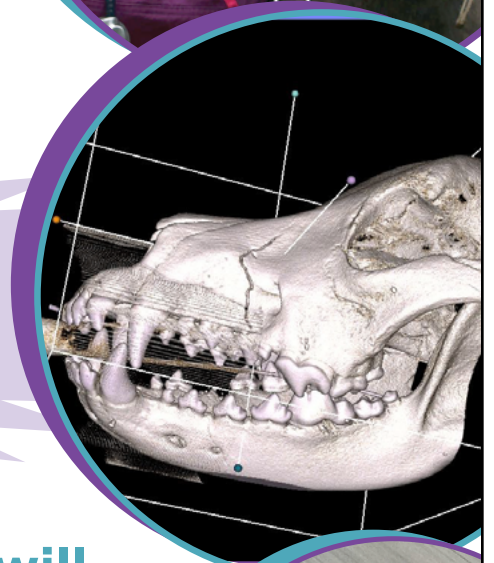
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combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.sebagomusicfestival.org](http://www.sebagomusicfestival.org)

## JULY 23

★ **Windham Summer Concert Series 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Jack Fossett concert. Guitarist, singer and songwriter Jack Fossett performs original Americana, rock and blues tunes. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. [www.windhamrecreation.com](http://www.windhamrecreation.com)

## JULY 24

★ **Casco Days Rides**, a parade, fun, food, vendors, carnival games on the Midway and live entertainment, Casco. For schedule visit [www.cascodays.com](http://www.cascodays.com) and on Facebook

## JULY 25

★ **Edie Carey concert 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Singer-songwriter Edie Carey is known for her unmistakable, soulful voice, her intelligent, heart-grabbing songs. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

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## JULY 26


★ **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown 7 p.m.** A laugh-filled musical comedy by Clark Gesner. Everyone's favorite Peanuts characters are here. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

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## JULY 27

★ **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown 4 p.m.** This production brings Charles Schulz's Peanuts (SEE CALENDAR continued on page 87)

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## JULY 29

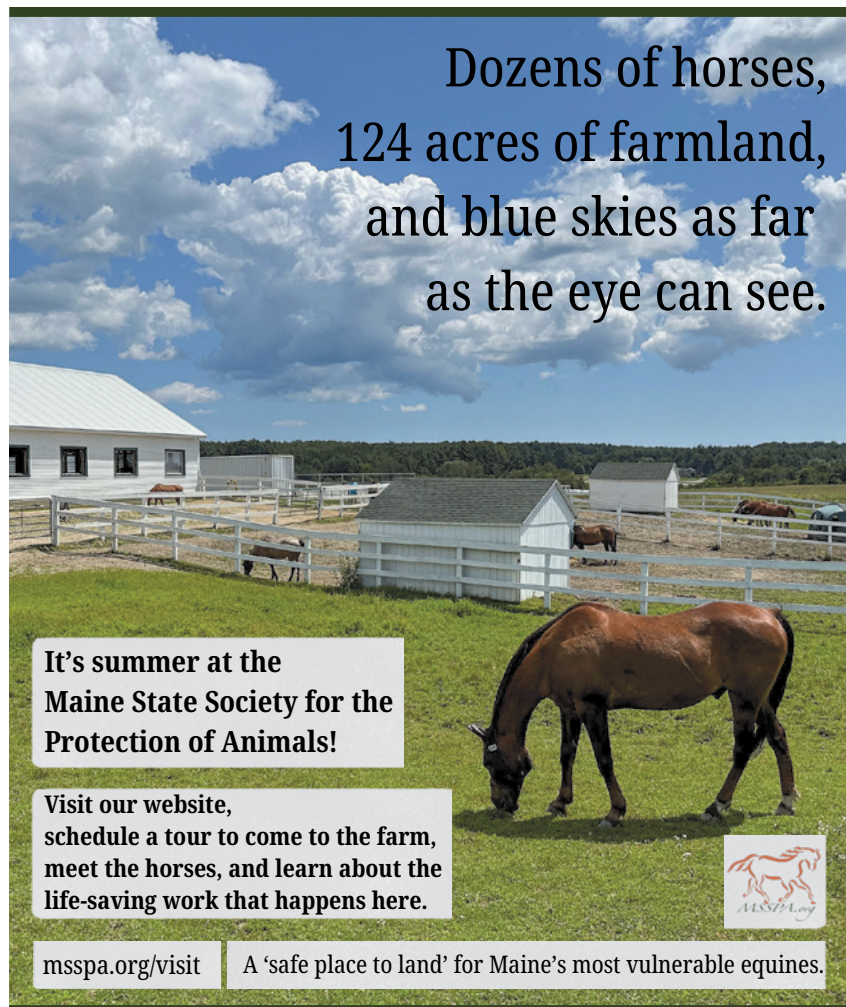
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## JULY 30

☀ **Windham Summer Concert Series 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Jimmy Macisso Band concert. A trio featuring three-part harmonies covering 60 years of popular music. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. [www.windhamrecreation.com](http://www.windhamrecreation.com)

☀ **Maine Lobster Festival Noon to 10 p.m.** What started as an idea for a local marine festival to revive Midcoast Maine communities has (SEE CALENDAR continued on page 88)




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## JULY 31

☀ **Maine Lobster Festival 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.** A celebration of local seafood, artisans, live entertainment and more. Held at Rockland's Harbor Park on Maine Street in Rockland. See schedule at [www.mainerlobsterfestival.com](http://www.mainerlobsterfestival.com)

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☀ **Standish Summer Spectacular 1:30 p.m.** Family event at 670 Ossipee Trail West in Standish features a parade, food trucks and snacks, bounce houses, a rock wall, a petting zoo, face painting and more. The parade starts at 11 a.m. at the Standish Congregational Church and ends at Randall Orchard. [www.standish.org/parks-recreation](http://www.standish.org/parks-recreation)

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## AUGUST 3

☀ **Maine Lobster Festival 8:30**  
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**a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** A celebration of local seafood, artisans, live entertainment and more. Held at Rockland's Harbor Park on Maine Street in Rockland. See schedule at [www.maine lobster festival.com](http://www.maine lobster festival.com)

★ **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown** 4 p.m. This production brings Charles Schulz's beloved Peanuts gang to vibrant life in this charming, laugh-filled musical comedy by Clark Gesner. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

### AUGUST 5

★ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival** 7 p.m. Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.sebagomusicfestival.org](http://www.sebagomusicfestival.org)

### AUGUST 8

★ **Four Old Broads** 7 p.m. A comedy production reminiscent of television's The Golden Girls with geriatric women front and center trying to solve a mystery and ensuing

hilarity. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

### ★ **Classic Watercraft Parade**

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### AUGUST 9

★ **Gray Wild Blueberry Festival** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The 9th Annual Gray Wild Blueberry Festival events include a Blueberry Bake-Off; Blueberry Pie Eating Contest; food trucks and vendors; Community Expo and fundraisers; exhibits and a master beekeeper; corn hole and lawn games; Fun Run Dash and Diaper Derby; horse-drawn wagon rides; sand volleyball courts and a spelling bee. Held at the Henry Pennell Municipal Complex, 24 Main St. in Gray. For full schedule visit [www.wildblueberries.me/grayfestival](http://www.wildblueberries.me/grayfestival) and find them on Facebook

★ **Four Old Broads** 4 p.m. A comedy production reminiscent of (SEE CALENDAR continued on page 91)

**9th  
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television's The Golden Girls with geriatric women front and center trying to solve a mystery and ensuing hilarity. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

★ **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Naples Causeway Classic Boat and Auto Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** See some of the most iconic cars and boats of the past 70 years displayed for free. Located at the town dock and in front of the famous 1901 Naples Casino building. [www.townofnaples.org](http://www.townofnaples.org)

★ **Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Heather Pierson's inspiring live performances and growing catalog of releases delve into Americana, blues, New Orleans jazz, vocal chants, instrumental piano, and folk music. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## AUGUST 12

★ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival 7 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods

ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.sebagomusicfestival.org](http://www.sebagomusicfestival.org)

## AUGUST 15

★ **Eleanor and Dario concert 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Charismatic duo Eleanor Dubinsky and Dario Acosta Teich perform a feel-good concert of jazz, Latin, French and original songs. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

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## AUGUST 16

★ **Four Old Broads 7 p.m.** A comedy production reminiscent of television's The Golden Girls with geriatrics front and center trying to solve a mystery and ensuing hilarity. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

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Mihae Lee, Music Director

Information & Tickets Online at [www.SebagoMusicFestival.org](http://www.SebagoMusicFestival.org)

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## AUGUST 17

☀ **Four Old Broads 4 p.m.** A comedy production reminiscent of television's *The Golden Girls* with geriatrics front and center trying to solve a mystery and ensuing hilarity. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

## AUGUST 22

**🌞 Big Yellow Taxi concert**  
**7 p.m.** Created to explore Joni Mitchell's amazing music from its early folk roots to her pop masterpieces to her jazz influenced compositions, Big Yellow Taxi brings Joni's music alive and is New England's premier Joni Mitchell tribute band. Deertrees Theatre, [Harrison.deertrees-theatre.org](http://Harrison.deertrees-theatre.org)

## AUGUST 23

**☀ Local Artists Spotlight**  
**7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** A gathering of accomplished musicians sharing their gifts to support one of our critical non-profit resource agencies. The Hayloft at Dragon Barn, Bridgton [www.hayloftatdragonfly.com](http://www.hayloftatdragonfly.com)

## AUGUST 24

**The Carpenters... It's Yesterday  
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of The Carpenters' most famous hits  
at the Deertrees Theatre. Deertrees  
Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-  
theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

## AUGUST 30

**☀ Karen Morgan Comedy Show**  
**7 p.m.** Comedy as seen through the perceptive eyes of a wife and mother while prepared with the tenacity of an attorney and tempered with a dash of southern charm. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison [www.deertrees-theatre.org](http://www.deertrees-theatre.org)

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July 25

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OPEN MIC NIGHT

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July 26

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT:  
WET HOT AMERICAN  
SUMMER (2001)

August 6

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August 8

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August 13

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**Build-a-Book** (ages 5-12) Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm

**Story Time with Horses!** (ages 2-7)

Wed., July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30 am

OFF SITE @ Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals

**Super Mario Brothers Interactive Movie**

Thurs, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm

**Mr. Drew and His Animals Too** Fri, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm

OFF SITE @ Windham Middle School

**Smoothie Making** (grades 2-6) Mon, Aug, 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 pm

## TEEN PROGRAMS GRADES 7-12

**Teen Crafternoon:** Tues, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

**Anime Club:** Tues, June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm

**Pizza, Pages, Productions Book Club**

June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

**Video Game Free Play:** Tues, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm

## ALL AGES

**Exploring Pollinator Gardens** Mon, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3-4:30pm

**Comic Workshop** (age 10+) Wed, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm

**Tree Identification** Wed, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm

**Pollinators Party!** Fri, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2-3 pm

## ADULT

**Essay Writing Workshop** Wed, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm

**Mystery Writing Workshop** Wed, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm

**Enhancing Your Soils Potential** Wed, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-7 pm

**Yogurt Making** Wed, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm

**Healthy Hearts, Happy Lives** Fri, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 10-11 am

**Protecting Nature, Enriching Communities**

Wed, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 pm

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE SCHEDULE!

Transportation may be available for some events through  
Age Friendly Windham. Call 207-892-4649

# AREA MARKETS

**BRIDGTON:** Bridgton Farmers' Market is located in front of the Bridgton Community Center just behind Reny's on Depot Street, and is open every Saturday through October, rain, or shine, from 8 a.m. to noon.

**GRAY:** The Gray Village Farmers' Market is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays from June 29 through October at 5 Yarmouth Road.

**WINDHAM:** The Windham Farmers' Market at 4 Turning Leaf Drive is open every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Sept. 27. [WindhamFarmersMarket.com](http://WindhamFarmersMarket.com). Find them on Facebook.

**NAPLES:** Causeway Commons in center town will host a farmers' market this year. Dates and times were not available at press time. See updates at [www.causewaycommons.com](http://www.causewaycommons.com) or check their Facebook page in early June.

**SEBAGO:** Community market is held every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Spaulding Memorial Library at 282 Sebago Road from June 18 through Sept. 17. Visit the Sebago Community Market Facebook page.

**STEEP FALLS:** The Steep Falls Farmer's Market is open at the Steep Falls Gazebo at the intersection of Route 11 and Route 113 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October. Find them on Facebook.

**GORHAM:** The Gorham Farmers Market is at 75 South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library and is open Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through October. Find them on Facebook. ☀



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