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At first glance, visitors may be captivated by the sheer natural beauty surrounding the lakes, ponds and streams, but those who explore beyond the campgrounds or cottages will discover what generations have known for ages, and that is that the Sebago Lakes Region is also teeming with lush trails for hiking enthusiasts, the splendor of majestic trees, landscape and flora that Maine is known for and is the perfect summer getaway for everyone, young or old.

The entire region is blessed with interesting shopping experiences, a rustic neighborly charm, exquisite dining, diverse outdoor activities, and unrivaled wildlife and scenery. It is also home to some of the best fishing anywhere in New England. It's precisely the reason that the Sebago Lakes Region has remained a favorite go-to location for many vacationers who return every summer. It is as close to heaven as any place you might find here on earth.

Sparkling blue water is abundant and a feature that visitors to the Sebago Lakes Region find alluring, but a closer look reveals other species such as deer and birds are attracted to the water here too. Birdwatching enthusiasts say this area of the state is among the best locations to spot many different types of birds not commonly found elsewhere, making it a prime location for the hobby.

Sebago Lake State Park is situated directly on Sebago Lake, which is the second largest body of water in Maine. The park is a popular spot for picnics and camping. Visitors will find that the site offers electricity and water hookups for modern-day convenience and is close for shopping and sightseeing, but it's also far enough away from the trappings of civilization to provide an exceptional experience. For vacation sightseeing, check out the sights of interest section in this guide.

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To follow local happenings, read about the many positive things happening in the community, and to support local businesses in the Sebago Lakes Region, pick up a free copy of The Windham Eagle newspaper which is available on newsstands across the Lakes Region every Friday.

Local advertisers have contributed to this summer guide to assist in providing information about the region to visitors and we encourage you to support them while you're here. Have a great time here this summer – we welcome you to the best vacation you've ever experienced. ✨ *Ed Pierce, Managing Editor, The Windham Eagle*

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On behalf of the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce (SLRCC), welcome to the Sebago Lakes Region. The Native American name Sebago means "great stretch of water," the perfect description of Maine's second largest lake.

Sebago Lake is eight miles wide and 10 miles long. Its excellent water quality is the source of drinking water for the city of Portland and surrounding communities.

Depending on who you ask you might get differing opinions on what constitutes the Sebago Lakes Region. For many, it is the six towns that touch the lake including Sebago, Standish, Windham, Raymond, Casco, and Naples. For the SLRCC, the region officially consists of the eight towns that our chamber supports including Casco, Gray, Naples, New Gloucester, Raymond, Sebago, Standish, and Windham.

Whether you are a long-time resident or joining us for a visit, we invite you to explore the best our region has to offer. You will find an abundance of fun activities, historic points of interest, beautiful spots for photo ops, delicious food at local restaurants and interesting shops, all within our eight member towns.

We invite you to stop by the Chamber offices at 909A Roosevelt Trail in Windham where you will find brochures, maps, and information to help make the most of your visit. We also have a Regional Guide with information about hiking, biking, beaches, accommodations, dining and so much more! With current information about what to do and see in our area, our guide is essential for every resident and visitor to our region.



Hacker's Hill sunset. PHOTO BY KRISTEN MORASSE

Some of our favorite things to do in the region during the summer consist of golfing one of the 18-hole championship golf courses, exploring Frye Island or Tassel Top Beach in Raymond. You can also visit Dundee Park or Babb's Bridge in Windham. The Maine Wildlife Park in Gray is a great opportunity to see wild animals in a natural setting. New Gloucester has both Pineland Farms and the Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village.

In Casco you can spend the day at the Sebago Lake State Park and catch a beautiful sunset at night at Hacker's Hill located on Quaker Ridge Road off Route 302. This preserve showcases 360-degree views of the White Mountains, Pleasant Mountain, and the Lakes Region. If you

like views of the lake, Douglas Mountain in Sebago offers a network of trails that lead to a stone observation tower with expansive views of the region. The Mountain Division Trail between Standish and Windham is six miles of relatively flat, wooded terrain great for hiking or biking.

Still looking for something to do? Well, there is the Naples Causeway located on Long Lake and Brandy Pond. Here you will find fun activities by day followed by spectacular sunsets and bustling nightlife at restaurants and pubs. The causeway has a walking trail, boat rentals, sea plane rides, inns, restaurants, and the Songo River Queen II all within walking distance of each other.

We hope the toughest decision you'll face during your stay in the Sebago Lakes Region is where to go next! ✨

- Robins Mullins, Executive Director, Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce



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OVERVIEW

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 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

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

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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

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

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



Aerial view of Dundee Park, Windham. PHOTO BY KEITH MANK

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

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

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 Gumbo 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 ✨

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BABB'S COVERED BRIDGE – can be found in a quiet, rural setting in Windham and has long been an attraction of artists and photographers. Babb's Covered Bridge connects the towns of Gorham and Windham over the Presumpscot River in Cumberland County. It is a popular tourist destination. It is one of only nine covered bridges remaining in the State of Maine. Babb's Bridge is accessed on Covered Bridge Road, just off River Road in Windham.

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 the Douglas Mountain Road and follow the signs. The trailhead is well marked. There are two ways to the top. Dogs are welcome. A suggested \$3 donation per car is accepted. www.mainetrailfinder.com/trails/trail/douglas-mount

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 information visit www.fryeisland.com

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 Presump-

scot 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. www.prlt.org/gambo-preserve

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. From Raymond, follow Route 302 west. Take a right onto Quaker Ridge Road in Casco. Hacker's Hill is located at the height of land on the north end of Quaker Ridge Road. www.lelt.org/preserves

HOLT POND PRESERVE – was established in 1970 when Lakes Environmental Assoc. purchased 30 acres of woodland and stream next to Holt Pond in Bridgton. Over the years, through the dedicated efforts of many, the preserve has grown to include over 400 acres. To get there, take Route 302 east about a mile past Lake Region High School and turn right on 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, trailhead, and a kiosk on the left. www.mainelakes.org/trailspreserves/holt-pond-preserve

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

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- ☀ **Highland Lake Beach** – Southern end of the lake, just off Route 302. No flotation devices, masks or snorkels in roped area, no running on docks, no swimming or diving near dam. Swimming and parking are free.
- ☀ **Woods Pond Beach** – The boat launch and town beach can be found at the very southern end of the pond on Route 117. No flotation devices, masks or snorkels in roped area, no running on docks, no diving from stationary dock.
- ☀ **Salmon Point** - Off Kansas Road on the Salmon Point Campground.

Note: Hard public boat launching facilities in Bridgton are available on Highland Lake, Long Lake, and Moose Pond. A carry-in launch is located on Stevens Brook. See bridgtonmaine.org/boating

CASCO AND NAPLES –

- ☀ **Sebago Lake State Park** is a state-operated, public recreation area on the north shore of Sebago Lake in the towns of Naples and Casco. Access is located off Route 302. www.maine.gov/sebagolake
- ☀ **Naples Town Beach & Boat Launch at Kent's Landing** is located at 12944 Long Lake Cottage Road in Naples. For fees and other rules visit: townofnaples.org/marinesafety

RAYMOND –

- ☀ **Tassel Top Beach** - stretches about 900 feet down the lake, and a secured swimming area is marked off by buoys. The beach is a part of the larger state-owned municipal Tassel Top Park, which stretches over 30 acres. No boat launch is available. Cabin rentals are available in the park, and the beach and park are a relatively short drive off Route 302. For fee schedule and passes visit www.tasseltoppark.com
- ☀ **Raymond Beach & Boat Ramp** – located off Route 302 at 1396 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. raymond.recdesk.com
- ☀ **Crescent Beach & Boat Launch** – is located on Crescent Lake. The beach offers swimming, boating, and fishing. Crescent Lake is about a 1/2-mile wide

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and 2.5-miles long. The Crescent Lake Beach and boat launch entrance are located off Route 85 in Raymond. raymondmaine.org

SEBAGO –

☀️ **Town of Sebago Public Beach** on Marina Road has a beach, a boat launch and available parking. The beach is for the use of town residents, taxpayers and their guests only. Only those vehicles identified with an Official Beach Pass issued by the Town of Sebago will be permitted to park ☀️ in the Beach parking area. townofsebago.org

☀️ **Nasons Beach** is 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

STANDISH –

☀️ **Standish Public Boat Launch** is located off Route 35 in Sebago Village, the boat launch is open to both residents and non-residents. For town residents, the boat launch is free and a fee of \$10 is charged for non-residents.

☀️ **Kiwanis Beach** is located on Watchic Lake off Route 25 in Standish with reservations taken for private bookings only. Send an email to Standishkiwanis@gmail.com or call 207-642-4036 for reservation details.

☀️ **Rich Memorial Beach** is located at 100 Newbegin Way in Standish. Open daily 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open to residents of Standish only. standishme.myrec.com

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☀️ **Dundee Park** – is on the Presumpscot River at 79 Presumpscot Road, off River Road, Windham. Features include swimming, grills, picnic tables, restrooms, swings and games. There will not be a lifeguard on duty during the 2024 season. For admission fees and hours visit windhamme.myrec.com

GRAY – There are no public beaches in Gray for non-residents. ☀️

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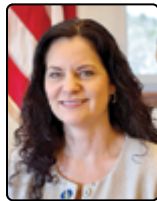


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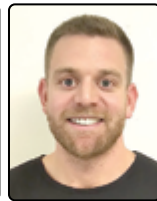
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- ☀️ **Pondicherry Park** – For details, see our “Sights” page 8.
- ☀️ **Holt Pond Preserve** – For details, see our “Sights” page 8.
- ☀️ **Bald Pate Mountain Preserve** – located in South Bridgton, it consists of 486 acres of forest, meadows, granite-topped scenic vistas and boasts a pristine ancient pitch pine forest atop its summit. The preserve was established in 1997 after a local grassroots effort led by Loon Echo Land Trust generated interest and support to protect the mountain. The 6.7-mile network of trails offers an array of recreational opportunities and views. All hiking trails are marked and signed and are maintained by a dedicated group of local stewardship volunteers.
- ☀️ **Perley Mills Community Forest** – is 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.
- ☀️ **Pleasant Mountain Preserve** – is located in Bridgton and Denmark. One can climb the highest mountain in Southern Maine. It includes a hiking trail network that is perfect for not only hikers but birdwatchers too.

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☀ **Sebago Headwaters Preserve** – is located in Bridgton and Naples. It encompasses lands between Bald Pate Mountain and Holt Pond Preserve. In order to access the trails of this preserve, one must enter using the entry points at Bald Pate Mountain or Holt Pond Preserve.

CASCO

☀ **Hacker’s Hill** – is located on Quaker Ridge Road in Casco and is a 27-acre oasis providing 360-degree views of the White Mountains and lakes region. Open five days a week from May to October and easily accessed via a paved roadway leading 753 feet above sea level to the top of the hill. There, you will find 27 acres of open fields and amenities for activities like walking, kite flying, nature observation, picnicking, geo-caching, sunset watching, photography and more. A gate at the bottom of the hill remains open from 8am to sunset and is closed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, July 4 and any inclement weather days. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash at all times.

☀ **Mayberry Hill Preserve** – is a loop comprised of 160 acres of mixed woodlands, meadows, streams and animal sign everywhere. Stone benches are located at intervals along the trail, and additional walking opportunities are available through the field and the log landing. Leashed pets welcome.

GRAY

☀ **Libby Hill Trails** – is known as a perfect spot to get away from it all. It is a trail system that consists of 9 multiple loops made of 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/ME-4/ME-15/ME-26-A. 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 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. libbyhill.org

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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 in the center of Bridgton’s downtown, offers a 2.3-mile trail network. Trails follow the Stevens and Willet Brooks and overgrown pastures. www.lelt.org/pondicherry-park

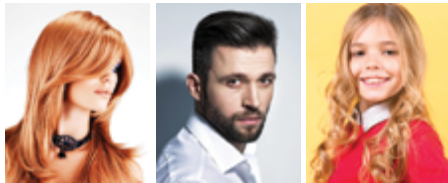
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SONGO LOCKS

History Plays Key Role in Commerce

By Ernest H. Knight

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.

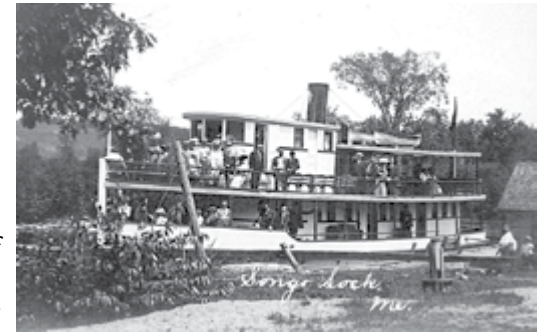
Originally a natural waterfall contained in a series of ponds and streams including Long Pond, Chute River, Brandy Pond, Songo River, and Sebago Pond (lake was not a term that was used in the early days of settlement), it was necessary to provide a lock for passage of craft

larger than canoes.

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



A postcard shows a steamboat carrying passengers passing through Songo Lock during the 19th century. The lock is functional to this day and was originally part of the waterway system created for commerce. COURTESY PHOTO

the day. Before the abandonment of the dug portion of the canal route to Portland 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," de- (SEE SONGO continued on page 28)

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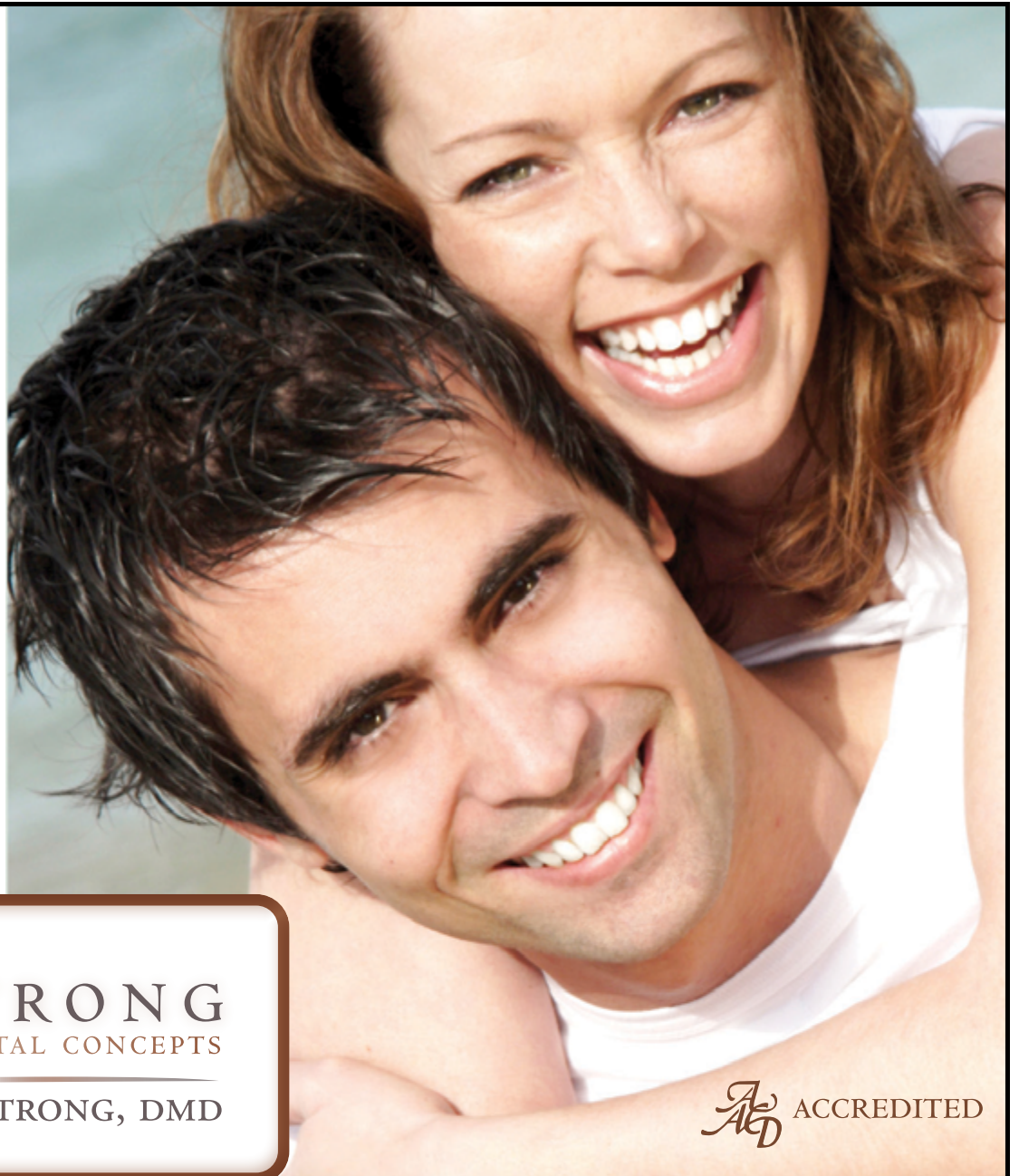
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Loon Echo Land Trust Properties

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 LELET 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. Conservation easements limit future

development and ensure that working forests, farmland, clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and scenic beauty remain an important part of the regional landscape for generations to come.

“Sebago Cove Forest does not currently 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, however that will likely not take place until 2025 or later. 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



Left, a woodland view of Sebago Cove is shown. At right is a kayaker paddling in Perley Pond at Tiger Hill. PHOTOS BY NEILY RAYMOND

Forest in the town of Sebago, also a LELET conserved property. The area is home to wildlife such as deer, moose, and otter. The area is open to back-country hiking. There is a parking area and map available.

The LELET 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 ac-

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WARDEN MUSEUM

Worth a Trip to Wildlife Park

By Kendra Raymond

The next time you are at the Maine Wildlife Park, make sure to check out the Warden Museum at the site. Visitors can learn about the history of the Maine Warden Service through this immersive experience. Best of all, a visit to the museum is included in the cost of admission.

The Warden Museum features a

special collection of warden equipment and much of it used in the line of service. A vintage snowmobile and ATV are on-site for detailed observation and photo opportunities.

Fun fact: the vintage 1947 Old Town canoe was moved from the ceiling to its current location, which is closer to eye level. Even more fun: Old Town Canoe still had the invoice from

its original purchase.

Others may be interested in memorabilia including items dating as far back as 1880. Guests can expect to see original uniforms and gear generously donated to the museum. Informational graphics and videos provide a look into the history of the Warden Service.

Retired Warden David Georgia serves as the unofficial department historian. With a keen sense for dates, facts, and history, Georgia serves a crucial role to the museum taking the helm with much of the history research.

“The goal is essentially to give a glimpse into the Warden Service within Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,” said Warden Evan Franklin, who has taken the museum under his wing, helping when he can. A walk through the museum provides a general history of the Warden Service and an overview of the roles of the Wardens and various

specialty teams of today.

Franklin says that the museum is owned by the Maine Warden Service Association, a police benefit organization. He explained that the group built the museum in the Wildlife Park to educate the public about the Warden Service then and now. The Maine Warden Service Association is a non-profit dedicated to helping game wardens in need.

The rustic knotty pine building is sure to catch your eye as you approach the Nature Store heading toward the birds exhibit.

The Maine Wildlife Park is open daily and is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray. General admission and season passes are available.

To learn more or plan your trip, visit the Maine Wildlife Park website at: www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park or call 207-822-6460. Also search on Instagram and Facebook. ✨



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pending 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 "Go-odridge," which was built that year at Bath Iron Works and transported to Naples in pieces for assembly.

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 their feelings of 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 September for the passage of pleasure boats as a Maine State Parks Service activity. For a small fee charged for the lift or drop, once six cents for a canal boat that filled a lock, but now a dollar per boat for as many as can be crowded in at once, a boater can be convinced of the fact that boats as well as other conveyances can climb hills. ☀

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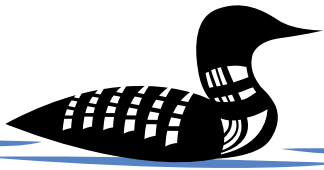
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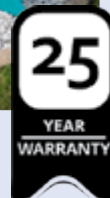
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BLACKSMITH SHOP

History Comes to Life

By Ed Pierce

Steeped in history, the Watkins Blacksmith Shop is one of the oldest blacksmith shops still in existence in Maine, and visitors to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society Museum can watch blacksmiths take red-hot iron from the fires of the shop's forge and hammer it into a variety of tools, and hardware.

A year-long project to resurrect and preserve the shop and move it to the museum grounds in Casco was completed in 2023 and has become the centerpiece and star attraction to a revitalized museum of artifacts and antiquities unequalled anywhere in the Lakes Region of Maine. The blacksmith shop was first opened in the 1850s by William Watkins and was in use right up until the 1940s in Casco.

Footage of the blacksmith's forge and shop was included in a 1922 si-

lent movie called "Timothy's Quest" and it once was part of a thriving rural community in Casco, but over the past eight decades, the building slowly become a crumbling relic of Maine's past. That is, until an idea about moving the building was pitched to Frank McDermott, president of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society. He envisioned the potential of moving the blacksmith shop to the society's museum on Watkins Farm in Casco, restoring it and using it for live demonstrations for the public.

A team of advisors assisted the historical society in moving the structure to the museum and that group included Dr. Robert Schmick, Museum Director of 19th Century Curran Village in Orrington, Ed Somers of Bridgton, a specialist in preservation and restoration of buildings of this era, and

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Sebago Lake State Park

By Kendra Raymond

If you've spent any time in the Sebago Lakes region, a trip to Sebago Lake State Park is probably part of the agenda. With so much to offer, the park is a must-visit destination. It has something for everyone; whether you are into boating, camping, fishing, hiking, or swimming – this state park has you covered.

Visitors to the Sebago Lake State Park are met with classic amenities including a safe swimming area, changing rooms, a snack shack, grills, and picnic tables.

Campground guests can enjoy sites with a picnic table and fireplace. An information center, free Wi-Fi, electric and water hookups, showers, firewood, ice, and a dump station are all included.

A gathering spot affectionately called "The Sandbar" consists of a wide strip of sand located in shallow waters close to the park. For those looking for sun, fun, and socializing – this is the place for you.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry website describes Sebago Lake State Park this way: "This forested lakeside park is situated on the shore of Maine's deepest and second largest lake which provides year-round recreation for thousands of visitors each year. Near the foothills of the White Mountains, the park's 1,342 acres features sandy beaches, extensive woodlands, ponds, bogs, a river, and diverse habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life."

The park's 250-site campground is a popular destination for family vacationers and provides lasting memories season after season. Wooded areas offer a respite from the sun and activity on the beaches. Whether hiking on marked trails or bicycling on park roads, visitors find many ways to enjoy the park.

As one of the first five state parks in Maine, Sebago Lake State Park was first opened in 1938. It was funded in part by the Land for Maine's Future Program. Additionally, the Land and

Water Conservation Fund also contributed to the park. It encompasses land on the north shore of Sebago Lake and is mostly forested and divided into two sections by the Songo River. About 250 campsites are available at two campgrounds, Naples Beach and Witch Cove. There are plenty of hiking and biking trails.

Visitors are reminded to abide by the Rules for State Parks and Historic

sites: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/park_passes_fees_rules/park_rules.shtml

The Day Use entrance is located at 11 Park Access Road in Casco and is open your-round from 9 a.m. to sunset for a fee. The park office can be reached at 207-693-6231.

The park's campground is located at 3 Campground Lane in Naples and can be reached at 207-693-6613. 🌟

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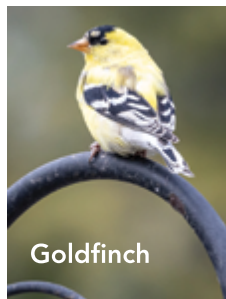
If you are into birdwatching, you are in the right place this summer. Because of its wide variety of ecosystems, the Lakes Region is a wonderful place to birdwatch in Maine. From aquatic species to impressive raptors, you should be able to view a lot of new birds during a visit to the Lakes region this summer.

The many bodies of water in this region offer enormous opportunities for birdwatching. Several of the rivers and small ponds in this area, such as the Tenny River which connects Crescent Lake and Panther Pond, are easily accessible by even a novice kayaker or canoeist. These small waterways are home to many species of waterfowl and marsh birds, such as: yellow warblers, northern water thrushes, and flashy red-winged blackbirds.

If you set out in the morning or evening, you may even spot one of

Maine's largest birds, the great blue heron, patiently stalking fish in the tall reeds along the shore. These stately and impressive birds tend to be tolerant of canoes and kayaks, so you may be able to linger while the heron pose for pictures.

Loons are also frequently found near several swimming areas. Loons tend to make their haunting, prehistoric calls during the morning and evening hours. If you haven't yet heard a loon, consider booking a campsite at Sebago Lake State Park. Research has shown that the call of a loon is more memorable if it is heard while sitting around a glowing campfire.



Goldfinch

The Lake Region's northern deciduous forests, composed mostly of red oak, white pine, sugar maple, red maple, and eastern hemlock, are also home to a wide variety of bird species.

In addition to Maine's state bird, the black-capped chickadee, birders may spot

the brilliant flash of a goldfinch or scarlet tanager swooping between the trees on any of our local hiking trails.

Southern Maine's woods are also home to a wide variety of species of woodpecker, including the impressive pileated woodpecker, which can be very large, with a wingspan of nearly 30 inches, and very loud. If you hear what sounds like an axe hitting a tree somewhere deep in the forest, chances are good there's a pileated woodpecker at work! Another way to identify the presence of a pileated woodpecker is to watch for holes in the trees. Pileated woodpeckers carve large and distinctive rectangular shaped holes in wood to get at carpenter ants and other insects.

Speaking of impressive birds, the Lakes Region is home to many birds of prey, including bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, kestrels, and merlins. Bald eagles are usually spotted swooping over a stretch of open water or lingering majestically in the top of tall pines along the water's edge. ✨

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FISH HATCHERY

A Fun & Educational Trip

By Kendra Raymond

A trip to the Maine Wildlife Park is always a worthwhile adventure. What many visitors may not realize that visiting the Dry Mills Fish Hatchery is included in admission to the park. It is a great way to learn about fish culture in Maine and have an opportunity to meet the brood stock up close.

To find the hatchery, visitors walk down the hill past the park's eagles, turtles, and wetland trails to the adjacent Dry Mills Fish Hatchery. There is a brand-new interpretive building and trout pond here, trout observation tanks and thousands of brook trout are raised annually. Feed the round pond trout for a quarter!

"Dry Mills Hatchery is one of eight Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife hatcheries throughout the state. IFW produces six different species which include brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout,

lake trout, splake, and salmon," said John Dumais, Fish Culture Supervisor at the Dry Mills Hatchery.

The hatchery serves an important role in southern Maine fish culture as the primary supplier of eggs from the Kennebago broodstock. Not only does it serve the Gray region A area, but it also works in conjunction with other state hatcheries.

"The only species of fish at Dry Mill Fish Hatchery is brook trout," Dumais said. "It lies in the perfect spot where a series of springs supply around 1,200 gallons per minute of water with temperatures that stay relatively constant throughout the year. In 2023 Dry Mills stocked 123,030 brook trout totaling over 40,000 pounds. Dry Mills transfers over 200,000 fry to other rearing stations each year."

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MAINE FUN FACTS



& Pine Tree State trivia

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- ☀ Maine is most famous for Lobster and harvests the majority of the lobster in the United States.
- ☀ Maine has 3,478 miles of coastline - more than California (3,427), and over 5,000 miles of coast if you include all of the islands as well. Only Florida and Louisiana (mostly bayou) have more miles of coastline.
- ☀ Maine has 3,166 off-shore islands. Only about 1,200 Maine coast islands have an acre or more, 600 comprise 95 percent of the island acreage.
- ☀ Maine has many haunted inns and lighthouses
- ☀ Maine has over 32,000 miles of rivers and streams.
- ☀ Maine has over 6,000 lakes and ponds.
- ☀ Maine State Capital: Augusta - Population: 18,560
- ☀ State Population: 1.4 million
- ☀ Maine State Tree: The White Pine
- ☀ Maine State Animal: The Moose - Maine has more Moose per mile than any other state, over 60,000 moose, second only to Alaska.



☀ Maine State Fish: Landlocked Salmon

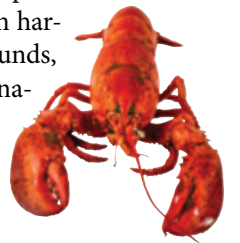


- ☀ Maine State Cat: Wild Coon Cat
- ☀ Maine State Insect: Officially the Honeybee, (unofficially - the mosquito on the coast and black fly in the mountains)
- ☀ Maine State Nickname: Vacationland
- ☀ Maine State Bird: The Chickadee
- ☀ Maine's Highest Mountain: Mt. Katahdin at 5,268 ft. elevation
- ☀ Maine's Largest City: Portland at 68,356 population. Greater Portland comprises one-quarter of the state's 1.4 million population
- ☀ 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 - (More blueberries grow in Maine than any oth-



er state, over 90 percent of the country's crop)

- ☀ Average Summer Temperature: 70 degrees
- ☀ Average Winter Temperature: 20 degrees
- ☀ Maine is the only state in the U.S. with one syllable.
- ☀ Maine is the only state with just one other state on its border - New Hampshire.
- ☀ Maine was admitted to the Union as the 23rd state on March 15, 1820.
- ☀ Portland was first selected as the state capital until 1832, when the capital was moved to Augusta.
- ☀ Acadia National Park is one of the most visited U.S. National Parks, with over 2 million annual visitors. The park was first opened in 1916.
- ☀ In 2022, Maine Lobstermen harvested nearly 94 million pounds, approx. 90 percent of the nation's lobster supply.
- ☀ Maine produces 90 percent of the country's toothpick supply.
- ☀ Maine is a top producer of potatoes and broccoli.



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and fall. Stocking is usually done by truck; however, ATV, backpack, boat, and plane are sometimes used.

Aside from the benefits to Maine fisheries, the Dry Mills Hatchery provides a great interactive learning experience.

Visitors can view the fish in the tanks and round pond as part of the Wildlife Park.

“You get to see a large amount of brook trout and see how they react to feeding. There is a lot of information about what the hatchery division does throughout the state of Maine”, said Dumais.

The Dry Mills Hatchery was established in 1933. It has undergone many renovations and improvements over the years, with the most recent being

the installation of the new round pond and information building in 2013.

The hatchery staff consists of four full-time employees and 24-hour coverage is provided in case of alarms or emergencies.



The Maine Wildlife Park is open daily and is located at 56 Game Farm Road in Gray. General admission and season passes are available. To learn more or plan

your trip, visit: www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park. Find them on Instagram and Facebook. To learn more about Maine fish hatcheries: www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/hatcheries ☀️

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- ☀ Geographically Maine is bigger than the other five New England states combined.
- ☀ Maine is rich in gems and is among the biggest zinc and copper deposits in the country plus tourmaline, amethyst, topaz and garnet.
- ☀ Maine is second in the nation in the production of maple syrup and Maine's Somerset County produces more maple syrup than any other county in the nation.
- ☀ Maine is home to many of the best boat builders in the world: Hinckley, Sabre Yachts, Back Cove, Duffy, Morse Yachts, Egg Harbor, Calvin Beal, Robert Stevens, Old Town Canoe, Downeast, LL Bean, Atlantic and The Landing School.
- ☀ Maine's Aroostook County at 6,453 square miles is larger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.
- ☀ Eastport, Maine is the easternmost U.S. city, and the first in the country to see the sun.
- ☀ Maine contains 542,629 acres of State and National Parks.



Author Stephen King's home in Bangor

- ☀ Portland is the birthplace of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
- ☀ John D. Rockefeller Jr. funded the majority of Acadia National Park's carriage roads and trail systems between 1915-1933.
- ☀ Nelson Rockefeller was born in Bar Harbor, Maine 1908.
- ☀ Author Stephen King is a resident of Bangor.
- ☀ The first ship built by English colonists in America was launched on the Kennebec River in 1607.
- ☀ The first naval battle of the Revolutionary War was fought off Machias, Maine in 1775.

☀ Maine's coastline has so many deep harbors it could provide anchorage for all the Navy fleets in the world. ☀



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Kerry Tottle of Limington, who devised a plan for lifting sections of the building over an adjacent building at its original location.

“We are amazed at what was accomplished. We realize that we have saved an important part of history that should serve the communities as well as the state for another 200-plus years. Most of the credit for saving this piece of history must go to the citizens of Casco and Raymond for their generous donations they voted to give the project last summer. Then we must thank the individual donors that put us over the top. Without them, nothing would have been accomplished.”

Besides Blacksmith Shop demonstrations, guests to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society Museum can also explore four old buildings at the site. The main museum building was constructed and then donated by Skip and Zina Watkins to the Historical Society and contains exhibits of historical



value to Raymond and Casco. There’s also a barn featuring farming and industrial exhibits that were used in both Raymond and Casco dating as far back as the 18th century.

The third building on the museum grounds is a true replica of the Friends School House that was destroyed by a fire years ago. At the time of the fire, historical society members were

in the process of moving it to the site and it’s an excellent example of a one-room schoolhouse. The school is used for demos as well as a meeting space, and now the fourth building at the museum is the Watkins Blacksmith Shop.

There is no charge to visit the museum, located at 1 Shadow Lane in Casco. It opens Memorial Day Weekend and is open from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. To keep up with events and hours visit www.raymondhistoricalsociety.org or call 207-655-6389. ✨

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- Two strong front claws and eight walking legs they use to crawl forward.
- Each lobster has two different claws, a larger dominant crusher claw and a smaller pincher claw.
- Lobsters have clear blood. When cooked, their blood oozes out of the lobster meat, producing a thick opaque white substance.
- Lobsters can regenerate limbs: If a lobster loses a claw, antenna or leg, it is able to grow it back. However, it typically takes about five years for a lobster to regenerate a claw that is the same size as the one it lost.
- Lobsters use small chemosensory hairs on their legs and feet to identify their food. Lobsters also use the antennae on the front of their heads to smell food that is further away.
- Lobsters have poor vision: They probably don't see objects but can detect motion in dim light in the depths of the sea. Their longer antennae and tiny hairs over their whole body are sensitive to touch. The shorter antennae detect odors, chemical signals in water and help lobsters to find their food.
- Lobsters do not have teeth, but instead have a structure called a gastric mill that is located in their digestive track. The gastric mill has three grinding surfaces that break down food as it moves from the lobster's mouth to its stomach.

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A lobster's stomach is located behind their eyes and is about the size of a walnut.

- **Grow by molting:** A lobster's shell does not grow, so they must molt their shell and grow a new one. Typically, lobsters molt about 25 times in the first five to seven years of their life.

Lobsters swim backward: While lobsters most commonly swim or crawl forwards, they can swim backward just as easily. If a lobster feels threatened or startled, it will dart backward by curling and uncurling its tail.

Never stop growing: The largest lobster recorded so far was caught in Nova Scotia in 1977. The monstrous lobster was 3.5 feet long and weighed over 44 pounds.

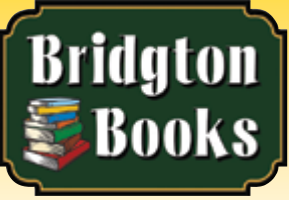
Can live longer than 100 years: Scientists do not have a method to accurately determine the age of a lobster. However, scientists can estimate the age of a lobster based on its size. Those purchased in stores are typically about 5 to 7 years old. ☀



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landscape of forests over rolling hills. Hikers are invited to explore this hidden property. Located about four miles east of the center of the Town of Gray, the Pineland Public Lands includes more than 600 acres in Gray, North Yarmouth, and New Gloucester.

NAPLES

☀ **Jugtown Forest** – is a 5,000-acre working forest owned by Hancock Land Company and open for responsible public access. The area is laced with over 15 miles of trails for hikers, ATVers, bicyclists, horseback riders and hunters. By foot, explore the site of the original 1848 sawmill on Decker Mill Hiking Trail. Crooked River passes through this property. Do be aware that this is a working forest and some areas may be closed. Logging equipment always has the right-of-way. Trail Access is Ellen Drive off of Jugtown Plains Road. hancocklumber.com/land-mills/jugtown-forest

☀ **Lake Region Middle and High School** - contains wide and easily followed trails connecting the middle and high schools providing opportunities for jogging and easy walking in a natural setting. Located off Route 302, the trailhead is behind the schools near the athletic field.

RAYMOND

☀ **Rattlesnake Mountain** – is located off the left side of Route 85 if you are heading North out of Raymond. The parking lot is less than 2 miles from the Crescent Lake boat launch. It's an easy hike for the whole family.

☀ **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 take in the views of 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 at Raymond Elementary. It is a perfect family trail of easy to moderate

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SEBAGO/STANDISH

☀ **Chessey Property** - is a privately owned property in Sebago managed under conservation easement with the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. The trail on Chessey 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.

☀ **Douglas Mountain** – For details, see our “Sights” section page 8.

☀ **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 painted wooden arrows and birdhouses line the trail.

(SEE HIKING continued on page 63)

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for Adventure or Peace

By Kaysa Jalbert

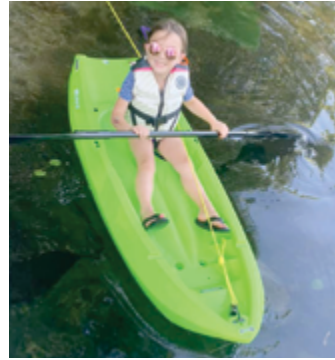
Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of Maine lies the stunning Sebago Lake, the second largest lake in Maine expanding more than 30,000 acres and reaching depths greater than 300 feet deep. It is a haven for water enthusiasts seeking adventures. Surrounded by lush greenery and offering crystal-clear waters, Sebago Lake isn't just a destination; it's an invitation to dive into a world of exhilarating water sports that cater to both thrill-seekers and leisure enthusiasts alike.

"Everybody is welcome to come enjoy the lakes, there's lots of different coves and areas for people to see," says Pam Wilkinson, President of the Little Sebago Lake Association. "There's lots of activities to enjoy on the lake from canoeing, to wake surfing that's popular right now, even water jet packs."

At the heart of Sebago Lake's allure is its vast expanse, providing the perfect canvas for a myriad of water-based activities. From the exhilarating rush of jet skiing or tubing to the tranquil pleasure of paddleboarding, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Feel the rush of adrenaline as you carve through the waves, mastering the art of gliding effortlessly across the water.

For those who prefer a more leisurely pace, kayaking and canoeing present an opportunity to explore Sebago Lake's serene beauty up close. Paddle quietly along the shoreline, marveling at the vibrant foliage and diverse wildlife that call this area home. It's a chance to reconnect with nature and find peace amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

But Sebago Lake is just the beginning. Venture beyond its shores, and you'll discover a treasure trove of other lakes waiting to be explored. Nearby Long Lake offers ample opportunities for water skiing and wakeboarding, with its expansive waters providing the perfect playground for thrill-seekers.



The town of Raymond sits on Jordan Bay along the northeast shore of Sebago Lake. Visitors can take part in water sports on the ponds and lakes including Crescent Lake, Panther Pond, Notched Pond, Raymond Pond, Thomas Pond, and northern Sebago Lake. In the northeastern section of town, Morgan Meadow Wildlife Management Area is a largely forested preserve with significant wetland where one can enjoy canoeing.

Further afield, Moose Pond beckons with its tranquil beauty and excellent fishing opportunities. Cast your line and reel in a trophy-worthy catch as you bask in the serenity of this idyllic setting. Whether you're an experienced angler or a novice looking to try your hand at fishing, Moose Pond promises an unforgettable experience.

There are a number of local marinas and recreation centers that rent the vessel that suits your interests from speed boats and pontoons to canoes and kayaks. Or if you want to experience the ultimate fishing adventure seek out a guide service to take you out for a memorable fishing excursion or sunset cruise.

The lakes of Maine, particularly Sebago Lake and its surrounding counterparts, offer a paradise for water sports enthusiasts of all kinds. Whether you're seeking adrenaline-pumping thrills or tranquil moments of relaxation, there's something for everyone to enjoy amidst the pristine waters and breathtaking scenery. So, pack your swimsuit, grab your gear, and get ready to dive into the adventure of a lifetime. ✨

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FISHING

Area Hot Spots to Cast a Line

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There's a rush that comes from getting a small tug on the line and then reeling in a fish. Fishermen must decide if the fish is a keeper or could be tossed back into the water. Rivers and lakes across the Lakes Region of Maine are managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and 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 details about fishing in the Lakes Region, visit the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 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, Sebago Road and private marinas.

☀ **Thompson Lake: Casco, Oxford, Poland**

- Wild population
- Trailered boat access off Route 121; limited pull-out 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 Lovel Landing Road

☀ **Middle Range Pond: Poland**

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



A 24-inch Togue caught on Sebago Lake shines in the light of a beautiful, clear sunny day. PHOTO BY DEREK BELL

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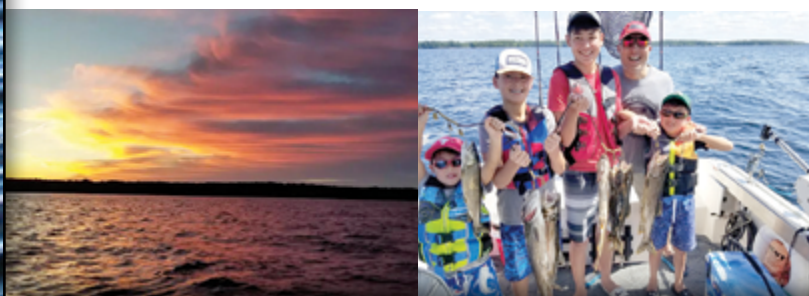
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LANDLOCKED SALMON

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
- 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: 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

FLY FISHING ONLY: SMALL BROOKS AND 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

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LANDLOCKED SALMON:

- The oldest landlocked salmon on record in Maine was 13 years old.
- Average size is 16-18 inches and 1-1 1/2 pounds, but 3-5 pound fish are not uncommon.
- They are a freshwater form of the sea-run Atlantic salmon.
- Landlocked salmon provide great entertainment when caught with their frequent acrobatic jumps out of the water. They are nicknamed "leaping landlocked."
- A coldwater fish, landlocked salmon prefer water temperatures below 65 degrees and rely on smelt to thrive.



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LAKE TROUT (TOGUE):

- Lake trout commonly reach lengths of 18 to 24 inches and weights of 2 to 4 pounds. They are among the longest lived and largest freshwater game fish, often living 20 years or more and attaining sizes of over 30 inches and 10 pounds.
- Lake trout are the largest native freshwater fish in Maine with the state record being a 44-inch 39.2 pounder from Richardson Lake in Oxford County.
- With their large size and agility comes the ability to feed on large mobile prey such as gamefish like salmon, brook trout, whitefish, cusk, white perch, and bass.
- They are also cannibalistic and will feed on smaller fish of their own species.
- Lake trout are deep dwellers that prefer very cold water year-round.



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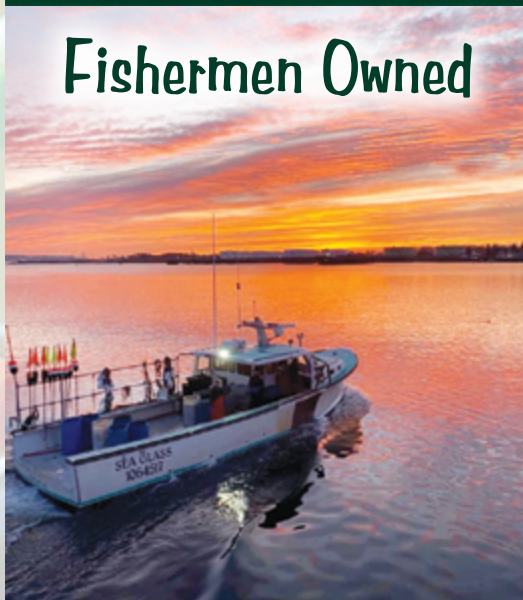
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26, Mechanic Falls

• 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: (Section between Sebago Lake & North Gorham Pond), Windham**

• Open year round

• Stocked with brook trout

• Occasionally stocked with brown trout

☀ **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

Identification: See description page 52

☀ **Hancock Pond: Denmark, Sebago**

• Known for large brown trout, but slow fishing

• Trailered boat access at north end, off Hancock Pond Road

☀ **Little Sebago Lake: Windham, Gray**

• Trailered boat access near southwest 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 Parsonfield

• 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 southwest 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

• Produced Maine's record 11 pound, 10-ounce largemouth bass



4-year old Macie catches her first bass. PHOTO BY MELISSA CARTER

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BOATING

New Boater Safety Regulations

By Kendra Raymond

Here in the Sebago Lakes Region, boating plays an important role in the economy and recreation of the area. From fishing rigs to pontoon boats, and everything in between – watercraft are prevalent in area lakes and tributaries.

Before hitting the water, it is essential to be aware of the new boater safety requirements set forth by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and passed by lawmakers. It encompasses boating in all Maine lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and 3 nautical miles offshore. IFW now requires younger boaters to complete a boater safety education course, available on-line and in-person.

The course covers topics including laws and operation, how to deal with emergencies, invasive species, water sports, and landowner respect. Following completion of the course, boaters will be required to carry a certificate while operating a boat.

Lt. Jason Luce, based in the IFW region A Gray headquarters was involved in the process. He said that enacting boater education was long overdue, and Maine was just one of 6 or 7 remaining states that do not require a course.

“We want the boating public to be as safe as possible. Boating is fairly dangerous, and there are several fatalities a year. You need a license to drive a car, and there are lines in the road. In the water, there are no roads,” said Luce. “I believe everyone should have to take a boater safety course. US Coast Guard statistics show that males 35 to 55 are the most dangerous group.”

He explained that boats are a luxury item and people in this age bracket often purchase boats but have no formal training on its safe operation.

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“It is a good step in my opinion, a really good start,” said Luce, sharing his best advice to “be mindful.”

Rules posted on the IFW website mandate that:

Beginning January 1, 2024, a person born on or after Jan. 1, 1999, may not operate a motorboat greater than twenty-five horsepower for recreational boating purposes on inland waters of this State or territorial waters, unless that person is 12 years of age or older and has completed a boater safety and education course. These persons must possess and present a boater safety and education course certificate for inspection upon request to a law enforcement officer.

A person born after Jan. 1, 1999 is also required to complete a boater safety and education course and be at least 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft (such as a jet ski) on inland waters and territorial waters of the State or to supervise a person under 12 years of age who is operating a motorboat.

Regional Fisheries biologist James Pellerin agrees with the new rules.

“I believe some boater safety training is certainly not a bad idea,” he said.

The Maine Warden Service, Maine Marine Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard remind all boaters to properly prepare their watercraft before heading out on the water. Be sure that all necessary safety devices are on your boat and in good serviceable condition. In addition to life jackets, safe boaters should have working navigation lights, sound signaling devices, and properly displayed current registration numbers. A thorough check of lifejackets, fire extinguishers and flare expiration dates should be performed for each trip onto the water to be sure they are in working order.

Rules also specify that all children ages 10 and under must wear a lifejacket, and boaters must have a lifejacket on board for every person in the boat.

The BoatUS Foundation is offering the new safety course free of charge. Visit their website to get started: www.boatus.org/maine.

Visit IFW Boating Safety Education to learn more: www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/educational-programs/safety-courses/boating-safety.html

The Boater’s Guide to Maine Boating Laws and Responsibilities can be found at: www.maine.gov/ifw/docs/maine-boating-laws.pdf ☀

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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 Road, adjacent to Thompson Lake Marina
- ☀ **Lovewell Pond: Fryeburg**
- Largemouth and smallmouth bass
- Trailered boat access off Route 5 and Route 113
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- 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)

PRIVATE LANDS

Many of Maine's fisheries can only be accessed by using private lands. In order to continue to enjoy the pleasures of our valuable natural resources it is crucial that you treat all lands you use with respect. Always carry in, carry out. Please, try to leave the woods and waters better than you found them to help ensure future access. Always obey the law, be safe and ethical, and report any land abuse that you witness. Land abuse is a very serious problem in Maine, and each year, access to private property is lost because of it. Put yourself in the landowner's shoes and help ensure that violators are prosecuted. If you see a violation occurring, contact Operation Game Thief at 1(800) ALERT-US [1(800) 253-7887].

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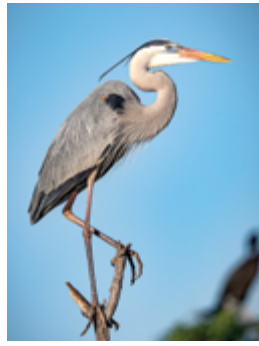


(HIKING continued from page 49)

☀ **Sebago Elementary** – is a short network of looping trails that start on the 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.

☀ **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. It is great for all skill levels and offers a number of activity options. On a clear day, Mount Washington in New Hampshire is visible. The campus is located at 278 Whites Bridge Road in Standish.



Great Blue Herons are often spotted on hikes especially in marshy areas.

in Windham. This park offers something for everyone. There are short trails, basketball courts, canoe and kayak rentals, fishing, grills, swimming, volleyball and restrooms. Admission fee (see beaches page 12).

☀ **East Windham Conservation Area** – The area boasts 5 miles of completed trails with five more to come. The trails weave through lush forests, over babbling brooks and up gently slopes. Whether you’re a hiker, mountain biker, trail runner or simply a nature lover, these trails offer something for everyone. The parking area is at 187 Falmouth Road in Windham.

☀ **Lowell Preserve** – is a 308 acre nature preserve that contains a wooded trail system with a number of loops ranging in length from 0.3 to 3.4 miles. The trails are a mixture of packed earth and rocky surfaces that have various elevation inclines throughout the area, and are used by hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. It is located behind the East Windham Fire Station on Falmouth Road. There is a playground.

☀ **Manchester School** - is a short, wooded, and flat loop on the campus of the Manchester School. Its short distance and easy terrain make it a very accessible trail. Located on Route 302 near the intersection of ME 115.

☀ **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 tarred path is great for walking, running and riding bicycles.

☀ **Otter Brook Sanctuary** - has a trail that skirts the outside of a housing development following Otter Brook as it winds through tree plantations, woods, and marshy wetlands. The trailheads are accessed from Rocklin Road, off of River Road in Windham.

☀ **Pringle Wildlife Preserve** – is a 17 parcel of land consisting of marshy wetlands that surround Otter Brook. There are no trails but a short walk brings you from the parking area to a viewing platform, perfect for both birdwatching and stargazing. Access is off of Windham Center Road just beyond the junction with River Road. There is a parking lot and trailhead sign. ☀

WINDHAM

☀ **The Black Brook Preserve** – is a trail network that has rolling hills, mature trees, and brooks along with a variety of wildlife and plant life. The trails offer great locations for bird watching and enjoying the historic charm of Windham. For directions visit them online.

☀ **Deer Hallow Sanctuary** - is located on a 16-acre sanctuary and leads down to Mud Ponds. It is great for a short hike and bird watching. The trails can be wet in the spring and are not marked but easily followed. Located off of 302 off of Angler Road. Follow the dirt road ½ mile. Veer right onto Woodland Road and stay straight. Parking and trailhead on right.

☀ **Donna Lippman Park** - is 123 acres of woodlands and wetlands with a 10-acre pond. There is a trail that loops around the pond for hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and snow shoeing. Fishing is also a popular activity on the property. The park is located at 18 Chaffin Pond Road.

☀ **Dundee Park** – is located at 79 Presumpscot Road off from River Road

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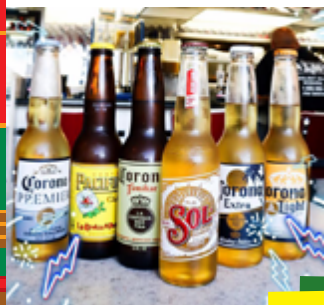
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In 2011 the Maine Legislature considered naming the whoopie pie as the official state pie and the proposal received bipartisan support. In the end, however, legislators chose to instead declare the whoopie pie the official state treat, and opted to select the blueberry pie, made with wild Maine blueberries, as the official state dessert. ✨

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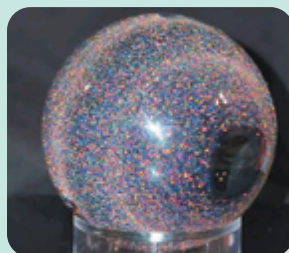
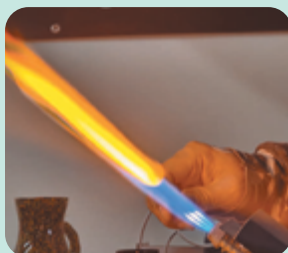
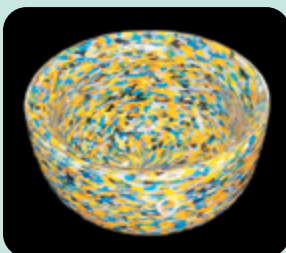
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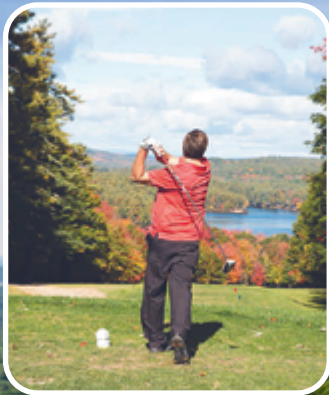
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Please note that this calendar is accurate to the best of our knowledge at time of publication. Events may be subject to change. Many events require advance ticket purchases. Check venue websites for complete details.

JUNE 1

- ★ **Terry Swett concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ★ **Julian Gerstin Sextet concert: 7:30 p.m.** Original jazz influenced by rhythms and melodies of the Caribbean and Eastern Europe. Featuring unusual percussion of Martinique. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, 95 Sanborn Grove Rd., Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com
- ★ **Smith Collaboration Band concert: 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 7

- ★ **Roundabout concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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JUNE 8

- ★ **Maine Ultimate Yard Sale: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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- ★ **Chad Hayes concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ★ **Goodnight Moonshine concert: 7:30 p.m.** Guitar and vocal folk music duet performers and a musical marriage in all senses. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, 95 Sanborn Grove Rd., Bridgton. www.hayloftatdragonfly.com
- ★ **STUDIO TWO Beatles Tribute Band concert: 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 10

- ★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Poland Regional High School Chorus concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 13

- ★ **Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Golf Open: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Spring Meadows Golf Course, 59 Lewiston Rd., Gray. sebagolakeschamber.com

JUNE 14

- ★ **Sam Whitman concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ★ **IRISH DUO concert: 8 to 10 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 15

- ★ **Jim Gallant concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ★ **Bailey's Mistake concert: 8 to 10 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ★ **Maine Blues Festival: All-day event** in Lisbon Falls featuring 24 different blues bands performing on five different stages. Tickets available for purchase online at mainebluesfestival.com/buy-tickets

JUNE 17

- ★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Denny Breau concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

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5-8PM – Car Show
5:30-7:30PM – Talent Show w/Cash Prizes
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JUNE 21

★ **Preston & Curry concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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★ **Newfie Friday Duo concert: 8 to 10 p.m.**
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JUNE 22

★ **Windham Summerfest: FREE EVENT**
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★ **Pete Kilpatrick concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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★ **Antje Duvecot concert: 7:30 p.m.**
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★ **Bailey's Mistake concert: 8 to 10 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland.
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JUNE 24

★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert**

Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mary-Katherine Fletcher concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 28

★ **Two for Jacksons concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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★ **On Golden Pond: 7:30 p.m.** Performance of "On Golden Pond," a play by Ernest Thompson that tells the story of Norman and Ethel Thayer, a couple who have once again returned to their vacation home on Golden Pond in Maine for the summer. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd., Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

★ **Denny Breau concert: 8 to 10 p.m.**
Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland.
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JUNE 29

★ **Rob Burnell concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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★ **Strawberry Festival: 6 p.m.** Fresh shortcake, strawberries, and real whipped cream at the Hawthorne House, 40 Hawthorne Road, Raymond. hawthorneassoc.com

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★ **Girls Just Want To Have Fun concert 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JUNE 30

★ **On Golden Pond: 4 p.m.** Performance of "On Golden Pond," a play by Ernest Thompson that tells the story of Norman and Ethel Thayer, a couple who have once again returned to their vacation home on Golden Pond in Maine for the summer. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

JULY 1

★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Larry Williams Band concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 4

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

JULY 5

★ **Two for Jackson concert: 5 to 8 p.m.**
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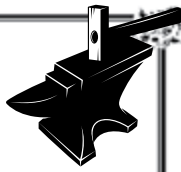
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JULY 5

★ **Denny Breau concert:** 7 to 9 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

★ **Tartan Terrors concert:** 7:30 p.m. With a distinctive sound and a proud tradition of making Celtic music fun and accessible, the Tartan Terrors will make you jump out of your seat. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

JULY 6

★ **Chad Hayes concert:** 5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

★ **Tartan Terrors concert:** 7:30 p.m. With a distinctive sound and a proud tradition of making Celtic music fun and accessible, the Tartan Terrors will make you jump out of your seat. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

★ **Mike Slater as Elvis concert:** 8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 8

★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Christie Ray Trio concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 10

★ **Windham Summer Concert Series: 6:40 p.m.** Girls Just Want To Have Fund Band concert. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. windhamrecreation.com

JULY 12

★ **Kris Hype concert: 11 a.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 13

★ **Sam Whitman concert 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
★ **Sam Robbins concert 7:30 p.m.** Nashville-based musician whose music evokes classic 70's singer songwriters like James Taylor and Neil Young. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com

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Hosted by: Scout Pack 805

CONCESSIONS HOSTED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

NOTE: RAINDATE for any missed concert will be August 7th or 14th

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JULY 14
 * **COUNTRY ROADS Band concert: 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 14
 * **18th Music Without Borders International Piano Festival 7:30 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. hayloftatdragonfly.com

JULY 15
 * **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Joan Kennedy concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 16
 * **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival: 7:30 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd, Harrison. sebagomusicfestival.org

JULY 17
 * **Windham Summer Concert Series: 6:40 p.m.** The Lynn Deeves Trio concert. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Rd. Free admission after 5 p.m. windhamrecreation.com

JULY 18
 * **Sebago Days: 3 to 10 p.m.** Food/vendor booths, amusement rides, live music, 50/50 raffle & more. At junction of Routes 114 & 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school. sebagodays.com

JULY 19
 * **Sebago Days: 3 to 10 p.m.:** Food/vendor booths, live music, amusement rides, car show, talent show, bonus raffle drawings, Special Vendor Auction, 50/50 raffle., Located at junction of Routes 114 & 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school. sebagodays.com

* **Yarmouth Clam Festival**
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* **Roundabout concert: 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
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Rodney Tillotson - My Energy Doctors: June 17th 6-7pm
Art House Film "Fed Up!": July 10th 5-7pm
Movie Time: Every Thursday @ 1pm

AUTHOR TALKS

Chelsea Diehl "Just Up the Road": July 17th 6-7pm
Nina Interlandi Bell "Foraging in Maine":
 July 31st 6-7pm:
Monica Wood "How to Read a Book: A Novel":
 August 7th 6-7pm:
Beekeeping—The Honey Exchange (all ages):
 August 14th 6-7pm:

TEEN PROGRAMS

Anime Club: June 18th, July 16th, August 20th @ 3-5pm
Teen Crafternoon: July 9th, August 13th @ 3-4pm
Pizza, Pages, Productions:
 June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th @ 3-6pm
Fandom Teas and Coloring: July 30th @ 3-4pm
Spa Day: August 6th @ 3-5pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Smoothies with Aloha: June 26th @ 2-3pm
Mr. Drew and his Animals Too: July 3rd @ 2-3pm
 (at Windham Middle School, 408 Gray Rd)
Gardening Party: July 15th @ 3-5pm
Family Art Day: July 29th @ 1-5pm
Sewing with Aloha: August 21st @ 2-3pm:

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Books & Babies: Tuesdays @ 10:15-10:45am
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JULY 20

- ✦ **Sebago Days: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.:** Food/vendor booths, amusement rides, parade, skillet toss, performances, raffles, special vendor auction, 50/50 raffle, live music Chicken BBQ, fireworks & more. Located at junction of Routes 114 & 11 in Sebago, behind the elementary school. sebagodays.com
- ✦ **Yarmouth Clam Festival:** Great food, a parade, arts & crafts, music. clamfestival.com
- ✦ **Rosewood Ave concert:**

- 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ✦ **Slane concert: 7:30 p.m.** Maine's own U2 tribute band, Slane, will recreate a little bit of the magic that is a live U2 performance on the Deertrees stage. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Rd, Harrison. sebagomusicfestival.org
- ✦ **Kate Vargas concert: 7:30 p.m.** Featuring her singular folk-style storytelling, Vargas' songs are darkly melodic, reverb-washed sonic palette of dreampop, dusty folk and junkyard blues. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com

- ✦ **The Milltown Road Show concert: 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ✦ **Christmas in July Boat Parade: 8:45 p.m.** Boats decorated with electric Christmas lights participate in a parade on Long Lake near the Naples Causeway in Naples. sebagolakeschamber.com

JULY 24

- ✦ **Windham Summer Concert Series: 6:40 p.m.** The World Famous Grassholes concert. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. www.windhamrecreation.com

JULY 25

- ✦ **89th Annual Casco Days** Enjoy rides, parade, fun, food, games on the Midway, entertainment fireworks, drawings & more. Casco. cascodays.com

JULY 26

- ✦ **89th Annual Casco Days** Enjoy rides, parade, fun, food, games on the Midway and entertainment, Casco. cascodays.com
- ✦ **Preston & Curry concert 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
- ✦ **The Producers: 7:30 p.m.** Musical comedy at its finest – Mel Brooks' adaptation of his 1968 film, hailed as one of the funniest musicals ever written. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Road, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

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JULY 21

- ✦ **Yarmouth Clam Festival:** Great food, a parade, arts & crafts, music. clamfestival.com

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- ✦ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** The Cobblestones concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 23

- ✦ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival: 7:30 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebagomusicfestival.org

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- ★ July 10: Scott Brown and The Diplomats (e)
- ★ July 17: Christmas in July Trivia (R)
- ★ July 24: Girls Just Want to Have Fun (e)
- ★ July 31: Blueberry Jam Songwriter Series (R)
- ★ August 7: Taylor Swift Karaoke (R)
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JULY 27

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

★ David Jacquet concert: 5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

★ The Producers: 7:30 p.m. Musical comedy at its finest – Mel Brooks' adaptation of his 1968 film, hailed as one of the funniest musicals ever written. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Road, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

★ The Irregulars concert: 8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

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JULY 28

★ The Producers: 7 p.m. Musical comedy at its finest – Mel Brooks' adaptation of his 1968 film, hailed as one of the funniest musicals ever written. Deertrees Theatre,

156 Deertrees Road, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

JULY 29

★ Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sigrid Sibley Band concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

JULY 30

★ Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival: 7:30 p.m. Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebagomusicfestival.org

JULY 31

★ Windham Summer Concert Series: 6:30 p.m. Andi Fawcett and Doubting Gravity concert. Dundee Park, 79 Presumpscot Road. Free admission after 5 p.m. windhamrecreation.com

AUGUST 2

★ Roundabout concert: 5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

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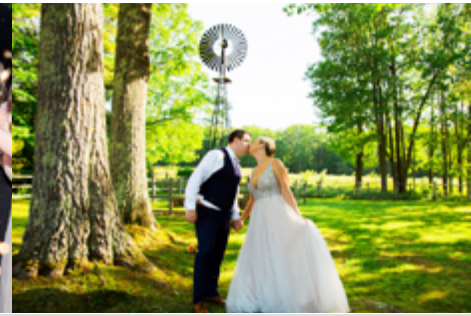


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AUGUST 3

☀ Terry Swett concert: 5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

☀ Heather Pierson Trio concert: 7:30 p.m. Originals, jazz and blues standards, and unique re-workings of familiar classics are the trademark of the Heather Pierson Trio. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com

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☀ SCHOONER FAIR concert:

8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 4

☀ The Producers: 7 p.m. Musical comedy at its finest – Mel Brooks’ adaptation of his 1968 film, hailed as one of the funniest musicals ever written. Deertrees Theatre, 156 Deertrees Road, Harrison. deertrees-theatre.org

AUGUST 5

☀ Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Lynn Deeves Trio concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 6

☀ Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival: 7:30 p.m. Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebago musicfestival.org

AUGUST 9

31st Annual Naples Causeway Classic Boat and Auto Show

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By Nicole Foster, Broker/ REALTOR® Locations Real Estate Group, Windham resident

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The majority of freshwater quality issues here in Maine arise from what homeowners do inside the four corners of their own property, called “non-



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point source pollution” coming from rainwater runoff in yards, driveways and roads. Do your part by selecting native plants or planting a rain garden and keeping your lawn to a minimum size. When adding walkways and hardscaping divert and absorb rainwater to infiltrate runoff. Add rain gutters or a drip-line trench to divert rainwater from your roof to help prevent erosion and runoff. Turn your downspouts towards your gar-

den or lawn to prevent it from touching pavement or other hard surfaces.

Soil is the leading freshwater pollutant here in Maine, adding nutrients which grow algae, discolor the water, and can make it cloudy. Over time this leads to raising the temperature of the water and impacting the water’s ability to hold dissolved oxygen. Do not leave bare patches of dirt or soil and get your soil tested so you are only adding what it needs.

Be sure to maintain your home’s septic system by having it pumped as needed. It is recommended that year-round homes schedule this to be done every two to three years and seasonal properties every four to five years. Direct water runoff away from the area of your septic tank and leach field.

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naplescauseway.com/events

*** Chad Hayes concert:**

5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

*** Susie Pepper & Mixology concert:** 7:30 p.m. A one-of-a-kind concert featuring iconic songs performed by your favorite divas, including Beyonce, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey and Celine Dion. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebagomusicfestival.org

AUGUST 10

*** 8th Annual Gray Wild Blueberry Festival:** 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 24 Main St. in Gray. Blueberry Bake-Off; Pie Eating Contest; food trucks/vendors; Community Exp; exhibits and artisan demos; kids fun run, infatables and more. wildblueberries.me/grayfestival

*** 31st Annual Causeway Classic Boat and Auto Show:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classic Boat & Auto Show at the Naples Town docks and along the Naples Causeway.

naplescauseway.com/events

*** James Rice concert:** 5

to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

*** Ellis Paul concert:** 7:30 p.m. Paul is a singer/songwriter who weaves deeply personal experiences with social issues and renders them as provocative works that are as timely as they are timeless. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com

*** The BelAirs concert:** 8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 11

*** The Carpenters... It's Yesterday Once More concert:** 4 p.m. Performing artists Katie Connor, Gail Phaneuf, and Patti Hathaway sing The Carpenters' most famous hits at the Deertrees Theatre. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebagomusicfestival.org

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AUGUST 12

★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 13

★ **Sebago-Long Lake Music Festival: 7:30 p.m.** Chamber music festival featuring instrumental combinations from different periods ranging from the 17th century to the present. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison sebagomusicfestival.org

AUGUST 16

★ **Tristan & Mike concert: 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 ★ **Monsters! A Midlife Musical: 7:30 p.m.** A wacky, fast-paced musical comedy that delves into the life of a woman who unshackles her inner monsters on her 40th birthday, with help from her mother. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

AUGUST 17

★ **Sam Whitman concert: 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 ★ **Monsters! A Midlife Musical: 7:30 p.m.** A wacky, fast-paced musical comedy that delves into the life of a woman who unshackles her inner monsters on her 40th birthday, with help from her mother. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org
 ★ **STUDIO TWO Beatles Tribute band concert: 8 to 10 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 18

★ **Monsters! A Midlife Musical: 7:30 p.m.** A wacky, fast-paced musical comedy that delves into the life of a woman who unshackles her inner monsters on her 40th birthday, with help from her mother. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

AUGUST 19

★ **Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Strange Possibilities concert. Poland

Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 23

★ **Two for Jackson concert: 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 ★ **Denny Breau concert: 7 to 9 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 ★ **The Shadow Riders concert 7:30 p.m.** The Shadow Riders are a six-piece band from the New

England area, performing the music of the original Marshall Tucker Band. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

AUGUST 24

★ **Rosewood Ave concert 5 to 8 p.m.** Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 ★ **Abbie Gardner concert 7:30 p.m.** A fiery dobro player, Gardner's acclaimed tales of love and loss, are propelled by her

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 * Jody Boys concert: 8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 26

* Poland Spring Resort Sunset Concert Series: 6:30 to 8 p.m. The World Famous Grassholes concert. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

AUGUST 30

* Preston & Curry concert: 5 to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 * The Dark Side of Somewhere: 7:30 p.m. A unique and immersive multimedia dance and circus arts experience brought to life by sisters Nettie and Hannah Gentempo. Deertrees Theatre, Harrison deertrees-theatre.org

AUGUST 31

* Kris Hype concert: 5

to 8 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com
 * Stone & Snow concert: 7:30 p.m. Their multi-genre sound pulls from folk, indie rock, swing and soul and stitches it all together seamlessly. The Hayloft at Dragonfly Barn, Bridgton. hayloftatdragonfly.com
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 * ROCKING RECONS concert 8 to 10 p.m. Poland Spring Resort, 640 Maine St., Poland. polandspringresort.com

SEPTEMBER 1

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and management process guarantees that vet all potential guests to ensure they are trustworthy and responsible individuals who will take good care of your property. They provide ongoing support and assistance throughout the renters' stay to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

They work with trusted vendors to keep your property in top condition with regular cleaning and maintenance, ensuring that it's always ready for the next tenant. Plus, in addition to property management services, they take care of the collection and payment of Maine's lodging tax, which is paid by the renter, and handle all the necessary paperwork to ensure compliance with local regulations.

They provide owners with 1099s at the end of the year, which is a document used to report income earned from rental activities. This makes tax reporting and filing much easier for the homeowner.

The best property management companies offer hassle-free property management services that allow owners to maximize their rental income, minimize their stress, and make it easy for property owners to enjoy the benefits of owning a rental property without the associated headaches.

So why not take advantage of local property management services today? Whether you're interested in renting your property for a weekend or a year, hire a property management company with expertise and resources to help you succeed. Maximize your rental income and minimize your stress and hassle.

The best way to find a reputable property manager is by referral. Who sold you your home? Does your real estate agent know any good property managers? Do you have friends with investments in the same area? Referral-based recommendations for finding reputable property managers are invaluable, as they provide peace of mind and a level of trust from the outset. Interviewing potential managers allows owners to assess their expertise and compatibility with their needs and preferences.

Overall, the availability of comprehensive property management services in the Lakes Region provides an excellent opportunity for second homeowners to maximize their rental income while minimizing stress and hassle. ✨



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- State Deer and Moose Biologists estimate the state's moose population to be in the neighborhood of 65,000, which is the largest concentration in the country next to Alaska.
- The best times to spot them are at dusk and dawn from mid-May through July and then again in the fall.

Only the males have antlers, massive flattened ones averaging 5.5 feet across and 40 pounds in weight. These antlers have as many as 30 TINES (or spikes), the shape differing from animal to animal. They shed their antlers every year in early winter.

- A male usually weighs between 1200 and 1500 pounds while a female is around 900. They have a body length of roughly 8.5 feet. A newborn moose weights about 33 pounds but will grow to 300-400 pounds by their first winter.
- The typical life span of a moose is 15-25 years.
- Moose are very powerful swimmers. They can dive 20 feet under water and stay under for up to 30 seconds. They also swim fast considering their size - up to six miles per hour!
- If you see a cow with her young or a bull during breeding season, give them space. They have been known to charge if they feel threatened.

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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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4. Separate the tail from the body and break off the tail flippers. Extract the meat from each flipper.
5. Insert a fork and push the tail meat out in one piece. Remove and discard the black vein that runs the entire length of the tail meat.



6. Separate the shell of the body from the underside by pulling them apart and discard the green substance called the tomalley (unless of course you like the tomalley).
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