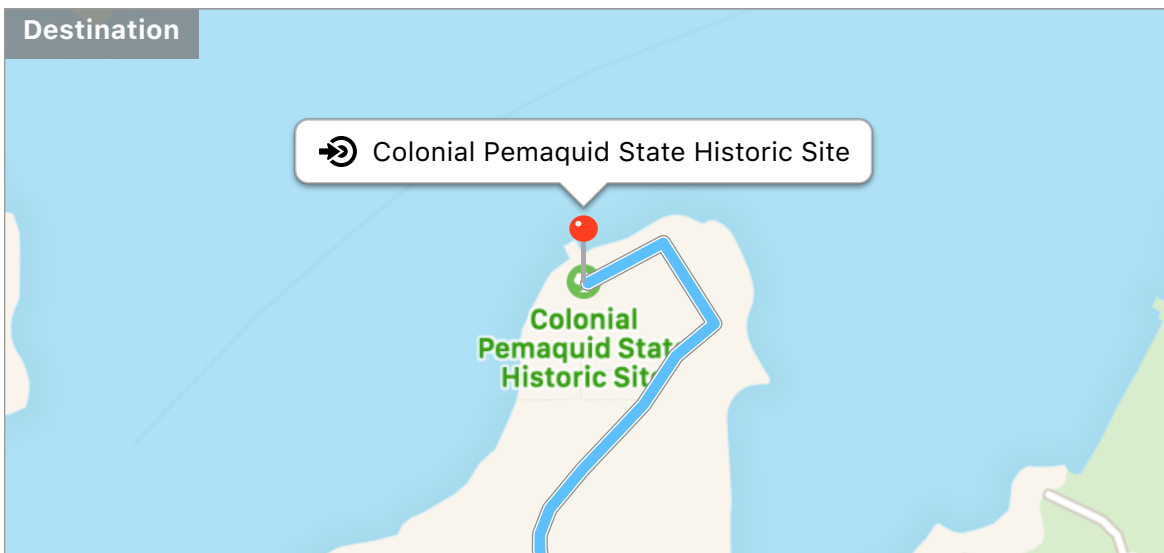
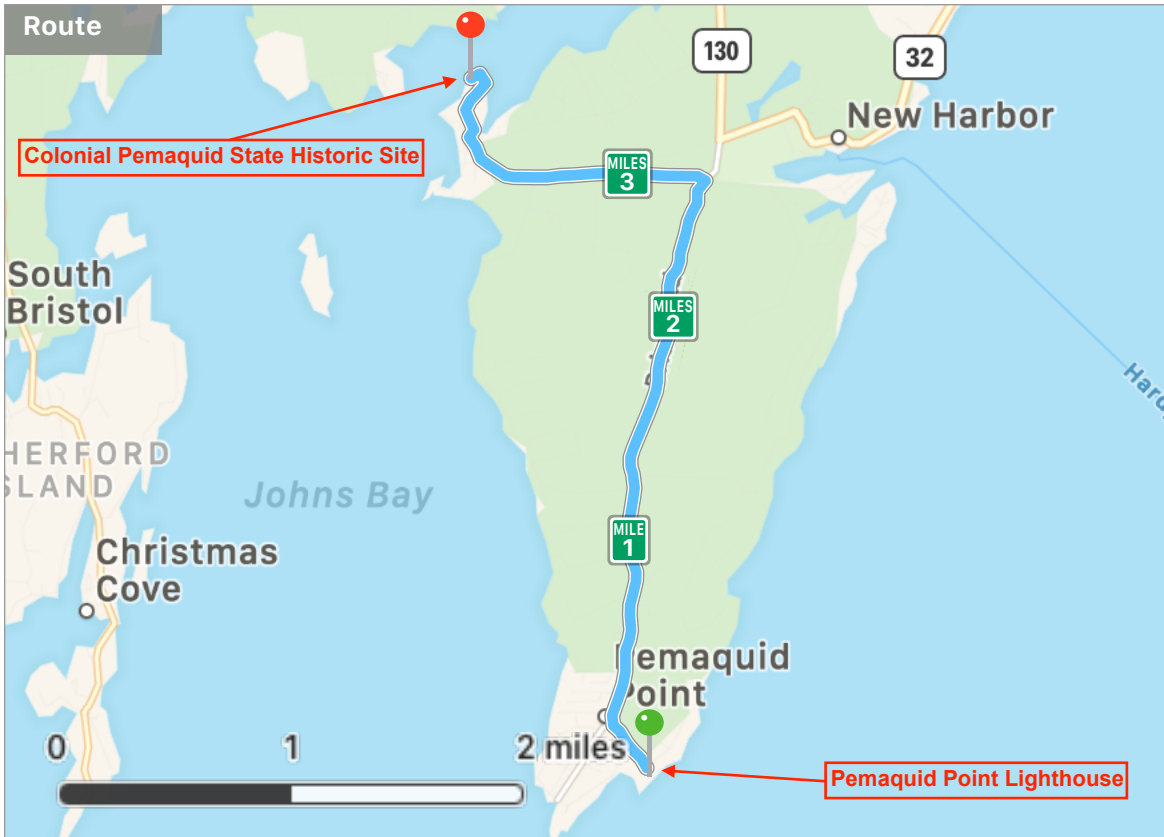


 Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

4.1 miles, 11 min



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Start

Pemaquid Point Lighthouse

MILES
0



350 feet

Continue onto Bristol Rd

MILES
0.06



2.6 miles

Turn left onto Snowball Hill Rd

MILES
2.68



1.1 miles

Turn left onto Old Fort Rd

MILES
3.73



250 feet

Turn right onto Colonial Pemaquid Rd

MILES
3.78



0.4 miles

Arrive at the destination

Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site



- [Click here to visit the Research Room](#) and learn more about Pemaquid
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Home to Native Americans dating back at least seven thousand years, Colonial Pemaquid later became the site of a very early English outpost and fishing station.

Today, Colonial Pemaquid is a [State Historic Site](#) owned and managed by the Bureau of Parks and Public Lands, part of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The [Friends of Colonial Pemaquid](#) is a non-profit organization that provides important assistance to the state in caring for and interpreting this site.

Fort William Henry - Built on the site of [two previous forts](#), the stone structure here was built in 1907 as part of the 300th Anniversary of Colonial Pemaquid. It is a replica of the 1692 Fort William Henry, the third fort constructed on this site. The tower of the fort contains interpretive panels and artifact exhibits as well as a beautiful view of the area from the roof.

Fort House - This restored Federal-style home dates to 1790 and contains a research library, archaeology lab, interpretive information and artifact storage from the many archaeological digs that have been conducted at Pemaquid.

Village - This collection of stone building foundations reveals the locations and size of structures from various periods of the village's history.

Burial Ground - Gravestones in this burial ground date back well into the early 1700s and this is likely the site of burials for settlers dating back to the original British arrival in the 1620s.

Museum - The museum houses dozens of exhibits on the history of Pemaquid from ancient Native American life here through the colonial period. It also includes a large diorama of the Pemaquid village.

The **Angel Gabriel** was a galleon that was destroyed by a hurricane while anchored at Pemaquid in 1635. In 2010, descendants of the survivors dedicated a bronze plaque at the site commemorating the wreck.

The Wreck of the Angel Gabriel, 1635

The *Angel Gabriel* was a 240 ton galleon carrying settlers to new lives in New England in August 1635 when it anchored at the village of Pemaquid. Most of the passengers and crew got off the ship before nightfall to rest on land as guests of the villagers. That night, August 14-15, a storm later known as "The Great Colonial Hurricane" struck the area and the *Angel Gabriel* was torn from her anchors and destroyed.

In the mid 1970s efforts were made to locate the wreck in Pemaquid Harbor with divers and a magnetometer and sidecan sonar but no artifacts from the ship were ever located.



*The Mayflower II at its home dock in
Plymouth*

The *Angel Gabriel* was very similar to the *Mayflower* but eighteen feet longer and bearing four more gun ports per side.

Today, several descendants of the survivors of the wreck belong to family associations and occasionally hold reunions. In August 2010, many of these descendants gathered to dedicate a bronze plaque at Colonial Pemaquid commemorating the wreck on its 375th Anniversary.

Beginning in the summer of 2011, the museum at Colonial Pemaquid will display a trunk that went down with the ship and was found floating the next day. It belonged to a passenger named John Cogswell and his descendant of the same name has agreed to loan the trunk for display.



*A plaque commemorating the
shipwreck was placed at
Colonial Pemaquid in 2010.*