

ICE, ICE... FISHING

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The practice of ice fishing dates back to over 2000 years ago. For centuries, northerners have sustained themselves through the frigid winters with fish caught in iced-over lakes. While ice fishing is now more of a hobby than a necessity, people still enjoy the challenge and thrill of the sport. The first challenge of ice fishing comes before you even get to the water! Once a body of water ices over enough to stand on top of it, you have to drill a hole through the ice to get to the water. The most common way of doing that nowadays is to use an ice auger, which is a specialized drill designed to cut through ice. After you get through the ice, you still have all of the excitement of the actual fishing to look forward to.

Ice fishing derbies are important in many towns and cities that experience colder winters. An ice fishing derby is an event in which fishers compete to see who can catch the biggest fish. Some derbies judge based on the length of the fish, and others judge by the weight. Some derbies also have different competitions for different kinds of fish. In the state of Maine, there are both local and statewide ice fishing derbies. No matter the event, they draw quite the crowd.

The Greenville Fire Department is hosting its 4th annual ice fishing derby on Moosehead Lake this year. The event will start at 6 am on February 28th and end at 2 pm on March 2nd. Fishers will compete to see who can catch the largest lake trout and largest cusk. Winners will receive cash prizes! Admission into the competition only costs \$15 per person or \$30 per family, and the derby is open to all skill levels and provides family-friendly outdoor fun. Grab your buddies, get your gear, and buy your tickets, because this derby is going to be a good time. You do need a fishing license to participate in this derby or any fishing derby outside of the free fishing weekend. **Both unlicensed residents and nonresidents can fish during Maine's free fishing weekend, which is February 15th and 16th this year.** If you are unsure about investing in a fishing license for the derby, that weekend would be the perfect time to test the waters and see if it's something you would enjoy!



Outside of the derbies, northern Maine boasts dozens of small ponds where locals and visitors can enjoy winter fun by carving out a hole and setting up on the ice. Some of the ponds near The Guilford Bed & Breakfast include Second Davis Pond, Manhanock Pond, Center Pond, Harlow Pond, Bennett Pond, and Lake Hebron. There are numerous more ponds scattered throughout Piscataquis County, so gear up and embark on an ice-fishing adventure.

THE GUILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Located on North Main Street, near the corner of North Main and School Streets, The Guilford Historical Society has been preserving the historical significance of the Town of Guilford for more than four decades. The Guilford Historical Society was founded in 1983 by Leslie & Katherine Moody and Gloria Lombard. In 1986, the Guilford Historical Society purchased the former Straw & Martin Building, which was built by Addison Martin in 1825. The Guilford Historical Society building was the first merchant building in Guilford. Over the years, it has been home to insurance, legal, banking, and photography businesses before becoming home to the Guilford Historical Society.

The first floor of the Guilford Historical Society building serves as a public museum, showcasing more than a century of historical artifacts from Guilford. The museum is open by appointment only. The second floor is currently used for cataloging artifacts, office space, files, and storage. Through the Guilford Historical Society, you can research family genealogy, area history, and information about Guilford's past businesses, buildings, and homes. Original copies of the Guilford Register (from 1909 - 1952) are available for viewing and are currently being digitized at the Maine State Library. There are extensive collections of school rosters, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and photos in the Guilford School Room. The board and staff of the Guilford Historical Society continuously gather information on family genealogies, veterans' information, scrapbook items of news articles and obituaries, vintage and new memorabilia, and photographs, or anything about the history of the Town of Guilford.

The Guilford Historical Society museum is an old building that requires continual maintenance and repair, and thanks to generous volunteers, hundreds of hours of supportive townspeople have been spent refurbishing and restoring the building to its original glory. The generous support does not end with volunteering. The Guilford Historical Society has been fortunate to have received generous donations from members, friends, and visitors, all contributing to the Guilford Historical Society's goal of preserving the history of Guilford, Maine. The Town of Guilford also contributes to the annual fundraising efforts of the Guilford Historical Society, and the Guilford Historical Society museum sells Guilford memorabilia.

Each year, two main events are planned and executed by the Guilford Historical Society to generate additional funds to help the organization continue to grow: The River Festival (summer) and the Harvest Fair (fall). In 2024, thanks to the Harvey Fundraiser Challenge, the Guilford Historical Society raised more than \$15,000, with Ralph and Joyce Harvey challenging the community to give more and support the vital work of the Guilford Historical Society.

In 2008, the Guilford Historical Society celebrated 25 years by burying a Time Capsule that will be opened in 2033. We encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook and join our membership to stay informed of all the exciting discoveries we make and the information we provide for the town and the people of Guilford.

If you want to get involved, we hold business meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month (March - November). You can also join the Guilford Historical Society. Membership is \$10/year per person (due each June). For an appointment to visit the Guilford Historical Society, call 207-217-0963 or mail us at Guilford Historical Society, PO Box 893, Guilford, ME 04443. We welcome visitors, new members, and volunteers. Come and visit "Your Society" and take a look into the past of the Town of Guilford.

The purpose of the Guilford Historical Society is to collect and preserve the artifacts and documents pertaining to the historical heritage of the Town of Guilford, and to promote interest in it when and wherever possible.

FOR THE LOVE OF SPEED

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Snowmobile radar runs are a fun winter event to attend, regardless of whether you are a participant or a spectator. A radar race is a competition for snowmobilers to see who has the fastest sled. The races occur on snow or even ice, and a radar is used to judge the speed. These events are popular winter staples in northern towns as they help to get the community out and about in the colder temperatures. Everyone looks forward to the excitement, competitive spirit, and fast sleds flying by!

While radar races did not originate in Maine, they have been around since the 1960s. Many states have local races and bigger championships. There are often different classes in the races for various types of sleds, as well as a race for kids. The local races offer opportunities for companies to sponsor sleds and drum up business during the slower months. In general, the races give people something to look forward to doing outside of the house when there isn't much else to do in the cold winter.

Piscataquis County has an annual snowmobile radar run in Dover-Foxcroft each year. The event is put on by the Central Maine Racing Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 2022 by a small group of friends with a love of power sports. This year will be their 4th annual race and it will take place on February 15th at the Charles A. Chase Memorial Field. Admission is \$5 a person and children under 12 years of age are free of charge. If you are looking to compete, the entry fee is \$20 for two runs.



This year will include food trucks and other vendors, making this more than just a race. The brave racers will be competing for cash prizes, and all proceeds are given back to the community through donations to charities and local snowmobile clubs. Whether you want to compete, watch the sleds, or just get some yummy food, this is one event you won't want to miss.



HAPPY HOUR

Join us Monday - Wednesday from 4PM - 6PM for Happy Hour. In the winter months, you can enjoy the warmth of the fireplace in the library and read one of the 100s of books with a glass of wine, a beer or a cocktail along with some lite bites. No reservation necessary and groups are always welcome.

BUNCO NIGHT

On the 2nd Thursday of each month we host a Bunco Night. Reservations encouraged. Bring a friend, or a group and have a fun evening of eats, drinks and of course, dice rolling. Various cash prizes. 5P-7P, 2nd Thursdays.



FROM OUR KITCHEN

Who doesn't love the combination of blueberries and fresh lemon glaze? This Lemon Blueberry Coffee Cake has been a cherished family recipe for years, and we relish the delightful aromas it fills the kitchen with. So many guests have savored this treat that we're thrilled to share its recipe with you. It's incredibly easy to make, and you can use any shape pan you desire, from a bundt pan to a cupcake tray. This cake is a delightful treat in any form.

LEMON BLUEBERRY COFFEE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

CRUMB TOPPING

- 1/2 Cup of granulated sugar
- 1/4 Cup of all-purpose flour
- 3 Tablespoons of melted butter

CAKE BATTER

- 2 Cups of all purpose flour
- 1-1/2 Teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon of salt
- 1/2 Cup of unsalted butter (softened)
- 1 Cup of granulated sugar
- 2 Large eggs
- 2 Teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/2 Cup of whole milk
- 1 Tablespoon of lemon zest
- 2 Cups of blueberries (fresh or frozen)

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- 1 Cup of powdered sugar
- 2 Tablespoons of fresh lemon juice



INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Spray a bundt pan with non-stick cooking spray with flour
- For the crumb topping:
 - Mix all the ingredients in a small bowl and mix well with a fork
- For the cake batter:
 - Whisk the flour, baking soda and salt together in a small bowl and set aside
 - Beat the butter and sugar in a large bowl until light and fluffy, then add the eggs, vanilla and milk. Mix in the lemon zest
 - Add the small bowl contents to the large bowl and combine.
 - Stir in the blueberries
- Spread the cake batter evenly into the prepared pan and sprinkle the crumb topping on top
- Bake for 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
- For the glaze, whisk the powdered sugar and lemon juice together
- Cool the cake for at least 10 minutes then drizzle the icing on the cake

MARCH MADNESS

No, not basketball madness, but the excitement and anticipation of spring just around the corner. All two-night (minimum) bookings in March are eligible for a 25% discount. To redeem this offer, simply use the code **MAD25** when making your online booking. However, please note that reservations must be confirmed and your stay completed by March 31, 2025.



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