

Celebrate history

Lovers of architecture and history can spend days exploring our city and the midcoast area. Bath has two national historic districts. The Bath Historic District is bounded roughly by Beacon Street to the north, High Street to the west, and the Kennebec River to the east, and includes Washington, High, and Middle Streets. It also includes our downtown shopping district, the recipient of a Great American Main Street award



for its preservation efforts. The Trufant Historic District is bounded on the east by Washington Street, on the west by Middle Street, and on the north and south by Pine and Corliss Streets respectively. Both districts contain preserved and



Maine's First Ship – The Virginia - Launched in 2022

restored examples of Greek Revival, Victorian, and Aesthetic period housing. Many were built by wealthy families that settled in Bath during the days of wooden shipbuilding. Beautiful churches



Oak Grove Cemetery

from the 1840s complete the city skyline. Sagadahoc Preservation Inc, the Bath Historical Society, and the History Room at the Patten Free Library are all wonderful resources for Bath's architectural heritage.

While exploring Bath, stop at any of the 34 oval historic markers that tell a story about the location's history, shipyards, shipping families, shipbuilders, industries, and mysteries. The markers are identified on the map below and can be viewed on the City's website at cityofbath.com.

For more maritime history, consider a guided walking tour or a trip to Maine's First Ship and the Maine Maritime Museum. Bath has a number of astonishingly beautiful cemeteries worth a visit as well. Oak Grove Cemetery was designed in the late 1880s by noted Bath Landscaper and Park/Cemetery Superintendent, John H. Ramsay. The grounds are reminiscent of an Olmsted aesthetic, and many prominent family names, granite tombs, war memorials, and statuary can be viewed in the idyllic park setting. Maple Grove Cemetery has a monument to William King, Maine's First Governor. Trufant Burial Grounds, Sewall, Fairview, and Calvary cemeteries are also full of intrigue and are highly recommended.



SPIRIT OF BATH, CITY OF SHIPS ~ Mural by Christopher Cart, on the corner of Vine & Front Streets.

Natural resources

No matter the season, Bath has something to offer the outdoor enthusiast. Migratory birds abound on the shores and rivers of this area. Bath is on the Atlantic Flyway, and Merrymeeting Bay has over 50 species of freshwater fish and ten species of anadromous fish such as the rare Atlantic salmon, shortnose Sturgeon, and Atlantic sturgeon. Bald eagles and osprey nests are easily spotted. If you visit in the warmer months, several outfits offer highly enjoyable Kennebec River tours. Visiting the midcoast in 2021 and 2022, the Steller's sea eagle attracted birders from across the globe to this area.



Miles of trails to enjoy

If not by water, wildlife is easily accessible from our historic downtown through an enormous series of walkable, hikeable, and bikeable trails maintained by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) and the City of Bath. These pathways connect the south end of the city to the north, weaving from downtown, through historic residential areas, schools, and recreational facilities. There are trails winding through many undeveloped parcels, which are treasured by locals and tourists alike. Among them are Thorne Head, Sewall Woods, Butler Head, Basin Preserve, and Lilly Pond Community Forest, which offer wildlife in their natural habitat and waterfront vistas.



Nearby beaches to explore

Within twenty minutes of Bath, you'll find thousands of acres of conserved land and preserves.

Some notable spots to explore include:

- Head Beach and Morse Mountain in Phippsburg.
- Higgin's Mountain and Josephine Newman Audubon Sanctuary in Georgetown.
- Green Point Preserve, Hamilton Sanctuary, and Whiskeag Trail in West Bath.
- Robert P. Tristram Wildflower Reservation in Woolwich.

Bath is a short drive away from some of the best beaches on the Eastern seaboard. Reid State Park in Georgetown and Popham Beach State Park in Phippsburg are two of the largest beaches in Maine, great for walking, swimming, and spending hours playing under the sun.



Activities

- **E3 Bath Area Senior Citizens Activity Center** 207 443-4937 45 Floral St Find us on Facebook Meeting/Activity Center for senior citizens age 55 and older.
- **D3 Bath Dance Works** 207 522-3900 72 Front St, 3rd Floor bathdanceworks.com Music, dance, art, yoga. All ages. Get Hourly Rental.
- **E3 City of Bath Parks & Recreation** 207 443-8360 4 Sheridan Rd bathrecreation.com Provide recreation programs, events, and activities for all and maintain parks, athletic fields, forestry, and cemeteries.
- **Embark Maine Tours** 207 208-7639 Bath, Maine embarkmainetours.com Fascinating & fun walking tours of Bath's historic districts.
- **C4 Maine Maritime Museum** 207 443-1316 243 Washington St mainemaritimemuseum.org Lighthouse cruises, rotating exhibits, and kids' playship. Open daily & free admission to children under 18!
- **D5 Maine's First Ship** 207 443-4242 27 Commercial St mfirstship.org Explore Maine's History, Ingenuity, & Community. Discover our reconstruction of the 1607 Popham Colony's ship Virginia.
- **F3 Midcoast Youth Center & Skatepark** 207 443-8750 4 Old Brunswick Rd midcoastyouth.org Fun Teen Center with the largest indoor skatepark in Maine!
- **H3 Patten Free Library** 207 443-5141 33 Summer St patten.lib.me.us Genealogy/local history, Wi-Fi, programs for youth & adults.

Services

- **C3 Atlantic Wealth Planning Group** 207 443-3222 2 Front St ameripriseadvisors.com/nancy.callan A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial.
- **E4 Bath Savings** 800 447-4559 105 Front St bathsavings.bank Celebrating 170 years in downtown Bath. Two convenient ATMs.
- **E3 ECO Beauty Bar** 207 200-6372 104 Front St ecobeautybar.com Boutique salon offering a relaxing experience in the heart of downtown Bath. All products are natural and eco-conscious.
- **F4 First Federal Savings and Loan** 207 442-8711 125 Front St Know where your money grows.
- **G3 First Mate Pet Grooming** 207 629-8274 13 Elm St Find us on Facebook Providing quality grooming for your furry friends!
- **C4 Kennebec Company** 207 443-2131 1 Front St kennebeccompany.com Designers and cabinet makers of fine period and custom kitchen cabinetry & furniture.
- **D3 Law Office of Jenny Burch** 207 443-3333 23 Centre St jennyburch207.com Specializing in Real Estate and Title Matters, Estate Planning, Small Business, LLCs, and Premarital Agreements.
- **E3 Maine Home Realty** 207 443-4353 122 Front St, 2nd Floor mainehomerealty.com Real Estate Guide! Locally owned and operated!
- **G4 Maine Street Design Co.** 207 541-9187 160 Front St mainestreetdesign.com A full-service interior design business, home furnishings store, and curated hardware accents for discerning homeowners.

Wellness

- **F4 Bath Optometric Associates** 207 443-5012 126 Front St Committed to excellence in eye care wellness.
- **D2 The Herbalist and I** 207 650-6536 10 State Rd theherbalistandI.com Custom Tea Shop, holistic products, gifts & antiques.
- **C2 Mid Coast Eye Associates** 207 729-7971 130 Centre St midcoasthealth.com Offering comprehensive eye care for children and adults and a full-service optical shop for glasses and contact lenses.
- **D2\* Mid Coast Hospital** 207 373-6000 123 Medical Center Dr, Brunswick midcoasthealth.com Maine's nationally-recognized Community Hospital; 24-Hour Emergency Care.
- **C2 Mid Coast Medical Group - Bath** 207 386-1800 108 Centre St midcoasthealth.com/mcmg Patient-centered primary care.
- **E3 Soft Corner Midwifery** 207 200-7317 94 Richardson St softcornermidwifery.com Reproductive care in a loving & always-inclusive environment.

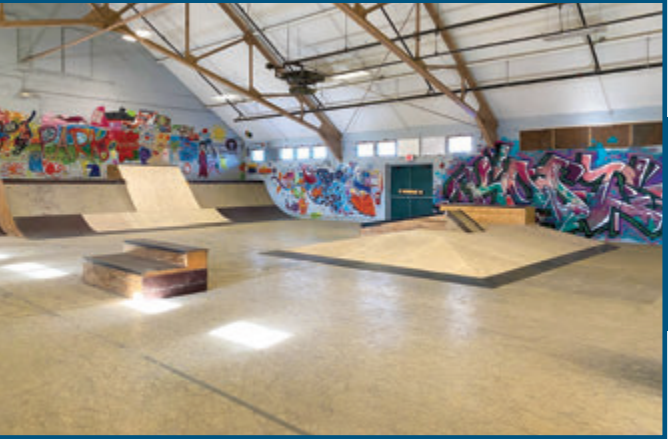
Worship

- **G2 Beth Israel Congregation** 207 443-4606 862 Washington St bethisraelbath.org A vibrant Reform synagogue celebrating Jewish life.
- **E3 Church of the Midcoast** 207 233-5520 45 Floral St churchofthemidcoast.com Come as you are! 10 am Sundays. Fun Kids Ministry Provided!
- **G2 First Baptist Church** 207 443-5356 851 Washington St firstbaptistbath.org Sunday Services followed by socializing and refreshments.

- **D2 The Neighborhood United Church of Christ** 207 443-2187 798 Washington St faithinbath.org Sunday Worship 10am, All Welcome. Neighborhood Café Tu 4:30.
- **E3 St. Mary Church of All Saints Parish** 207 443-3423 144 Lincoln St allsaintsmaine.com All are welcome! Visit us online for our Mass schedule.

Lodging

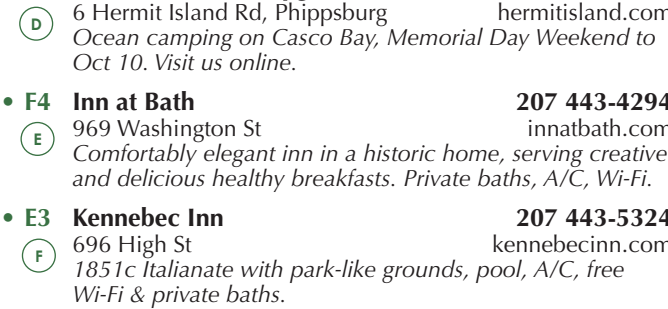
- **A3\* 1774 Inn** info@1774inn.com 44 Parker Head Rd, Phippsburg 1774inn.com Waterfront farmhouse/event barn. 15 mins to Popham.
- **F4 Benjamin F. Packard House Bed and Breakfast** 207 443-6004 45 Pearl St benjaminfpackardhouse.com Historic shipbuilder's home w/ beautiful gardens, gourmet breakfasts, walk to downtown, free Wi-Fi, private baths, A/C.



Midcoast Youth Center & Skatepark

- **I4 Hampton Inn Bath** 207 386-1310 140 Commercial St bathbrunswickarea.hamptoninn.com Downtown location, walk to shops/dining, free Wi-Fi & pool.
- **A3\* Hermit Island Campground** 207 443-2101 6 Hermit Island Rd, Phippsburg hermitisland.com Ocean camping on Casco Bay, Memorial Day Weekend to Oct 10. Visit us online.

- **F4 Inn at Bath** 207 443-4294 969 Washington St innatbath.com Comfortably elegant inn in a historic home, serving creative and delicious healthy breakfasts. Private baths, A/C, Wi-Fi.
- **E3 Kennebec Inn** 207 443-5324 696 High St kennebecinn.com 1851c Italianate with park-like grounds, pool, A/C, free Wi-Fi & private baths.



The 1774 Inn

- **I2 Middle Street Inn** 207 619-4556 888 Middle St middlestreetinn.com Closest B&B to downtown, private baths, A/C, free Wi-Fi.
- **F4 Pryor House B&B** 207 443-1146 360 Front St pryorhouse.com Intown 1820's Federal along the Kennebec River. A/C, Wi-Fi.
- **E3 Residence Inn by Marriott** 207 443-9741 139 Richardson St marriott.com/PWMBA Welcome to Residence Inn Bath, an all-suite hotel.

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Maine Maritime Museum



- **G2 C. Ford Gallery** 207 443-1272  
848 Washington St  
*More than 200 original canvases in our 1848 historic home.*  
cfordstudio.com
- **D3 Centre St Arts Gallery, LLC** 207 442-0300  
11 Centre St  
centrestartsgalleryllc.com  
*Artist-owned and operated by over 20 Maine artists. All original painting, sculpture, and more. Open year-round.*
- **D2 The Chocolate Church Arts Center** 207 442-8455  
804 Washington St  
chocolatechurcharts.org  
*Performances/Art Gallery/Music/Theater/Historical Building.*
- **D3 David Matero Architecture** 207 389-4278  
49 Centre St  
davidmatero.com  
*Design & planning services, residential & commercial projects.*
- **D4 Greenerier Gallery** 207 443-3936  
428 Middle St  
sarahgreenerier.com  
*Lovely art gallery featuring Maine coast paintings.*
- **C4 Markings Gallery** 207 443-1499  
50 Front St  
markingsgallery.com  
*Year-round craft gallery featuring 60 Maine artists in clay, fiber, wood, glass, paper & more. Shop in gallery or online!*
- **G3 Wayne Robbins Wood Carving** 207 307-3565  
1302 High St  
waynerobbs.com  
*Realistic sea creature sculptures in natural finish hardwood.*
- **H3 Zorach Fountain**  
Bath City/Library Park  
zorachfountain.org  
*Come see famous sculptor William Zorach's Spirit of the Sea.*