

Celebrate history

Want to time travel? Take a walk through award-winning downtown Bath, Maine. Start at the park on the mighty Kennebec River, the second largest in the state. It may look placid, almost lake-like. Or it might be ferocious, tides rushing in and out, following the path scraped clean by the glaciers eons ago. The Wabanaki people first traversed it in dugout and birch bark canoes, then captains in merchant vessels, yachts, and warships.



Front Street

Just traces of the wharfs and shipyards remain, but during its 1850s heyday, Bath was the 4th largest seaport in the United States based on ship tonnage registered locally. One historian says more ships were built here in those years than any other comparably sized place on earth. 21 shipyards side by side building commercial ships—all in support of the exploding American economy that opened up the world. Rare was the harbor—Japan, India, Chile, worldwide—that didn't have a ship at anchor with the hailing port of "Bath, Maine" proudly marked on its transom.

Today, Maine's First Ship invites you to come aboard its 17th century styled pinnacle, a reconstruction of the very first British ship built in North America (map cover photo). Go deeper at the Maine Maritime Museum, which sits on the grounds of a historic shipyard, or book a boat tour and see it all from the water, as the captains and seamen once did.

Head to the vibrant business district on Front Street. Bath boasts one of New England's most impressive 19th-century era downtowns with an unbroken string of Federal, Italianate, and Greek Revival brick storefronts. Take a break and enjoy the 21st-century shops, cafes, and restaurants bustling in these historic spaces.

Turn south—up Front Street, toward the spot where Maine's first governor, William King, warned locals "The British are coming!" during the war of 1812 (narrator: they were not), then led the successful fight for statehood.



The Arch

Through "the arch", you can look for the remnants of the 1830s Bath Iron Foundry, which in 1865 caught the eye of a 24-year-old Brigadier General returning from the Civil War. Thomas W. Hyde foresaw the transition from wooden-hulled vessels to those of iron and steel, founding Bath Iron Works, still going strong today, proudly building ships for the U.S. Navy.

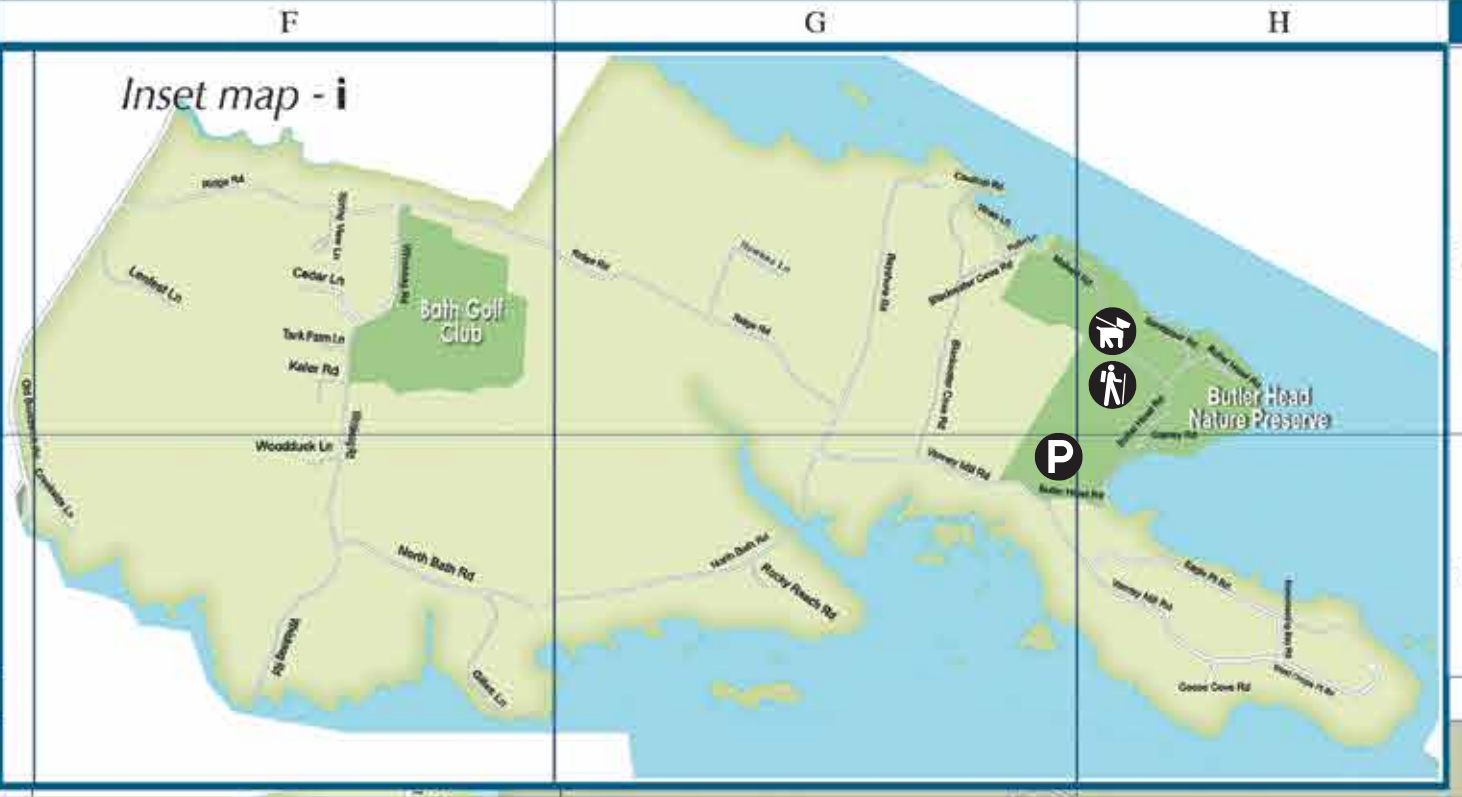
For a quick photo op, pop over to the corner of Front & Centre Streets. (Did we coin the phrase? Maybe...) In one direction, the Italianate Sagadahoc County Courthouse looms large on the hill; in the other, the majestic Davenport Memorial City Hall (with the Paul Revere bell). A block away, climb the granite Custom House steps, where in 1889, President Benjamin Harrison got an ovation when he hinted at navy contracts to come for the shipyard next door. Hungry for more history? Explore the dozens of historical markers downtown and beyond or take a walking tour.



Embark Maine Tours



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



Inset map - i



Bath Farmers' Market

History continued...

Listen closely for the voices of the free black businessmen, standing by to help enslaved people escape in the antebellum era, or the guilt-ridden blacksmith confessing that it was his spark that set off the devastating fire of 1894. Or listen for Emma Eames, the world-renowned soprano, knocking on doors with a diva's confidence to secure funds for homefront efforts during World War I.



Summer Concert Series

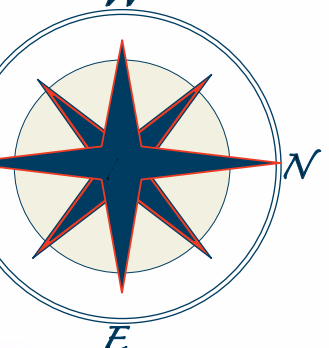
Ready to return to the present? Recharge with a coffee or a beer, perhaps losing yourself in a beach-worthy novel by a Maine author. Write your postcards at a riverside restaurant, or grab a stool at the pub next to a local. Kick back at an outdoor concert, hop the trolley, or stroll the farmer's market. Plot your course (and pack a picnic!) to wonderful sandy beaches and lighthouses, or the miles of conservation trails just a few minutes away alongside the Kennebec. And, since this is Bath, always keep an eye peeled for ships, or their ghosts—and come back tomorrow!



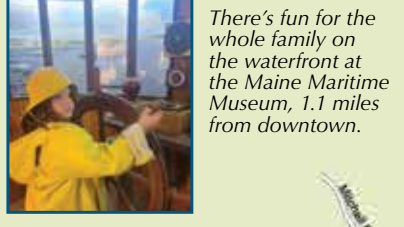
Charlie the City Trolley



- Whiskeag/Thorne Head Trails - Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)
- CityBus North Loop
- CityBus South Loop
- Trolley Route



- Rt 1 to Parker Head, Popham State Park, and Phippsburg Regional destinations shown as located in A3*
- Schools**
- Bath Middle School F2
 - Dike-Newell School E3
 - Fisher Mitchell School D3
 - Hyde School D2
 - Morse High School E3
- Schools of Interest**
- Bath Golf Club F1
 - Bath Shopping Center E3
 - Butler Head H1
 - Calvary Cemetery G3
 - Chocolate Church Arts Cntr F4
 - Coastal Plaza D2
 - Fairview Cemetery A3
 - Maine Maritime Museum C4
 - Maple Grove Cemetery F3
 - McMann Field F2
 - North End Boat Launch F4
 - Oak Grove Cemetery F3
 - Patten Free Library E4
- Sewall Woods G3**
- Bath Golf Club & South End Launch C4
 - Midcoast Youth Center & Skatepark F3
 - Thorne Head Preserve Track & Tennis Courts F2
 - Bath Regional Information Center U.S. Post Office E4
 - Waterfront Park & Docks E4
 - Winter St Center E4
 - Whiskeag Trail E3-4
 - YMCA E3
- City Hall E4**
Phone: 443-8332
- Fire Department E3**
Phone: 443-5034
- Police Dept E4**
Phone: 443-5563
- Emergency: Dial 911**



There's fun for the whole family on the waterfront at the Maine Maritime Museum, 1.1 miles from downtown.

Rt. 1 or State Road to Mid Coast Hospital and West Bath Businesses

Rt 1 to Reid State Park, Arrowsic, Georgetown, and Woolwich Regional destinations shown as located in E4*.

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.
- B5 Bath Captains Assn./Charterboat Dock** 207 443-4242
23 Commercial St
Explore Maine's History, Ingenuity, & Community. Discover our reconstruction of the 1607 Popham Colony's ship Virginia.
- E3 City of Bath Parks & Recreation** 207 443-8360
4 Sheridan Rd
Provide recreation programs, events, and activities for all and maintain parks, athletic fields, forestry, and cemeteries.
- Embark Maine Tours** 207 208-7639
Bath, Maine
Fascinating & fun walking tours of Bath's historic districts.
- C4 Maine Maritime Museum** 207 443-1316
243 Washington St
Lighthouse cruises, new exhibits, guided tours & kids' playshop. Open daily & free admission for children 17 & under!
- D5 Maine's First Ship** 207 443-4242
27 Commercial St
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
Fun Teen Center with the largest indoor skatepark in Maine!
- H3 Patten Free Library** 207 443-5141
33 Summer St
Genealogy/local history, Wi-Fi, programs for youth & adults.

Services

- C3 Atlantic Wealth Planning Group** 207 443-3222
2 Front St
A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.
- E4 Bath Savings** 800 447-4559
105 Front St
Banking in downtown Bath for more than 170 years.
- F4 First Federal Savings and Loan** 207 442-8711
125 Front St
Know where your money grows.
- C4 Kennebec Company** 207 443-2131
1 Front St
Designers and cabinet makers of fine period and custom kitchen cabinetry & furniture.
- D3 Law Office of Jenny Burch** 207 443-3333
23 Centre St
Specializing in Real Estate and Title Matters, Estate Planning, Small Business, LLCs, and Premarital Agreements.
- D2 Mail It 4U** 207 443-1457
10 State Rd
A full-service Business Center for all your photo, printing, faxing, emailing, document prepping, and shipping needs.
- E3 Maine Home Realty** 207 443-4353
122 Front St, 2nd Floor
Maine's nationally-recognized Community Hospital; 24-Hour Real Estate Guide! Locally owned and operated!
- F4 Vitalius Real Estate Group** 207 541-3755
129 Front St
Vitalius Real Estate Group is a boutique brokerage specializing in Midcoast properties.

Health & Wellness

- F4 Bath Optometric Associates** 207 443-5012
126 Front St
Committed to excellence in eye care wellness.
- D2 Blue Fire Healing Arts** 207 370-0059
101 Centre St
Acupuncture and classical herbal clinic.
- F4 Ebb & Flow Yoga** 207 389-4868
149 Front St
All levels yoga and fitness featuring heated and unheated classes.
- E3 ECO Beauty Bar** 207 200-6372
104 Front St
Boutique salon offering a relaxing experience in the heart of downtown Bath. All products are natural and eco-conscious.
- E3 Holbrook Beauty** 207 837-5751
233 Water St
Offering comprehensive eye care for children and adults and a full-service optical shop for glasses and contact lenses.
- C2 Mid Coast Eye Associates** 207 729-7971
130 Centre St
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 Centre Dr, Brunswick
Maine's nationally-recognized Community Hospital; 24-Hour Emergency Care.
- C2 Mid Coast Medical Group - Bath** 207 386-1800
108 Centre St
Patient-centered primary care.
- G3 Turning Heads Hair Salon** 207 442-8889
11 Elm St
We are a full-service family salon, specializing in color.

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
149 Front St
firstbaptistbath.org
Sunday Services followed by socializing and refreshments.
- F4 Grace Episcopal Church** 207 443-3792
1100 Washington St
gracebath.org
Join our service on Sundays at 9:30 am. All are welcome!
- D2 The Neighborhood United Church of Christ** 207 443-2187
798 Washington St
faithinbath.org
Tues. Cafe 4-5:30 pm for food & fun, Sun. Worship 10 am.
- 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

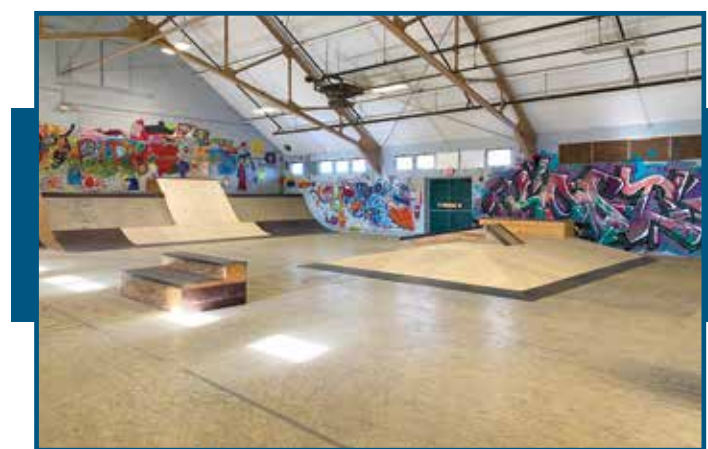
- F4 Benjamin F. Packard House Bed and Breakfast** 207 443-6004
45 Pearl St
benjaminpackardhouse.com
Historic shipbuilder's home w/ beautiful gardens, gourmet breakfasts, walk to downtown, free Wi-Fi, private baths, A/C.
- I4 Hampton Inn Bath** 207 386-1310
140 Commercial St
bathbrunswickarea.hamptoninn.com
Downtown location, walk to shops/dining, free Wi-Fi & pool.

"i" Indicates a location on the Inset Map - above

- A3*** Hermit Island Campground 207 443-2101
6 Hermit Island Rd, Phippsburg
hermitsland.com
Ocean camping on Casco Bay, Memorial Day Weekend to Columbus Day Weekend.
- F4 Inn at Bath** 207 443-4294
969 Washington St
innatbath.com
Comfort & elegance in a historic b&b near downtown Bath. Ample private & public spaces to relax or gather before or after breakfast.
- 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.

* Indicates a location on the Downtown Map - reverse

- F4 Pryor House B&B** 207 443-1146
360 Front St
pryorhouse.com
Intown 1820s 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.



Midcoast Youth Center & Skatepark



Maine Maritime Museum



Inn at Bath

