# Celebrate history

Want to time travel? Take a walk through awardwinning 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 pinnace, 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** 







PIRIT OF BATH, CITY OF SHIPS ~ Mural by Christopher Cart, on

**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.

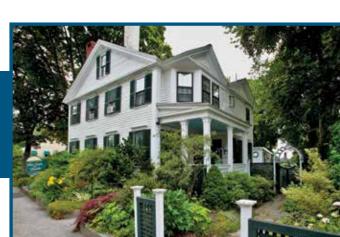


**Summer Concert Series** 

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** 



A B C D See Inset Above Whiskeag/Thorne Head Rt. 1 or State Trails ~ Kennebec Estuary Road to Mid Coast Land Trust (KELT) Hospital and West Bath Businesses 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 . G3 Sewall Woods .. Sites of Interest South End Park & Bath Middle School Boat Launch ... Dike-Newell School Bath Shopping Center.. E3 Midcoast Youth Center Fisher Mitchell School Butler Head & Skatepark ...... F3 Calvary Cemetery. Hyde School Chocolate Church Arts Cntr Thorne Head Preserve H4 Morse High School Track & Tennis Courts.. F2 **Bath City Facilities** Coastal Plaza.. Fairview Cemetery..... Phone: 443-8332 Maine Maritime Museum Fire Department but altuot Phone: 443-5034 Maine Boat Launch Whiskeag Trail.... Police Dept Rt 1 to Reid State Park, Maritime North End Boat Launch F4 Phone: 443-5563 Arrowsic, Georgetown, and Woolwich Regional Patten Free Library ..... E4 destinations shown as located in E4\*. B

• E3 Bath Area Senior Citizens **Activity Center** 207 443-4937 Find us on Facebook Meeting/Activity Center for senior citizens age 55 and older.

**B5** Bath Captains Assn./Charterboat Dock Bridge Park, 23 Commercial St visitbath.com/boat-and-fish Learn Bath's maritime history. See eagles, ospreys, seals, lighthouses. Go fishing for striped bass, bluefish and more.

• 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.

207 443-1316 • C4 Maine Maritime Museum 243 Washington St mainemaritimemuseum.org Lighthouse cruises, new exhibits, guided tours & kids' playship. Open daily & free admission for children 17 & under!

 D5 Maine's First Ship 207 443-4242 27 Commercial St mfship.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 patten.lib.me.us Genealogy/local history, Wi-Fi, programs for youth & adults.

# Services

• C3 Atlantic Wealth Planning Group 207 443-3222 ameripriseadvisors.com/sarah.j.dunckel 2 Front St A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial

• E4 Bath Savings 800 447-4559 bathsavings.bank Banking in downtown Bath for more than 170 years.

• F4 First Federal Savings and Loan 207 442-8711 125 Front St firstfederalbath.com Know where your money grows

• C4 Kennebec Company 207 443-2131 kennebeccompany.com 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 jennyburch207.com 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 bathmailit4u.com A full-service Business Center for all your photo, printing, faxing, emailing, document prepping, and shipping needs.

Maine Home Realty 207 443-4353 122 Front St, 2nd Floor mainehomerealty.com Real Estate Guide! Locally owned and operated!

• F4 Vitalius Real Estate Group 207 541-3755 129 Front St vitalius.com Vitalius Real Estate Group is a boutique brokerage specializing in Midcoast properties.

## Health & Wellness

• F4 Bath Optometric Associates 126 Front St Committed to excellence in eye care wellness.

 D2 Blue Fire Healing Arts 207 370-0059 101 Centre St bluefirehealingarts.com Acupuncture and classical herbal clinic.

• F4 Ebb & Flow Yoga 207 389-4868 ebbandflowyoga.com All levels yoga and fitness featuring heated and unheated classes.

• E3 ECO Beauty Bar 207 200-6372 ecobeautvbar.com Boutique salon offering a relaxing experience in the heart of downtown Bath. All products are natural and eco-conscious.

207 837-5751

holbrookbeauty.glossgenius.com 233 Water St Day Spa offering - Luxury Facials, Full Body Waxing, Luxury Body Treatments, Lash Services, Spray Tans & More. • 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

123 Medical Center Dr, Brunswick midcoasthealth.com

Maine's nationally-recognized Community Hospital; 24-Hour

 C2 Mid Coast Medical Group - Bath 207 386-1800 108 Centre St midcoasthealth.com/mcmg Patient-centered primary care.

207 442-8889 G3 Turning Heads Hair Salon Find us on Facebook We are a full-service family salon, specializing in color.

## Worship

207 443-5012 • G2 Beth Israel Congregation 207 443-4606 bethisraelbath.org 862 Washington St A vibrant Reform synagogue celebrating Jewish life.

> • E3 Church of the Midcoast 207 233-5520 churchofthemidcoast.com 45 Floral St Come as you are! 10 am Sundays. Fun Kids Ministry Provided! G2 First Baptist Church 207 443-5356

firstbaptistofbath.org 851 Washington St Sunday Services followed by socializing and refreshments. • F4 Grace Episcopal Church 207 443-3792 1100 Washington St gracebath.org

D2 The Neighborhood United Church of Christ 207 443-2187 faithinbath.org 798 Washington St Tues. Café 4-5:30 pm for food & fun, Sun. Worship 10 am.

Join our service on Sundays at 9:30 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 benjaminfpackardhouse.com 45 Pearl St 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.

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• A3\* Hermit Island Campground 207 443-2101 6 Hermit Island Rd, Phippsburg hermitisland.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

• E3 Kennebec Inn 696 High St 1851c Italianate with park-like grounds, pool, A/C, free Wi-Fi & private baths.

**Midcoast Youth Center & Skatepark** 

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207 443-1146 • F4 Pryor House B&B 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 G 139 Richardson St marriott.com. Welcome to Residence Inn Bath, an all-suite hotel. marriott.com/PWMBA

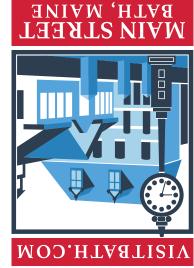
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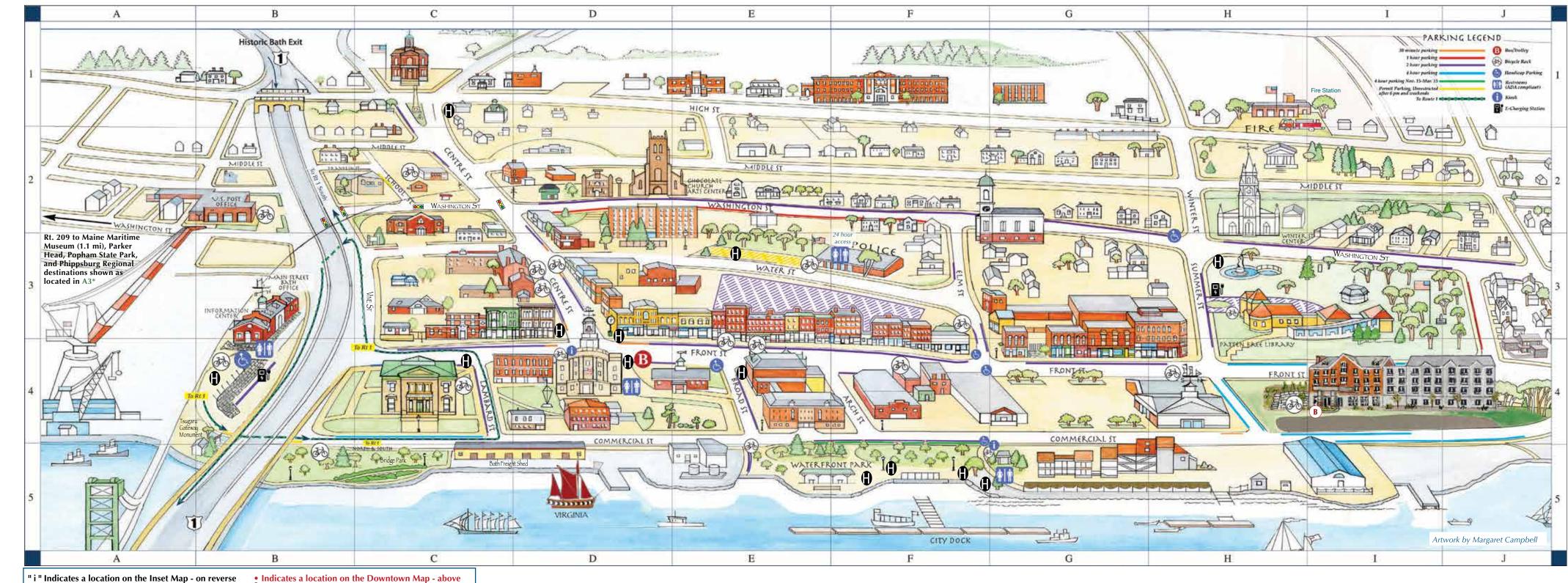
and promote tourism in the area.

- Operate the Bath Regional Information Center
- Enhance the natural and historic beauty of our
- and incentivize shopping locally. Organize programs to boost the local economy free resources.
- Assist small businesses and entrepreneurs with
- Present 35+ free community events annually. service center for five surrounding towns.
- Cultivate a thriving downtown that acts as a

residents, and our local businesses to: Bath. We do that by partnering with the City of Bath, mission is to preserve and promote downtown Main Street Bath is a 501c3 non-profit whose

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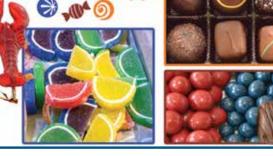


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Now You're Cooking



Shopping

• F5 Bath Farmers' Market 207 882-6374 mersmarket.com Every Saturday morning, enjoy fresh food, flowers, and fiber while supporting your local farmers.

• D3 Bath Natural Market 207 442-8012 bathnaturalmarket.com 36 Centre St Grab & go lunch/snacks, local & organic produce, grocery staples, fresh bread, wine & beer, body care, and vitamins.

**D3** Bath Sweet Shoppe 207 443-4221 19 Centre St bathsweetshoppe.com Fine sweets and unique treats on Centre Street!

**Bohemian Rose** 207 386-0240 106 Front St Find us on Facebook Stylish womens' clothing - shoes, scarves, jewelry, and more. G4 Brackett's Market 207 443-2012

185 Front St brackettsmarket.com Full-service grocery, deli, bakery, meat dept, fine wines & liquor. The Corner Bookshop 207 200-3296 Behind 102 Front St thecornerbook.shop Cozy used bookstore with wide range of fiction & nonfiction.

Walk down ramp between 96-100 Front St. and turn right. Country Farm Furniture 148 Front St countryfarmfurniture.net

Full-service furniture store. Discover great shopping in Bath. C2 Halcyon Yarn 800 341-0282 12 School St halcyonyarn.com Local & luxurious natural yarns. Weave, knit, spin dye &

more! Friendly service and classes for all levels, since 1971. D3 House of Logan 207 443-1796 66 Front St houseoflogan.com

Classic clothing for men, women & kids. A midcoast tradition. 207 442-7600 **D3** Island Treasure Toys 70 Front St islandtreasuretovs.com

Custom framing. Vintage and reproduction maps. Art gallery.

Come Play with Us! Toys, Games, Puzzles, and Gifts! 207 443-3076 F4 Just Framing 149 Front St justframing.com



 D3 Kennebec Meat Company 207 389-4363 215 Water St Whole animal butcher with quality, local meats & cheeses as well as house-made sausages, sandwiches, beer, and more.

• H4 The Library Bookstore 194 Front St patten.lib.me.us Gently used books, puzzles, DVDs, and CD's for all ages.

 G4 Lisa-Marie's Made in Maine, Inc. 170 Front St lisamariesmadeinmaine.com Voted Maine Retailer of the year for 2021! Stop in & see why.

• G4 Loval Biscuit Co. 207 443-3647 180 Front St loyalbiscuit.com Maine's destination for the best in healthy pet supplies.

• G4 Maine Street Design Co.

94 Front St

MSDCO Shop! | MSDCO Hardware 207 541-9187 mainestreetdesign.com 160 Front St Decorate your life with finds from Shop! Also home to MSDCo, creating spaces to live your best Maine life.

• D3 Mockingbird Bookshop mockingbirdbookshop.com Visit Bath's independent bookshop and browse our carefully curated selection of books, cards, gifts, and art supplies.

 D4 Now You're Cooking 207 443-1402 49 Front St acooksemporium.com Professional cookware, gadgets, fine wine & cooking classes!

• E3 Over the Moon Boutique 207 442-9999 96 Front St overthemoonmaine.com Bra fitting for all sizes. Consciously sourced lingerie, sleepwear, clean beauty. Let us help you feel over the moon!

Pamela's World 207 443-3202 102 Front St Find us on Facebook An endless selection of jewelry and other gifts at affordable prices. • E3 Pitter Patter Inc 207 443-9870

**Pitter Patter Inc** 



**Kennebec Meat Company** • F4 Bath Brewing Company 141 Front St bathbrewing.com Hand-crafted beer & pub fare in a cozy downtown setting. • E3 Renys 207 443-6251

renvs.com

A Maine Adventure since 1949! 207 389-6089 • H4 soggy dog designs 192 Front St soggydogdesigns.com Family & Lifestyle Photography, Passport, Headshots, Print YOUR Pics! Shop Our Souvenirs, Art & Swag or Create Your Own!

86 Front St

 D3 Springer's Jewelers springersjewelers.com The Best Selection of Estate & Fine Jewelry, Engagement & Wedding Rings, Watches & more. A True Treasure of the Midcoast.

• E3 Wilson's Drug Store 207 442-8786 pitterpatterinc.com An exceptional children's boutique offering clothing, books, wilsonsdrugstore.com 114 Front St Prescriptions-T-Shirts-Souvenirs-Sunscreen-Sundries.



**Halcyon Yarn** 



**OystHERs Raw Bar & Bubbly** 

#### **Dining**

• E3 Aroma Joe's 207 389-6250 135 Leeman Highway, Bath aromajoes.com Drive thru offering coffee, RUSH™, sandwiches, and more! 207 389-6039

• F3 Best Thai II 207 443-8655 bestthaimaine.com Providing real Thai food to the Midcoast for over a decade.

Burano's Wood-Fired Pizzeria 207 371-7000 128 Front St buranospizza.com Old world pizza meets new world flavors! Serving wings,

salads, burgers, and meatballs! Full bar with wine & craft beer! D3 Byrnes' Irish Pub 207 443-6776 38 Centre St byrnesirishpub.com Family friendly pub where you will find good food, good drink, and always a good time. Live music, trivia, and more!

• D4 The Cabin Restaurant 207 443-6224 552 Washington St cabinpizza.com Serving hand-tossed pizza, salads, subs, and pasta.



**The Osprey** 

• E4\* Five Islands Lobster Co. • D3 Solo Pane e Pasticceria 207 371-2990 1447 Five Islands Rd, Georgetowi Ultimate Maine Lobster Shack experience! Lunch & dinner. • E3 The Fountain Ice Cream & Deli 207 389-4239 110 Front St thefountainicecream.com

207 442-9636

• E3 The Galley Restaurant 207 443-9888 245 Centré St Find us on Facebook Family style diner, open 7 days a week!

Soda fountain with ice cream, lunch, dinner, and more!

E3 JR Maxwell & Co 207 443-2014 122 Front St irmaxwells.com Angus steaks, fresh seafood, Maine craft spirits & beer.

• **I5** Kennebec Tavern & Marina

119 Commercial St kennebectavern.com Fresh seafood, salads, burgers & more delicious fresh local foods, local brews. Waterfront patio dining. Open year round. • J4 Linden + Front 244 Front St lindenandfront.com

Local, modern and fresh takes on everyday classics + full bar. • iF1 Long Reach Kitchen & Catering 207 442-8411 387 Whiskeag Rd thebathgolfclub.com

Fresh, locally inspired food & beverage at The Bath Golf Club. • C1 Mae's Cafe and Bakery 207 442-8577

160 Centre St maescafeandbakery.com Meet me at Mae's for breakfast, brunch or lunch!

• E4\* The Osprey 340 Robinhood Rd, Georgetown theospreyme.com Classic coastal farmed, foraged, and fished fare.

• G5 OystHERS Raw Bar & Bubbly 207 449-2999 97 Commercial St, Suite 101 oysthers.com Local OystHERS on the half shell & bubbly on the waterfront.

made soup, sandwiches, salads, baked goods, and more.

• C2 Run With Soup 207 442 8448 770 Washington St Find us on Facebook Check Facebook for our weekly changing menu of fresh, locally



The Fountain

207 389-4141 Italian-inspired, house-fermented, fresh daily. We offer breads, pastries, savory bites, coffee, and aperitivi everyday!

Winnegance Restaurant & Bakery 36 High Street 207 443-3303 Find us on Facebook 36 High Street Local seafood, sandwiches, and made from scratch bakery!

• D2\*Witch Spring Hill Ice Cream 207 443-3029 60 State Rd, West Bath Find us on Facebook Ice cream shop selling locally made ice cream.

#### **Arts & Architecture**

• G2 C. Ford Gallery 207 443-1272 848 Washington St cfordstudio.com More than 200 original canvases in our 1848 historic home.

• D3 Centre St Arts Gallery, LLC 207 442-0300 centrestartsgalleryllc.com 11 Centre St 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. 207 389-4278

• D3 David Matero Architecture davidmatero.com 49 Centre St Design & planning services, residential & commercial projects.

Come see famous sculptor William Zorach's Spirit of the Sea.

• C4 Markings Gallery markingsgallery.com 50 Front St Year-round craft gallery featuring 60 Maine artists in clay, fiber, wood, glass, paper & more. Shop in gallery or online!

• H3 Zorach Fountain Bath City/Library Park zorachfountain.org