

## What's New in Maine for 2021

### Three More National Scenic Byways Designated

Joining Maine's three national scenic byways and one All-American Road, are three new byway designations:

- **Katahdin Woods and Waters Scenic Byway** – The Byway begins at the southern entrance of Baxter State Park and winds its way through Millinocket along Route 11 and the Penobscot River to Patten, ending at Baxter State Park's northern entrance at Grand Lake Matagamon. Byway highlights include boating, camping, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking trails, state park, and wildlife.
- **St. John Valley Cultural Byway/Fish River Scenic Byway** – A cultural journey shaped by Maine's rich Acadian heritage and culture, the St. John Valley Cultural Byway portion is 92-miles running along the northern border of Maine. Communities along this byway celebrate their ancestry. Highlights include the scenic international river valley, historical landmarks and outdoor winter sports. The Fish River corridor is 38-miles long and includes the towns of Fort Kent, Wallagrass, Eagle Lake, Winterville, and Portage Lake. Highlights include panoramic vistas, lakes for fishing, sailing, wildlife and bird watching, and the pastoral beauty of a "working byway" that supports agricultural and forest industries.
- **Bold Coast Scenic Byway** – A 125-mile route that invites visitors to explore the culture, history, wildlife, and rugged, unspoiled beauty of coastal Downeast Maine. The byway route extends from Milbridge northeasterly through coastal villages to Lubec, skirts the coastline of Cobscook Bay, through the Pleasant Point Indian Reservation to Eastport. Highlights include active fishing harbors and downtowns, historic structures that exemplify the wealth of 19th Century ship captains and lumber barons and the industrial history of the shipping, lumbering, fishing, boatbuilding, and canning trades. The byway route winds its way along the coast, passing wild blueberry barrens; abundant farmland; tidal marshes and bays; and rivers, streams, and lakes.

### Two New Hotels Set to Open in Portland

- **Canopy by Hilton** will be opening in spring of 2021. The 135-room hotel will be located on the Portland waterfront and managed by Fathom Co. The hotel also features **Luna**, the 88-seat indoor/outdoor rooftop bar with views of downtown and Casco Bay waterfront, as well as **Salt Yard**, the 53-seat street level restaurant open for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- **Cambria/Shipyard "Brewtel"** will be a 102-room hotel with an indoor-outdoor rooftop bar overlooking a garden growing real hops and ready for occupancy in 2021.

### Glamping Comes to the Acadia National Park Area

- [Under Canvas Acadia](#) will be the brand's first ever Northeast location in Surry, Maine, near Acadia National Park. The glamping resort, set to open May 2021, offers 63 safari-style canvas accommodation tents on elevated decks with private baths within and is situated on 100 acres with more than 1,200 feet of untouched Maine coastline. The season for this camp is May 13 - October 31.
- [Terramor Outdoor Resort](#) opened August 2020, with 2021 being their first full season and is committed to authentic, immersive experiences in nature blending the romance of a camping adventure with the amenities of a luxurious getaway. The 60-acre property features 64 luxury canvas tents set among the trees and oriented around a lodge featuring a bar and restaurant, store, and curated experiences.

### New Brewery and Distillery and Oyster Bar in Portland

The new [Batson River Brewing & Distilling](#) in Portland is inspired by Maine's outdoor heritage. From the floor-to-ceiling fireplace to two stylish full bars, there's a warm, friendly vibe throughout that is a bonus along with an amazing menu and curated signature cocktails.

[Helm Oyster Bar & Bistro](#) is Portland's latest addition to their vibrant culinary scene offering a three-course *prix fixe* takeout menu that changes weekly. As the weather warms the outdoor patio with water views will pair well with their curated wine selection, local beers, and bottled cocktails.

#### **Another Addition to Saco-Biddeford's Dining Scene**

[Pacifico](#) takes fresh, local Maine ingredients and gives them a Latin flair in the newest restaurant in downtown Saco, located in one of the city's historic mill buildings.

#### **New restaurant Opens in Waterville**

Planned and built by Colby College, [Front & Main](#), located in the forthcoming Lockwood Hotel, opened March 2021 bringing new vitality to downtown Waterville. It will feature contemporary American cuisine showcasing a locally sourced food and beverage menu.

#### **A New Way to Experience Maine's Cuisine**

Coming to Wiscasset, Maine in May 2021, the [Maine Tasting Center](#) will be a one-stop shop for learning, tasting and buying all that Maine produces. Visitors will be able to learn about local food products and industries, enjoy cooking lessons and purchase Maine products.

#### **Downeast Maine to Have New Park System**

[Cobscook Shores](#) is a new system of parks along the coast of Maine that is set to open July 2021. It is the state's largest private park system covering more than 13.5 miles of the Downeast coastline from Whiting to Lubec.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Guide for Maine Now an App**

[Chimani, Inc.](#) has launched a comprehensive outdoor recreational guide for the state of Maine, its first state-wide guide. It includes details on national parks, wildlife refuges, state parks, and nature preserves throughout the state. Similar to all other Chimani guides, users can use the Pokemon Go-like feature to earn points and collect virtual badges. To view the web version for free, go to <https://chimani.co/maine>

#### **Bring Your Bike With You**

[The Downeaster](#), Amtrak's passenger rail service between Boston and Maine, now has a bike program so passengers can bring along their carry-on bikes. Newly installed luggage racks that convert to bike racks make it possible to roll standard, full-sized bikes on board from any station, then secure and store them on the train. Bicycle space is limited to four per train, and a specific bike reservation is required in advance of travel.

#### **Children's Museum Sets Grand Opening for 2021**

[The Maine Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine](#) plans to celebrate their grand opening during the spring of 2021. The new museum will be double the size of the museum's previous location and will be in the popular Thompson's Point area of Portland.

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