

Capital: Augusta

Cat: Maine Coon Cat

Fossil: *Pertica quadrifaria*

Nickname: Pine Tree State

Fish: Landlocked Salmon

Gemstone: Tourmaline

Motto: Dirigo (I lead)

Animal: Moose

Bird: Chickadee

Soft Drink: Moxie

Floral Emblem: White pine cone & tassel

Tree: White Pine

Snack: Whoopie Pie

Insect: Honeybee

MAINE: FUN FACTS AND FIGURES

- One of the most healthful states in the nation with summer temperatures averaging 70° F (south), 60° F (north) and winter temperatures averaging 20° F
- 3,500 miles of coastline and about 2,000 islands off the coast
- 320 miles long and 210 miles wide, a total area of 33,215 square miles or about as big as all of the other five New England States combined
- 16 counties with 23 cities, 434 towns, 34 plantations, 429 unorganized townships and 1.385 million residents
- More than 600,000 acres of state and national parks, including the 92-mile Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Acadia National Park and Baxter State Park (location of Mt. Katahdin and the northern end of the Appalachian Trail)
- A mountain which is approximately one mile high — Mt. Katahdin (5,271 ft. above sea level)
- Some of America's oldest European settlements including Kittery, Scarborough and York (chartered in 1641)
- Largest wild blueberry crop in the nation, raising 99 percent of all wild blueberries in the U.S. and the single largest producer of any blueberries (wild or cultivated) in the U.S.
- Ranks fifth in acreage and sixth in production of potatoes nationally
- About 82 percent of all American lobsters are trapped in Maine
- Most sparsely populated state east of the Mississippi with only 41.3 people per square mile
- Only state in the continental U.S. to be bordered by only one other state (NH)
- Nearly 32,000 miles of rivers and streams, which is more than the combined length of the Mississippi, Amazon, Yangtze and Nile rivers
- Home to baseball's Portland Sea Dogs, the AA farm team of the Boston Red Sox; the Maine Mariners, the minor league hockey affiliate of the New York Rangers (National Hockey League) and Hartford Wolf Pack (American Hockey League); the NBA's development league, Maine Celtics basketball team; and the USL League One Hearts of Pine soccer team.
- Home state to Patrick Dempsey (actor), Stephen King (writer), Hannibal Hamlin (the nation's first Republican vice president), L.L. Bean, Chester Greenwood (inventor of the earmuffs), Joan Benoit Samuelson (winner of first women's Olympic marathon) and Seth Wescott (winner of the Olympic gold medals in snowboardercross)
- Muse for many famous writers including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, E.B. White, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Stephen King, and artists including Winslow Homer, Rockwell Kent, and Jamie and Andrew Wyeth
- Home to North America's oldest fleet of commercial sailing vessels and most of these windjammers have been designated National Historic Landmarks

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