



Uniquely Maine

From a scale model of the solar system to a chocolate moose and the only museum of umbrella covers, Maine is home to attractions and natural features that can't be found anywhere else in New England, the United States or the world.

100-mile Wilderness – The 100-mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail between the town of Monson and Abol Bridge at the southern entrance to Baxter State Park is the longest section of uninterrupted wilderness on the 2,175-mile footpath.

Aroostook Valley Country Club – This golf course's parking lot and pro shop are in Fort Fairfield, Maine, and 18 holes and the clubhouse is in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada.

Burnham Tavern – In June of 1775, residents of Machias and surrounding towns gathered at Job Burnham's to plan the first naval battle of the American Revolution. The locals captured the British ship Margareta in victory. It has been designated one of the homes in the U.S. most significant to the American Revolution.

B2B Crash Site – Visitors to the recreational mecca that is Moosehead Lake may not realize that eight miles into the woods on the southern slope of Elephant Mountain is a crash site of a giant United States Air Force Boeing B-52C Stratofortress. The pieces of wreckage and aircraft debris cover several acres of forest. You are free to wander through this living memorial of a Cold War tragedy.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens – New England's largest botanical garden, located in Boothbay, Maine, features more than 300 acres of spectacular ornamental gardens and stonework, waterfront and woodland trails, a children's garden, and a beautiful visitor center with café and gift shop.

Cribstone Bridge – Also known as Bailey Island Bridge, this bridge connecting Orr's Island and Bailey Island is constructed of granite blocks laid in a latticed "cribwork" formation to allow the movement of the ocean tides through the structure. It's the only design of its kind in the world.

Desert of Maine – What may be misinterpreted as a human-made tourist attraction is actually a natural occurrence. Kids and adults alike will be mystified, surprised and delighted by the place, featuring an expanse of natural dunes, a wooden labyrinth, a natural playground, historic sites, nature trails and more.

Maine Huts & Trails – This trail system provides year-round public access to an 80-mile multi-use trail system in Maine's scenic Western Mountains, running from Bethel, Maine, to Moosehead Lake.

Milk Chocolate Wildlife – Len Libby Candies in Scarborough is home to the world's only full-size moose made of chocolate: Lenny. He's 1,700 pounds of solid milk chocolate. Lenny's new chocolate friends are Libby, a full-size female black bear, and her cubs Cocoa and Chips.

Old Sow Whirlpool – This tidal whirlpool, which can be seen from ferries near the harbor of Eastport, is the largest of its kind in the western hemisphere.

Penobscot Narrows Bridge Observatory – It is one of only four observatory bridges in the world, with the other three being in China, Thailand, and Slovakia. The observatory is the tallest public occupied structure in Maine and is the tallest bridge observatory in the world. It spans over the Penobscot River near Bucksport with views of mountains, lakes and Penobscot Bay from 437 feet above the river.

Portland Observatory – America’s last standing 19th century maritime signal station. The 86-foot-tall observatory was built in 1807 overlooking Portland Harbor and Casco Bay.

Raye’s Mustard Mill – North America’s only stone-ground mustard mill. The Raye’s have been making award-winning gourmet and specialty mustards in Eastport since 1900.

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village – New Gloucester is home to the world’s only active Shaker religious community. Members of the United Society of Believers, known as Shakers, established a community beside Sabbathday Lake in 1783. The village, its museum buildings and the Shaker Store are open to the public.

Seashore Trolley Museum – This Kennebunkport museum contains the world’s largest collection of trolleys and electric streetcars. Tours, trolley rides, and special events throughout the summer.

Solar System Model – The Western Hemisphere’s largest 3D scale model of the solar system extends for 40 miles between Houlton and Presque Isle and is built on a scale of one mile to 93 million miles. The planet replicas are placed at the appropriate distance from the sun, represented by a huge yellow arch at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Somes Sound – This body of water on Mount Desert Island is the only glacially-formed fjord-like feature in New England.

Stephen King’s House – The horror author’s spooky home can be viewed from the outside in Bangor at 47 West Broadway. Fans can see the spots downtown that inspired his books, such as the drain that inspired the scene in “It” where Pennywise lures young Georgie Denbrough.

The Old Gaol – The original jail at this York site was built in 1656. The 1719 structure open to visitors today is the oldest standing prison in the United States and one of the oldest British-built public buildings in the country. One of 10 historic properties maintained by Old York Historical Society.

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